Alums back Wadsworth resignation

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Days before their Feb. 4 match in Palm Beach, Fla., members of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees received a letter from more than 50 Notre Dame alumni criticizing the structure of the athletic department — specifically the leadership of athletic director Michael Wadsworth and executive vice president Father William Beauchamp.

Three days after that meeting, the University announced Wadsworth's resignation and placed Beauchamp in charge of all athletic responsibilities.

While a University official said the timing of the letter and the restructuring of the athletic department was just coincidence, several alumni said they believe it was a coordinated effort.

By SARAH RYKOWSKI

The Observer Board of Governance women's commissioner Emily Koelsch quit as commissioner in protest after the presidency of the Student Government's SMC was declared. "I resign my position as SMC president due to the fact that the SMC presidential election process has been skewed," Koelsch said, referring to the results of the election. "I have decided not to be a part of the process anymore due to the actions of the SMC presidential committee that made the decision on the results of the election, and I am demanding a revote." Koelsch's subsequent appeal, chosen to review the election results, "snowed" the decision of the appeal committee to dismiss the appeal and to consider the original decision made by the SMC.

The Koelsch-Hodarte ticket was declared the winners of the presidential election, while the Hodarte ticket was declared the winners of the vice presidential election. Both tickets were comprised of students in the Senior Class of 2000. Koelsch was declared the winner of the presidency, while Hodarte was declared the winner of the vice presidency.

By ERIN LaRUFFA

Survivor recalls life under the Pol Pot regime

Cambodians remember through story, art

Photography exhibit documents terror

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The rise of phallocentrism

III. My name is Mike, and I have a penis. This may sound like a weedy folk adage, but I'm not afraid to say it. But I'm not the only one. Just consider the cultural currents of the male orientation today.

1. I point first to the Paul Thomas Anderson film, "Magnolia," in which Tom Cruise's character Frank T.J. Mackey screams to a roomful of oppressed men, "Respect the k-9!" Louding a seminar on the revitalization of the dominant male within American society. Mackey perhaps stated in the spurious, world in which men everywhere have wanted to say for years.

In last month's Student Film Festival, six auditoriums worth of men and women from the local community witnessed what was described as the one film bent upon unrepressing the taboo that is the penis. It was braevaly effective, no greater impact than any of the films shown at the subsequent exhibition of 24 penises.

2. Indeed, the repression of the penis has ended. The next step toward universal submission to the penis could be found in the literary special of Scholastic Magazine. Inside, one could find a very real opening to the penis. But it wasn't just an ode to the penis. It was an ode to the erection, and it rightfully placed the importance of the penis in the male's life high on the list of life priorities.

Finally, last weekend marked the coming of the annual campus favorite, the Keanan Revue. In the show, there is always the threat of sexual exploitation that we usually include euphemisms for the male organ so many guys keep so well. Happy stick. Johnson. Wang. Schlong. Boner. And many more.

So, my dear friends, what is my point?

We must embrace the penis, in all its great- ness. We must understand the penis as more than a male appendage given to one sex and not the other. We must look at the penis as a work of art in its entirety or as a means of physical pleasure. We must trust that the penis will guide us through the new millennium. It will bring peace and happiness to all.

To know the penis is to remember a lost cousin. Well, that's not true, for the penis is perhaps, as the short story in Scholastic noted, man's doing friend.

So I now declare, for the first time and for all times, an ode to the penis in February will be known as National Penis Appreciation Week. Remember this day, everyone, for it will live and grow in hearts and minds alike throughout history.

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however, were illegal because the U.S. was fighting a war in Vietnam, not Cambodia. Although the bombing was a response to the Khmer Rouge’s approach to the region where Nem and Wuy farmed. Nem never actually saw Khmer Rouge soldiers until 1972. At first, the soldiers came in small groups, always dressed in black uniforms, carrying guns and backpacks. The soldiers, men of various ages, gathered up local people to ask for food. Around 1974, the Khmer Rouge took Nem and Wuy and forced laborers to.

"They wanted you to work all day, all night," Nem said. In 1975, the Khmer Rouge gained complete control of Cambodia.

Wanting to create a utopian society based on agriculture, the regime abolished private property. Soldiers emptied the country’s cities and sent the residents to work on farms, even though the urban people had no farming skills. Nem said, "At first, the laborers had sufficient food, but by 1975, supplies became scarce. It was at this point that Nem and Wuy suffered perhaps their worst tragedy, the loss of their children. However, their children were not the only ones to die. Starvation, disease and gunfire also claimed lives. "Of people died on the ground. I’m still scared," said Nem, demonstrating how she had to jump over bodies that covered the ground. "They killed a lot of people." So even saw pigs eating dead humans, a sight that prevented her from eating pork again until she came to the U.S.

During his time as a forced laborer, Wuy was taken away from his wife and had to work in other places for months at a time. Other people were taken away permanently for not working hard enough. Nem worked in the labor camp until the end of 1975, when the Vietnamese, who had originally backed the Khmer Rouge began fighting against the regime.

Trying to escape the approaching invaders, the Khmer Rouge fled into the mountains, taking the laborers with them. Nem was then caring for her baby girl in Thailand. She was then caring for her baby girl in Thailand.

From Cambodia’s Killing Fields, the family moved to another refugee camp in Thailand. There, they lived for three months. During this time, the family had only enough food after about two or three months, the family moved to a third camp in Thailand.

Because the American government promised to accept a certain number of refugees, Nem and her family were eventually able to come to the U.S. in 1985. They spoke almost no English.

"When I flew in the plane and saw America, I cry all day." Nem said, explaining that she feared the family would not be able to make a living in the new country.

Steve Moriarity, curator of photography at The Snite Museum, and his family sponsored Nem and Wuy when they came to South Bend in 1985. The couple had two daughters after arriving in South Bend, and Nem also has a sister who lives in South Bend and works in South Dining Hall.

Nem still has family in Cambodia to whom she sends money whenever she can. Even a small amount of American money is significant to people in Cambodia, where the economy continues to be very poor. According to Nem, she does not want to live in Cambodia again, she would like to make the expensive trip to visit family someday.

An exhibit currently at the Snite Museum features photographs of other victims of the Khmer Rouge regime.

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Each prisoner was assigned a number before execution, but numbers were reassigned each day. Further complicating identification of victims.

One person who visited the exhibit in Boston recognized a relative in a photo.

"They pulled in whole families so there wouldn’t be anyone left for vendetta revenge," said Steve Moriarity, curator of photography at The Snite. On special days, only women and children were executed. Many of the victims did not know what was happening when they were photographed. Some were even smiling in the pictures, while others showed signs of severe beatings.

"Most of them were faithful members of the regime," Moriarity said. "The party turned on them and accused them of being traitors." Moriarity said he hopes the exhibit will help raise awareness among Americans of the genocide that occurred in Cambodia.

"Most of the students don’t know the story," he said. "This is something they haven’t learned in school. It’s too bad."

As part of the exhibit, Cambodian monks held a prayer service at the museum last week in honor of the people who died at the hands of Pol Pot’s regime.

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**AUSTRIA**

Viennese riot police march past the Austrian parliament building early Tuesday ahead of the first session of parliament since Josef Haider's far-right Freedom Party joined the government last week. The extraordinary session was held amid tight security for fear of demonstrations against the extreme right.

Parliament debates reaction to Haider

**RUSSIA**

Russians attack Chechen mountains

Russian aircraft focused their bombing runs on Chechnya's southern mountains Tuesday, while ground troops tried to seal off routes used by rebels to move men and supplies to southern strongholds.

The Russians are looking south now that they claim to have seized the breakaway republic's capital, Grozny. But the city's skyline was punctuated by black plumes of smoke Tuesday from oil refineries hit by continued Russian shelling.

Ocasional artillery fire shook the muddy ground, but was much less intense than the steady pounding Grozny has seen for much of the past six months.

Russian helicopter gunships and Su-24 and Su-25 warplanes showered bombs on the Argun and Vedeno gorges leading through the southern mountains. The rebels use the gorges as supply routes and have bases along the snowy slopes.

Explosions could be heard in the foothills. Top commander Col. Gen. Viktor Kazantsev said Russian forces had sealed off rebel routes leading to the mountains, but the claim could not be confirmed.

"In the near future you will hear about the termination of the military phase of the operation and the destruction of militant gangs in the foothills and the mountains," Kazantsev said in Khankala, on Grozny's eastern outskirts.

The Russians' claims of progress have prompted discussion of Chechnya's future. Presidential aide Sergei Vastryzhensky, in Khankala on Tuesday, told Associated Press Television News: "According to one of the scenarios, Chechnya will be given a special autonomous status within the Russian Federation."

Some Russian officials have suggested offering Chechnya autonomy but not the independence that Chechens demand.

The military has been trying to keep rebels who fled Grozny last week from reaching the south, where the military estimates about 7,000 guerrillas are based. Russia will likely have a tougher time ousting militants from there because the mountainous terrain favors their hit-and-run tactics.
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By COLLEEN MCCARTHY

American News Editor

At the Board of Governance meeting Tuesday night, Saint Mary's student body president-elect Crisile Renner said she had second thoughts about her ability to represent the student body.

"The meeting tonight was very emotional," said Renner. "Initially, at the start of the meeting, while I was standing there looking at all the faces of members of the student body who came to the meeting and were clearly opposed to Michelle and I, people were making me secondguess my ability to represent the student body. That is initially the thought that entered my mind."

Board of Governance members fielded questions regarding the Elections Appeals Board's Tuesday morning decision to declare the Renner/Nagle ticket victorious in the race for student body president and vice president.

The board conceded the win to Renner/Nagle because the ticket earned 43 percent of the vote in the Jan. 31 primary election in which four tickets participated. That election originally thrust Renner/Nagle and the ticket of Emily Koelsch and Rebecca Rodiney into a runoff election held Wednesday, Feb. 2, which ended in a tie.

The election controversy began after results from a second runoff election held Friday were nullified by the Elections Committee on Sunday night.

The vote was void in response to a complaint filed by Renner stating that Friday's election was not valid because the decision to have the election was not made by the proper committee. Also, she stated that off-campus students were not provided an adequate place to vote.

Renner stands behind her decision to fly the complaint.

"I filled the complaint Sunday because it was my right as a student to have my voice be heard. I voiced a complaint that was what I believed in my heart was the right thing to do and what I was feeling.

"I won't compromise what is in my heart.

"Renner's running mate and student body vice president-elect, Michelle Nagle, did not file the complaint with Renner and was surprised at the outcome.

"I never thought we would assume office after the complaint was filed," said Nagle. "It makes me doubt how much I wanted this position when I hear how adamanstly students are opposed to what the Elections Commission and Election Appeals Board decided."

Nagle said she will not step down as student body president but added at Tuesday meeting that it was easy to doubt whether she and Renner were doing the right thing by taking office.

"It's hard under what I felt was a personal attack on my ticket tonight to question whether this was the right thing to do," Nagle said.

"I just want people to know that has come from this election and to make my point that many of my supporters weren't happy," Renner admitted this is not the way she and Nagle had hoped to start their term in office.

"It's unfortunate that we have to start the year this way, but in a way it is beneficial," said Renner. "There were a lot of issues raised tonight that need to be addressed. Unfortunately, it had to be under these circumstances."

Koelsch's resignation at the meeting from her post as the Board of Governance women's issues commissioner convinced Renner that some students have lost trust in student government.

"I know Emily did what she thought in her heart was what she had to do," said Renner. "I can tell that she has lost faith and trust in the student government because of mistakes that have been made. She's such an asset to student government and I hope she doesn't completely close all her doors."

Renner and Nagle plan to work to regain the trust of the student body and won't let circumstances surrounding the election get in the way of accomplishing their goals.

"I'm hoping that we can gain the confidence of the student body and that starts by getting more women involved in stu­dents government," said Renner.

"I want to hold forums on campus so we can talk to the student body and address their concerns. There is a lot of anger right now on campus and we need to deal with that."

Sustained confidence is what will help the ticket achieve goals, Renner said.

"I took much of what was said tonight personally but coming into the election, both Michelle and I know that we could be met with criticism," she said. "We will continue to be confident and enthuiastic that we can achieve our goals. But we can't do it alone and we are asking for the support of the student body."

Both Renner and Nagle said the controversy that arose over the incident has strengthened them personally.

"Looking at the bigger picture, I think there may be some students who will hold a grudge against me, but I have come out of this a stronger person," said Renner. "I'm confident that Michelle and I can serve the student body. We may not be the representatives you wanted, but we will listen to you and we won't close the door on your opinion just because you didn't vote for us."

Nagle agreed and realizes that she and Renner face an uphill battle in gaining the confidence of the student body.

"I believe this is very much a challenge but I hope we can give the student body the confidence that we are capable of representing them," said Nagle. "We want to make this OK. It obviously makes me doubt if I should be representing the student body."

"I'm confident that Michelle and I can prove that to the student body."

Nagle acknowledged the negative impact the past days' decisions have had at Saint Mary's.

"I am sincerely sorry for all the hurt that has come from this election and to everyone who was involved," she said. "I am sorry for all the disappointment this has caused for the student body."

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A coincidence, at least one trustee took seriously the viewpoint expressed in the letter. "It was an intelligent and well-written letter," an anonymous member of the Board of Trustees told the Chicago Sun-Times, "but I wasn't pleased that the University for the management of the athletic department.

For the authors of the letter, however, the extent of their influence over the Board of Trustees in irrevocable. The action they took by University president Edward Malloy are exactly what they designed.

"I think it would be presumptuous for us to say that this letter brought about the events of Monday," said one, a member of the Class of 1994 and one of the three people who signed the letter. "There was at least a group of trustees, if not the whole body that I was informed with what was happening. I don't think we wrote the letter with them. But I think the whole letter was in motion long before this letter ever went out."

In fact, Malloy convened an external review board of the athletic department shortly after the NCAA placed Notre Dame on probation as a result of the actions of football players and Kim Dunbar. Malloy convened the committee's report and appointed trustees to an ad hoc committee to immediately consider the committee's findings.

While the letters' authors sent the letter to each individual athletic director directly, the athletic department, and the athletic director's responsibilities are so important to the well-being of the University that his office needs to remain outside the power base established by the vice president. ... I amend the organizational chart so that the athletic director reports directly to the president and has unlimited discretion in all authorities regarding the selection and removal of coaches."

The letter's writers of the letter hope that this restructuring will end the public relations problems they observed in regards to the Kim Dunbar situation, the NCAA does not address the selection of new football and basketball coaches. "It seemed to be a circus, at least from a PR standpoint," said Bob Stump, the president of the university athletic department.

This circus-like atmosphere led to an erosion of confidence in the leadership of Treadwell and Beauchamp. "I go back to Father Hesburgh," said Joe Vannier, a member of the Class of 1975 and another principle author of the letter. "Back then there was a general confidence that the right decisions were being made and that the right people were being put into the positions of power to make decisions in regards to the running of the University. We saw that flipping and flipping badly. We're not going to make as many mistakes as we put on the athletic departments were causes of embarrassment."

"It's unfair to football players to be at Notre Dame during this time," said the '94 graduate and third author of the letter. "They didn't get the direction that they deserved." While football was the only sport directly addressed in the letter and was the "impetus for the letter," Vannier stressed that reasons for the letter went beyond the 5-7 record. "It mainly focused on athletes and the background for the letter was that the University at large and just pointing out some aspects of it that we believed needed fixing."

Vannier said "It wasn't a short-term demand for fix it. 5-7 football record that would be thrown out [by the Board of Trustees]."

The more than 50 who signed the letter represent alumni from the Class of 1959 through future alumni in the Class of 2001. The writers believed their views were shared by most alumni and that the University was still a great place despite problems in the athletic department.

"Overall we are still pretty proud of our football team," Vannier said. "This is not a band of renegades. We are all friends who love Notre Dame. We don't want to stand here and throw rocks at Notre Dame."

"The Beauchamp/ Wadsworth football model did not work as far back as the whole Lou Holtz dismissal, the [B.C.] Major incident and the Joe Moore trial," he continued. "The various stamps that they put on the athletic departments were causes of embarrassment."

Kennedy nephew arraignment delayed

Associated Press

STAMFORD, Conn. — The arraignment of a 39-year-old Kennedy cousin charged in the 1975 slaying of a neighbor woman was postponed Tuesday while a juvenile court judge weighs whether to open the proceedings to the public.

Michael Skakel, a nephew of Sen. Robert Kennedy, was to be arraigned in juvenile court on Tuesday on charges of bludgeoning 15-year-old Martha Mosley to death with a golf club in the rich community of Greenwich.

But Judge Maureen Dennis postponed the arraignment until March 14, saying she wanted to consider a request from two newspapers to open up the hearing.

Because Skakel was 15 at the time of the crime, the case is being handled, at least initially, in juvenile court. And juvenile proceedings in Connecticut are ordinarily closed to the public to protect the youngster's privacy.


They argued at a hearing that Skakel is now an adult and that the facts of the case are matters of public concern — made public, in fact, by Skakel's lawyer.

Skakel's lawyer, Michael Sherman, said his client favors public access because "he wants as many people as possible to see how bad this evidence is."

The judge said Tuesday she would issue a ruling early next month, and postponed the arraignment until then.

"We resent the delays," Sherman said. "It's been 25 years. We're ready to get this case going."

The prosecution has raised objections to opening the case to the public. Prosecutors want to have the case moved to a juvenile court, which would mean the proceedings would be open to the public.

Skakel was charged with murder last month, more than 24 years after Mosley was found beaten to death with a golf club on her family's estate, located across the street from the Skakel house. The 6-troy used to kill Mosley was traced to a set owned by the Skakel family.

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• Each team will be notified with a time slot for their first game (chosen at random)
• $20 registration donations from each team requested (collected at Dining Hall tables or at the door)
• Donations are to buy beds for an under-funded hospital in the Congo of Africa
• further donations also accepted at the door
• All donations provided at each game
• Music
• Pick up/Drop off registration sheets at North and South Dining Halls Monday-Friday (February 7-9)
• Tables will be available 11-1 and 5-7

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Admit mistake, hold another election

Since choosing Crisnie Renner and Michelle Nagle as student body presi­dent and vice president, Saint Mary’s Election Committee and Appeals Board members persistently have stated that the student voice resonated in their minds as they chose the representatives.

Throughout the confusing week of elections, run-offs, filed appeals and complaints, however, it has become clear that they are misguided. The student voice has been loud but ignored.

Committee members were illogical in their decision to nullify the tie-breaking election that voted Emily Koebich and Rachel Godard into office and to designate Renner and Nagle as heads of the 2000-01 Board of Governance.

Although she impugned the student government constitution, activities director Georgena Rosenbush made the sensible judgment to hold a tie-breaking election after Wednesday’s unprecedented run-off. Students cast their decisions Friday, and rested their faith in Koebich and Godard with 50 percent-plus-one of the vote — the only of three elections in which a ticket acquired that simple majority.

Based on Renner’s complaint that Rosenbush unduly assumed responsibility and that the off-campus student lounge was not used as a polling site, the Election Committee tallied the raw votes of Monday, Jan. 31 and Wednesday, Feb. 2.

They gave the unsound nod to Renner/Nagle, who gained 43 percent in the original Jan. 31 election, which included four tickets. The committee, thus, ignored the 20 percent of students who voted for two tickets which did not qualify for the run-off.

After Wednesday’s unprecedented tie, the election committee was forced to set a precedent. Reverting to the original election numbers demonstrates poor decision-making and the government’s abandonment of its own procedures. By nullifying the tie-breaking election, importance is also stripped from the purpose of a run-off.

In this unique situation, student government should have allowed Friday’s election results to speak for themselves. More students than not demanded Koebich and Godard as their leaders. Democracy, logic and the student voice all rest in their favor.

Despite the outrage, confusion and disappointment expressed by students who voted for two tickets which did not qualify for the run-off.

The only way to restore confidence in the now-questionable Saint Mary’s student government and in Renner and Nagle is for the government to admit its mistake and hold another election for the student body to clearly choose its leaders. After a poorly run election, this is the most ethical, logical, decisive and democratic method to elect the 2000-2001 president.

The step to overrule voters injures the trust students invest in the system and its rulers.

As a result of the debacle, damage already has begun to corrode ROG. Renner has acknowledged her unpopularity among students and the obstacles that this will surely cause in her term. A visibly disgruntled Koebich resigned Tuesday as the board’s women’s issues commissioner, citing lack of respect and belief in the very system she hoped to improve as student body president.

If this isn’t rectified, ROG will lose more enthusiastic, qualified leaders who feel they must abandon a flawed system that perverts the democratic process.

Midden said student government’s credibility rests on the constitution. As vocal students express fury, despair and shock, and offer remedies such as a re-election, it is clear that all of the government’s integrity lies in its listening skills.

Student government is not listening.
BOG failed, revote in order

The decision of the elections committee to count ballots on Monday's vote is finalludicrous. A member of BOG, Nakasha Ahmad, stated that the election procedure that the board is patently putting in place is not according to the actual government. However, there is no constitutional situation in the outside world in which a tie in a run-off would be decided by going back to the original vote. Doing this not only makes the BOG appear to be a leader in violation of Monday's votes, but also the majority of the students who voted on Wednesday.

The terminal irregularity should be for after all. When the BOG rejected the proposals of the elections committee, the BOG's decision should be discounted, in no way was it justified in following BOG's policies in the final decision. That decision made no logical sense. That decision makes no ethical consideration.

In fact, this decision is unfair to all tickets. If Koelsch/Rodarte is the rightful winner, it is being cheated out of a position that it worked hard to attain. If Riconosciuto is the rightful winner, then its prestige is tainted. In the interest of justice for both parties, a new decision needs to be reconsidered.

The only fair thing to do now is to count the ballots from elections and redo all the elections, with all of the tickets competing. This would give all four tickets a fair chance. This suggestion was rejected at Tuesday night.

To each objection, the board reiterated that the constitution was binding and that the constitution stated that the decision of the appeals board was final. Each time, the arguments came back to the bylaws of BOG.

We have always claimed to be a college that promotes ethical behavior. Elections procedures are put in place precisely for the purpose of preventing ethical policies, of giving all parties a fair chance.

When the bylaws and procedures do not promote but actually block fair results, then it is proved that they should be changed for the greater good of all parties. It is clear that it is the democracies of these bylaws which concern BOG.

Some times there was a mentioned need to keep the credibility of BOG. When an important position is not promoted but actually block fair results, then it is proved that they should not be trusted to adhere by the bylaws. BOG, by disregarding the protests of the student body, has seriously lost credibility. There will be changes made in elections procedure for forthcoming years. This is the silver lining to the cloud. However, something must be done now.

BOG was elected by the student body to make decisions. However, if at any time, a significant amount of the student body votes against the board's decision, the board has a duty not only to listen to the students, but to try to resolve the difficulty as quickly as it can, as best they can. More, BOG has a duty to treat all members of the student body with respect. Students did not feel like they were listened to last night. They felt patronized and dismissed. They were told to "get their head out of student government if they were concerned." They were told that if they really had Saint Mary's Pride, they should be supporting it all the candidates and not questioning the board that they had elected.

This is wrong. The students who were at the meeting last night were there precisely because they were proud of Saint Mary's, because they thought that something unethical had occurred, and they cared enough to come to the meeting. Being proud of an institution means you try very hard to hear that institution right when you think it is wrong. The students who protested last night did have pride in Saint Mary's. Whether they are still proud this morning is a question that needs to be examined. It is those who attack the pride of concerned students are the ones who need to reexamine their own commitments to fairness. On that same note, those who made personal attacks on the tickets or BOG members were not justified. This is an issue of policy, not personal attacks. If you happen to take a dislike to a personally, that dislike should not be aired in a public forum or as a reason to ask for a change in procedure. Peremptory attacks are not permissible, not helpful and ultimately unfair as this election process has been.

Ultimately, BOG's final argument boils down to "the decision is final because we said so." If the board and the Elections Committee have made mistakes, then it is not fair to penalize the two tickets. A fair and clean vote should be held. However, BOG rejected that suggestion last night.

Many times, BOG has provided a voice for students to articulate their concerns. It is a valuable liaison between students and administration. But BOG has not had the credibility nor the support of a significant amount of the student body. BOG members have failed to fulfill the responsibilities that they were elected to fill.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SMC, ND respond to results

Presidential election divides community

What was supposed to bring the Saint Mary's community together has instead torn us apart. One week ago, the most significant event of Monday took place. With four tickets on the ballot, a run-off was certain and expected to happen at any time. Last Wednesday, however, was not expected.

The first-ever tie was cause for celebration for some and cause for concern for all activity it was only prolonging the inevitable — one ticket losing. Both tickets were then given another day to campaign. Only one ticket came to our door. Not surprisingly, that is the ticket that we voted for along with the majority of our fellow classmames. The final count late Friday night: Koelsch/Rodarte, 51 percent; Riconosciuto/Nagle, 46 percent.

Now the losing ticket has appealed the decision. They certainly got what they wanted — Koelsch/Rodarte held office for almost 48 hours, but not anymore. Who knows what will happen next? We are once again being torn in two directions. In our opinion, this was the worst decision the elections committee could have made. Once again, the student body will either be forced to choose a decision or a decision will be made that, as a student body, we will have no control over. At this point, no matter which ticket wins, just under half of the Saint Mary's population will be bitter about the result.

How unfortunate that at a time when we should be coming together to help the new student body start their term, we are once again being torn apart because of a technicality. If the Elections Committee is truly acting on our behalf, it will start from scratch and hold an entirely new election. In the end, some people will undoubtedly be unhappy, but at least the true opinion of the student body will decide who becomes president and vice president, proving that contrary to popular belief, democracy IS still alive on the Saint Mary's campus.

Shannon Sarahman
Lisa Anne Wilson
Molly Strzelecki
St. Mary Hall
February 8, 2000

Elections Committee should hold revote

Saint Mary's Board of Governance/Election Committee has brought a great injustice against its students' democratic way of life. They have taken what was a great election race and ruined it on account of a technicality. A real authority figure with some knowledge of how the political process works needs to step in and examine the Elections Committee's decision. This panel is made up of individuals on whom we have close connections, giving the committee an edge so that any decision made will be biased.

The situation with off-campus students not being able to vote or have a change in procedure to revote in order on Friday is being completely misrepresented. The set of votes, unless twenty percent of those chosen is rejected, is to narrow the candidates so that the students can make an educated decision. Nowhere in the bylaws and I have read them — does it state that these numbers can be added to the runoff election's numbers? Even if you could, this makes no sense at all.

You can't possibly compare an election that has been lost to an election where the majority of the student body disagrees with the election process has been. We find it necessary to speak to the voters that are uprooting their interests of the student body by approving Friday's elections. We feel that the pride and unity we as students need to steer that institution right now.

Nakasha Ahmad
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Brian Rush
Sophomore
St. Mary Hall
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It's clear students want Koelsch/Rodarte

As members of the Saint Mary's student body, we find it necessary to speak to the issues involved in this year's student body elections. We see blatant mistakes involved in the course of these elections. In our appeal filed against the winners of Friday's election was late — 45 minutes late to be exact. Also, by adding Monday and Wednesday's votes to declare a winner, 25 percent of the voting student body is not represented. How can the Elections Committee combine votes from two clearly different elections? We feel that Georganna Roodbush, with over 20 years of experience, acted in the best interest of the student body by approving Friday's runoff. In the local segment of the majority of the student body wants, despite the mistakes of the Elections Committee.

If the Elections Committee has the power to combine votes from two separate elections, why couldn't they support the apparent choice of the student body? As women of Saint Mary's, we want our voices heard. All four initial tickets stressed Saint Mary's pride and unity. As a result of this election, we feel that we have lost pride in our college. To restore the pride and unity, we as students need to be able to make a difference, we deserve to have the ticket that we elected take office.

"According to our mission statement, we are to "acquire the hallmarks of a liberally educated woman ... the ability to make socially responsible choices about the future." The future begins now.

Tara Butt
Amy Doons
Krisinn Fraser
Jen Goffish
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February 7, 2000
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I decided to file a complaint concerning both the neglect of the authority of the Elections Committee and the absence of off-campus voting. The election bylaws were clearly and irrefutably violated and largely ignored following Wednesday night’s election. In light of these violations, I felt compelled to submit a complaint to the Interim Elections Commissioner, Bridget Hoffman.

As of today, I return to my office as Elections Commissioner for the current school year.

As Elections Commissioner, I am very concerned with the bylaws, but the other candidates should have been as well. Unfortunately, we all assumed that the bylaws were being followed correctly on Wednesday. When I became aware of the fact that Ms. Rosenbush and Miss Jefferson suggested the third election without the consultation of the Elections Committee as dictated by the bylaws, I wrote and filed the complaint in a timely manner as also prescribed by the bylaws.

Following my complaint, the Elections Committee convened and realized the unfortunate yet obvious violations surrounding the third election. As within its jurisdiction, based on the bylaws, the Elections Committee declared the third election null due to the improper procedures followed.

Although the bylaws do not specifically mention the actions required in the event of a tie, the bylaws state that such decisions are the responsibility of the Elections Committee, NOT the director of Student Activities nor the Elections Commissioner.

As a member of the Saint Mary’s student body, I felt compelled to file the complaint in order to shed light on the faulty procedures in Friday’s election.

If the election on Friday had been properly executed and the ENTIRE student body had had the opportunity to voice its opinion, I would accept the results. However, the reality of the situation reveals the unacceptable nature of the third election. Michelle and I acted in the best interest of the student body as legislated by the election bylaws. It would have been unfair to vote on the last day of the voting period for the violations to remain silent. Therefore, we returned to the authority of the Elections Committee, and the Elections Committee is subsequently responsible for determining the final outcome.

Also, the Elections Appeals Board has supported the decision of the Elections Committee to nullify Friday’s election and to determine me and Michelle Nagle the student body president and vice president-elect.

We regret the inconvenience of Friday’s election and assure you that we filed the complaint Sunday immediately following our knowledge of the grievous violations in connection with it. Throughout the campaigning process, Michelle and I pledged our dedication to serving the needs of the student body, and we want to reiterate our love of Saint Mary’s and our great enthusiasm in serving the student body to work with us as we prepare to serve you. We are always open to your concerns and needs and look forward to a successful and fun year.

Emily Koelsch
Rachelle Rodarte
Chair of the Student Government Association
Mary’s College
February 8, 2000

BOG applauds SMC, election decision

To the Members of the Saint Mary’s student body:

We, the Executive Board of the Saint Mary’s Board of Governance, wish to applaud the Saint Mary’s student body members who took upon themselves to express their concern regarding the 2000-2001 student body presidential and vice presidential elections.

We also wish to applaud the members of the current Student Government Association who have been handling the recent events with the utmost courage, responsibility, dedication, and intelligence. The Executive Board has complete faith in and supports the final decisions that were made by the Elections Committee and the Elections Appeals Board.

These recent events have served to solidify our confidence in the workings of the Student Government Association. However, our constitution is a working document. As a result of this unprecedented election, proposals to amend our constitution are underway and forthcoming. We encourage any member of the student body to personally contact any members of the Executive Board or the Board of Governance to voice her suggestions.

We also encourage all members of the Saint Mary’s community to treat all those involved with the elections process, including the candidates, with the respect and decency that they deserve. We are all members of the same student body, and we implore you to act with graciousness and maturity. There is no one to blame. It was one unfortunate occurrence; however, the strong guidelines established by the Student Government Association constitution have insured fairness.

Nancy A. Middan
Student Body President
Rose K. Lutzka
Residence Hall Coordinator
Emily Koelsch
Rachelle Rodarte
Mary’s College
February 8, 2000

Crisie Renner
Student Body President-Elect
Saint Mary’s College
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By AMBER AGUIAR
Scene Writer

The close-knit cast of this year's Pasquerilla East Musical Company production will bring new energy to an American classic as it performs its riveting rendition of "Grease" this weekend in Washington Hall.

Grease
A Pasquerilla East Musical Company production
• Where: Washington Hall
• When: Thursday through Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
• Tickets: Sold out. Cast invites guests to Wednesday night dress rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

With bright costumes, constant action and lively song and dance, this performance is a tremendous show of energy. Audience members of the much-anticipated and highly amusing musical will be delighted with this distinctive production.

Adam Witmer, who plays Danny, recommended: "Don't look for any of us to just do impressions of past film or stage Sandra D's or Danny's and Kenickes."

As Witmer suggested, spectators expecting an imitation of the popular movie rendition will be surprised. The cast remains true to the musical's original script — a more risque, realistic version than the film depiction. According to Tiana Checchia (Tina), "The play was not written as a family show at all. The original play is dirty. It's a lot raunchier. And it's a lot more fun."

"The play is about fun, realistic characters that talk like you and I do in our dorm rooms," said Seaman. "It's got tons of the adolescent humor that everyone loves."

While the musical is set in high school, it contains many elements Notre Dame students can still identify with. According to Kelly Hoffman (Frenchy), "It's not like we had to do a lot of research to put on a play about going out, getting drunk and hooking up. Everyone can relate to being a teenager and being retarded."

The musical is full of funny characters like Roger (played by Matt Baggett), who constantly moans people and Sonny (Joe Larson), who is drunk in every scene. Each character is unique, with a distinctive personality. Betsy Kahl (Marty) said: "Every character has an original way of walking, talking and dancing."

And each actor developed those maneuvers throughout the past few months. "Brian encouraged us to shape our characters ourselves," said Witmer. "We've had to fill out background information on our characters and do improvisations to become more familiar with our stage personalities. Nobody is a member of a 'chorus.' Everybody in the show has an actual, well-developed character."

The cast is made up of students of diverse majors and theater backgrounds. "There's a wide range of experience from people who have been acting since conception to people who just tried it for fun. But we all learn from each other," said Kahl.

The group has been practicing five days a week, four hours a day, since they were cast in September. According to Seaman, "A positive byproduct of all this work we've been doing is that we've become very good friends. I hope that's what people will see onstage."

The cast practices together, works out together, spends time together on weekends and throws "Grease" cocktail parties. The group has even taken a trip to Canada together. "Twenty people in three hotel rooms. If that's not cast bonding, then I don't know what it is," said Seaman.

"We spend so much time together that we probably see each other as a small cult," said Ryan Cunningham, who plays Doody in the production.

But the closeness that has developed amongst the cast helps during practice and performance. "We can read each other now, so if someone misses a line, the rest of us can help. Besides, we're playing friends onstage so it works in our favor that we actually are friends!"

The actors have helped with every aspect of the production, including choreography, set construction and advertisement.

"In the beginning, some of the crew dropped out, but the cast really picked up the slack," said Seaman. "There's a real sense of teamwork here. The cast is involved because they want to be."

"When was the last time you saw a lot of men dancing in unison?"

Betsy Kahl
toasting the audience

"Even costumes were developed in part by the actors. "Our Christmas break we went home and raided our parents' closets," said Hoffman. Thus, this weekend, the entire cast and pit orchestra will dress in fun '50s attire."

The musical is packed with energy and excitement, as each student, including those in the pit orchestra, contributes influence over the show. According to saxophone player Ruth Luckas, "There's a lot of improv. There's a score there that you play from, but for almost every song there's ad lib written in it. So there's a lot of freedom and opportunity to goof around."

The orchestra stands at the rear of the stage and is always visible. The unique set design allows the players of the instruments to be part of the action, making the stage even livelier.

Set designer Alan Ashes developed a system that would allow actors to quickly switch from one set and location to another. He constructed two large, moveable platforms that change from bongers, to a car, to a couch, to a bar and back again, as scenes change quickly without break in rhythm or action while the audience watches.

"While actors were waiting for the set to be constructed, they practiced on the tables in the Pasquerilla East chapel. "By the end we'd nearly broken all of them," said Checchia. "There isn't a table left that isn't drooping in the middle."

Ceiling tiles were another P.E. casualty, as boys threw girls through them while practicing stunts for big dance numbers.

Starnes developed these dance numbers with complicated footwork and fun props for the experienced dancers that make up much of the cast. Starnes worked with people who knew what they were doing before. It's a lot harder to choreograph," said Starnes. "You have to be more creative and try to include things that will challenge them."

Yet, some of the steps proved challenging to the point of dangerous. "I dropped the guy on the ground headfirst when she and her partner tried a dance stunt in which the guy was supposed to jump off her back. Seeing her fall, Seaman tried to show Kahl's partner how to correctly throw her. But in demonstrating the "proper" way to do the stunt, he too dropped her on her head, this time twice as hard."

Though the musical is full of fun, dynamic dance numbers that may look easy, as Seaman demonstrated, the cast's advice is not to try them at home.

"This year's P.E. musical production of "Grease" is packed with a surprising amount of energy, excitement and fun. People will think they know what to expect, but they'll definitely be blown away," said Checchia.

According to Nicole Swartzentzuber (choireader/ensemble), "If they enjoy it half as much as we enjoy putting it on, then it's worth coming and it's worth all of the work we've put in doing it."

Besides, said Kahl, "When was the last time you saw a lot of men dancing in unison? You've got to see this."
Don't fear creepy-looking Morrissey Hall

Editor's note: Scene will continue to feature the dorms and residence halls of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's throughout the spring semester. Anyone interested in writing a feature of a dorm should e-mail Scene at Scene@nd.edu.

By MOLLY MCGHEE

When one stops and looks at Morrissey Hall, one almost expects the ghost of a girl who cannot help but notice its non-dormish appearance. The long walkway leading up to the front entrance, the statue of a young woman set on the roof and the simple sign above the door, MORRISSEY MANOR, all lend one to believe that this is more than just a college dorm. It's an estate.

Perhaps this is what the dorm's 288 occupants originally thought when they were assigned Morrissey as their future home that faithful July before freshman year. And weren't they surprised to realize that by "Manor," what was actually meant was "very small rooms." According to the hall's Web site, Morrissey was voted the "Worst Dorm in America" by Link Magazine.

As the young men there seem to be able to look at all that and love Morrissey for what it truly is. "Even though the rooms are less than spacious, the group atmosphere more than makes up for the lack of room size," said sophomore Joe Larson. "When you are in as close quarters as we are, you pretty much have to get to know everyone.

"People think that the rooms are small, but we have many different setups, singles all the way up through eight-mans. We all that spend a lot of time in the common rooms to work with, you don't lose that much space. And besides, the people in the Manor are so great, and Father Bill is the best recruiter on campus, so we don't mind losing a few square feet," said Mike Grau, who lives in one of the Manor's singles.

Morrissey is one of the oldest dorms on campus, built in 1925 and named after Father Andrew Morrissey, who was the president of the University in the beginning of the 20th century. It was designed by Francis Kervick of the Kervick and Fagan Architecture Firm, and although it has been renovated more than once, the Manor still retains much of its historic beauty. The main lobby is still decorated in a very similar fashion as it was in the dorm's earliest years, giving Morrissey a definite sense of history and importance.

However, some find Morrissey's grandeur appearances to be imposing. "A girl I know last year asked me how I could live here, because it 'creeped her out,'" said Grau. It may be true that, from a few angles, Morrissey somewhat resembles a 'Scrooby Doo' mansion; but according to the young men who live within, there is nothing creepy about the Manor.

"It's a very laid-back place to live," said Larson. "Everyone really tries to get to know one another. Right away, when you move in, you are accepted as a part of the Morrissey community."

And Morrissey is not a bad community to be a part of either. With Hall Presidents Gerry Olinger, Paul Sepe and Dan Brosmer leading the Manorites into this, their 75th anniversary year, things could not be better for the Manor. Successful intramural teams and events such as the infamous Christmas SYR have helped to give the Manor the impressive reputation.

So the next time the Manor's appearance leads you to believe that the eyes on the paintings within are watching you, remember two things: Morrissey is just like any other dorm, and the eyes only seem to be watching you because of the technique used by the artist.

The men of the Notre Dame family. What can I say, they're an enigma. Their personalities and attitudes cross a very wide spectrum, but generally, Domer men fall into these three categories: the cool guy, the friendly guy and the shy guy. We'll start with the 'cool guy.' This man walks around with his chest puffed out and his head held high. Our cool guy believes that he is the sun and the planets do indeed revolve around him; he thinks that he is God's gift to women and he is desperate for those around him to believe it too.

Next is the 'friendly guy.' He's the one that seems to know absolutely everyone on campus and is generally spotted giving out hugs. When it comes to the opposite sex, the Friendly guy holds true to his title: He's great to go out with, fun to be around, but neither party in the friendship has much romantic interest for the other.

Finally we come to the 'shy guy.' This is the cute, quiet guy in the corner of everyone of your classes. Girls. His personality is the most peculiar here on campus. The only time the shy guy is able to approach the object of his affection is after a six-pack of beer. For the most part, this young man feels more comfortable hanging out with the guys or studying for his next test.

I know these are just a few broad and somewhat stereotypical categories. I'm sure many of you have other categories and characteristics you could add. So, I would like to leave you with a general lumping of the categories, which gives us the typical ND man. He's from a strong family and is an intelligent person who generally excelled in high school. Due to his background, he tends to be very conservative and is undersexed. Many of these men have never been around a large number of intelligent, career-oriented women and they don't know how to deal with them. In order to compensate, they regress to a 1950s outlook of women. There don't seem to be many who are enlightened enough to be able to deal with the diversity around them.

Tomorrow's topic: Can guys and gals be friends?
HNR

Hurricanes edge over Islanders

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. Ron Francis scored his 15th goal with 2:31 left in the game to give the Carolina Hurricanes a 4-3 victory over the New York Islanders on Tuesday night. Francis whipped the puck over to Robert Lombardi's glove to give the Hurricanes their first road victory in six games.

BY DANIEL W. MONAGHAN, Martin Gelinas and Andrei Kovalenko also scored for Carolina, and Arturs Irbe made 30 saves.

Daniels gave the Hurricanes their first lead of the game at 1:40 of the first period at the end of his own four-shot flurried at 36 seconds and then killed the chance before accidentally knocking the puck over the goal line with his arm. Gelinas capped a 3-on-2 break by tapping in Paul Coffey's perfect cross-ice pass at 3:38 to give Carolina a 2-0 lead.

Czerkawski scored on a power-play goal at 13:00, flipping in a close-range shot while falling.

Devils, Rangers

New Jersey lost the tying goal early in the third period, but the New Jersey Rangers killed off a four-minute power play as the Devils extended their unbeaten streak against the New York Rangers to 18 games with a draw.

Nylander had a goal and an assist for the Devils, who have not lost to the Rangers since Jan. 12, 1997.

Devils goalie Martin Brodeur protected the tie with two great saves in the final 25 seconds of regulation. Then Flury gave the Rangers a 1-0 lead in the second period just 20 seconds after a power play.

Nearly four minutes later, the Devils tied it. Lyle Odelein's point shot bunted off defenseman Martin Schneider and McLean, but Gomez swept it in for his team-leading 19th goal of the season.

New Jersey took the lead 2:02 later, on Nemchinov's fifth goal.

Sharks 8, Lightning 0

Jeff Friesen had two goals and two assists, and Steve Shutt added 23 shots as the San Jose Sharks ended a six-game winning streak with a victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Jeff Friesen had two goals and two assists for San Jose, which won for just the second time in its last nine losses. Built a 3-0 lead with his fourth goal, beating Tugnutt at 4:15 of the first period.

Murphy's power-play goal tied it 1-1 with 1:15 left in the first, beating goalie Roman Turek.

Capitals 2, Bruins 1

Craig Biharling stopped 49 shots and Ken Klue had 3:34 left in regulation to give the Washington Capitals a tie with the Boston Bruins.

Biharling stopped in place of Olaf Kolzig, who got a much-deserved rest after starting the last nine games and also playing in the All-Star game on Sunday night.

Dave Andreychuk gave Boston a 1-2 lead when he tipped Amann's pass in the second period through Billington's pads with 54 seconds left in the second period. It was Andreychuk's 19th goal of the season.

But Klee scored his fourth of the season when he beat goalie Roman Turek from Dalio with a one-timer from the slot off Richard Zednik's pass.

NHL

Carter leads Rangers past Hawks, 109-88

 Associated Press

TORONTO - Vincent Carter scored 36 points and Washington opened the middle finger of his left hand, and led the Toronto Raptors over Atlanta 109-88 Tuesday night for just their second win in 18 games against the Hawks.

Carter, leading the visitor, got the victory for this weekend's All-Star game, and led while weighing stock. Monday, he added third, stitchers to close a half-inch cut and played with a Band-Aid.

Shields stopped 23 shots as the Sharks took the lead on goals by Nolan and Marleau, who added third-period San Jose goals. putting the Sharks up 5-1. Kolzig, who got a much-deserved rest after starting the last nine games and also playing in the All-Star game on Sunday night.

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Associated Press

A calculated victory. and snapped his 15th season.

Nearly all the Hawks have lost seven in a row, their longest skid of the season. Carter scored 10 points to make it 73-52.

Carter scored 14 points as Toronto outscored Atlanta 31-24 in the first quarter. Bickle metro Muttered up a season-high 22 points and 15 rebounds.

Nets 131, Celtics 113

The New Jersey Nets made 24 of 25 shots from the floor and connected 46 points in the first quarter as they trounced Boston 109-88 over the Washington Capitals.

Stephon Marbury and Keith Van Horn had 30 points apiece as New Jersey opened a 23-point lead after 12 minutes and never looked back in beating Boston for the first time in four games. The points were an NBA high for a first quarter.

Kendall Gill added 19 points off the bench as New Jersey won its second straight and handed the Hawks their sixth road loss in 22 road games. Marbury made 10 of 12 shots from the field.

Bostons Wally Walker, who had 27 points before being ejected for two technicals in the fourth quarter.

The Nets' final point total and their 38 percent shooting from the field (47 of 121) showed how close they came but was the most given up by the Hawks in this fourth quarter and Van Horn and Gill added 11 apiece.

The Hawks, who have given away the lead in each of their last nine losses, built a 32-14 lead in the second quarter of the Hawks, 19th loss in 23 games. They ended the season after 10. Points to make it 73-52.

Give me a 1-14 or 1-16. Tuesday 3-10 for more info.

NBA

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Goss ends rocky reign as Michigan AD

Ann Arbor, Mich. - Michigan athletic director Tom Canham said Tuesday that he will step aside from his post at the end of the year. Canham's 1 1/2-year reign by resigning today, effective at the end of March. "It has not been easy, but the positives outweigh the negatives," Goss said at a press conference. "I believe that while it is time for me to step aside, a course has been defined to lead this department to great accomplishments." University president Lee Bollinger accepted the resignation. "I want to express my admiration and gratitude for the many qualities Tom has brought to this athletic department," Bollinger said. "Tom has made a strong professional connection to the university rooted in his days here at Michigan. A source said Goss considered Canham, who held Goss' job for two decades, was saddened by the news. "I'm sick about it," Canham said. "He was an outstanding individual, a great guy. Not to have at least five years on the job is not good by any means." Canham offered some reasons for Canham's resignation. The following season, Abel began his NHL career as the team's center in 1938 in Detroit, spending nine full seasons and parts of three others with the Red Wings, with two years of military service. He was named captain of the team in the 1942-43 season at age 24, and held that position until he was sold unengaged at Chicago, Detroit's Stanley Cup in 1951-52 season. Howe said Abel was a member of the 1950-51 team in 1943-44, won in every category of the game. "I learned a lot from him," Learned the way it was. That's the way it was. It was our captain and leader... he won in every category of the game." Gordie Howe tor to all the younger players. "I learned a lot from him," Learned the way it was. That's the way it was. It was our captain and leader... he won in every category of the game." Gordie Howe.
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Thomas dies of heart attack

Associated Press

MIAMI

NFL star Derrick Thomas died today in a hospital where he was being treated for injuries from a car crash that left him paralyzed from the chest down.

The Kansas City Chiefs said he died of a heart attack. Jackson Memorial Hospital called it "cardio-respiratory arrest," and doctors were expected to elaborate later in the day.

Team president Carl Peterson said he was with the 33-year-old linebacker Monday.

"He was upbeat, he was positive, he was Derrick," a tearful Peterson, wearing a button with Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Kan., was not wearing seat belts and were thrown from the car, police said. Tellis was killed instantly and a third passenger who was wearing his seat belt was treated and released.

"Our entire family has lost our loved one, so we greatly sympathize with Derrick Thomas's upon his passing," Tellis' family said today.

Derrick Thomas leaves a tremendous legacy by Bill Kenney, a state senator in Kansas City, Mo.

"Derrick Thomas was one of the most popular athletes in Kansas City, and Peterson called the death a "devastating tragedy."

"Derrick Thomas leaves a tremendously positive legacy that will go on forever. Everyone whose life he touched," NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said.

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"We have lost a true American hero," said Kenney, who urged lawmakers to support a bill for spinal cord research in Missouri.

Thomas broke his spine and neck in the crash and was flown to Miami, his hometown, for surgery and rehabilitation.

Doctors decompressed his spinal cord and stabilized the spinous column with screws, rods and hooks and implant bone graft in Thomas hip.

The hospital is the home of the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, the world's largest spinal cord injury research center, and its surgeons have operated on race car driver Emerson Fittipaldi and other athletes.

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A clearly shaken coaches chief Gunther Cunningham recalled telephoning Thomas from the Pro Bowl after seeing several players and fans honoring the linebacker by wearing his number.

"Derrick said, 'Coach, be strong.' He never told me how strong I needed to be," Cunningham said.

The coach said that after a game, Thomas would always walk across the field "with a smile on his face — not because the Chiefs won, but because that's the way he was. And that's the way I'll always remember him."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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Associated Press

ATLANTA

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NBA

Rodman proves he can get job done

Associated Press

DALLAS

From wrestling to acting to getting arrested, Dennis Rodman has done a lot since his last NBA game 10 months ago. Playing basketball, however, wasn't high on his things-to-do list.

Yet on Tuesday Rodman showed his new Dallas Mavericks teammates that, despite the layoff, he can still rebound and block, which is exactly what he's been hired to do.

"He walked into our practice and just proved that he knows how to play — when to set picks, when to move the ball," coach-general manager Don Nelson said. "He was very impressive considering he hasn't played for a year."

The currently blonde-haired forward will get his first real test Wednesday night at home against Seattle. Rodman won't start, but he's likely to play about 15 minutes.

"I think it'll be a great opportunity to prove to the people in Dallas some excitement and it's a great opportunity to prove a lot of people wrong," said Rodman, who had to settle for being with his hometown team after no contender was willing to take a chance on him. Although Rodman grew up in Dallas and still has family and friends in the area, he's changed more than just his hair color since the last time he called the city home.

Back then, Rodman was a skinny teen-age who didn't play high school basketball and once worked as a janitor at Dallas-Forth Worth International Airport.

Now, he's a 38-year-old multi-millionaire known as much for outrageous antics such as cross-dressing and multiple body piercings as for winning seven rebounding titles and five NBA championships.

"I don't think the hometown part has any affect on my play or anything about Dennis Rodman," he said. "I just go out there to have a good time, I work hard and I give people what they want."

Rodman played 23 games for the Los Angeles Lakers last February through April, then was cut when team officials ran out of patience with his high maintenance lifestyle.

He returned to junior to the Lakers this season because he wanted to play for his new coach, Phil Jackson, who kept Rodman on a long leash in Chicago. But the team wasn't interested. Neither was anyone else.

When the long-suffering Mavericks began wooing him a few weeks ago, it seemed like they had nothing to lose and plenty of free publicity to gain.

But Dallas has won eight of its last 10, the team's hottest streak since Jason Kidd's rookie season five years ago. Now, adding Rodman's volatile personality could threaten whatever chemistry the Mavericks have going, and he's always one skipped practice or kicked cameraman from becoming a major distraction.

"We've just got to hope he can help us on the court and be happy with that," All-Star swingman Michael Finley said.

An unwritten part of Rodman's bargain-basement deal is that he can pedal instead of practice, something Nelson insists the other players don't mind.

But there was no stationary bicycle parked alongside the practice court Tuesday as Rodman practiced in 4-on-3, 4-on-4 and 5-on-5 drills. Nelson said Rodman would continue practicing while he's comfortable playing alongside his new teammates.

The workout was closed to the media. When it opened, Rodman shut free throws at one end of the court with assistant coach Bill Washington. He hit about 20 in a row at one point, but also had a stretch of four misses in five tries.

Because offense is so little of Rodman's game, he'll start off should be easier than for someone who relies on touch passes or long-range jumpers.

NCAA Basketball

NCAA rules St. John's Barkely ineligible

Associated Press

NEW YORK

St. John's sophomore guard Eric Barkley was ruled ineligible for three games by the NCAA on Tuesday for a rules violation.

The school is appealing.

Barkley, who sat out Saturday's 59-58 victory over Boston College, will miss Tuesday night's game at Providence and Saturday's home game against Villanova. The next game he will be eligible for is Sept. 15, at Boston College.

The violation was exchanging cars with a family friend, two sources familiar with the case have told The Associated Press.

Barkley traded his late model Jeep Cherokee for a bigger but older Ford Expedition that belongs to a family friend, said a source close to Barkley and another with knowledge of the matter, both speaking on condition that they not be identified.

The exchange would violate NCAA rules if Barkley received preferential treatment because he is an athlete or if it constituted possible payback for when he turns professional.

St. John's athletic director Ed Manetta Jr. said the school is appealing to the NCAA's Division I Sub-Committee on Student-Athlete Rein-state-ment and expects a ruling by Friday.

"We're disappointed and thing the ruling is unfortunate. We appealed immediately and that's the process we're in right now and that started Saturday."

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Women's Basketball

Belles to take on conference rival Albion

By KATIE MCVOY
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's basketball team hopes that injury and illness will not prevent a win against Albion College tonight.

"The injuries and illness during the past week should not be a big problem during the game," sophomore center Kelly Roberts said. "We're hoping we can still go out and play our best.

During the past week of practice, the Belles have been hit hard with injury and illness. Starting forward Kristen Marka, in the Belles' biggest worry. She left last Saturday's game with a leg injury, but has been given the go-ahead to play.

In addition to Mathis' injury, Saint Mary's has been short three players during this week's practices. Roberts has been out with an injury, and sophomore guard Anne Blair and sophomore center Kelly Jones have been ill. All three seem to have recovered and the Belles hope they can play hard in tonight's game.

"We want to go out there, suck it up and play hard for 40 minutes," Roberts said. Despite the problems they faced in practice this week, the Belles say they are confident that they can beat the Britons.

"We think we have a really good shot," Jones said. "All we have to do is play hard and keep up the intensity.

The Belles are looking for the victory to keep team motivation high.

"A win against Albion would be very big," Roberts said. "Another victory would boost our confidence. The more wins we have the more confident the team will be.

The win would also help the Belles in the MIAA rankings. The Britons are in sixth place in the MIAA with a league record of 5-8 and an overall record of 10-11. They are coming off of a 70-43 loss to first-ranked Hope College this past Saturday. Saint Mary's is in eighth place in the MIAA with a league record of 2-11, two places behind Albion.

"A win tomorrow would help our MIAA rankings," Roberts said. "We need to start winning against other conference teams, and winning against Albion would be a big step."

Tonight's contest should prove to be a close one. Saint Mary's and Albion are evenly matched teams. The Belles score 4 points per game on average, while Albion scores 57, and both teams average around 37 rebounds a game.

The last time Saint Mary's and Albion met the Britons were victorious, winning 65-52. "The last time we played Albion it came down to the last few minutes of the game," Jones said. "They picked up the intensity and we lost the motivation. We have been working on keeping the intensity, however, and we want to keep it up throughout all of tonight's game.

Rebounding will continue to be key to the Belles. During the two games that Saint Mary's won, the team controlled the rebound and is looking to do the same against Albion.

"We are going to have to dominate the boards and keep the turnovers down," Jones said. "We match up in size with Albion so it's going to come down to our skill."

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of its first 14 games, the second best start in school history. Since then, the Panthers have struggled to a 4-6 Big East record. Included in the recent slump was an 88-76 loss to Connecticut. Their record is deceiving though, with five of their losses coming against top 20 teams.

"They have some good players," Riley said. "They're a guard oriented team with some good shooters."

Pittsburgh is led by freshman Mandy Wittenmyer, the Big East co-Rookie of the Week along with Notre Dame's Alicia Hatcher. Wittenmyer, a 6-foot-2 forward averages a team-high 11.8 points and 8.0 rebounds per game. Her seven double-doubles on the season lead the conference. In the Panthers' previous nine games, she has six double-doubles.

"She's a good all-around player," Riley said, referring to Wittenmyer. "She doesn't post up much but she has a good jumper from around the foul line."

The freshman class has sparked the Panthers, accounting for 49 percent of the team's scoring. Other first year players include reserve Brooke Stewart, the team's third leading scorer with 7.9 points per game, point guard Laine Selwyn and forward Dallas Williams.

Junior shooting guard Monique Tonye is second on the team with 9.7 points per game. Her 5.4 assists per game rank her fourth in the conference.

Seven Panthers average over 15 minutes per game with Wittenmyer's 29.3 average leading the team. They are averaging 64.5 points per game, while allowing 62.3.

While their balanced scoring attack has received most of the attention, the Irish defense has held 8 straight opponents under 37 percent shooting in their last four games. Two of those games are on the road. Notre Dame must break out of its slump and make a run down the stretch if it has any hope of making the NCAA Tournament.

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(32 percent) from 3-point range, while Villanova converted 11-of-26 (42 percent) shots from behind the arc.

Notre Dame dropped both conference games on the road trip and now finds itself back in the middle of the pack in the Big East standings. The Irish are now 0-7 against the Wildcats since joining the conference five years ago. Villanova is the only team Notre Dame has yet to beat in conference play.

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Sachire leads Irish in upset over No. 18 Wildcats

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

Irish captain and All-American Ryan Sachire entered an invincible zone during yesterday’s match against 18th-ranked Kentucky, and the rest of the team followed as the Irish stormed away with a 5-2 upset over one of the nation’s toughest teams.

The matchup kicked into high gear for the Irish, who took the doubles point with wins in the number two and three spots. Sachire and senior Trent Miller teamed together to defeat Kentucky’s doubles duo of Carlos Drada and Reeven Stephens, while sophomores Casey Smith and James Malhame toppled Eden Rawonu and Johan Grunditz.

With the doubles point already awarded, the Irish pair of sophomores Javier Taborga and Aaron Talario did not complete their match against Kentucky’s Johan Hesoun and Gustav Pousette. Talario gave the Irish a quick win at number four singles, blowing away Rawonu of Kentucky 6-1, 6-0. Fourteenth-ranked Sachire followed Talario’s lead by knocking off 9th-ranked Drada 6-1, 6-3, improving his singles record to 16-6.

“Aaron Talario was really on his game today,” Irish coach Bob Bayliss said. “And Ryan had an unbelievable match. Drada is in the top 10 in the country.”

The top match, pitting Sachire against Drada, was expected to be a close battle, but Sachire showed no weaknesses throughout the entire match and did not allow Drada to steal away momentum. He sprang out to an early lead, going up 5-0 in the first set with an impressive serve-and-volley style of play that consistently forced Drada to abandon his offensive attack.

Sachire never looked back, suffocating the Kentucky powerhouse with an aggression that has locked up several key wins for the senior this season.

After Talario and Sachire added two more points for Notre Dame, the match was still not secure under the Notre Dame’s belt. The remaining four singles matches in progress looked to be close, but Notre Dame freshman Brian Farrell smacked away with a crucial victory against Kentucky’s Reeven Stephens that helped the Irish improve their dual-match record to 3-2.

Farrell became aware of the importance of his match as the home crowd began to gather in the stands and show their support.

After securing the first set 6-2, Farrell, who was filling in for the injured Irish junior Matt Bayliss, had a match point at 6-5, but was shut out and forced to go to a tiebreaker. His power centered baseline game did not desert him, but rather assisted him in running away with the tiebreaker by a score of 7-2.

“Farrell showed a bit of poise today,” Bayliss said. “He stayed with what he does best — solid beat flashy today.”

Showing the composure of an experienced collegiate player, Farrell did not crack under pressure, and his win proved to be the clincher for the Irish upset. Being swarmed by his team following his victory, Farrell recognized the significance of his match, and had a permanent grin on his face.

“I knew [the match] was of some importance when everyone came to watch the match, but was confident in my win, improving my singles record to 10-10,” Farrell said.

Following the climax of Farrell’s win, the remaining singles matches were decided by tiebreakers to allow the Wildcats to get a head start on a long road trip home.

Kentucky came away with two victories in the final three matches. Grunditz defeated Taborga 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) at No. 3 singles, Smith defeated 14th-ranked Hesoun 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (10-8) for the 5-2 final.

With the win, the Irish proved they are national contenders and must be taken seriously. The victory also evened the series record between the Irish and the Wildcats, making the tally 10-10-1.

“It was our best effort of the year,” Bayliss said.

Irish captain and All-American Ryan Sachire led the Irish to a 5-2 win over Kentucky. Sachire improved his singles record to 16-6 with a win over Carlos Drada.
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NCAA needs a life

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If I could sit down and tell the collective body known as the NCAA those words, those would be them.

St. John's men's basketball coach Mike Jarvis said a little more in depth on Sunday. "I hope and pray I see the day where there is no NCAA and we are guided by the values system with which we were brought up on, that we fight for everyday in this country. Enough is enough. It's time for a change."

What could cause a head coach to make such an uncharacteristic attack on the sport's governing body? A ludicrous suspension, that's what.

Sophomore St. John's point guard Erick Barkley, the team's leading scorer with 17.1 points per game, has to serve a three-game suspension because he's an athlete's car more than he liked to see FOX/page 21

Apparently, each liked the other's car more than he liked his own. So Barkley said something to the effect of "Hey, even though your car's older than mine, I'd be willing to trade you because I want a bigger car."

And for that Erick Barkley needs to miss three of the remaining eight games. Sound dumb? It is.

The NCAA's contention is that the friend could be acting as an agent for Barkley or that he got some sort of special privileges because he's an athlete, both violations of NCAA rules. Neither of those suspicions has been confirmed.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats hand Irish conference loss

By BRIAN KESSLER

Sports Writer

The road hasn't been very kind to the Notre Dame basketball team this season.

Last night's game against Villanova at the First Union Center was no exception.

The Irish (11-10, 5-5) dropped to 2-8 away from the Joyce Center after suffering an 86-69 loss to the Wildcats (13-8, 4-5). Villanova took a 27-27 lead at the break and pushed its lead to as many as 22 in the second half. Backcourt point guard Jermaine Medley scored a career-high 17 points and Gary Buchanan added 16 points to help the Wildcats to their highest point total of the season.

Brooks Sales finished with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Villanova's aggressive man-to-man defense forced 26 turnovers and held Notre Dame standout Troy Murphy without a field goal in the second half.

Murphy, the nation's fourth leading scorer, finished just 5-of-15 from the field and had 14 points along with 16 rebounds. Matt Carroll led the Irish with 15 points in the second half and 17 for the game. David Graves was also 5-of-15 shooting and finished with 11 points.

The Irish made just 7-of-22 from the field.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ND looks for record-breaking win over Pitt

By TIM CASEY

Sports Writer

Notre Dame looks to break a school record for consecutive victories when it hosts Pittsburgh in a Big East conference game tonight at the Joyce Center.

The 10th-ranked Irish (19-2, 10-0 Big East) have won 15 straight games dating back to a 71-61 loss to Purdue on Dec. 8. That mark ties the school record set in 1990-91.

"We don't really dwell on the win streak," center Ruth Riley said. "It's nice to be winning but we also know we've got to take it one game at a time."

The Irish are coming off a 72-59 win over Boston College on Saturday afternoon, their 18th straight victory at home. Riley had a game-high 23 points, including 11 in a row in the second half.

Junior forward Kelley Siemon, named co-Big East Player of the Week, added 11 points and a career-high 14 rebounds against the Eagles. "Kelley's been playing well," Riley said. "This year everyone's contributing and being more consistent."

The two teams met on Jan. 18, and the Irish left Fitzgerald Fieldhouse with a 67-53 victory. Alicia Batastini tallied a game-high 17 points, while Riley chipped in with 12 points and 14 rebounds.

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Montesano, who missed all of last season after recovering from knee surgery, scored 10 points for the Panthers. In that game Notre Dame dominated the boards, hauling down 42 compared to Pittsburgh's 26. They also limited the Panthers to 37 percent shooting from the field.

A year after posting an 8-19 record, Pittsburgh began the season on a tear, winning 11