O'Donoghue/Norton given two-day campaign suspension

By LAURA ROMPF
Associated News Editor

In an 11-4 vote with seven abstentions, the Senate turned down an appeal from the Brian O'Donoghue/Brooke Norton ticket, which asked that its two-day campaign suspension from the Judicial Council be reversed.

According to the J ud i c i a l Council, candidates O'Donoghue and Brooke Norton violated campaign rules when they appeared on a WVFI radio show Saturday. According to campaigning rules, candidates could not begin campaigning until midnight on Monday.

However, controversy arose due to the gray areas surrounding the definition of campaigning. O'Donoghue and Norton did not realize that appearing on the radio was a violation of rules, and thus their motives for the interview on WVFI were unclear.

"Personally, knowing O'Donoghue, I know he would not [purposefully] do anything in violation of the constitution," said Alumni Senator David Zachary. "However, ignorance of the law is not a defense."

The Judicial Council found presidential candidate Brian O'Donoghue, shown here, and his running mate, Brooke Norton in violation of campaign rules.

"We're not about to stop believing now. We're going to overcome this, and press on." Brian O'Donoghue presidential candidate

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"Concessions are being made because O'Donoghue was honest and turned himself in," Folks said. "He did not realize it wasn't allowed because it was not explicitly mentioned. I do not think his actions were malicious or even intentional, but this decision was made to be fair to other candidates."

O'Donoghue's campaign, the appearance on the radio violated the bylaw which states campaigning is limited to a specific period determined by the Election Committee. The penalty for campaigning outside the time period could be as strict as a forfeiture of candidacy.

However, a gray area exists in the definition of campaigning. The constitution states: "Campaigning consists of any see SENATE/page 6

Provost addresses Faculty Senate on increasing diversity

By JOSHUA BOURGEOS
Assistant News Editor

University Provost Nathan Hatch addressed the Faculty Senate Wednesday night on such issues as lack of reporting from the Provost's Office, affirmative action in respect to students, faculty and staff and the creation of academic institutes and centers within the University.

Members of the Faculty Senate queried why Hatch's office has not published any reports summarizing the recommendations of the Provost's Advisory Council [PAC] to academic priorities during his time in the office. Former Provost Timothy O'Meara stated that the PAC should publish such a report at least once a year.

"The first three years my report will be out by spring, and again I apologize for this," Hatch said.

Hatch stated that the University is committed to diversifying its faculty and students without limiting themselves to set numbers or percentages.

"We want to be proactive and creative in attracting diverse students and faculty, but we do not try to set numeric goals," Hatch said.

Hatch stated that within the last three years the number of women faculty raised from 16 percent to 19 percent, but said he regretted that the percentage of minority faculty remains at 12 percent.

Coinciding with the increasing diversity issue is the discussion of faculty spousal hiring.

Hatch commented that the number of spousal hires within the University has increased. He noted that the College of Science now has five couples among its faculty, and the Law School just hired its second couple within its faculty.

Although spousal hiring continues to be a success, Hatch stated that there are difficulties in finding and funding positions for perspective faculty's spouses.

"Overall, spousal hiring is immensely complicated. However, it's one of the strategies used to maintain women faculty," Hatch said.

The Faculty Senate also asked the provost to comment on faculty representation in the University governance. They said this issue was especially important in respect to the Fellows of the University's Board of Trustees' rejection of the non-discrimination clause last year by the Faculty Senate and Academic Council voted to approve the clause.

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Provost Nathan Hatch responds Wednesday to questions posed by the Faculty Senate during his address.
INSIDE COLUMN
Arm yourself with the facts

With the approaching United States presidential elections and the many issues that come with the media, I thought it would be appropriate to address my beliefs regarding the role of media in relation to government. Let me state for the record, though, that I am neither a government major nor a very politically-minded person. We Americans embrace our democracy and the freedom it affords us. However, I find the idea of a representative democracy to be an oxymoron. On a local level, it makes sense, though few practice it in their personal lives. When government was the last time you wrote your representative? Do you even know who your local representative is? This is a tool too often left in the drawer. People opt for reform on a larger scale, where it seems unfeasible that one voice could realistically represent millions of people.

Accurate representation occurs when we elect a representative whose stance we know. It often seems that people are confused when it comes to picking a candidate. Recently, a radio station had a call-in for voters who thought they knew their preferred candidate. The callers went to www.selectsmart.com to enter their opinions on political issues and find out who would be the candidate that they found that the candidate who they intended to vote for was not the candidate that supported their beliefs. This brings me to my next grudge with our so-called democracy. It is based on a huge fallacy: It assumes an educated public and then goes out of its way to deceive said public. The most common medium through which we receive information is the media, namely television and print. However, media is notorious for providing a skewed version of the news.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. Until Sunday many people at the University of Michigan had no idea what Michigamua was — that was before the Students of Color Coalition (SCC) occupied the secret society's meeting space and made public the organization's inner workings, which have been largely unknown since 1982.

Students, faculty and Ann Arbor residents were lined up until late Tuesday night to view what SCC members claim is an atmosphere that is degrading to Native American culture.

"We're making this open to students and faculty because Michigamua has never been infiltrated like this before," said Diego Bernal, a Social Work graduate student who is occupying the meeting space with SCC.

Those who took the tour of the meeting space led by SCC members Tuesday night saw many items on display in Michigamua's space, including a miniature totem pole, a bust of an Indian chief and a small figure of a Native American.

But Michigamua spokesman Nick Delgado said these items, and the majority of other paraphernalia, were in public storage prior to the SCC occupation. The first time I ever seen the figure was this morning when I picked up the paper," Delgado said at Tuesday night's Michigan Student Assembly meeting.

He was referring to a photo in Tuesday's Michigan Daily of the Native American figure lying on top of a book titled "Pride of 1990." The book and figure are not related and Delgado said that while the book was part of Michigamua's practices, the figure must have been in the storage space prior to the occupation.

"The question needs to be posed — were these in the room when the SCC took over?" he asked.

SCC members said they will be vigilante and will not let the meeting space lie until the University severs all ties with Michigamua.

They are also demanding the space currently occupied by Michigamua be made into a cultural study lounge.

U. Michigan protesters meet with administrators

Iowa faculty petitions evaluation

AMES, Iowa

Claiming that the Iowa State University administration is responsible for creating a state of fear and repression," several faculty members have written and are distributing a petition supporting an evaluation of ISU President Martin Jischke's performance as university president.

The petition, which began circulating Tuesday and will continue until about Feb. 25, states, was written by several current and former faculty members. The petition states that "many faculty and other community individuals have been feeding for the declining importance of undergraduate education and teaching, inadequate communication with, students, and the direction of the University, and a climate of fear and repression that has been created by ISU." Jischke responded to the criticism Tuesday evening by saying Iowa State is making progress. "I think there's an over- whelming feeling across Iowa, within the University and the Board of Regents, that Iowa State is a far better uni-

tervory than it was 10 years ago, and if these people continue to complain, it is unfortunate, but I guess they have the right to do so," he said.

Local weather

A high pressure system will move in over the state Friday night and stay over the weekend. This will result in slightly cooler temperatures for the weekend. Temperatures will be in the 30s and 40s for most of the areas. Highs will be in the 50s and 60s for the coastal areas.

Arizona hate crime sparks march

TUCSON, Ariz.

Out of both support and outrage, members of the University of Arizona faculty and students are beginning to take action against the side of a gay student who was stabbed Sunday night while sitting outside a coffee shop. University of Arizona assistant English professor David Robinson is one of several people planning a protest march and speak-out event outside of the shop where the 20-year-old student was assaulted. The rally will feature an open mic for people to share anti-gay experiences and other thoughts. Robinson, who is an acquaintance of the victim, was notified of the stabbing by a friend who witnessed the crime. After visiting the cafe the same night and speaking with other witnesses, Robinson said he was inspired to organize the march and speak out. Robinson, along with the people he met with Sunday, the UA Pride Alliance and the Tucson chapter of a grassroots gay rights organization are working to make the march and speak-out happen. "We're in the midst of a lot of very vocal anti-gay speech," Robinson said. "That's the kind of stuff that fosters actual violence."
Lecture: More teen pregnancies lead to more abortions

By KEVIN SCHUMM
News Writer

Over the past three decades, changing attitudes attributed to the sexual revolution have led Americans to view abortion as a "fail-safe contraceptive," said Clarke Forsythe, president of Americans United for Life (AUL).

Many Americans today are misinformed about abortion because of marketing of the procedure during the 1960s, Forsythe said. Currently, one in three pregnancies in the United States ends in abortion. Although the procedure was marketed as a tool to "end illegitimacy, poverty and child abuse and promote maternal health," it commonly causes side effects in the woman, ranging from infection and excessive bleeding to cervical damage and endotoxic shock, Forsythe explained.

Moreover, he said several studies of American women report an increased risk of breast cancer after having an induced abortion. AUL's goal is to counter the widely held opinion that "abortion promises no consequences." AUL is a very strong advocate of Woman's Right To Know (WRTK) laws, which mandate that adequate information on the risks of and alternatives to abortion be presented to the mother so that she may make an informed decision.

"The sexual revolution must give way to a culture of fulfilling, committed relationships." Clarke Forsythe, president of AUL

Pennsylvania currently has a WRTK law. Despite its possibly harmful effects, polls show that some teens view abortion as an effective means of contraception. According to a poll conducted by the Center for Disease Control, the teen birth rate in 1972 went from 22 per 1,000 teens to 42 per 1,000 teens in 1990. Similarly, the abortion rates soared from 20 per 1,000 in 1972 to 43 per 1,000 teens in 1990, said Forsythe.

"The bottom line is that the number of teenagers getting pregnant nearly doubled in 1990," said Forsythe. Accompanying this increase in sexual activity is the prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases, said Forsythe. A common STD known as HPV, which contributes to over 90 percent of annual cervical cancer deaths, afflicts about 24 million Americans.

In a recent Gallup poll, 60 percent of Middle America—defined as those people not absolutely pro-life or pro-choice—are in fact, "deeply troubled" by the prevalence of abortion. "Americans see abortion as a necessary evil," Forsythe said, explaining that many myths alluding to the occurrence and prevalence of back-alley abortions developed during the 1960s. The promulgation of these myths led many modern Americans to believe that the "restoration of abortion laws would be worse," Forsythe said.

Because of Roe v. Wade, some Americans in the 1970s viewed abortion as crucial to the future of the United States. Acknowledging that abortion has become ingrained in modern American society, Forsythe advocates the development of a new vision void of abortion.

This change in vision will lead to a dramatically different culture that must start on the personal level with individuals adopting positive ideals, Forsythe said. He specifically cited the need to develop positive conceptions of marriage.

"The sexual revolution must give way to a culture of fulfilling, committed relationships," said Forsythe. Through his efforts with AUL, Forsythe wants to focus on "dispelling the myth of abortion being good for women."
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involvement in selection process of deans and how the president has to concur with what the elected search committee, consisting of faculty, decides.

Hatch added that the Fellows and the members of the Board of Trustees acted within their power and both sides of the issue were presented in the London meeting.

"I know enough people involved to know that neither side dominated the meeting," Hatch said.

Hatch also commented on the role of the research professor in the University and the importance to recognize their accomplishments.

"Research faculty need more recognition ... but it would be cumbersome to invent a new category for the recognition," Hatch said.

Hatch stated that the University needs to find more occasions to hire research faculty.

One of the other issues that Hatch addressed was the creation of centers and institutes within the University and how open such institutions and centers are to both internal and external review.

Hatch stated that last year the Academic Council passed some academic regulations and guidelines for institutions and centers.

"We've begun to review centers such as the Center for Environmental Studies, Kro Institute and the Kellogg Institute," Hatch said.

"However, centers and institutes are too complex for a one size fits all model.

Hatch acknowledged the importance of investing in such centers and institutes and cites the success of the Keough Center for Irish Studies as an example of this importance.

"We need to continue to invest in these centers because too many times they can lead to foundation funding," Hatch said.

Hatch stated that it is important to "integrate academic and student [or campus life] affairs, while recognizing the roles of each."

The provost noted that Duke University provided a stipend for faculty who act as fellows in the residence halls. Hatch stated that this stipend has provided moderate success.

"Notre Dame's residence halls do a fabulous job at building community," Hatch said. "We want to maintain that."

In other news:

Faculty Senate voted unanimously to send a motion to the Administration Committee. The motion dealt with amending the Academic Articles in respect to the Faculty Board on Athletics.

The committee will report on the motion in March's meeting.

The chairperson announced in her report that there will be a Senate Forum on Academic Life on Feb. 14 in room 210 of the Center for Continuing Education. The topic of the forum will be "Art and Letters Departments, Institutes and Collective Resources."

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The speakers at Wednesday's brown bag luncheon said that their education at Saint Mary's involved more than classrooms and textbooks.

As part of Social Justice Week at the College, M.T. Murray-Vachon, Class of 1982, Emily Hopkins, Class of 2006 and Ann Louch, an English professor, spoke on the issue of social justice and everyday life.

"Social justice, to me, is a search for truth and a search for the dignity in every individual," Hopkins said.

"Exposure is the key," she said. "It turns those thoughts into actions.

Murray-Vachon agreed that exposure to the issues is the best way to awaken consciousness. For her, social justice is an extension of the responsibility that comes with being Christian.

She spoke on the issue of social justice in her capacity as the director of the Faculty Board on Athletics.

"My only fear, and I guess my hope, is that I never lose that passion,'" Hopkins said.

She explained that the first component to living a socially conscious life is changing one's mentality. People must first force themselves to seriously think about social issues in a different way.

"This was my biggest challenge," Hopkins said. "It can be a challenge on this campus; it is somewhat homogeneous."

Exposure to the poor and involvement with them is also crucial to social justice. She explained that without immersing oneself in poor communities, feeling does not turn into action.

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Murray-Vachon also worked with high risks families for six years as a therapist in the inner city of Chicago.

"It was so humbling and so directing," she said. "They had so little hope. It was very profound."
High prices spur Iraqi oil smuggling

BRUSSELS, United Arab Emirates Smugglers evading U.S. destroyers in the Persian Gulf are shipping more and more Iraqi oil in violation of U.N. sanctions, reaping handsome profits and lining the pockets of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, the U.S. Navy says. Last week's seizure of a Russian tanker carrying illicit Iraqi fuel highlighted the ongoing and increasing oil smuggling, which the U.S. Navy estimates has nearly doubled in six months. U.N. naval forces seized the tanker off the Egyptians' coast. The 4,000 tons of oil — equivalent to 29,320 barrels — were seized from the Volga-Neft-147 is only a fraction of what is getting through, said Cmdr. Jeff Gradeck, spokesman for the Bahrain-based U.S. Navy 5th Fleet.

Police regain contact with hijackers

STANSTED Contact with the hijackers of an Afghan airline broke down Wednesday after the flight crew escaped, but police regained communication and expressed confidence they were on track to win release of the 150-plus hostages aboard.

The negotiations began strained after four crew members staged a daring, midnight escape through a cockpit window. Police were left to wonder if anyone aboard could fly the Ariana Airlines Boeing 727 if the hijackers chose to take off again. The plane had leaped across Asia and Europe before arriving Stansted airport near London early Monday. "You can imagine their (the captors') reactions when they discovered that the flight crew had gone," said Joe Edwards, an assistant chief of Essex County police. "Perhaps understandably, things went quiet." But contact resumed later Wednesday and negotiators grew more hopeful about the release of the 150-plus hostages.

"We're more optimistic now," said Edwards. "Negotiations are where they should be." Negotiators insisted that the armed men had made no formal demands, political or otherwise. The men, believed to be Afghan dissidents armed with grenades, pistols and daggers, had requested only that food, water and other comfort items be brought to the plane, parked on a runway. Special forces mounted in the British media, however, that the plane was seized as part of an elaborate bid for political asylum — and that some of the roughly 140 hostages were women.

"HI-HOAX?" Police walk beside the nose of the Ariana Airlines B-727 on the tarmac at Stansted Airport late Tuesday night. Several hours before four men believed to belong to the crew escaped from the hijacked aircraft using a rope from the cockpit window. The 154 hostages began their fourth day aboard the plane.

Alaska Air inspects MD-80 jets

LOS ANGELES Alaska Airlines said it was inspecting its fleet of 20 MD-80 jettliners Wednesday for damage to a key part in the tail system that may have played a crucial role in the crash of Flight 261.

The two-foot section of the screw was found with the main wreckage of the MD-83 about 10 miles off the coast, and the airline said the screw was found to be stripped.

"It appeared to investigators who looked at the mechanism — that there was some damage to it," National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Jim Hall said in Chicago. "It was unclear whether the damage was pre-impact or from hitting the water.

"Alaska said it would inspect all 34 of its MD-80 series planes as a precaution. The inspection was not expected to cause significant service delays.

"The jack screw is powered by two motors and resembles the corkscrew-like device that opens many automatic garage doors.

"Investigators are focusing on the stabilizer, a wing-like device on the jet's tail, because pilots reported problems with it after taking off from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for San Francisco.

"If the jack screw was damaged during flight, the horizontal stabilizer could move beyond its normal range, causing the tail wing to stall, or lose lift, said William Waldock, associate director for the Center for Aerospace Safety Education at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz.

"It would be nearly impossible to recover from such a stall, Waldock said.

"The pilots would not be able to control the up-or-down motion of the aircraft — which would be consistent with flight data that shows the plane went into a 3.4-mile nosedive and radar tracking that shows something may have fallen off the plane as the dive began.

"The stabilizer moves up and down as a nut rides the jack screw back and forth, explained aviation analyst John Nance of Tacoma, Wash. It was unknown whether the NTSB recovered the nut.

"The system somehow came apart, separated or whatever and the stabilizer free to flip up into the wind at a very severe angle," he said.

"You put something like that directly into the wind at such an angle and it's going to fail. In the process of failing, instead of just coming off the airplane, it pulled the tail up and pulled the nose down," Nance said.
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public contact for solicitation of votes. Personal appearance, placement of posters or distributions of any election materials is considered campaigning.

Because O’Donoghue and Norton did not solicit votes on the radio, they did not violate the bylaw, according to Smith.

“IT was common knowledge that they were candidates,” Smith said. “However, they went into the interview to have fun, to talk about things. They were not soliciting votes. Were they acting as candidates? No, they were not. It just happens they are candidates.”

However, Folks argued the other side.

“It is my understanding that when they were asked to be on WVF, it was because they were candidates,” O’Donoghue himself told me that,” Folks said.

Dillon Senator Brendan Dowdall was the only senator present that heard the interview Saturday.

“I’ll be as frank as possible,” he said. “Their interests were not in the campaign. Most questions asked were jokes. There were some serious issues, such as interracial dating and diversity on campus, but no platform was established.

Other senators felt the same way.

“They appear the radio and talking about whatever, was a solicitation of votes,” said Knott Senator Ed Foy. “I think the words ‘vote for me’ are very important and I don’t think they were uttered.”

Standard Hall Senator Curt Roberts said that if the radio show was a violation, then other public appearances of candidates should also be considered violations.

For instance, said the ticket of John Osborn and Mark Donohue presented a proposal to the Senate a few weeks ago and at the same meeting so also were running for office.

“They were talking about campaign issues. Shouldn’t this have been given?” he said. “No, neither of these tickets said ‘vote for me.’ They were not soliciting votes.

Other senators disagreed, saying the appearance was a violation.

“They made a personal appearance on the radio as candidates,” said Zahm Senator Ryan Becker. “To me that’s cut and dry — they made a violation of the bylaws.”

“A rule is a rule,” said Cavanagh Senator Bridget Tones. “Rules make sure that people play fair. They are in violation. By overruling what the Judicial Council said, we are taking our trust away from them.”

Perhaps the most controversial issue was a motion passed at the beginning of the meeting.

The “Procedures for Election Appeals Bylaws” said that the Senate had the right to overturn, reduce, increase or change imposition of penalties assigned by the Judicial Committee with a 2/3 vote.

Most of the debate occurred under the notion that this bylaw — having been passed earlier as an amendment — granted the Senate the ability to hand down a different punishment to O’Donoghue and Norton from the original two-day suspension.

Two hours into the meeting, student body vice president Michael Palumbo was informed that the new bylaw was not in effect because it needed Student Activities approval.

Because the bylaw was not in effect, the Senate had the choice to either accept the appeal in full and designate no punishment, or deny the appeal and agree to the two-day suspension.

Many senators felt this punishment was too harsh for the crime and wanted to use the new bylaw to amend the punishment.

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Brendan Dowdall
Dillon senator

“Did a personal appearance occur? Yes, of course,” said Palumbo. “Campaign tickets should know the rules. I think they are in violation. However, two days doesn’t make much sense.”

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“Honestly, I am just disappointed in the senators. Senators are there to vote and they did not,” Palumbo said.

Pat Foy also shared some disappointment with the meetings outcome.

“In my two years on the senate not a single thing the Senate has passed has been turned down by Student Activities, let alone by two assistants to the director of Student Activities,” he said.

“Two assistant to the directors determined the outcome of an appeal for an student election,” he added.

President candidate O’Donoghue commended after the meeting stating disappointment in the overturned appeal.

“IT is a setback, a small one. However, we’ve been running on the slogan ‘Believe.’ We’re not about to step believing now. We’re going to overcome this, and press on,” he said.

O’Donoghue added that there is a positive side to the controversy:

“There has been some good come of this. We have seen phenomenal faith and support from the Notre Dame student body — both in the Student Union and our dorms. People do truly believe in us and believe in what we’re fighting for.”

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**Students, faculty criticize ND's character**

By ANNIE MARIE MATTLINGY

*Associated Press*

Notre Dame administrators are too controlling and judgmental, student leaders said at an open forum Wednesday sponsored by the ad hoc committee on Academic and Student Life. Former student body president Carol Mooney asked the students if Notre Dame's inconsistent messages, citing the probation of the Women's Resource Center despite the importance the University places on academic freedom. Students criticized the way that situation was handled.

"The Women's Resource Center is there to help women and to serve them," said junior Vincent Slatt. "They took the information away from the women who need it." Slatt faulted the University for pushing a Catholic agenda. "It's like they're saying, 'Look, we understand you have problems, but this is the right solution. And you're going to hate yourself if you don't make a different choice,'" he said. "Let the women who are smart enough to get into this University decide for themselves, and if it's a sin, then that's for God to judge.

"We're not the ones," said student body president Kenneth Milani. "Candy Marcum expanded the discussion to include the general way in which administrators treat students. "Part of being Christian, part of being Catholic ... is learning to grow up," she said, stressing that the University considers more than test scores and grades during admissions process. Since the school selects "good people," these people should be helped more discretion.

"Sometimes I feel like I'm being led by the hand and that people are helping me in too much.... In some ways you have to break free, and part of that is making your own mistakes," Marum said.

Marcum explained that Notre Dame refuses to allow students to make such mistakes because it is more concerned about its image than it is about its students. "Public relations is not the most important thing in this world," he said. "This place is a multimillion-dollar business ... and a Catholic institution, but sometimes it's run more like a multimillion-dollar business.

Students also critized the partial role as an instance of University that of letting students and giving their own lives.

"That's a huge growing-up experience, being able to stand up for yourself," Marcum said about deciding to ask students to learn.

Noting Notre Dame's lax alcohol policy, Slatt claimed that the University's priorities are misguided. "That's a law. That's not even speaking about moral issues," he said. "I know there's a separation between church and state, but it's not supposed to be this big.

Students also discussed the development of relationships with professors. The development of a personal relationship with professors requires primarily putting in the effort. Student X, for example, said students present for the meeting. "It's a lot of effort to just come up," said Marum. "Professors are very busy people.

Slatt expected a more personal relationship with his instructors. "The relationship isn't what I expected, but it's good in a different way," he said. Remarking on the difficulty of finding personal relationships, Marum noted that his classes on similar topics have another context in which to talk to one another. Both groups also spend such large amounts of time together on lecture and lab that often both have had enough of one another, she said. "Science classes are more structured ... That makes a big difference." The students also expressed a great deal of interest in intellectual discussion in a non-class setting.

They also said that there is little participation in such events because most students do not know about them. Said students present at the forum. "We enjoy it. We get a pretty good turnout for most of our lectures," said Dillon Hall sophomore Alex Pagani of dorm-sponsored events. But student participation in a number of events is low, she said, because students do not find out about events until it is too late to attend. Marum suggested that putting campus events in the dining halls because most students would enjoy seeing such a list.

In addition, students at the forum noted that it is difficult to take classes for credit in a non-traditional manner. Marum, who spent a semester abroad, claimed she encountered resistance to her efforts to take classes for her biological science major out of the traditional sequence. "It's all planned out for you," she said. "[People] get upset when you refile fethers, even though it's your own life you're dealing with.

Slatt, who spent a year studying in Spain through Marquette University, had trouble getting the credits he earned that year to count at Notre Dame and claimed not to understand why the University would hesitate to accept classes taken at a well-respected Catholic institution. "It makes you wonder, 'What's the issue here? I understand that we have to uphold our academic standards ... but I didn't receive any help trying to translate those classes,' he said. "There's no academic body helping me research what Notre Dame does have and how credits can transfer.

Furthermore, Pagani suggested that more 24-hour space is needed on campus. Marum noted that Reekers is a good start for interaction among students but that it is a waste of space for students who live on the other side of campus. Slatt also expressed concern that his classes on similar top-

ics do overlap and believes that he is missing the larger picture in his Spanish/history major. "I'm going to walk out of here with a degree in Spanish from the University of Notre Dame and feel there's a big difference," he said, noting that Notre Dame's Spanish program does not provide suf-

The center for Ethics and Religious Values is sponsoring another exciting Ethics Week. Ethics Week 2000 events include the following presentations in the College of Business.

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**Monday, February 14** — "Ethical Issues in Organizational Behavior." A workshop will feature Professor Mike Clark. 12:30pm - 1:30pm 121 College of Business

**Tuesday, February 15** — "Community Service: The Ethical Imperative." Marlon Eldred, the president of St. Mary's College, will be the speaker for this session. 12:30pm - 1:30pm 122 College of Business

**Wednesday, February 16** — "What Ethics Week Means to the College of Business" will be the topic of a presentation by Dean Canin Wong, College of Business. 12:30pm - 1:30pm Jordan Auditorium

**Thursday, February 17** — "Ethical Implications of Certain Marketing Practices." Professor Greg Gundlach will lead this workshop sessions. 12:30pm - 1:30pm 121 College of Business

**Friday, February 18** — "Professionals." A panel discussion that will include input from Carolyn Anderson, (1st Source Bank), Gaye Snellker, (Gosch Rubin), Barbara Sutton, (NITA), and Mark Wulfsberg, (Ave Maria Press).

All are welcome to attend the presentations. You are welcome to bring your lunch. Cold drinks will be provided.

If you have any questions about Ethics Week 2000, please contact Ken Milani at Kenneth.W.Milani.1@nd.edu, or Deb Coch at Deborah.M.Coch.1@nd.edu.
Hypertension drug effective in many ways

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Could an experimental hypertension drug keep seniors from having a heart attack, type of borderline high blood pressure from dying or having a heart attack, stroke or heart failure? Scientists in 16 countries, led by cardiologists at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, have begun an extensive, first-year study to find the answer. They are hoping the medication will prevent patients’ arteries from stiffening further, thereby pushing their blood pressure dangerously high.

The study began last fall and will include about 12,600 patients at about 900 sites around the world, according to the lead researcher, Dr. John B. Kostis, a cardiology professor and chairman of the Department of Medicine atUMINORobert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick.

"It is a history-making clinical trial," Kostis said last month.

The study will test a Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. drug, called omapatrilat, on patients who have an early stage of what’s called isolated systolic hypertension because only their systolic blood pressure is above normal.

Systolic pressure, the top number in a blood pressure reading, occurs when the heart contracts, forcing blood into the arteries. Diastolic pressure, the lower number in a blood pressure reading, occurs when the heart relaxes between beats. Usually if one pressure is elevated, the other is high as well.

From the 1950s until the 1990s, cardiologists and researchers focused on patients’ diastolic pressure, partly because the heart is at rest two-thirds of the time. Efforts to control hypertension concentrated on bringing down patients’ diastolic pressure until studies by Kostis and other researchers in the late 1990s showed that using diuretics prevented cardiac “events” such as heart attacks in many patients.

Kostis said those studies showed that the level of a patient’s systolic pressure was a better predictor than diastolic pressure of whether their heart condition would worsen or kill them.

"There is no proof that treating the middle forms of this isolated systolic hypertension benefits the patient," but this study could prove just that, said Kostis, who spent a decade trying to organize and get funding for it. Bristol-Myers Squibb, which has its research headquarters in Princeton, is funding the study. It is hoping that the Food and Drug Administration, which last month said it would expedite its evaluation of the drug, will approve it for sale by June.

Half the patients will take a 20 mg or 40 mg dose of omapatrilat each day and half will take a sugar pill. Neither the patients nor their doctors will know who got what until the study ends. Patients must be 65 or older and have a systolic blood pressure of 141 to 159 and a diastolic pressure below 90.

"They think it’s doing a great thing for whoever might need it," said Alfred Fein, 72, one of the first patients recruited.

Feld, a retired salesman and manager in the textile industry, has borderline high blood pressure for years but is always on the go with errands and civic activities. He doesn’t want his heart condition to worsen and force him to slow down.

Collisions prompt NTSB inquiry

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Two recent collisions involving small airplanes have some urging improved air traffic control for such aircraft, which often take off and land at facilities without control towers. On Tuesday, two small planes collided over suburban Chicago, killing three and sending smoldering wreckage into a densely populated area. Only a day before, four people died in Los Angeles after those planes collided over a golf course.

Those who fly such planes call the collisions Monday and Tuesday a tragic fluke. But others argue the accidents point to a problem.

National Transportation Safety Board investigators were sorting through wreckage Wednesday in Zion, about 45 miles north of Chicago, to find clues to what caused Tuesday’s crash over a hospital.

The crash killed popular Chicago radio personality Bob Collins and a friend flying with him, as well as the student pilot flying the other plane.

A control tower at the nearby Waukegan Regional Airport had cleared both Collins’ two-seat Zlin stunt plane and the four-seat Cessna 172 to land, one after the other. But in this case, as with most operations of small, noncommercial planes, it was up to the pilots to make sure their space was clear before landing, officials said.

In fact, the presence of a control tower at the Van Nuys Airport, near the site of Monday’s crash in Los Angeles — is unusual.

Warren Morningstar, a spokesman for the Maryland-based Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, said only 543 of the about 5,300 public-use airports in the United States have control towers.

That means pilots of smaller planes that are not tracked by radar must rely on a common radio frequency, their instruments and their eyes to assure safety, Morningstar said.

The fact that such two collisions occurred in such quick succession raises questions about the ability of the pilots of small aircraft to monitor their own actions, said Jim Poole, the Chicago-based regional vice president for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

Control towers that do exist are often underfunded, and other towers that should still have been operated have been removed, leaving pilots that sometimes have very little flying experience to navigate through a takeoff or landing with no guidance, he said.

“Certainly you’re cutting the cost ... but you’re also cutting the safety,” Poole said.

Most of the time, the “rules of the road” approach to flying works, FAA statistics show. In 1998, for example, general aviation aircraft — those that are not government, military or commercial — had 1,907 accidents, or 7.12 per 100,000 flight hours. Of those, 361 were fatal.

Midair collisions were extremely rare, with preliminary NTSB data for 1999 showing 18 such crashes.
Gasoline additive found in water

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - A widely used gasoline additive that makes cars pollute less but may cause cancer has been found in drinking water systems in Maryland, authorities said.

The additive, known as MTBE, has been detected in about 1,400 public wells and 140 monitoring wells drilled near gas stations since 1998, state officials say. It has also turned up in 66 of the more than 1,000 public water systems in Maryland, which began testing in 1995.

The state Department of the Environment does not know the full extent of contamination and is asking lawmakers for permission to use $150,000 to raise the number of groundwater inspectors from 21 to 24.

"We don't think that we have a crisis situation here," Rick Collins, director of the department's Water Management Division, said Tuesday. However, he continued, "I don't want you to go away thinking everyone's under control."

Small amounts of MTBE, or methyl tertiary butyl ether, first came into use in gasoline in the 1970s to boost octane and later, in greater amounts, to "oxy­genate" gas, reducing pollution coming out of automobile tailpipes.

Following the passage of the Clean Air Act in 1990, federal authorities ordered the phase-in of oxygenates in gasoline sold in the nation's smoggiest urban areas.

Terry Wigglesworth, executive director of the Oxygenated Fuels Association, an Arlington, Va.-based trade group, said Maryland has enjoyed tremen­dously cleaner air because of MTBE.

Concerns about the petrochemical arose in the mid-1990s when a European study linked MTBE to liver and kidney tumors in mice.

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WASHINGTON This week's computer attacks on Internet sites are the largest in memory, but are not particularly sophis­ticated and easily could have been launched by one 15-year-old boy, a senior FBI official said Wednesday.

Ron Dick, chief of the FBI's computer investiga­tion section, said the bureau could not solve the crime or prevent future Internet vandalism without considerable help from the private sector. "We're going to need the help of everyone in the community to resolve this," Dick told a news conference at FBI headquar­ters.

Attorney General Janet Reno said the motive and identity of the attack­er or attackers are not known but, "We're commit­ted to taking steps to ensure that e-commerce remains a secure place to do busi­ness."

"This is a wakeup call," said Commerce Secretary William Daley. "I don't think these incidents should cause people not to go online to do whatever business they're doing."

Dick said the week's van­dalism was accomplished using "distributed denial of service" tools.

In such attacks, a hacker hides these tools, known as daemons, on hundreds or even thousands of innocent third-party computers. The daemons can be triggered from a remote location to launch simultaneous attacks on a single target, such as Yahoo! or eBay. The attacking daemons give false addresses so they are harder to trace.

The volume of attacks overwhelms the target and causes it to cease oper­ations, much the same way that a very heavy volume of telephone calls can tie up a phone system and leave most users with no dial tone or a busy signal, Dick said.

Many tools for such an attack exist on Internet Web sites, and anyone can down­load them, he said. "They do not take much technical expertise to use," Dick said.

"A 15-year-old kid could launch these attacks. This is not something that it takes a great deal of sophistica­tion to do," Dick said.

But Dick noted that since the FBI does not know who conducted the attacks, it's "always a possibility that a foreign government is responsible."

"Until you get to the key­board being utilized, you don't know what you're dealing with," Dick said. He noted that most similar, past attacks used some overseas computers as well as ones in this country.

Dick could not remem­ber any attacks that had affected as many millions of people as those this week.

In addition to not knowing who is responsible, the FBI also does not know how many innocent third-party computers were used to launch them and does not know if the attacks have ended, Dick said.

Agents are starting from victim computers and track­ing the attacks back through the Internet service providers that delivered the attacking daemons. Dick likened it to tracking a trail left by bank robbers from the bank to their lair. Tom Burke, of the General Services Administration, said no attacks had been traced thus far to govern­ment computers.

Dick urged the private sector to report any attacks promptly so tracing can begin quickly. And he urged private Internet sites to keep logs of traffic, install any tools developed to thwart such attacks and keep them updated.

Over the New Year's weekend, the FBI posted tools that could detect whether two types of dae­mons were hidden on a computer system. Some 2,600 businesses down­loaded the FBI tools at no cost and three found such daemons, prompting the FBI to open criminal inves­tigations of who put them there.

"We're doing." - William Daley, Commerce Secretary

FBI: Computer crimes unsophisticated

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CAMBODIA

U.N. urges prosecution of regime

PHNOM PENH

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan remains firm in demands for international domination of a proposed tribunal for Khmer Rouge leaders, rejecting key provisions of Cambodia's plan.

In a letter to Cambodian premier Hun Sen, obtained today by The Associated Press, Annan urged an independent international prosecutor and a majority of U.N.-appointed judges. Cambodia has rejected such demands as infringing on its sovereignty.

"The United Nations ... maintains its long-standing position that its cooperation and engagement in the process of establishing a tribunal for the prosecution of crimes committed during the Khmer Rouge regime, is contingent upon meeting international standards of justice, fairness and due process of law," Annan wrote.

Hun Sen's staff declined to comment on the letter today, except to say that it was received late Tuesday and was under review. Senior officials who drafted the trial plan could not immediately be reached for comment.

Talks on a court to judge Khmer Rouge leaders for the death of 1.7 million Cambodians in the late 1970s have been deadlocked for months. Annan sent the letter in response to Cambodia's invitation last month for a resumption of face-to-face talks with Phnom Penh.

Annan told Hun Sen he will send a team of senior officials if Cambodia is willing to discuss his four main concerns.

Along with a majority of foreign judges and an independent U.N. prosecutor, Annan wants an international agreement guaranteeing that the Cambodian government will arrest any suspect indicted by the court. It also wants Cambodia to clarify an amnesty clause in its trial plan that could bar prosecution of several senior Khmer Rouge who defected to the government as the movement collapsed in the late 1990s.

Cambodia's plan calls for a majority of Cambodian judges, but requires at least one international judge to agree with all rulings. Indictments would require agreement of Cambodian and U.N.-appointed co-prosecutors.

Annan warned in his letter that the Cambodian plan "will be difficult to operate and likely lead to an impasse."

The Khmer Rouge came to power in 1975 after winning a civil war against a U.S.-backed regime and expelled Cambodia's cities, forcing the entire population into Manstist-style farming collectives.

Starvation, disease and execution claimed the lives of about one in five Cambodians. The Khmer Rouge was forced out of power by the Vietnamese army in 1979, but fought a guerrilla war against the Cambodian government until 1996, when the rebel leadership began breaking up.

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BRITAIN

Official asks for better IRA response

LONDON

Britain's top official for Northern Ireland appealed Wednesday for the Irish Republic Army to "respond in a constructive way" to calls for disarmament, hoping to save the province's fledgling Cabinet.

The plea from Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson came a day after the House of Commons passed emergency legislation that would allow Britain to suspend the Cabinet's considerable powers and restore so-called direct rule from London.

Mandelson has vowed to lift the powers Friday, after the bill makes its way through the upper House of Lords. But he indicated a positive response by the IRA could forestall the move.

"Nobody is asking for surrender by the IRA," Mandelson told the Commons.

"Nobody is asking for humiliation to be heaped on the IRA."

He said he hoped the IRA "will understand this need and even at this 11th hour respond in a constructive way."

The crisis was spurred Jan. 31 when a report by an independent disarmament commission, which was established the year before the 1998 Good Friday peace accord, indicated the IRA had made no concrete commitments toward disarmament.

The major Protestant party within the power-sharing cabinet, the Ulster Unionists, had agreed to form the four-party coalition — which includes the IRA-linked Sinn Fein — only on condition that IRA start getting rid of weapons.

Mandelson disclosed Wednesday that the disarmament committee might issue a further report before the end of the week, which could buy the British government some time if it contained any positive news.

"In that context, I would make this appeal to the leaders of all the political parties in Northern Ireland — that they shouldn't close their minds to any further developments," he said. "Nobody wants any of the political parties to walk away from the peace process, because we want this work to continue."

The Ulster Unionists have scheduled a meeting Saturday for grassroots members to vote whether to remain in the 12-member Cabinet.

Forming another administration would prove extremely difficult, since it would require a new election in Northern Ireland.

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Going to the Health Center for medical treatment is apparently no easy task. For those who do not already know, off-campus students must walk half a mile from the parking lots or wait at the call box for security to provide a ride (assuming one is too ill to walk). In no case is a student allowed to drive to the building — this permits the student with the privilege of driving a vehicle on campus.

The woman at the gate mumbled to me the options available, lowered the barrier before me (I was deterred I suppose), closed her window and ignored me until I left. I had no intention of waiting in the cold and snow for a security officer, so it was either the visitor’s lot by the library or the lots by the JACC.

Influenced by the impetus for my journey to the Health Center, I spontaneously called campus security to discuss the matter. Well, I am sure you can imagine how uninterested, uninformative and insulting the conversation went for me. I do not want sympathy for my little walk, only improvement on a system that actually disserves those for which it supposedly exists. Of course, I heard how both the gates and the number of students who will say anything to get on campus (before noon on a Monday, what a security risk)! There is also the legitimate concern over parking space.

I suggested some form of control given the effective means of confirming a visit to the Health Center, students all register at the front desk before receiving any medical attention. The security official literally chuckled at me as being foolish enough to believe that there is a way to check on whether or not a student attends the Health Center after gaining access to campus. The detached voice went on to “inform” me that the truly sick thank the gate worker and freely accept the long walk while the truly healthy get instrumented at security. By this time, I gave up on the conversation. The official was neither surprised nor concerned when I informed her that I was calling from the Health Center and extremely dissatisfied. This deviation from the “norm” fell on deaf ears.

My question is, is this such a strained relationship? It seems security could care less about the students: the less, the better. They witness emotion in a driver and perceive it as an indication of a lie to get on to the campus? Surely the investigative capabilities of these individuals are obviously unimpressive to all.

Maybe you too know of a RA who speaks anything desired onto campus or the infamous “someone who knows someone.” Many others manipulate the system by using the right to drive a female student back to her dorm. Limited parking and alcohol are apparently the problems. The current solution is to deny anyone unlucky enough not to be able to pull strings access to the place we pay to attend.

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Endorsement
Vote for Hanover/Micek

With enthusiasm, a commitment to empowering students and diversity of experience, Hunt Hanover and John Micek have the creative, realistic vision to lead Notre Dame's student government and student body in 2000-01. They have always felt the need for integrating students' opinions and protecting their rights.

Calling for campus unity, proactive dialogue and increased student services, this ticket's ideas are innovative yet feasible. The Observer endorses Hunt Hanover and John Micek for student body president and vice president.

In their interview with The Observer, they showed that they are informed and engaging. Not content simply to deal with unimportant and trivial aspects of previous administrations, the pair offered innovative ideas on drug problems and recognized areas of the University untouched by student government.

Their call for a student body academic Bill of Rights shows commitment to the University's educational mission as well as concern for fairness across departmental and class boundaries. Their dedication to issues like eating disorders, the Women's Resource Center, 24-hour space, diversity and press rights means they have not lost the possible extent of their influence.

Hanover and Micek also are committed to increasing communication among students, administrators, faculty and student government by improving personal and Internet contact. Their own ability to communicate with each other as good friends further demonstrates their commitment to honest and effective communication.

They promise to echo the students' voice to University leaders — something they believe the Murphy/Palumbo administration generally fails to do — and to make students aware of pending decisions regarding student life. Calling for a student member on the Board of Trustees, these candidates realistically see barriers to that goal; in the case a student trustee is not appointed, they plan to work with young-alumni trustees to offer current students' views to the board.

While both have extensive student government experience, Hanover and Micek have tried in realms of the Notre Dame community often not traversed by traditional student representatives. Involved in varsity athletics — Hanover in basketball and Micek in golf — and active in clubs and organizations, these candidates offer knowledge of the community unavailable to most employees of LaFortune's second floor.

Hanover, a junior finance and government major, currently serves as assistant chief of staff for the Murphy/Palumbo administration. He has served on junior council, as sophomore class president and led freshman religious and diversity retreats. A St. Edward's Hall resident, Hanover also heads the chess club.

A finance major, Micek is junior class president. He served as Kough Hall co-president as a sophomore and is a tutor in South Bend's Hispanic community outreach program, El Buen Vecino. While this ticket boasts extensive experience in programming, Hanover/Micek does lack the policy-making knowledge of other tickets, including O'Donnoghue/Norton and Osherbach/Edwards.

This should not prove detrimental to the team's overall objectives if educated appointments are Hanover/Micek's first order of business.

Surrounded by people who have worked extensively with the student union constitution, Hanover and Micek will expedite their plans, making implementation of projects like "The Shirt" for men's and women's basketball and free tutoring for all students more probable.

Hanover and Micek recognize students' current discontent with their lack of influence in University decisions and the growing need for augmented campus services. A strong, dynamic team, they are dedicated to tackling campus issues in a realistic, timely and innovative manner.

Their commitment to excellence sources Hanover and Micek as the best candidates to represent Notre Dame's student body in the first years of the new millennium.

Let's to the Editor

SMC voters: Quit whining, act like ladies

We have always been proud to attend Saint Mary's College. It is an institution that is founded on Catholic moral beliefs and a strong sense of unity throughout the student body. However the recent student body president and vice president elections have brought forth a complete opposite atmosphere to our campus.

It is impossible to walk to class, have a meal in the dining hall, or even to sit in the peace and quiet of one's own room without listening to members of our "unified" student body trashing the four girls who wanted nothing more than to help the very people who are putting them down. This is one thing to say something to the student body that we were once so proud to be a part of. The mudslinging that has been occurring on this campus in the past few days has been atrocious. How can any of you who are not close to the people involved in any of the tickets speak so vehemently against them?

There have been many runways along the election lines.

There have been spiritless and anonymous phone messages with拎ren with Franco/Nagle supporters who used extremely explicit language. The mudslinging inspired by many a student at Saint Mary's has been out of line and unfounded.

So, to the many girls who seem to have so many hateful words to say about each other, I say to all of you that the election process was botched, this is true. However, according to the bylaws, it was up to the Elections Committee to make the final decision after the last "fair and open" Wednesday. Rules are rules and they are not to be disregarded. There are many laws in the United States that could be seen unfair, but are expected to be followed no matter what the exceptions. If they are not followed, when you put it in a year when students are not thinking, they are there for. In this situation, the rules were not followed, and people go out of their way to make a hasty and careless decision to hold another elections made by the inappropriate committee, who is not a member of the student body, would turn so many women against each other.

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Both tickets in this race were qualified and impressive. We should feel lucky to have a group of women who are willing and able to repre­sent Saint Mary's on the national level. We have that luxury. Many colleges don't. So be proud that you have such an incredible group of people who are prepared to repre­sent you, do not belittle them. If you are not qualified to make the com­ments that you are making, keep your mouth shut.

It is an embarrassment to hear the petty, inappropriate and disrespectful comments that have been so ardently voiced throughout the Saint Mary's campus. The election is over. The decision has been made. To all the women who have been whining about this election — STOP IT. If you can constructively criticize in the right places at the right time and to the right people, then by all means do so. If not, keep your rude and audacious comments to yourself. You are ladies, act like it.

Angela Agness
Kathryn Sherman
Junior
Saint Mary's College
February 8, 2000

Thanks for gay speak-out

I am writing to applaud Saint Mary's for having the decency to allow its lesbian alumnae the opportunity to come back on campus to share their stories. When I first decided to go listen to the alumnae panel speaking I felt apprehensive — would I be made to feel uncomfortable? Would people think I was gay? Would I be the only student there? When I arrived I felt enlightened — as well as ashamed of my own previously unknown prejudices.

Identity Week has just passed, but the changes that need to be made. So many times heterosexuals take for granted the rights they have that the gay community is lack. The right to marry the person one chooses, to have children, the right to health insurance plans and to be true to personal views. Especially important in the right now to be labeled and have that label care­lessly thrown around as a hateful insult.

People need to think next time they refer to something as gay, retarded, Jewish, queer, etc., about the individuals they could inadvertently be offending.

There are unbelievable stories about the biases the courageous women I heard speak, as well as other members of the gay population, have been forced to endure. They have to much heartache and pain. And why? Because some choose to live their lives outside the realm of society's ideals? Being a pre-choice agnostic I understand what it is like not to fit in. I cannot even fathom how hard women must have felt. Acceptance is key. I urge people to see beyond their stereotypical ideals and acknowledge no one can categorize what it is to love. That there are others — people that eat, sleep, breathe and cry just as they do — that live slightly different lifestyles. But that they are still people deserving of our respect, approval and understanding. Please put an end to this wasteful intoler­ance to our differences and celebrate our uniqueness.

Jessica Needles
Freshman
Regus Hall
February 7, 2000
Culture, at Notre Dame? It's not for everyone. But for those with the right spirit, a bit of the Shakespearean verve might prove contagious. Whether you are a student, a faculty member, or a community member, there are many ways to explore the works of William Shakespeare and his influence. The Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival 2000 is one such opportunity. The festival is a collaboration between the University of Notre Dame and the Royal Shakespeare Company, which is renowned for its innovative approach to Shakespeare's works. The festival includes lectures, workshops, and performances, all designed to engage and inspire. In the words of Paul Rathburn, artistic director-producer, "This is the most exciting moment in the history of Notre Dame theater." The festival will run July 15 through Aug. 6, with performances at the University of Notre Dame. This is the perfect opportunity to experience Shakespearean theater at its finest, and to join the community in celebrating this timeless art form.
From ‘Darth’ to devoted, candidates run the gamut

A number of fringe tickets hope to widen debate

By HELENA RAYAM

From experience to enthusiasm to evil intentions, candidates for student body president and vice president prepare to use their best assets to win the election, or at least to have fun.

"We're evil and evil will always win because good is dumb," said presidential candidate Todd Warapius, who prefers to be called "Darth Todd." Warapius, along with his vice president running mate, "Darth" George Copping, have a Star Wars theme for their campaign.

"Yes, we are running for the fun of it, but we are trying to point out some of the problems on the campus," said Warapius.

"We're fighting against J. Crew and Dave Matthews," said Copping.

Aside "We're evil from the kind of people that will vote for us."

Presidential candidate Chris Costigan, running with Patrick McCormick, also want changes in student government.

"It really seems like the student government is this little clique (that passes) use-

Lack of female, minority participation marks race

Only one woman runs in pack of 20 candidates

By ERIN LaRUFFA

Recently, Notre Dame students have expressed a need to promote diversity on campus.

But if the upcoming student body president elections are any indication, students themselves are not making minority more visible.

Of 20 candidates currently running for student body president or vice president, only one — vice presidential candidate Brooke Norton — is female.

At a University that is almost 20 percent female, why aren’t more women running?

“Notre Dame is a patriarchal campus,” said Norton’s running mate, Keough Hall senator Brian O’Donoghue.

He explained that the University’s president must be a male because a priest must fill the position, and that the constant presence of a man in power could contribute to a generally male-dominated campus.

“I think it’s time more women take on a leadership role on this campus."

Brooke Norton vice presidential candidate

“The endorsement

In a field of 10 tickets, one stands out as the team that will best tackle undergraduate issues."

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Candidates hit the campaign trail

Wednesday to try to gain the support of students campuswide.

Presidential candidate Joseph Shepherd and running mate Jim Focht (above) talk politics with two Lyons residents.

Presidential candidate Brian O'Donoghue (right) ponders a difficult question from a Breen-Phillips resident. Several candidates are going door-to-door in hopes of adding a personal touch to their appeal during the campaigning period. Tickets could begin campaign activities Tuesday morning and continue through Sunday night.

The primary election will be held Monday.

photos by PETER RICHARDSON

MEETING AND GREETING

Last year's leaders, this year's candidates lack vision

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Murphy, Palumbo reflect on year in office

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

After their running mates bowed out of the elections last February, current student body presidents Michael Murphy and vice president Anthony Palumbo were thrown together almost by chance.

The two student government veterans united and went on to win a landslide victory, sweeping into office with more than 54 percent of the vote in the right-ticket primary field.

But then they had to work together.

The pair has spent much of the year in office focusing on specific interests. Palumbo has steered Student Senate through a number of debates and complicated legislation, while Murphy has worked to improve student services and plan events for the general student population.

Murphy said differing backgrounds was one of the pair's strongest qualities.

"We're two totally different types of people," he said and that's probably one our greatest strengths.

He noted their different personalities and interests as benefits to the office as a whole, but many students, and some seniors, noted the office lacked strong leadership and a full understanding of students' needs.

"Micah and I have a different understanding of what the role of the President is supposed to fill," said one senator, who noted that Palumbo has been more aggressive in taking a stand on controversial issues such as The Observer's independence.

"Micah's more concerned with student services," the senator said. "He doesn't want to get his hands dirty."

Several presidential tickets have picked up on this, especially pointing to the small number of resolutions which CLC and Senate have passed this year.

"Last year, (Murphy and Palumbo) did absolutely nothing," said presidential candidate Chris Costigan. His sentiments are echoed by a number of tickets, whose plans for the presidency are more ambitious, if perhaps more practicable than Murphy and Palumbo's.

Even Palumbo, however, said the office, at times, had last direction.

To its credit, this administration's term saw few major campus issues like the Big Ten and non-discrimination clause decisions, which galvanized student opinion 1998-99.

When issues did arise, however, statements from Murphy's office were few and far between.

In November, when the Senate debated a resolution supporting The Observer's freedom from University regulations on advertising, the president's office hesitated to make a statement.

Murphy and Palumbo also have had difficult implementing student services.

After SafeRide stopped operating last spring, the Office of the President formed a committee to investigate the free late-night service and find a way to restart it.

More than a semester later, however, the service is still not up and running, and a new commissioner was hired only last Monday.

"We needed it to come up in the Fall. We wanted to get it up and running," Palumbo said. "We were having a hard time getting volunteers. Maybe we didn't get the ball moving quick enough on the whole system."

The proposal as it stands now is great.

Murphy added that the delay in hiring a commissioner did enable the Transportation Committee to develop a strong plan that will, he hopes, enable SafeRide to run more efficiently than it did in its previous years.

The administration had its high points, however, and the pair pointed to the Fall Board of Trustees Report — on the Catholic character of Notre Dame — as one.

"I think the topic was pertinent," Palumbo said. "When I went into the Trustees meeting, I haven't heard that many compliments in a long time...they were like 'we're researching this too, we'd like your input.'"

The report was released in October, as the University was formulating its official response to the proposed norms for Catholic Universities recommended by Ex Corde Ecclesiae. It addressed a number of issues regarding Catholicism at Notre Dame, including religion of faculty and Campus Ministry programs.

Trustees adopted a number of the report's recommendations, according to Murphy, and they still are considering others.

"They engaged in dialogue, and at times was heated, which is good because it shows they were interested in our report," he said.

They have also worked successfully in increasing communication among Student Union organizations and encouraging groups to work together through co-sponsorship of events.

Murphy and Palumbo also point to their efforts to lay the groundwork on several issues that should be continued by next year's president if they are to be realized.

For instance, this semester's Board of Trustees report concerns student representation on University committees. It will take a long time for student leaders to make a concrete difference on that issue, but Murphy expressed optimism that his report was a good first step.

I'm confident that a lot of the stuff we've done and will do will have some good for the University."

Micah Murphy
Student body president

Under the leadership of student body president Micah Murphy (seated) and vice president Anthony Palumbo (standing), student government has had an up and down year.

Student body president

Executive Cabinet
- The chief of staff, HPC co-chairs, class presidents, off-campus co-presidents, SUB board manager, SUB programming director, club coordinator the Student Union Treasurer and five club council representatives sit on the Executive Cabinet.
- The president chairs this body, which is responsible for coordinating the daily operations, priorities and programming of the Student Union.

Treasurer's Office
- The Student Union treasurer is responsible for disbursing undergraduates student organization funds and ensuring that Student Union organizations adhere to fiscal policy.
- The treasurer chairs the Financial Management Board, which makes funding recommendations for clubs and organizations.

The Student Union

Student body president

Student Senate
- One representative from each hall sits on the Senate, along with one off-campus representative.
- The Senate, which is chaired by the student body vice president, is responsible for formulating and advancing the position of the undergraduate student body on campus issues.
- The Senate is also responsible for establishing Student Union fiscal policies and for overseeing the operations of the Union.

Judicial Council
- The Judicial Council is responsible for overseeing elections and peer-advisory programs.

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Chris Costigan

sophomore, government major

Zahn Hall

Experience

Costigan is Zahm’s fund-raising chairman and has served on that dorm’s freshman orientation committee. Last summer, he worked as an independent consultant for IBM. McCormick is Zahm’s secretary, captain of the dorm’s interhall baseball team and coordinator of a dorm volunteer program.

Platform goals

◆ To cut the band from its seats at basketball games and to offer those seats to students
◆ To provide cable TV service in dorm rooms
◆ To allow all Notre Dame students to buy football tickets before Saint Mary’s students purchase theirs

Best idea

To inform students of administrative plans and programs well before their implementation

Worst idea

Ridding dining halls of Yo-Cream machines because of their perception of false advertising: “We think it really has fat.”

Patrick McCormick

junior, biology major

Zahn Hall

Most feasible idea

Official organization of Zahm vs. campus snowball fight on the night of the season’s first snowfall

Least feasible idea

A du Lac-free day: Students will make a charitable donation in return for freedom to disregard rules of the student handbook like the prohibition of kegs on campus.

These candidates believe that while voters are apt to choose candidates with “nice” promises, like more 24-hour space and programs aimed at campus unity, constituents really want fun. Thus, they suggest construction of a freshman bar, a dancel-free day and an Otis Day and the Knights concert to those guys who jammed in Animal House.

This ticket’s light-hearted focus is exciting, but its plans are impossible to implement. Candidates’ lack of governing experience outside Zahm also shows limited knowledge of student life and lack of motivation to move beyond the walls of their home dorm to influence the Notre Dame community.

Matthew Flatow

First Year, intended government major

Zahn Hall

Experience

Flatow is a section leader in Zahm; Dinnell is his assistant. In high school, Flatow was Spanish club president and golf team captain.

Platform goals

◆ To overhaul the student union constitution
◆ To create a campus shuttle system
◆ To force the global media to recognize Notre Dame students on a daily basis

Best idea

Flatow recognizes the need for integration between ethnic groups, however, he lacks concrete plans to improve diversity.

Worst idea

Implementing a three-year vision for the president — who would be titled the “benevolent despot” in Flatow’s term — and creating a system of checks and balances between the vice president and Senate

Adam Dinnell

First Year, intended science major

Zahn Hall

Most feasible idea

Dorm competition at an annual snow olympics in a tournament similar to Bookstore Basketball

Least feasible ideas

Trained monkeys as banana-picking laborers on trees in the dining halls, despite expressed concern about sanitation problems; Pressureing Notre Dame to ensure the release of all American prisoners of the Vietnam War seems beyond the administration’s imminent objectives as well.

Flatow and Dinnell’s lack of experience and feasible plans could lead to a chaotic and messy term. Revamping student government without understanding of its current operations will surely lead to disorganization and a defunct system.

The ticket also underestimates the resistance it would face from current senators, administrators and other members of the student body. By focusing on the globalization of Notre Dame, the pair misses the issues that are important to students in their own neighborhood.

Hunt Hanover

junior, finance & government major

St. Edward’s Hall

Experience

Hanover currently serves as assistant chief of staff for the Murphy/Palumbo administration, has worked on class and dorm councils and plays varsity basketball. Micek is junior class president, was Kehough Hall co-president and volunteers in South Bend.

Platform goals

◆ To establish a Student Academic Bill of Rights, including free tutoring for all undergraduates, clarification of the Honor Code and more office hours from professors
◆ To immediately increase 24-hour space on campus with a possible lockers-type establishment on North Quad
◆ To improve campus access through short-term parking near Bell and Stepan for off-campus students and creating a campus shuttle
◆ To improve campus unity and diversity through initiatives including The Shirt for men’s and women’s basketball, celebrating Founder’s Day and working with OMSA and other groups on diversity issues

Best idea

The Student Academic Bill of Rights would clarify ambiguous areas of the Honor Code, give students greater knowledge in selecting their classes, and make tutoring available for everyone.

Worst idea

A campus shuttle: Walking from Lyons to Loulou takes only 20 minutes, and students probably would have to wait that long for a shuttle.

Most feasible idea

Instituting The Shirt for basketball

Least feasible idea

It is unlikely Hanover and Micek can convince professors to give up more of their free time to office hours that are often poorly attended.

Hanover and Micek have an impressive list of qualifications, especially in programming and diversity, and both have been involved in non-student government activities. Their approachability is refreshing, as is their ability to see current problems in student government.

The platform is well-researched, but perhaps too broad for the ticket to accomplish in one year.

John Micek

junior, finance major

Kehough Hall

Commitment to Excellence

“We want to be day-to-day leaders with tangible goals.”
Brian O’Donoghue
junior, English major
Keough Hall

Experience
O’Donoghue has served two terms as Keough Hall senator, two on the Campus Life Council and has sat on more than 15 committees dealing with student life issues. Norton is sophomore class vice president, was freshman class secretary and has participated in Walsh Hall government.

Platform goals
• To create and expand academic services like the Internet book-swap, an online course guide and course development grants for professors
• To improve student life through discounts at local businesses, a scholarship search service and a dorm endowment fund that would allow rosters to provide students with funds in emergency situations
• To open a satellite Grab ’n’ Go site in DelBartolo and a Hocket’s-like cafe in North Dining Hall

Best idea
• Uniting undergrads through campus-wide programs: supplying more student tickets for away football games and promoting Planet Irish, a Web site brimming with information for students

Worst idea
• O’Donoghue and Norton said they would keep silent about issues or information — like the proposed cancellation of Sophomores Sibs Weekend — if they believed it was in students’ best interests or if administrators requested it.

Brooke Norton
sophomore, government major
Walsh Hall

Experience
Norton has served two terms as Sophomore Council president and has been on student government’s budget committee and on the Executive Board for three years. Norton and O’Donoghue have served two terms as Keough Hall senator.

Platform goals
• To create an Internet campus newspaper, The Observer+, and suspend the opinion section of the student newspaper. Norton and O’Donoghue would expand academic services like the Internet book-swap, an online course guide and course development grants for professors
• To improve student life through discounts at local businesses, a scholarship search service and a dorm endowment fund that would allow rosters to provide students with funds in emergency situations

Most feasible idea
• O’Donoghue’s conviction that administrators will consider him a colleague simply because he represents 8,000 students

Least feasible idea
• O’Donoghue and Norton have created an extensive, realistic plan. The candidates’ dedication to campus unity through programming is admirable, but they generally lack innovative programs.

“Feel like we can do this job well and make a little bit of difference around here.”

John Osborne
junior, government/public policy major
Zahn Hall

Experience
For two years, Osborne and Donahoe have worked together to compile the student government’s report in the Board of Trustees; this year, Osborne chairs the report committee and Donahoe is the vice chair. Donahoe also has coordinated SafeTide.

Platform goals
• Greater student involvement in University governance through increased communication between students and the administration, more students on University committees and student representatives on the Board of Trustees
• An updated curriculum with more introductory courses, second majors and minors and cultural studies programs
• Improved student relations; support of a more diverse community and inclusion of sexual orientation in the University’s non-discrimination clause

Best idea
• Instituting a homecoming weekend; a block of football tickets would be set aside for recent graduates and dorm events would highlight the weekend.

Worst idea
• While the ticket believes “you can’t legislate tolerance,” it is also unmotivated to program events that could increase diversity education.

Mark Donahoe
junior, philosophy/economics major
Sorin Hall

Experience
Donahoe has served three terms as Head of House for a dorm in Castle Pointe apartments and has served on the Student Senate, the Student Judicial Council and as president of the Irish Student Association. He was also a co-founder of the Notre Dame Coalition for Change.

Platform goals
• To create a newsletter for students living off-campus and create a forum for student concerns and discussions
• To expand cultural studies programs

Best idea
• Fostering frank discussion of sexuality, condom distribution on this campus

Worst idea
• Donahoe and Higgins are articulate, driven and in-tune with specific needs. Their initiatives, which include an off-campus housing network and expanded tutoring services, show an understanding of how programs can ease students’ daily concerns. Their platform goals, however, are broad and long-term, and the candidates lack necessary research in many areas. With only one year in office, it seems this team could accomplish quick-hit plans but might leave major issues untackled.

Doug Pardon
junior, finance major
Castle Pointe apartments

Experience
Pardon and O’Donoghue’s experience comes from their 2 1/2 years on campus as well-informed students. Pardon also is this year’s Shirt coordinator and has worked on The Shirt project for two years.

Platform goals
• Frank discussion about sexuality, condom distribution and making available information about abortion
• Hold graduation ceremonies in Notre Dame Stadium
• Bring back Sophomore Sibs Weekend and SafeTide

Best idea
• Cutting down on student fees (e.g. ticket costs, dining hall charge if you lose your ID)

Worst idea
• Reversing the balance of faculty and administration

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Guys with common sense
“We’re two guys who like to go out and drink and talk about issues.”
Andrew Scialliz
First Year, intended business major
Zahn Hall

Experience
Like most freshmen, I see two have very little experience with Notre Dame student government. Scialliz served in his church group at home, and Saracino was the first ever write-in vote to be elected treasurer of his high school.

Platform goals
• To tear down Keenan-Stanford and replace it with an underage bar
• To build a 24-hour bowling alley underneath South Quad
• To change Notre Dame’s moniker from the Fighting Irish to a great big smiley face, to be worn by whomever was most recently impeached

Best idea
Placing greater emphasis on keeping up with student opinion

Worst idea
Demolishing Keenan-Stanford and giving its residents only tents and table sugar in return

Most feasible idea
Bi-weekly student opinion polls in the dining halls

Least feasible ideas
Constructing an amusement park and bowling alley under South Quad, and impeaching the president as soon as possible — thus making it impossible for anyone to stay in office more than two or three weeks

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Daniel Saracino
First Year, intended biochemistry major
Zahn Hall

Experience

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Joseph Shepherd
junior, management major
Dillon Hall

Experience
Shepherd has served two years as class president and as a member of the Gesu/Seelk student body administration. He also served a semester as an employee of the University Web administrator. Focht has collaborated with Shepherd and University offices on many platform issues.

Platform goals
• To review the allocation of funds within student government
• To increase campus communication through Plant Irish, a comprehensive student Web site, and by publishing Teacher Course Evaluations
• To ensure 24-hour social space in the new Student Center

Best idea
Educating students on how to vote by absentee ballot in their home state elections; the pair expressed concern for student indifference to their civic responsibilities and seek to raise greater political awareness on campus.

Worst idea
The dismissal of SafeRide as too large an undertaking for student government; while they acknowledge the need to address student drunk driving, their skepticism about this existing program, however, is unfortunate.

Most feasible idea
Increasing awareness of and participate in student programs through the Internet, e-mail, WVFI and other campus media.

Least feasible idea
The publication of TCEs online for student review; the pair has the ambition and information to accomplish this aim, but the probability of it actually happening is low because its success would rely on the approval of the administration.

Well researched and committed to the academic mission of the University, Shepherd and Focht have strong ideas, but they lack the concrete plans necessary for implementation, particularly those concerning diversity. Their dedication to making student government more accessible is feasible, however, and their emphasis on academic life is refreshing.

Jim Focht
First Year, intended English major
Dillon Hall

Why vote for the lesser of two evils?
“If we didn’t have a hidden agenda, what would be the fun?”

Todd Warapius
junior, psychology major
Zahn Hall

Experience
Warapius currently is conducting mind control tests in the basement of Haggag Hall, while Coppinger is building a “doomsday machine” in Fitzpatrick. They also are fluent in Jedi languages.

Platform goals
• To dissolve Student Senate because, the candidates said, the democratically elected governing body is useless, weak and provides forum for destructive conflict
• Restoring order, but not necessarily peace, on campus

Best idea
Improving the campus music scene; inviting bands from across the galaxy might prove difficult, however

Worst idea
To institute new forms of punishment for students: women will be made slave danciers at Senior Bar, while men will be subjected to carbon freezing

Most feasible idea
Changing the student government structure so leaders are no longer democratically elected but centrally appointed

Least feasible idea
If mature discussion with administrators fails to get this ticket’s plans passed, Jedi mind tricks of persuasion will be implemented.

This pair is creative and willing to push the bounds of current institutions. If implemented, their system of government would likely be more efficient than the current one LaFortune.

However, the candidates’ emphasis on strict despotism and constituents’ complete obedience with threat of physical damage for those who don’t comply will certainly silence students excited to dedicate their personal talents and ideas to student leadership.
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resolutions that do nothing," said Costigan. Costigan wants to work on student issues, like getting football tickets for Notre Dame students before Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students, and changing the one-food-or-theirrs and theirs meal plan. He said he wants to address the issues that students really care about.

"It's almost intimidating for people to walk to the student government office," said Costigan. Presidential candidate Hunt Hanover made a similar statement about the intimidation factor.

"Right now student government is a kind of closed shop," Hanover said. Hanover and his vice presidential candidate John Mirek both have student government experience, including being class presidents. Hanover wants to make student government "totally casual" by moving some of the meetings into the dining halls for more student involvement. "I want student government to be fun again," Hanover said.

Hanover and Mirek both advocate a campaign program, a Student Academic Bill of Rights and a free campus shuttle. Hanover said all his goals are attainable.

"I think it's admirable that people would like to run with a female," said Mirek. "It's my belief that you're in a position to be a leader, and that people should be allowed to become leaders." Mirek added that student government has a responsibility to be a voice for students.

"I think student government has the capability of being a very powerful organization," said presidential candidate Joe Shepley. "I think it's time that student government and the student body recognize the opportunity and the need and the responsibility to accomplish things for the student body."

"It's an almost intimidating thing to walk into the student government office," said Chris Costigan.
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Can girls and guys be friends? This question has plagued the world since the beginning of time.

Were Adam and Eve friends? No, they just had lots and lots of sex, and why is that? Because sex is much more fun than talking.

It is possible for a guy to be friends with an ugly girl though. That’s easy if she’s funny, or if she won’t get off your back.

But a guy will never be friends with a hot girl, ever. There will always be those thoughts in the back of his mind of what she would look like naked, and what she would look like on top of him, etc. It is OK to be friends with a hot girl for a short period of time. This is just a step in the generally accepted rules of dating hot girls, but if a guy remains to be friends with a hot girl for a long time he is just accepting that that is all he will ever get, and thus be miserable. If he is hanging onto the thread of hope that just maybe the two of them will get really drunk together once and ride the snake.

I would like to sum this up with an example using Mike Sekula’s dogs. One is a guy and one is a girl and they are good friends and hang out and jump around their yard together. But every once in a while when Willie doesn’t think anyone is watching he will mount Minnie and bumpa bumpa. Humans aren’t dogs, I think we can all understand what Willie is going through.

The age-old question that resonates through the romantic comedy “When Harry met Sally” is can men and women be friends? In the movie, Billy Crystal states that the problem with male and female relationships is the sexual tension which lies between them and makes it impossible to maintain a friendship. The movie also states that once a man and woman succumb to their desire for one another, the friendship is lost. So is that true here at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s?

On the surface — no way. Both myself and Scott quoted the “friend” as a category of the opposite sex — a great person to hang out with, the one you call with the one you go to movies with. But what about the one you consider a friend?

As students we have many friends of the opposite sex — the friends in class, the drinking buddies, the advice givers and so on. The question still remains: Are we on some level attractively attracted to our friends? It stands to reason that certain relationships begin on the basis of physical attraction. However, many of these evolve into friendships that are unconnected to that original attraction.

There are some friendships, though, that begin for more ambiguous reasons but lead to a more intimate relationship. This does not necessarily disrupt the original friendship.

To complicate the situation even further, some individuals are “hook-up buddies.” These friendships are composed of people who have a physical relationship but are able to maintain a separate, unaffected friendship.

So my final answer: YES, men and women can be friends without sex or desire getting in the way. However, isn’t a good friendship with a little lovin’ on the side the perfect relationship?
MOVIE REVIEW

What's there to 'Scream' about?

By CASEY K. McCLOSKEY
Scene Movie Critic

"So what's your favorite scary movie?" For years, horror fans have pondered this question, sometimes with an easy one. Everyone grew up watching the "Friday the 13th" and "Halloween" series and had a favorite. In the "Scream" series, this is the question that can save one's life.

"Scream 3" is the final film of the trilogy that brought back to life the genre of horror films. The first "Scream" was surprisingly intelligent because it took into account the fact that its audience grew up watching horror movies and were familiar with the game played. Kevin Williamson, the man who came up with the "Scream" trilogy and wrote the first two, knew his films would have to pay homage to all the films that came before it, all while remaining fresh for an audience that has seen Jason and Freddy die 100 times over.

This time the film is set in Hollywood. All the remaining members of the first two "Scream" teams (there are not many left) have settled down in their lives. Cotton Weary is a famous talk show host. Gale Weathers is a national celebrity. Sydney Prescott is living by herself and Dewey Riley is the technical director of a new film - "Scream 3: Return to Woodsboro."


The concept is there, but what is painfully missing is the writing of the man who brought the first two installments to audiences — Williamson. Ehren Kruger took over the screenwriting job for the third film, but does not live up to the task. He lacks the comic wit and clever twists that keep the film one step ahead of the audience.

The film also does not have the same grasp of the horror genre and all of the clichés that come with it — and therefore does not have the same ironic discourse of self-reflexivity that made the first two so successful.

There are some very funny moments in the film, most of which occur when the cast of "Scream 3" meet the "real life" people they are playing. As Jennifer Jolie, the actress who plays Gale Weather, I had to laugh at the moment when her character says: "I'm Slappy 3." Parker Posey commands the screen. She is hysterical as Courteney Cox-Arquette's counterpart and the two are hilarious when they are together on the screen.

Another notable appearance is made by Patrick Dennis ("Can't Buy Me Love."), who plays Mark Kincade, the detective in charge of the new spree of killings. Is he a man to trust?

Scott Foley, known for his role as Noel on the TV show "Felicity," plays Roman Bridger, a director who is dying to get this film made — or is he killing to get it made?

Deon Richmond, known for playing Kenny, or Bud, on the "Cosby Show," plays Aaron Banks, the resident videophile and horror expert in "Scream 3." Doesn't his character sound a bit like Randy Meeks (Jamie Kennedy) from the first two "Scream"? Is he fed up with living in Randy's shadow and can't take it anymore?

Who is the killer this time? From the beginning, this series was meant to be a trilogy. This is the last of the "Screams" and therefore all of the loose ends should be tied up. All the secrets are revealed and everything is brought to a close, so this is a must see for all those who enjoyed the first two installments.

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MOVIE COLUMN

Moral lessons abound in Stone’s ‘Wall Street’

I can remember being very young and hearing that "Wall Street" (1987) was going to premiere on network television. Being in a family that did not have cable until 1996, any major motion picture debut on the "basic channels" was always a big deal in our household. I watched for a while, but without blushing, or any serious reaction, I soon tuned out and resorted to Hungarians and gourmet food appliances.

It was only a few years ago, after working at a corporate job in mid-town Manhattan, that I watched the film in its entirety. I was in awe of the powerful acting and the intense moral questions the movie raises.

Growing up a "city kid," I was always curious about the day-to-day habits of those men and women from my neighborhood who braved the downtown I.R.T. to the neighborhood who braved the downtown I.R.T.

Bud stops listening to his conscience and soon becomes a heavy hitter in his corporate profession and sells his soul for a famous Wall Street wizard named Gordon Gekko (Michael Douglas).

Bud sees his future and dream of fortune in Gordon, the wizard named Gordon Gekko. In no time, Bud has everything he desires — money and power. With his posh accent, Bud seduces his new found mentor and hero, Gordon. In no time at all, Bud assumes the "yuppy" swanky urban professional status he has always dreamed of.

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The story is based on the real life business tycoon Ivan F. Boesky who told a graduating class at Berkeley in 1986 that, "Greed is healthy." Later that Fall, Boesky would plead guilty to charges from the Justice Department concerning massive violations of securities laws. Douglas, as Gekko, mirrors these same words as a stock-holders meeting in the film.

If any pre-professional has not yet seen this film, he or she ought to take a truly sinister and enthralling vision of the world elite. he must lie. cheat and steal.

Bud has everything he could possibly want — except the ability to look at himself in the mirror or have a good night's rest.

Bud's moral and ethical choices begin to haunt him, as he is alienated from his coworkers and blue collar father, who already sees the corruption and greed which is common in his son's work.

"Stockwatch," the organization that investigates insider trading, is soon hot on Bud's trail as his monetary empire begins to crumble around him. He has one last chance to save his father's pride and repent his most character before all his corporate wheeling and dealing lead him in the slammery.

The film features a superb cast that consists of strong supporting performances from Sean Young, James Spader, John C. McGinley and Terence Stamp. But the most entertaining and captivating figure is by far the seductive and satanic Gordon Gekko, a role for which Michael Douglas won the Academy Award for best actor.
Browns aggressively seek free agents during off-season

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Przybilla shocks Hoosiers with 33

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

Joel Przybilla scored a career-high 33 points, including the game-winning basket with 3.9 seconds left, and Minnesota stunned No. 10 Indiana 77-75 Wednesday night.

A.J. Guyton, who scored 37 points despite a 17 1/2-minute drought, was several feet short of a triple-double, grabbing nine rebounds and dishing out seven assists.

The Gophers (12-9, 4-7 Big Ten) gave first-year coach Dan Monson his biggest victory yet at Williams Arena.

For the Hoosiers (17-4, 7-3), who haven't won at Williams Arena in five years, Guyton went 16-for-19 from the field.

Rodman thrills crowd in return

Associated Press

DALLAS

It didn't take long for Dennis Rodman to make his presence felt in Dallas, on and off the court.

Playing before a hometown crowd of several thousand fans, Rodman shocked everyone when he was featured in the opening ceremony of Thursday night's game between the Mavericks and the Portland Trail Blazers.

Rodman, who sat out the first few minutes of the game, entered the game at the 10:04 mark and immediately caused a stir.

He grabbed a rebound and immediately fouled out, earning a technical foul for a second foul.

Rodman was aggressive from the get-go, driving to the hoop for a basket and a foul and getting the crowd revved up.

He also drew a technical foul in the second half, adding to the energy and excitement of the game.

The crowd roared as Rodman made his entrance, and the game became even more exciting with his presence on the court.

Rodman's impact on the game was felt throughout, and he continued to entertain the crowd with his energy and enthusiasm.

The game ended with the Mavericks winning 117-106, but Rodman's presence had already made the game memorable.

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What Am I Going to Do with My Life?
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

"I'm not sure."

There is only one other phrase, probably, that I've spoken more often than "I'm not sure," and it's, "I don't know."

When I was younger I thought that as I grew older, with more education and experience, I would have fewer and fewer occasions to use these phrases. And yet, as I have gained so much in the way of education and experience, I find myself using just such phrases all the more.

Some years ago, a senior here at Notre Dame told the story that when she was a first year student she was pretty sure she wanted to be an attorney. She studied like a future Supreme Court justice, giving herself entirely to that future goal. She even began to pick out law schools. As time passed, and with more education and experience, she became less certain. For various reasons, some of which she didn't understand herself, she grew less sure about being an attorney by the time her second semester senior year rolled around. When asked about what she was going to do after graduation some four short months away, she would say, "I don't know." This was difficult not only because she felt the need to be certain, but because she felt like she owed it to others, especially to her parents, to be certain, and to be successful.

Although the story of Jesus tells us that what we do is important, it also tells us that how we do what we do is often more important. Jesus was somewhat of a wandering preacher and teacher who told people who seemed sure of what God wanted of them, and sure of an exact way to be saved, that perhaps they ought to think again. Jesus welcomed with love all people, especially those most brutally excluded by society. It was not just what Jesus did that revealed him as God, but how he did it. Christianity is first and foremost a way of living in the world.

We are well into the second semester. At times it may seem like the pressure is on. There is that popular question, "What are you going to do?" Anxiety seems to go hand-in-hand with unsurety; and at this point in our lives we expect to grow in certainty, not uncertainty.

Perhaps many of us, especially seniors in their final semester, are realizing that when it comes to discerning a job choice or a career, 100% certainty is at least unlikely and probably impossible.

Maybe one of the most important benefits of education and experience is a dispelling of the ways in which we are tempted to oversimplify the complexities of life. There is something about dying and rising in all of this, a dying and rising which takes place during this life, and which we celebrate during the Lenten and Easter seasons. Hopefully, we die to old ways of seeing ourselves that were narrow and exact in order to continually rise to new ways of seeing ourselves and others; a dying and rising that allows us the freedom to change and appreciate the ability of others to change; a dying and rising that heightens our appreciation of the Paschal Mystery. Maybe we have to let go of that image of ourselves that is so sure of ourselves, and that seems not to need God. Perhaps this dying and rising calls us to be a little more comfortable with not being so sure all of the time, and not knowing everything there is to know, exactly. What else is faith but for us to give us the surety to rest comfortably in the unsurety. I'd encourage you to take some time, perhaps on a retreat, to rest in the unknowing. Campus Ministry is sponsoring three Senior Retreats this semester; and the Center for Social Concerns and Campus Ministry are co-sponsoring a Senior Service Retreat. Call Campus Ministry or the CSC for more information. But hurry! They number of folks who are living the question are many.

I don't need to say that what we do with our lives is important.

Our choices can have a great impact on ourselves and on our world. However, maybe the question which should precede "What do I want to do?" is "How do I want to be?" And maybe then our uncertainty can move us even closer to the truth of our lives, and of our faith; and ever closer to our God. Maybe the most important thing is not always what we do with our lives, but how we do it. Maybe it's time to rest, even revel, in the uncertainty, as a means by which we surrender our own wills to the will of our God. It's time to consider not so much what we do as the measure of our success, or how much money we make, or the status of our particular job or occupation; but rather, to consider how we choose to live our lives in whatever we choose to do; and whether we have welcomed the surety of God into the unsurety of our lives.
WASHINGTON

Speaking before congressional leaders and other dignitaries to present Wednesday on National Women's Sports Day, President Bill Clinton said, "I'm very fortunate to be playing a sport I love and make a fantastic living at."

"It's important," he added, "for every future girl to know that I was once in her shoes and I can be. As long I love to play, I will."
Agassi bows out of Sybase Open due to back strain

Thursday, February 10, 2000

PROFESSIONAL TENNIS

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Associated Press
SAN JOSE, Calif.
A year after being default

in the second round for repeat-
edly cursing at a linesman, Andre Agassi never even made it that far this time at the Sybase Open. Agassi, scheduled to play his first match in the United States in nearly five months on Wednesday night, pulled out of the tournament late Tuesday night with a lower back strain.

"I wish I was feeling a lot better. I wish I could play here," Agassi said at a news confer-

ence Wednesday night. "I can't afford to get held back by doing something stupid out there."

Agassi has a chronic condi-
tion in his back known as spondylolisthesis, which is when one of the lower vertebrae is slightly forward of its normal position. About 2 percent of all people have such a condition, though it's most common in pre-teens.

Lenny Stein, the San Francisco chiropractor who treated Agassi, said it's unlikely the world's No. 1 player will miss any action other than the Sybase Open. Agassi is not scheduled to play again until an event in Scottsdale, Ariz., beginning March 6.

Stein said there were signs of inflammation in Agassi's lower back, but X-rays did not show any problem other than the spondylolisthesis.

Agassi flew to California from Zimbabwe, where altitude sick-

ness and dehydration caused him to vomit into a courtside trash can while leading the United States to a Davis Cup victory. The previous weekend, he won the Australian Open. Since leaving his home in Las Vegas on Dec. 28, he has flown 25,780 miles. Now he's heading back to Las Vegas for rest.

Agassi said he first strained his back in his Australian Open semifinal against Pete Sampras, and then aggravated it because he had to use more spin than normal on his shots in the altitude of Harare, Zimbabwe. It got worse on the 26-hour flight to San Francisco.

"Playing here would have been by far a greater concern for me. Not only would I have not been at my best, but I would have subjected myself to real risk," Agassi said. "It's not easy to stay healthy 52 weeks of the year in tennis."

The withdrawal of the top-

seeded Agassi left defending champion Mark Philippoussis as the top remaining seeded player at No. 2. Philippoussis, ranked 17th in the world, was the only top 40 player left in the $350,000 tournament.

Agassi had arrived in San Jose after a tough nine days of world travel. He won the Australian Open title on Jan. 30 in Melbourne, then flew to southern Africa to win two singles matches for the U.S. Davis Cup team in its first-round vic-

tory over Zimbabwe.

He assured Sybase Open and ATP Tour officials Monday that he would be playing in the tour-

ament, which was to have been his first in the United States since winning the U.S. Open title last September.

But Agassi called tournament director Barry MacKay after a practice session in San Francisco on Tuesday to say he was pulling out of the Sybase event.

"He said he started getting cramps on the flight from Zimbabwe to London," MacKay said. "Then on the flight to San Francisco, it started to get worse. He tried to work out, but could barely move."

It was at the 1998 Sybase Open that Agassi defeated No. 1 Sampras in the final, an early stop in his comeback from being ranked as low as 141st in the world. Agassi has been No. 1 since winning the U.S. Open last September.

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Massive blood clot triggered Thomas' heart attack

Associated Press

Derrick "Tommy" Thomas' legs weren't red or swollen and his body temperature was normal. There were no visible signs of a blood clot, doctors said Wednesday.

But when Thomas was being moved from his hospital bed to a wheelchair on his way to therapy Tuesday morning, something triggered a massive blood clot in his pulmonary artery that provides blood and oxygen from the heart to the lungs.

Thomas, 33, told his mother he wasn't feeling well just before his eyes rolled back, said Dr. Frank Eismont, an orthopedic surgeon at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

The Chiefs star, who held the NFL record of seven sacks in a game, went into cardiac-respiratory arrest.

Thomas, paralyzed from the chest down in a car crash two weeks earlier, died minutes later.

The cause of death, confirmed Wednesday by an autopsy, is common for paralysis victims.

"A certain percentage of people with paralysis suffer from blood clots," said Dr. Barth Green, a neurosurgeon at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

"Sometimes you can see them and sometimes they're hidden in the deeper veins of the body, and that's what happened with Derrick."

Between 3 percent and 15 percent of spinal cord injury patients suffer from blood clots, Green said.

Thomas was driving a car during a snowstorm on Jan. 23 as he and two friends headed to the Kansas City airport to fly to St. Louis for the NFC championship game. He lost control of the car, and it overturned several times.

Police said Thomas was speeding and weaving in traffic, but no charges were filed.

"Thomas and passenger Michael Tellis, 49, were not wearing seat belts and were thrown from the car. Tellis was dead and Thomas' spine and neck were broken. The third person in the car was wearing a seat belt and received minor injuries," Eismont said.

Thomas was brought to the hospital in Miami, his hometown, where he had surgery to repair his spinal column.

The nine-time Pro Bowl linebacker had been on blood thinners since the accident, doctors said.

"All aggressive precautions that are available to people today," Green said. "It just wasn't enough."

Added Eismont: "If I were to have it all to do over again, I wouldn't do anything different."

Thomas had been progressing quickly in rehabilitation. He was allowed out of the hospital last weekend — although a nurse and a physician stayed with him — and he had been talking about returning to Kansas City within the next few months, said Dr. Jon Browne, the Chiefs' team physician.

A news conference had been discussed that would have informed the public of Thomas' upcoming moves.

Thomas left behind thousands of grieving fans and nearby as many friends and relatives trying to cope with his sudden death. He will be remembered in both Kansas City, Mo., and Miami within the next 10 days.

Memorial services are set to begin in Kansas City and then move to Miami, Thomas' hometown, and the place where he will be buried.

There will be a viewing Monday at Thomas' church in Kansas City, then a memorial service at Kemper Arena the following day. Chiefs president Carl Peterson said.

"I'm not sure it can hold all the people who want to attend," Peterson said.

"It will be a public opportunity for Derrick's friends and fans to honor him."

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NOTICE OF OBITUARY: Derrick "Tommy" Thomas, 33, Kansas City Chiefs defensive end, was killed in a one-car accident early Wednesday when the car he was driving overturned in a snowstorm in Kansas City. Thomas was born March 21, 1967. He attended the University of Nebraska, where he played for three years and was named a Big Eight Conference all-star in 1989.

Thomas was an eight-time Pro Bowler and six-time All-Pro before his career was cut short by a knee injury in 1995. He played five seasons with the Chiefs, including the 1998 season when the team reached the Super Bowl.

A Celebration of Life Mass for Thomas will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo. The family will gather after the service in the arena's concourse.

In memory of Tommy, donations may be made to the University of Nebraska Athletic Hall of Fame, 1406 R Ravenna Ave., Lincoln, NE 68502-0466.

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Belles

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from the field while the Belles only shot .318 from the field, and Albion out-rebounded Saint Mary’s 51-38.

“When you give them second chances at shots and you don’t have those shots, during the first half, and that was what cost us the game,” Roberts said. “They out-rebounded and out-shot us in the first half, and Saint Mary’s scored 18 points during the first half, making only six of 29 shots. During the last 10 minutes of the game, however, the Belles battled back to within three following two three-pointers by Stefanie Pfannenstiel and one 3-point shot by Julie Norman.

“The team went on an awesome run during the second half,” Matha said. “They really stepped up the defense and the press, but fell short in the end.”

In a game ridden with fouls, both the Belles and the Britons gave up numerous points on free throw attempts. Albion fouled 20 times during the game, giving up 16 points in free throws. Saint Mary’s gave up 17 points of 21 fouls.

Belles out-rebounded and out-shot us in the second half,” Matha said. “It was in the second half with a 13-2 run in the second half that we really stepped up our defense.”

Roberts said. “We got fouled 16 points in free throws. Saint Mary’s gave us 17 points of 21 fouls. Albion players Treasa Gourlay and BeckyCambell also joined with four fouls a piece. In 40 minutes of play, there were 54 foul shot attempts resulting in 33 points, almost 25 percent of the total score.

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Engelhardt leads Irish by leaping into record books

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN Assistant Sports Editor

High jumper Jen Engelhardt sprang to success at Notre Dame, making history with her lofty leaps.

Engelhardt aims to win her third honor as an All-American. "A All-American status is great," Engelhardt said. "And I'd love to be blessed with that again, bringing All-American, and then continuing to do it junior year in my greatest success. That was really rewarding and something I never expected.

This season, the senior biology and education major wants to win the third and fourth Big East titles of her career.

"I want to lead the team in the Big East and have a strong finish, hopefully a championship," Engelhardt said.

Engelhardt won the Big East Outdoors Championships each of the past two years. She has never finished lower than second in the Big East, indoors or outdoors.

Engelhardt achieved success through both talent and hard work.

"She'll do anything you ask her," field events coach Scott Winsor said. "She's very conscious. She works hard, and I think she puts in as much time as she's physically capable of. She's a pleasure to work with.

Leading the Irish

This year, Engelhardt serves as one of two captains for the Irish, a position that adds leadership responsibility to her role as a high scorer.

"Just today, she said that she didn't think she was one of the younger athletes on the team really understood how important the Big East is," Winsor said. "And she was going to get that across to them."

Engelhardt takes pride in being a team captain.

"I think it was a great honor to lead the team and represent Notre Dame. It's something that I really treasure."

Jen Engelhardt
high jumper

Engelhardt will need to improve on her career best high jump of 6-0.75 by two inches to qualify for the NCAA championships. Engelhardt turned seniors at Lakeview High School in Battle Creek, Mich. But she wasn't even sure whether she wanted to concentrate on diving or high jumping.

"Actually I was a diver, and that was my first option," Engelhardt said. "But I always had a love for high jumping, so I went that route."

A lifelong fan of the Michigan Wolverines, Engelhardt was able to make one more trip to Michigan and Notre Dame. Once she zeroed in on Notre Dame, she quickly had a deep impact on the Irish.

As a freshman, Engelhardt became the first Notre Dame woman ever to earn All-American status in a field event, placing ninth at the NCAAs.

"That really came as a shock for me," Engelhardt said. "I really went after it, and I really worked hard. Plus I have a great coach."

She's been winning praise ever since.

Engelhardt smashed Notre Dame's indoors school record her freshman year with a winning jump of 6-foot-9 3/4 at the Alex Wilson Invitational.

That same season, she began her run of top finishes at the Big East Championships by setting both indoors and outdoors.

Despite the early accomplishments, Engelhardt kept jumping higher and higher, setting a Notre Dame outdoors record with a leap of 6-0.75.

Her junior season, Engelhardt made her way to two NCAA championships. She took 12th at the indoors championships to be designated as an All-American for the second time in her career. At the NCAA outdoors championships, Engelhardt turned around to place 19th.

"She's improved a lot," Winsor said. "She jumped 5-10 in high school, and she's jumped 6-0.75. When you're at that level, three inches is quite a bit. You can work years for a one-inch improvement."

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IRISH INSIGHT

Irish are lucky to escape with victory

Call it the luck of the Irish. When the Irish stepped on the court Wednesday night against conference rival Pittsburgh, they didn't look like the No. 5 team in the nation. Suffering through their worst display of basketball all season, the Irish just edged out the 13-8 Panthers with a 81-74 finish. The Irish were lucky they weren't playing Connecticut. Colgate was an eighth-ranked team in the nation. It wasn't on top of its game enough to pull a major upset.

The Irish showed Wednesday that they are not as infallible as they have appeared since their winning streak began in December. They hit a low point by letting a team that lost to Connecticut by 25 points come within seven points of an upset.

The Irish were plagued by turnovers and a non-existent inside game in the first half. Handing the ball over to the Panthers 12 times, the Irish were unable to stick to their usual game plan and high standards. Despite their height advantage under the net, the Irish couldn't convert in the lane. After five missed shots in the first two minutes, McGraw had to go to the replacement center Ruth Riley and forward Julie Henderson.

"I felt our post didn't come to play mentally," said McGraw. "When you're looking inside and you can't convert, then you have to make a change." Riley finished out the half with one field goal and five points. Henderson added only two.

"Missing shots like that makes you frustrated," said Riley. "We should have been making those shots. I think a lot of people stopped looking for their shots after they missed a few — that hurt us."

Luckily for the Irish, Big East co-rookie of the year Terence Ratay was on fire from behind the arc. Ratay hit four 3-pointers in a row to make up for the poor play under the basket, scoring 14 points in the first half, propelling her squad to a six-point 33-27 halftime lead.

"That was the only reason we were winning at halftime," said McGraw of Ratay's sharp shooting.

That lead was cut to just three in the opening second of the second half before the Irish picked up the tempo a notch. Realizing that their undefeated conference record was being seriously tested for the first time all season, Riley and forward Kelley Siemon turned up the intensity. They combined for 25 second-half points, leading the Irish to a 73-51 lead with 4:18 remaining on the clock.

But the win was anything but safe, as McGraw gave her starters a rest and the Irish bench squandered a 25-point lead in less than four minutes. When the Panthers began to use the press to gain possession of the ball, they whittled the Irish lead to just six with 20 seconds left in regulation.

"I'm not pleased at all with the bench, and that's an understatement," said McGraw. "We're just not going to suit at that point which is unfortunate." The Irish have enough talent to propel them to the Final Four in March, but only if they play with that talent for 40 minutes.

With the toughest stretch of their schedule on the horizon with road trips to Rutgers and Connecticut in the coming weeks, the Irish can't afford to falter again. And McGraw knows just how to ensure that.

I'm not sure if the Irish performance opened their eyes or not but I have a feeling that tomorrow's practice will be more eye opening than today's game," said the head coach. "I'm going to bring our try-back tomorrow and get the kinks out of that way."

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The streaks for No. 3 Duke are over, and at the hands of an unlikely opponent.

The 23rd-ranked Maryland Terrapins had lost 28 of their last 33 against the Blue Devils, but got 31 points from Juan Dixon and two key 3-pointers late by Terence Morris in a 98-87 victory Wednesday night, snapping Duke's record 31-game Atlantic Coast Conference winning streak.

Duke (18-3, 9-1) also had the nation's longest winning streak snapped at 18 and lost in Cameron Indoor Stadium for the first time since Jan. 11, 1997, against Wake Forest — a span of 46 games.

Dixon's point total matched a career high, while Loyly Baxter added 22 points and Morris had 20 as the Terrapins (17-6, 6-4) tied North Carolina for second place in the ACC.

The streak was tied 83-83 when Morris, who had struggled all night and allowed 28 points to Shane Battier on three, hit a baseline 3-pointer with 3:27 left to give Maryland the lead or good. A minute later, he made another shot from beyond the arc and the upset was brewing.

Dixon helped close it out with three foul shots over the final 31 seconds as the Terrapins outscored Duke 15-4 down the stretch.

Morris finished 7-of-22 from the field. Neither team led by more than seven points until the final two minutes in an arguably best ACC game of the year.

Duke made 13 of its first 17 shots, but unlike most of its wins during the Cameron streak, the Blue Devils couldn't knock out their opponent, turning the ball over 22 times in the opening 20 minutes.

The Terrapins trailed 33-26 before going on an 11-0 run behind six points from Baxter, who had 14 in a fast-paced first half in which both teams shot at least 50 percent.
Belles host conference championships in peak form

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sue Mary’s Bible

After two years of provis- 
ory membership in the 
MIAA, the Saint Mary’s swim-
ning and diving team opened 
t heir season ready to make a 
statement.

Pressing Alma and Calvin College to harder victories than 
expected during the regular season, defeating a surprise 
University of Chicago at its sea-
son opener and busting three school records, it’s safe to say 
their voice has been heard.

And the screaming is just 
about to begin.

Closing their season this weekend with a home court advantage at the first ever championship event to be host-
ed by Saint Mary’s, there is no 
question in any team member’s 
mind that this will be yet another statement made by the team.

“This makes a huge state-
ment about how serious we are in athletics,” first-year head 
coach Gretchen Hildebrandt 
said. “We want the MIAA to see 
we’re moving forward, and this can 
really bring a name to 
Saint Mary’s.”

Outside of the championship hype, the women are focused 
and ready to swim.

“The season is still young,” 
Hildebrandt said. “We’ve talked 
a lot in practice about this being a no-pressure situation.

While the team will certainly face more pressure with Alma and Calvin College this weekend, Hildebrandt has focused her swimmers on per-
sonal performance, not in team standings, she said.

“I’m not pitting my swimmers against the other teams, calca-
lulating points here and there,” Hildebrandt said. “We’re not 
really ready for that as a team. What I want them to feel is confident, 
and like they’re enjoying them-
sehems in the water.”

The focus, Hildebrandt emphasized, is on swimmers’ personal performances.

“I want them to be concerned with their own race,” she said.

“We’re not ready to start deal-
ing with points here.”

However, losing two meets by 
less than 15 points is a factor 
weighing on the women’s minds, as the opportunity to
come out on top surfaces again, said co-captain Michelle Samreta.

“I’d say that our primary goal 
is for personal best times and 
staying unified,” Samreta said. 

“But the team can definitely 
chase the competition. It’s defi-
nitely a thought in our minds.

We aren’t just out for personal bests here. We do know that we 
have a chance of beating not 
these other teams.”

For a team that started its season under more than its 
share of turmoil, mounting 
heavy roster changes and trans-
sitioning to a new coach, the 
team’s mental capacity has been a consistent strength, Hildebrandt said.

“When I tell them to go a time 
in practice, they’ll go that time 
in practice,” she said. “They 
have an excellent balance of 
mental toughness and physical fitness. These are mentally 
tough swimmers.”

Samreta agreed.

“Mentally, we’re very on top of our game,” she said. “We’ve 
been training physically and 
mentally, and we’re ready to go.”

Evidences of that mental preparation has been exhibited throughout the past several 
meet duels, with the women 
posting season and career bests 
during the peak of their train-
ing, virtually unheard of in the 
late months of the season.

Coming into the final stretch, that is not expected to change.

“We’re still going to train 
fast,” Hildebrandt said. “They 
don’t have anything to worry about.

“We’re not going to have 
covered anything erased three records 
to date this season, several 
records are also going to come 
under fire this weekend, possi-
ibly giving the 1999-2000 team some historical fame in the books.

Junior sprinter Colleen Sullivan and sophomore sprint-
er Danielle Clayton will go head 
to head against the 1999 50 
freestyle record, which Clayton 
broke in the 1999 champions-
ships. The pair could also 
knock on the door of the 100 
freestyle record, unconsted 
since 1994.

Samreta, who has reset her 
100 breaststroke record twice in 
her collegiate career, is also 
extended to put her record on 
the line in her final collegiate meet.

Freshman standout Lauren 
Smith will also try her 200 
breaststroke record, which she 
has broken twice throughout the 
season. Being back from 
illness, Smith will have to be 
“mentally focused.” Hildebrandt 
said.

Finally, the 1999 200 medley 
relay record could fall, with 
pressure from freshman Lane 
Harrington, sophomore Alicia 
Lesenskie, Samreta, and 
Sullivan.

“They’ve been knocking on 
the door all season,” 
Hildebrandt said. “We’re 
tired of looking at that record!”

Other key performances are 
expected from co-captain Olivia 
Smith in the distance events, 
Sarah Sandahl in the 100 
freestyle, and Erin McCarthy in the 200 individual medley.

“I could go through every-
one,” Hildebrandt said. “There 
really are no standouts. Every 
single swim is going to be phe-
omenal.”

And that, Hildebrandt empha-
sized, is the statement to be 
made.

My major goal for them is to 
finish, look back and say, “I 
loved swimming this year.”

Hildebrandt said. “I want to be 
able to look at the overall 
turnout and see them reach 
their personal goals.”

Want to learn more about the
at Notre Dame!

All interested students are invited to an informal discussion with Gilberto Cardenas, Ph.D., the Director of the new Institute. Information on classes offered through the institute and the goals are some of the issues to be 
addressed.

Thursday, Feb. 10th
Breen-Phillips dorm 
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6-7pm

Free dinner will be provided by La 
Esperanza courtesy of La Alianza.

Following the discussion, La Alianza will be having officer elections 
for the upcoming year.

Any questions contact Anabel 634-2612

WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

The Belles dive into conference competition this weekend with the MIAA Championships. Saint 
Mary’s will host the meet for the first time ever.
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Conboy best AD candidate

Ding-dong the witch is dead. End of an era swept campus late Monday night as Doners heard the announcement of their athletic director Mike Wadsworth. The often-electric truth is, however, Mike Wadsworth wasn't an athletic director. He was the victim of bad timing; a few very visible bad decisions and an industry that thrives on results. Would he have taken the fall had the football team gone 10-2 instead of 5-7? Would relatively minor infractions job wise, that raised many; and a modest probation hit the Domers as hard if he we were winning? This was the business in which Wadsworth worked and was the story of his tenure under the Dome. He was plagued by failures in Notre Dame's two most visible sports - football and men's basketball. And he's judged by these failures.

Never mind that Wadsworth helped to establish Notre Dame as a school of all-around athletic excellence rather than just football achievement. Under Wadsworth, non-revenue sports became respected nation wide. Notre Dame won a national championship in women's soccer; the women's basketball team became the force it is today. The men's and women's fencing teams finished four straight years as NCAA runner-ups. And Notre Dame has enjoyed success in a multitude of other sports. But unfortunately for Wadsworth, fencing isn't on television every week and women's soccer doesn't have a contract with NBC. Volleyball doesn't pay the bills.

For each fencing success there was a football failure. For every Matt DuPaul he hired, there was a Bob Davie. For every John McLeod, he persuaded to resign, there was a Lou Holtz he was perceived to have persuaded. He successfully guided Notre Dame to four consecutive commissioner trophies in its first

Sports

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish survive home scare from Panthers

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

They flew out of the Joyce Center with a collective look of disgust on their faces. If you just arrived, you would b a w e Irish 81

Panthers 74

women's basketball team had lost to Pittsburgh. There was no indication, other than on the scoreboard, that Notre Dame (20-2, 11-0 BIG East) would lose its 14th straight game - a school record.

"It was the most embarrassing performance of the season," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said after her team's 81-74 victory. "I was really glad no one from the NCAA selection committee was here tonight."

What the representatives would have seen was a team struggling to make short jump shots, even layups - in the first half. A team that turned the ball over an uncharacteristic 27 times. A team that saw a 22-point lead with 4:18 left in the game dwindle to six in less than four minutes.

"I'd like to apologize to our fans and anyone who had to sit through that game," McGraw said, "because we didn't play to our abilities."

The Irish started the game with an 11-2 advantage in the first five minutes behind Altiria Ratay's two 3-pointers. Notre Dame ended up quickly though, as they managed to hit only 41 percent of their first half attempts.

"Missing shots like that makes you frustrated," center Ruth Riley said. "We should have been making those shots. I think a lot of people stopped looking for those shots after they missed a few that hurt us."

Notre Dame expanded the lead to 13 but Pittsburgh's Amanda Wittenmyer scored nine points in the last two minutes to make the half to cut the Irish margin to 33-27.

About the only positive for the Irish in the first half was Ratay's 3-11 forward, the Big East's co-BBowie of the Week, connected on 5 of 9 field goals, including four from 3-point range to lead the Irish with 14 points.

"That was the only reason we were winning at halftime," McGraw said, referring to Ratay's performance.

At halftime, McGraw said, Ratay's performance, including implementing a full-court press and emphasizing getting the ball to her post players.

Riley was the main recipient of the new strategy. The 6-foot-5

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles fall to Britons without Matha's aid

By KATHIE McVOY
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's basketball team looked to overcome the odds and defeat Albion College, despite the injuries and illnesses that plagued the Belles during this past week's practices. Britons 71

Belles 63

Unfortunately, the odds did not prove wrong. The Belles lost to the Britons 71-63.

Before the game, Saint Mary's was concerned that the illnesses and injuries it suffered this week during practice would negatively affect its performance against Albion. Saint Mary's came into the game without starting forward Kristen Matha who has been out with a leg injury since last Saturday's contest against Calvin College.

Earlier this week, Matha had been given the go-ahead to play in the game by the team doctor. Due to fear of a blood clot, however, Matha was unable to play after all. Coach Dave Foorer used a different starting lineup without Matha.

Junior Julie Norman and sophomore Kelly Hoberts started at the forward positions. Junior Mary Campione and senior Amanda Campione took their places as guards.

"It always hurts the team when you're down a player," Roberts said. "But other team members really stepped up tonight and played hard."

During last Tuesday's game, Roberts was hit in the head with a ball, resulting in a concussion, which had also been given the go-ahead to play. She played the first half of the game before she was forced to sit out again due to another shot to the head. It is likely that she suffered another concussion.

Rebounding and consistent shooting have been key to the Belles strategy during the last four games. Wednesday afternoon bested Saint Mary's in both categories. The Belts shot 42%.

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Sports at a Glance

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Friday, 7:05 p.m.

vs. Connecticut
Saturday, 12 p.m.

vs. St. John's
Saturday, 7 p.m.

at Defiance College
Saturday, 3 p.m.