Candidates: student input is crucial

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Several candidates' platforms before the student body presidential election address the feasibility of increasing student membership on University committees.

"Students offer a unique perspective which cannot be matched by any other constituent of the University community," said presidential candidate Brian O'Donoghue. "While administrators and faculty can offer a great deal of information, they can never know exactly what it is like for a student." Students can constantly offer views which only can come from actually being a student and being on the receiving end of important decisions.

Other candidates agreed with O'Donoghue.

"Our entire platform is centered around the idea that the students should have a far more active role in the decisions made around this campus," said Jim Focht, vice presidential hopeful.

"The more students on University committees, the better off this University will be," Jim Focht vice presidential hopeful

Students consider vocations with the Sisters of the Holy Cross

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

On Saturday evening, Notre Dame junior Heather Phillips will be getting ready for a dance.

Unlike other young women, however, Phillips will be wondering what her date thought of this article.

The studio art major and theology minor enjoys aerobics, drawing and painting watercolors. She likes playing with kids and loves Hallmark cards. She enjoys writing and piecing together puzzles.

And, she may be a nun.

"It's kind of a sensitive thing," she said. "I've been thinking about the sisterhood since I was 15. I would always joke around with my parents about it." Phillips, one of only a few women studying with the Sisters of the Holy Cross in order to be a nun, across the country, the number of women joining convents has been decreasing.

Sister Margaret Andre and Sister Margaret Mary Lavonis, both in charge of the Vocation Ministry for Holy Cross Sisters, believe that the opportunities available to women today that did not exist 50 years ago have caused a decrease in women joining the sisterhood.

"When I was graduating from college, women were like second class citizens," said Lavonis. "The only women administrators of schools and hospitals were sisters."

In the 1950s and 1960s, about 30 formation classes for joining the Holy Cross Sister's Community were offered each year. Today in the U.S., there is one a year.

"A lot of people find it hard to make a permanent decision," said Lavonis. The Holy Cross community is international and has many sisters serving in eight foreign countries, which helps bolster numbers.

"Some communities are not international like we are and are dying out," said Lavonis. The number of nuns teaching at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's has not decreased. Often, nuns do not wear traditional habits, which makes them less identifiable.

Although sisters are not very visible, the priests at Notre Dame are a part of everyday life and Old College is well-known on campus. Andre attributes the high percentage of young men studying to be priests at Notre Dame to the visibility and daily interactions with priests around campus.

"I think it's because Notre Dame priests always talk about vocations and religious life. The visibility helps the students think," she said.

However, some students are aware of the nun's presence on campus.

Phillips began talking to Lavonis last May and suggested the Holy Cross sisters start a vocation faith sharing group. Phillips had been attending a vocation group with men in Old College and Father Bill Wack. However, being the only woman in the group "felt strange," to Phillips.

Now, Phillips attends the vocation faith sharing group she helped create with the Sisters of the Holy Cross once a month.

One reason Phillips believes she was drawn to learn more about the Sisters of the Holy Cross is because she is at Notre Dame. Growing up in Sacramento, Calif., she attended a single-sex Catholic school. At home she would complain to her dad about the nun's habits.

"I used to say, 'Oh, dad, I could never be a nun because I hate their shoes,'" Phillips said.

Although stereotypes about nuns exist, such as they are only teachers or nurses,
Beware of the swans

The last few years of student government has seen an incredible variety of leaders. We have had a Student Body King crowned on the steps of the Main Building and declare that everyone bow to him in greeting. We have had presidents win under slogans such as “Bring the [Grateful Dead] to campus,” and have seen campaigns from “Kill the swans!” We’ve seen inept and unideal presidents blurt in national news wires as they faced ethical quandaries and petitions of recall. We’ve seen even (and this is truly scatological!) the successful implementation of a senate made up of democratically elected representatives to serve the students’ interests.

The radical form of government was implemented, the duties of all student government officers were delegated. The rule of student policy makers (who wrestle with administrators, represent the students and allocate our money) and student programmers (who coordinate concerts, An Toxic and other entertainment events) was divided. The Senate is invested with the responsibilities of leadership, and Executive Cabinet groups (GCG, I.P.C, SU and class officers) take care of the fun stuff.

Despite this plethora of politicians, with a lesser separation of powers, there is a perennial concern among some voters that student government officers serve only its own interests and that the solution is to send in a few “outsiders” to break it up. Unfortunately, the result of this effort has consistently been the election of “outsiders” who just bring in their own cliques. Then it seems we’ve been duped back to square one.

Just consider what happened a couple years ago in which the Senate was offered the one position that would make it feasible - a student government officer with experience on Capitol Hill. Democrat A.J. Boyd was elected student body president over senator Matt Stachiw. Not only was there 19 ethnic violations, a recall petition and a $25,000 debt him from turning the President’s Office into a private party marked that year.

The true solution seems obvious: Elect a ticket that includes experiences of other representatives and representative leaders. They should also know both how to get things done and how to bring in people from all over the country. The success of student government officer David Bights, ‘98, former chief of staff and reformer Brian Bights, ‘98, and two-time senator and chief of staff Matt Stachiw, ‘00.

Unfortunately, none of these ideal presidents were ever elected to the office.

What qualities did these people have that made them so ideal? All of them served on the Senate and either in the Office of the President or the Executive Cabinet. All of them had experience on the Campus Life Council. They all know how to deal with the administration, and though diplomatic, all were rarely seen as conciliatory when it came. If you were defending the students’ issues. They were true enough politicians that they wouldn’t turn student government into a private clique.

So, if students take the lessons of the past with them this year, we won’t have to worry about it next year, and we can actually see examples of government accomplish all the things of our wildest dreams. Well, that, or at least keep out of trouble.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAIN'T MARY'S HISTORY

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OUTSIDE THE DOME

Ohio. U. activist in court for burning gay flag

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ATHENS, Ohio - Charles Spingola, named the religious activist who has preached on Ohio University’s College Green, must defend his actions and beliefs toward gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders in court in the coming year and we can actually see student government officers.)

At a recent hearing for burning a gay flag, the student’s father said, “They’re trying to include themselves in with protection. ’There’s no need for people of other races.” Spingola said, “They feel the flag should not have been there in the first place.” When you want to put up flags on the Capitol building, it makes young people think [GBLT people] are dominating or claiming victory.”

Andrew Colopy, discussion leader for Ohio Open Doors organization, said he disapproves of Spingola’s behavior.

Recur recruits 37 yrs. sentence

STANFORD, Calif.

A recent decision by the Third Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals found that the NCAAs academic standards do not have a discriminatory effect against African-American student-athletes, reversing an earlier federal decision. The late December ruling will have little effect on the eligibility of prospective Stanford Athletics, according to Athletics Department officials, because Stanford’s academic standards are already so high. The decision resulted from the NCAA’s appeal of an April 1999 case in which four African-American student-athletes complained that the academic standards for accepting freshmen using standardized test scores violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. The minimum standards are part of a 1996 NCAA ruling called Proposition 16, which mandated that athletes have a grade-point average of 2.5 and an SAT score above 1200 if the athlete’s GPA was 2.0, their SAT score needed to be at least 1010. Students also needed to complete at least 13 core academic classes. The plaintiffs in the SAT were a culturally biased examination and therefore should not be used as an eligibility requirement.

Court upholds NCAA standards

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This ND student wins Publisher’s Clearing House
Thursday, Feb. 14, 1991

On her way to a physics exam early in the morning, sophomore Annie Cahill received a suprise that really made her day. The Clearing House offered her a check for $25,000 or a Nissan 300 Z, but she opted for the car. Flooded with offers, Cahill was then certain that she could return to Notre Dame the next year. She also planned to go to Florida for Spring Break with the extra cash.

Compiled from U-Wire reports

NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Friday, Feb. 11.
New board to focus on increasing Saint Mary’s diversity

By SABAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

With the advent of the Student Diversity Board, Saint Mary’s continues its pledge to increase the diversity of its campus. The Board of Governance approved the board Tuesday.

This will be a governing board that will work to address diverse student issues," said Georgeanna Rosenbush, advisor to student government and director of student activities at Saint Mary’s. "Like the areas of academics and residence life, diversity issues are so broad and deep in nature that it warrants more attention than one commissioner or individual clubs and organizations can give," she said.

Ideas were debated, but until a year and a half ago, no one seriously considered a board. The topic of how to support diversity on our campus has been an issue for [Student Government Association] leaders over the past years," Rosenbush said.

With the support of BOG, this year’s Ethnic Diversity Commissioner Akmaral Omarova, provided the leadership in formulation of the current proposal. Omarova, a student from the former Soviet Union Republic Kazakhstan, was intrigued by the project.

"The initial idea was brought up to me by [Rosenbush], but I decided to go with it only after talking to students, faculty and administration," Omarova said. "I have talked to many students and have seen a burst of enthusiasm and excitement about it. Students have been saying that they needed something like this a long time ago. There is a definite need for this organization on the student body’s part."

The board has a fourfold purpose: its founders want to help students develop an awareness and respect for the history, cultures, traditions and religions of multicultural and international students.

"The number one objective of this board is to educate the SMC community on issues about diversity," Omarova said.

The board also hopes to bring the Saint Mary’s community together in a celebration of the diversity of every woman on campus.

"As we learn more about each other, we will become more educated, understanding and accepting," Omarova said. "Every woman at SMC is unique and we want to celebrate this uniqueness."

The third goal of the board is to provide support for ethnic students and increase enrollment and retention rates of ethnic students at Saint Mary’s.

"We hope that with the formation of this board we will demonstrate that the issue of diversity is important to both the students and administration of the College," Omarova said.

This way, we hope to attract more prospective students from various backgrounds who will know that there will be a network of support for them at Saint Mary’s. Thus we hope to bring in more cultural diversity in student population as well."

The fourth objective of the new Diversity Board is to provide a discussion forum. "I have spoken to many students who have expressed the lack of support for minority students on campus," Omarova said.

The Programming Committee will plan and organize social events sponsored by the board. The Diversity Board’s Admissions Committee will assist the Admissions Office with recruitment of multicultural and international students.

"I believe that the new board established at this proposed level of student government will have an impact on the student and campus culture as a whole over time," Rosenbush said.

"As with any new student government Board, there will be a period of adjustment while building their identity and role within the Saint Mary's community. I anticipate many good things happening on our campus as a result of their good work," she added.

At-large representatives will also have a seat on the board, appointed by their respective boards, organizations and College departments.

"I have received extremely positive feedback and strong support from administration and faculty as well," Omarova said. "With all this support and enthusiasm, I have the confidence that the board will be successful in reaching its objectives and playing a vital role on this campus."

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Sunday, February 13 3:00 at the LaFortune Ballroom

Shannon, Your Irish Eyes have always been smiling!!

Happy 21st Love,
Mom and Dad
SMC students circulate petition

Students say elections were 'handled unfairly'

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY

Although the student government association constitution at Saint Mary’s does not have provision for students who are displeased with the results, the three Saint Mary’s students have taken matters into their own hands.

Juniors Tara Cupelli, Katie Quinn and Meghan McCormick came up with a plan to help students voice their opinion and demand changes within the Board of Governance on Tuesday.

Cupelli, Quinn and McCormick began circulating the petition on Wednesday and collected 322 signatures by Thursday, representing the majority of the students who voted in last Wednesday's election with their decision.

"Board of Governance said at the opening meeting Tuesday that their decision was final, but we want to make sure that according to the petition, the students are not representing the majority of the students," Cupelli said. "I think marriage is still such a beautiful option. Sometimes I think we should really take a look at it again, do things our own way."

"I'm not sure about that," Quinn agreed. "I don't know that Board of Governance would change anything after the way they treated the petition."

"I'm not sure how they will react to this petition, but I feel they have the power to change it," Cupelli said. "I really hope that it will represent the majority of students."

"We're all just asking to have our say," said McCormick. "We're not protesting anything, we're just asking to have our say."

"Please note that by circulating this petition, we are not attacking any of the candidates," said Quinn. "They're all qualified to hold the positions, but it is not fair that Board of Governance took determining the decision of the election into their own hands and didn’t let the students decide.

"We’re hoping that the petition will be sent to the Board of Governance," said McCormick. "I think marriage is still such a beautiful option. Sometimes I think we should really take a look at it again, do things our own way." Cupelli.

Cupelli hopes the petition will signal to the Board of Governance that they are not representing the majority of the students who voted in last Wednesday's election with their decision.

"If the Board of Governance said that the petition was final, then we would like to make sure that they are not making a decision out of the hands of the students," said Cupelli. "I think marriage is still such a beautiful option. Sometimes I think we should really take a look at it again, do things our own way."

Although the three women do not expect that the Board of Governance will change their decision to render Brewer and Nagle victorious in the election, they feel an apology from the Board of Governance is in order.

"As the very least, Board of Governance should admit they made a mistake by taking the election decision out of the hands of the students," said Cupelli. "I really think that 322 signatures of the student body, it is obvious that the student body thinks they were wrong.""
**World News Briefs**

An American UNICEF worker was one of the hostages freed from an airliner hijacked in Sudan. The hijackers demanded that the United States free some prisoners as a condition for releasing the hostages.

**LEBANON**

Lebanese Hizbollah fighters pray in the fields on the area bordering the Israeli-occupied zone of south Lebanon Thursday. A member of the pro-Syrian guerrilla group was wounded in one of several Israeli air raids in south Lebanon the same day as Israel and Hizbollah kept up their attacks.

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in academic and campus life." The idealistic answer to the positive role students play is that students have a perspective on ND that faculty never have. They offer an essential point of view," said Elizabeth Eldon, assistant professor of biological sciences and member of the University committee on women and faculty and students. Eldon cited several reasons why committees would benefit from student membership. Because students' population turns over quickly, this would help determine if change was actually occurring, she said. Also, students would gain an understanding of University governance, she added.

However, Eldon cautioned that there may be negative effects. "In any committee there has to be a level of trust among members and an acceptance of common ground rules," she said.

"Faculty and students alike need to know when a certain discussion is confidential, and need to be able to trust that confidentiality will be maintained. Some faculty are uncomfortable discussing sensitive confidential topics when they know that a student is present due to this lack of trust."

Eldon also said that due to students' busy lives, they may not always be present at committee meetings.

"Committees work best, though, when all members attend regularly and are prepared for each meeting. Good committees are real work on real issues. Students [or faculty] who attend erratically have a negative impact, since time is wasted bringing them up to date."

Huley also said that student attendance and other factors could result in a negative view of their membership "if the wrong student is put on or elected to the committee."

"A student who doesn't show up to the meetings all the time, or who isn't informed or educated about the issues that the committee addresses is not going to help that committee," she said.

However, overall Huley and Eldon stressed student representation is essential. "Student membership on committees is important," Eldon said.

"I've been interviewing for jobs this semester, and I am most impressed by those places that have student representation on the search committee. It shows that they trust their students, and it acknowledges that the candidate's ability to teach and interact with students is an important component of the hiring decision." Huley agreed.

"Student voices are essential in holding the commitment that Notre Dame upholds... without them, staff and faculty too often have to speculate and assume. If committees do that, the initiative and interventions that may be put in place may not have the potential or authenticity that produces results. Simply stated, without student input, staff and faculty most likely have failed to exhaust their resources when making decisions."

Although the candidates agreed with faculty and want to increase student membership, actually accomplishing their goal may be difficult. Mick said an increased awareness of student representation is essential.

"Currently students are often selected because of their potential or authenticity that student government never even knows who they are," he said.

"We want to work closely with all student representatives so that we may keep our fingers on the pulse of the projects that are being worked on."

Bibi said that cooperating with administrators is essential in getting most students on committees.

"We would talk to administrators regarding the benefits of increased student membership," he said. "Therby increasing student influence, and we would ensure that committee members went into meetings with the administration with clearly defined goals and a spirit of open and honest communication."

O'Donoghue stated an aspect of the issue that concerned her.

"It has been our experience that committee members truly do care about what students have to say."

John Micek
vice presidential candidate

William Berry, professor of electrical engineering and member of the review panel committee for appeals concerning sexual discrimination. Berry said his committee is one that does not need student representation. "I can only answer for this committee [on whether or not students representation is necessary]. I don't think student membership makes sense," he said.

O'Donoghue agreed, saying that while many committees would benefit from student membership, some may not and each committee should be viewed separately.

"We need to look at which committees need student members," he said. "For example, the first year of studies advisory committee already has student representation and there is not much need for a student to be on the biohazard committee."

Overall, candidates hope that their election would help increase the student voice on university committees.

"It has been our experience that committee members truly do care about what students have to say," Mick said. "The only problem is that often times there are no students on these committees. We feel that students can make a difference and one of the best ways that they can is through creating professional working relationship with other members of the committees."

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Notre Dame Film, Television and Theatre presents

Actors from the London Stage
All's Well That Ends Well
by William Shakespeare

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Monday, February 14th
210 CCE, McKenna Hall
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*Based on the Provost's Task Force Committee Report on Arts and Letters Departments, Institutes, and Collective Resources.

Faculty Senate Forum
Arts and Letters Departments, Institutes, and Collective Resources*

Presenters:
Chris Fox, Dean, College of Arts and Letters
Patrick Geary, Director of Medieval Institute
Robert Wegs, Director, Nanovic Institute
Katherine O'Brien-O'Keefe, Professor of English

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The weekend of Actors from the London Stage is sponsored in part by the Kenneth J. Schlairet Endowment. The musicals are performed Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at 8:00 pm, and Saturday matinees at 2:30 pm at the Deely Center.
Hyden: Society hinders development

Speaker says African development slowed by poor relationships

By HENRI CAPIN-GALLY SANTOS
News Writer

The difficulties in the economic development of African countries appear to be correlated with the deteriorating relations among the members of society, according to Goran Hyden. The highly regarded African lecturer discussed the turbulent social and economic scenario faced by Tanzania since the 1960s.

During the 1960s the pride of independence ran high among the people. Tanzania faced economic development, faced turblent in the 1970s. The turbulent situation had created a sense of distrust among the population. This feeling of mistrust among village farmers, or social capital, presents a serious problem, according to Hyden, because cooperation among the people favors the healthy development of society. Tanzania’s economic orientation has fluctuated between Marxism and capitalism. According to Hyden, the worst of both systems.

Hyden proposed a very original solution to the problem. In 1995 election, the ruling party implanted a women’s council, seen as losing confidence in the government. “Village farmers have lost confidence in the government,” Hyden stated.

“Those who feel to have a mission for development are the commercial farmers,” Hyden explained. “They have lost confidence in the government, which never seemed to become a corrupt institution at the expense of the farmer.”

When destroyed, social capital may be difficult to rebuild. Hyden’s ambiguous speech and gloomy view of Tanzania’s future sparked the critics in the audience. A spectator, who had lived in Mozambique during the 1960s, said Hyden’s view about the depletion of trust in African society was exaggerated. Another audience member complained about the ambigu­ous definitions of the terms used by Hyden.

The speaker answered that Africa was faced with a “high trust” society, but that he viewed a different situation while conducting his studies during the 1960s. An ideological division on development amongst different social groups seems to arise. Common farmers can be thought of as “entrepreneurs,” according to Hyden.

“Village farmers have lost confidence in the government, which never seemed to become a corrupt institution at the expense of the farmer,” Hyden stated. "Village farmers have lost confidence in the government," Goran Hyden lecturer.

Conference addresses urban renewal

By JESSICA DAUES
News Writer

Urban renewal is a way of life in many inner city areas. But rather than the situation, many are fighting for change.

The Notre Dame community will examine the role of faith and cooperation in urban renewal in a Feb. 13-15 conference “Reconciliation and Renewal in the Cities: Faith-based Initiatives.” The conference will be held at the University’s McKenna Center, a national center for faith-based initiatives like these in urban communities.

The conference will feature Father Don McNeill, executive director of the Center for Social Concerns, and Father Don McNeill, executive director of the Center for Social Concerns. The 10 different sessions of speakers will address urban situations where the creative leadership and unity impact the local community. “At the conference, students would see a broad spectrum of faith-based initiatives in six different sessions on Monday and Tuesday,” said McNeill.

Most presenters are connected with Catholic community leadership in cities including Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, San Antonio and El Paso, Texas, he said.

“Students at the University often do not get the opportunity to be involved in the community. Students get to address these issues with imagination and hope,” said Erica Looy, student of urban affairs at the University.

The conference will begin 4 p.m. Sunday with a discussion by Father McNeill of the Catholic Church in cities. Other highlights include an interactive session of the Role of Faith and Faith-based Initiatives. Father McNeill will also feature speaker of the event.

The conference will be held at the University’s McKenna Center, a national center for faith-based initiatives like these in urban communities.

In addition, Notre Dame students have also been working on faith-based initiatives over the past summer. "Father Elizondo is a dynamic speaker and an expert on Latino pastoral concerns," said McNeill. He is also the founder of the MACL, Mexican American Cultural Center, a national center for training and leadership development for those working in Latino communities.

"We hope the speakers will spark the students’ imagina­tions and desire to get involved in faith-based initiatives like these in their community or in experi­ences where the leaders have opportunities provided by the CSC," he said.

The conference is part of the millennial series "Building the Civilization of Love: Imagining the 21st Century."
Senate

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O'Donnell also stressed that the Judicial Council's punishment was handed out against the rules of the constitution. The committee formed to decide the punishment did not meet the constitution quotas, and thus their punishment was "null and void," O'Donnell said. However, the senate did agree that a violation did occur and they should review the situation.

Before debate began, Senator O'Donnoghue left the floor. "I am removing myself from the debate for obvious reasons," he said. "However, I want everyone to know that this appeal did not come from us. It came from outside our campaign.

Overall, the senators wanted to finalize the decision. "Rules are rules," said Fisher senator Phillip Dittmar. "We decided that last night. For now let's make a decision and move on."

Some senators were upset the decision was reconsidered.

"We made a decision," said Zahrman senator John Becker. "Now to go back 24 hours later and hear this again — we have to support the Judicial Committee and go with our original ruling.

Candidate Marcum, Welsh Family Hall senator argued otherwise. "[Wednesday] night it came down to two decisions — either extreme left or right," she said. "There was no room in the middle. Now there is much more of a variety on what we can do."

Off campus senator Pat Foy urged the senate to look at the situation objectively. "Do what is right," he said. "Last night, the decision didn't work out for several reasons. We made a mistake, but that doesn't mean we have to make another mistake tonight. The punishment must match the crime."

Bridget comes from Cavanaugh disagreed. "I do not think we made a mistake last night," she said. "I do not think that the senate is a supreme body. It was the job of the Judicial Council and I think the punishment should stand."

After debate ended, O'Donnell restated that the Judicial Council did not follow the rules of the constitution and thus an amendment should be made on the punishment.

"I want to reiterate what Pat [Foy] said: Do what's just. Do what's right," O'Donnell said. "I don't think the Judicial Council made the right decision and the constitution was not followed. The punishment should stand at a one day suspension."

Kelly Folks, Judicial Council President, was apologetic for the mistake, but stood behind her original punishment. "I made the decision by myself," she said. "I made it by consulting many others. I know this is not what technically should have been done, and I apologize for that. But the issue is not the ethics of my decision. Please leave the ethics out of this."

After debate, the amendment was brought to the floor and with 16 of 22 votes, it passed.

"I think with the ruling we made [Wednesday] night we were going to deal with many apathetic voters," said Walsh senator Kate McCarthy. "Not all of us have confused apathetic voters. By the amendment tonight, we decreased the confusion and allowed voters to receive the most information possible. The voters now have the choice to make the most informed, best decision."

Pat Foy agreed. "I think the senate thought a candidate going on a WWFI broadcast that reaches people did not warrant a two day suspension," he said. "We thought one day was more appropriate for the violation."

"Overall, O'Donnoghue's outlook was positive."

"We're happy with the amendment," no doubt — especially because the appeal came from outside our campaign," he said. "It's been a trial but we never lost faith. We're going to continue on to make this University better."

I want everyone to know that this appeal did not come from us.

Brian O'Donnoghue

presidential candidate

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WASHINGTON
Dispatching an election-year valentine, Republicans won House passage Thursday of legislation that would cut income taxes $182 billion over 10 years for all married taxpayers, including the 25 million couples who pay a "marriage penalty" compared with single people.

The vote, timed to coincide with Valentine's Day next week, was 266-158 to send the bill to the Senate. Although 48 Democrats joined all Republicans in favor, it was short of a veto-proof edge.

Senate passage from certain and President Clinton is threatening a veto over the bill's cost and timing, yet House GOP leaders trumpeted the measure as the first in a series of tax cuts that would return a portion of projected budget surpluses to taxpayers and limit the growth of government.

"We need a tax code that doesn't punish married couples," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "They need to buy braces for the kids. They need to buy insurance for the car and the home. They don't need the federal government picking their pocket."

It was a day for politicians of every stripe to ally themselves with the popular issue, even if they opposed this particular bill. Despite his veto warning, Clinton said at a Capitol appearance, "We know we should do this." However, he wants marriage penalty tax relief targeted more toward lower- and middle-class taxpayers.

"We are united in saying, 'Let's do it now.'" Clinton told a Democratic rally. "The 'marriage penalty' occurs because millions of couples who file joint tax returns are forced to pay taxes at higher rates than they would if they were single and filing separately, especially if each spouse earns roughly the same income. The penalty strikes most frequently at income levels between $20,000 and $75,000 and costs couples an average of $1,400 a year, according to congressional estimates.

The GOP bill would cut taxes for couples as well as "Americans who already get a marriage 'bonus,' mainly those in which one spouse earns the lion's share of family income. It would gradually expand the bottom 15 percent tax bracket to apply to more of a married couple's income, thus bringing in more revenue in 2001 for married filers to twice that of singles and raise the income cap to allow more lower-income couples to claim the earned income tax credit.

About 50 million married couples filed joint income tax returns in 1997, the most recent year complete statistics are available from the Internal Revenue Service.

Democrats complained that half of the bill's total tax cut would go to couples who already receive a joint tax bonus and who would consume a large chunk of the projected budget surplus before plans are laid to ensure the future solvency of Social Security and Medicare, to pay down the national debt and to guarantee adequate government spending.

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SR. DONNA CIANGIO, OP, NATIONAL PASTORAL LIFE CENTER, NEW YORK
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REV. CHARLES DAHM, OP
"RESURRECTION IN A MEXICAN NEIGHBORHOOD IN CHICAGO"

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ELEANOR JOSAITIS, FOCUS HOPE, DETROIT
"PASSION FOR CHANGE"

4:30-5:30 PM
DR. MONIKA HELLWIG, ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
"CURRICULAR CHALLENGES FOR RECONCILIATION AND RENEWAL"

8-9:15 PM
REV. VIRGILIO ELIZONDO, ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO
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REV. MICHAEL IVERS
"THE CALL TO BE CHURCH AFTER CHURCH IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY"

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LEN CALABRESE, DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND
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Forbes drops out of GOP race

WASHINGTON

Ending his "swim against the tide," publisher Steve Forbes pulled out of the Republican presidential race today after spending personal millions on his second quest for the nomination.

"We have created a new conservative agenda," Forbes told supporters, claiming influence in making the party take his ideas seriously.

I have no regrets, and you shouldn't either." Forbes exited in Washington, the place he railed against in two campaigns for the timidity of tax cutters and the clout of its special interest lobbyists.

Champion of a flat income tax and a conservative voice on abortion, Forbes struggled to get his voice heard in a campaign dominated from the start by Texas Gov. George W. Bush, with John McCain coming on strong after a New Hampshire victory.

"We were nudged out by a landslide," Forbes said dryly.

His departure triggered a scramble among the remaining contenders for his anti-abortion, anti-tax supporters on the conservative right, and also set the stage for a two-way battle between Bush and McCain, though former Ambassador Alan Keyes is still in the race.

Declaring to immediately endorse another candidate, Forbes said on CBS's "The Early Show" this morning that his campaigns in 1996 and this year "changed the political landscape" and their cost — more than $66 million — was money well spent.

"When you add it up, it's a formidable sum, but it will get you a handful of ads in the Super Bowl," he said. "I think we have changed the dialogue.

Forbes cited his focus on overhauling the income tax system, ending abortion, giving parents more control over their children and allowing people to control their Social Security savings. He said his flat tax proposal forced candidates like McCain to declare their own tax-cut plans.

Forbes won the Delaware primary in 1996 but decided to get out of the race this year after placing third in that state on Tuesday, behind Bush and even McCain, who didn't campaign at all in Delaware.

"This was a fantastic phenomenal experience, seeing America, learning about America in a way few people get to do it."

Steve Forbes

former presidential candidate

get to do it," Forbes said. He declined to say whether he would run for the presidency again or some other office, but said, "I will participate in the public square one way or another.

Forbes left the presidential race today in the company of a select few who spent millions of their personal fortunes on campaigns that ended in defeat.

Like Reform Party founder Ross Perot and Californian Michael Huffington before him, Forbes helped set the standard for spending no expense on a political dream.

He spent an average of $160 per vote to finish second in an Iowa straw poll in August, although no delegations were at stake and anyone could vote for the price of a ticket.

He spent more than $3 million a month in the last three months of 1999 in advance of the Iowa caucuses, where he finished a strong second, and the New Hampshire primary, where he came in a poor third.

"Never has so much been spent with so little in return," said Larry Makinson, executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics, a research group that studies money and campaigns.

Bradley criticizes Gore on gun control

LOS ANGELES

Bill Bradley, standing Thursday with parents of children killed by guns, accused Al Gore of coming late and ending up weak on the emotional issue of gun control.

Framing his contrast in unusual, barbed terms, Bradley said: "This is not an issue that I came to after seeing television pictures of Columbine. This is an issue that I believed as a matter of fundamental principle throughout my public life."

"I have always supported common-sense gun control. Al Gore has not always done that," Bradley said.

The Gore campaign countered that Bradley was trying to manufacture differences where none exist.

"Vice President Gore has been a strong advocate for gun safety laws," said Nathan Buraskin, a spokesman for California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, co-chair of Gore's California campaign.

But spokesman Chris Lehane acknowledged that Gore's record in Congress bears little resemblance to his gun-control stance of today.

"His position changed to match the changing times," Lehane said, noting the proliferation of gun violence in the last decade. "The public looks for leaders who respond to the changing times."

Gore was campaigning in Los Angeles Thursday, too, promising his health care proposal at a hospital. In a striking coincidence, his motorcade was held up temporarily because of a shooting at a fast food restaurant nearby.

Speaking to youngsters at El Sereno Middle School — parents of youngsters who were killed standing with him — Bradley said Gore voted against a 1990 bill to expand a federal ban on assault weapons and only wants to register new handguns while ignoring an estimated 60 million current weapons.

Bradley said he wants to license and register all handguns but Gore has dismissed the plan as too difficult.

"The essence of leadership is to take on that which is considered too hard to do and make it happen. That's what leaders do as opposed to politicians," Bradley said.

In addition to national registration of handguns, Bradley's plan has been met with resistance at gun dealers from residential neighborhoods, limiting the number of guns a person can buy each year, banning small, cheap "Saturday night specials" and ordering background checks for purchases at gun shows.

Forbes Forbes

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Prisoners deserve the vote

"Our best teacher is history," said Eugene Penc Cham, Chicago civil rights attorney and judge. The route of apartheid in South Africa can probably be traced to the Dutch invasion, when the "Europeans' superior weapons and technology overwhelmed the area's native inhabitants."

For the next 300 years, blacks in South Africa slowly took back their inalienable rights from their oppressors. They won back the right to give their children some semblance of an education. They won back the right to buy and drive cars. They won back the right to work in decent, upper-level jobs. In fact, by 1994, they had won back all of their rights — except one. You can often judge a country's value by the extent that those who have it don't want to give it to those who don't have it. Six years ago, blacks in South Africa finally won the most important right of all: the right to vote.

Eugene Penc Cham, a former prison audience Monday, "What did South Africa's blacks do finally when they got the right to vote? They elected an ex-convict who had been in prison for 27 years!"

That's right. They elected Nelson Mandela. Now, stay with me for a minute. America contains only 5% of the world's population, but houses 25% of its prisoners. I can't help but wonder how many prisoners in the United States are like Mandela. That is, how many are unfairly incarcerated? Ask yourself this simple question: If 13 men have been released from Illinois' Death Row, three of whom were freed based on new evidence found by Protest and Northwestern journalism students, is it really unreasonable to assume that there are hundreds of Illinois prisoners serving regular jail sentences who also are innocent?

Yet given the possibility that our justice system is incapable of proving true guilt or innocence, there still are no candidates for public office paying attention to the plight of prisoners who are serving jail terms for crimes they did not commit. Why?

Because, just like Mandela, none of our prisoners has the right to vote. That's right. Despite the fact that the 15th Amendment says "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States," we are consistently denying U.S. prisoners the right to vote in all U.S. elections. I am not arguing that people who kill and rob other people don't deserve to go to jail. Here, from my professors and people in jail deserve to vote, for two reasons: 1) Innocent people are serving time in jail for crimes they did not commit. The only way politicians will start paying attention to them is if they are given back the right to vote. Eugene Penc Cham said it so: Prison audience Monday, "What did South Africa's blacks do finally when they got the right to vote? They elected an ex-convict who had been in prison for 27 years!

"I am thankful for you, the many people (who I don't even know) who helped me up when I fell carrying my books in God Quad, who always have a hello and a smile, and who willingly clean up after me when I accidentally leave my vegetables."

I am thankful for our sports teams, whether they win, lose or get arrested. I am thankful for the Irish Guard, the chants at basketball games, for Mike Brown, for our school spirit and for all other Notre Dame traditions.

I am thankful for my own beliefs about God, my life, my religion, my body and my political choices.

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Adios, Wadsworth

Regarding Wadsworth’s firing, I say “HUILBRAV!” and so do many of my Charlotte Club fellow alums. Despite his many accomplishments for the Title IX sports, and the overall Big East record, he was a total flub in the Hall of Fame column, not to say nothing of the Dunbar and Joe Moore flacaces, so much so that Monk had to step in and personally clean up the poop that Mike left all over campus!

Here’s hoping Monk has the guts to finish his rehab job, (i.e.) that Faustian-fool Bob Davie and hires a REAL football coach before the football program goes brain-dead!

Peter W. Murray, ’64
Notre Dame Farm, ’89 and ’93
February 9, 2000

Don’t steal from Debartolo

One of the most frequent complaints I hear around campus is that people feel they have more rules here at school than they do at home and it seems as if we are constantly babysat by the administration. Well, I am now getting a clear understanding of why some of these things need to take place. Before I explain, I pose this question to you, would you ever enter a friend’s home and rip down a family portrait that they have on the wall?

In my four years here, I have seen many traditions ruined because of the irresponsibility of students, such as the ticket camputum. Well, my fellow students, we are now in fear of losing one more privilege. Last Saturday night during the SUB movie in Debartolo, the portrait of the donor of the building was ripped off the wall. Now this act may have seemed funny at the time but it has put the SUB movies under some serious heat and we now have to live in fear of what the incidents being the reason that movies are canceled for good.

This is disappointing especially since student affairs recently allowed us to start showing movies in Debartolo 101 and SUB has just purchased new licenses for the projectors so that the picture takes up the whole screen. Both of these things are for the benefit of the 1000 students that watch SUB movies on a weekly basis.

Ideally, I would like to see the return of the old Debartolo to the wall of his building.

However, more importantly, I am requesting that everyone who attends SUB movies in the future show some responsibility.

Please, realize that one stupid action may seem insignificant; yet it will directly affect the entire student body of today and the future. I don’t want to have to hire a security guard to sit outside the movies and keep one more situation where intelligent, young adults are babysat.

Ross J. Kerr
Board of Student Union Board
February 8, 2000

O’Donoghue/Norton’s vision un tarnished

This letter is about the character of our friend Brian O’Donoghue. Many of you know him as “Odie.” To others, he is just a figure that appears on the cover of The Observer on Thursdays with a summary of the previous night’s Student Senate. Yet to those who have had any contact with him, there is no doubt that he is one of a kind. He has the uncanny ability to seem like the most insane person you’ve ever met, but in the next instant, he can be the perfect thing to lift your spirit in a time of crisis.

If you ask him what he wants to do with his life, without hesitation, he’ll respond, “To save the world.” And the crazy thing is that he’s serious. The first time we heard this we almost laughed, but the look in his eye wouldn’t let us dismiss it. Look at what he wants to do as President, and you’ll see that he’s a dreamer. He has set his sights on enabling the students of Notre Dame to do great things. It has been obvious that Odie has been working for this goal since he set foot on this campus at Freshman Orientation in 1997, even to the extent of passing up time abroad in order to serve in the community through the Student Union.

The past few weeks have seen the escalation of Odie’s vision. Unfortunately, one wrong step may hamper his goal of achieving this goal. While campaigning officially started Tuesday, candid­ates were interviewed by campus publications on Saturday. Believing this exception covered all campus media, Brian and running mate Brooke Norton accepted an offer to appear on campus internet radio WVPY with Jahan Holloway.

On Sunday, Odie was casually asked if such interviews were allowed since campus begins on Tuesday. To be certain, Brian made more official inquiry, and to his dismay found that his radio appearance was, in fact, prohibited by the Student Activities, an administrative group, determined that the Senate had no right to overturn the penalty.

This letter is not meant as an endorsement of any candidate for Student Body President, but as a sign of support for our senator and friend Brian O’Donoghue.

Christopher B. Anderson
Christopher D. Clement
Kenneth Hall Pressing
February 10, 2000

Awareness of social irresponsibility of Republicans should be raised

In his Inside Column from Tuesday, Dustin Ferrell is quite right in claiming that Democrats have their individual failings, and he also cor­rectly points out that some Democrats do not bear complete responsibility on every issue. But one could claim that of any human, for we all fall short of the ideal. Does human imperfection mean that no idea is better than any other idea? Does the fact that policies are frequently imperfect mean that one should attempt to improve those policies or, rather, just abandon the issue altogether? Of course, “not supporting ineffective legislation” does not mean “not caring.”

However, in the absence of proposals of effective legislation by Republicans, suspicions seem to be real motives. The traditional Republican approach to the environment is the frequently discredited one of allowing companies to enforce themselves. Of course, Republicans receive mil­lions from companies to encourage this position — a cynical person might even say that many companies have no intention of enforcing themselves.

Ferrell vastly understates the overwhelmingly prevalent effect of environmental legislation. And without Democrats (and a few Republicans of good will) there would be no Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and no effective method of enforcing corporate responsibility in regard to the environment. Give credit where credit is due. It is ludicrous even to compare the Democratic party record to the “systematic attempts” the Republican party in 1994 to dismantle even the most basic environmental legislation.

Less thinly, Ferrell’s idea that no corporation is completely irresponsible anymore, I point to the long-standing battle between the National Resources Defense Council and Texaco. The NRDC is a highly respected, non-profit, public interest group. According to the NRDC, in 1984, “our scientists uncovered evidence from Texaco’s own internal reports showing that the company had known about and illegally discharged tons of oil, grease and other highly toxic pollu­tants into the Delaware River since 1983.” Armed with Texaco’s own pollution reports and the testimony of local residents, NRDC quickly filed suit against Texaco in federal court. The oil company responded with legal delays tactics for three years, during which time it continued to pollute the Delaware River. Finally, in 1991, the case went to trial and a federal judge, calling NRDC’s evidence against Texaco “overwhelmingly credible,” (and highly believable), determined that the company had violated the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act. Ruling Texaco, fined heavily and discriminated, continued to resist and eventually faced contempt proced­ures for its obstinate delays in undertaking a court-ordered environmental study. The court battle continued into 1994.

In regard to race relations, criticisms of the Democratic Party like Ferrell enjoy pointing out the traditional racism of Southern Democrats, but they can hardly say the Republicans are any better.

Unfortunately, time has passed for that objection. Long ago, the most notorious racists in our gov­ernment (such as Strom Thurmond) got the mes­sage and switched allegiances, to the Republican Party.

Many Republicans these days endlessly la­mabhast President Clinton while lionizing Ronald Reagan as the serene embodiment of the ideals of the Party. Reagan demonstrated his concern for children and education by trying to abolish Head Start (and not revamp) the Federal Department of Education, all the while selling weapons to the Contras in blatant defiance of the law. Last we forget, Bill Clinton was not the first president to have trouble recalling facts while under oath.

Ferrell imagines that there is no coherent ideology to political parties. He is wrong, and it’s called a platform. In the real world, most of the time, legislators vote the party line. If con­scientious Notre Dame Catholics should not be Democrats because of the abortion issue, a host of issues dictate that they not be Republican either. Realistic voters must resist the institutional Republican Party’s legacy of social irresponsibility on a wide range of issues, not wish it away.

Tim Campbell
Senior
February 8, 2000
Saint Mary's: It's one heck of a place!

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

By ANDREW MCDONNELL
Scene Writer

It is now; it is here, that the loneliness of Saint Mary's. It isn't just going to be another article about tickle fights. This, and nothing less, is what life in the residence halls of St. Mary's is all about.

Now you're probably thinking: Oh, a boy is writing this article about St. Mary's? Well, I'll tell you what, everyone, before we go any further, let's just get this out of the way that: I possess the integrity to discuss Saint Mary's with an objective eye and a professional pen. That is to say, this is not just going to be a boy! What's a boy doing writing a dorm feature? Let's just get this out of the way. That is, this is not just going to be a boy. What's a boy doing writing a dorm feature should e-mail Scene at scenes@nd.edu

That is to say, this is not just going to be another article about Saint Mary's? The answer, which you are not going to get, is that it is composed almost entirely of single-gendered responses when it enters the ring of candid discussion. So why a boy? Stephanie King, Sophomore.

Saint Mary's has five residence halls in four buildings, strange as that might sound, and each one has its own character and spirit. The residence halls are the heart of Saint Mary's identity, and it is from this beating heart that the college arteries pump out fresh, newly oxygenated womans into a global body eager for strong and vibrant voices with pleasant pitch and timbre. For many of these womans, their journey to the world begins in Regina Hall.

Regina Hall

From the outside, Regina Hall, not to be pronounced with a "long i," is not exactly what you might want to be "smaahed." It is perhaps Saint Mary's most unremarkable residence hall, flat and block-like in appearance. The beauty of a place is more than brick deep, however, and once you have entered the lobby of Regina, one knows that this is a special place. The foyer of this impressive structure holds two tiny pews on each side, as if to say, "Welcome to a place of worship. Pop a kneel." It also has a tiny potted plant that looks like a palm tree, seemingly placed to compliment the pews. One is left with a sensation that this is a place both sacred and tropical.

Inside the main doors, the visitor is confronted with an impressive chapel, and two expansive lounges on either side of the main lobby. The lounge on the south side is brilliantly furnished with couches and easy chairs ideally arranged for conversation. It also features an enormous glass wall that peers over an indoor swimming pool and a very nice grand piano where people can rattle off a few ditties while they smoke a well earned cigarette. The North Lounge is also nice and features a fire-place. One of Regina's most popular features is that it is composed almost entirely of singles. The first floor offers larger rooms, but for the most part the rest of the dorm is filled with singles, most belonging to younger members of the Saint Mary's community.

Regina is a building that can produce very different responses when it enters the ring of candid discussion. So why a boy? Stephanie King, Sophomore.

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McCandless Hall

McCandless is another residence hall largely associated with underclasswomen and also one that lacks some of the visual appeal of the older buildings. It was completed in 1964 and named for Saint Mary's Marian McCandless, the alumna who founded the Saint Mary's publication, The Courier, in 1966. Its exterior is a fairly plain brown brick face with rows of what look like compressed train tracks wrapped around the building's perimeter.

Like Regina, the interior of McCandless distinguishes it from the rest of Saint Mary's living facilities. Having the advantage of being the newest residence hall, McCandless can offer such amenities as the air-conditioned study carrels for each room, and um ... a sink in every room. Which is admittedly a smaller amenity, but think of how much time a body doesn't have to spend walking back and forth every time those chompers need a brushing. Ok, so it's not the nicest of interiors either, physically, but look deeper. Look at the community within!

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great building, and it has a great spirit. And we have a great staff. And I’m not just saying that because they’re all standing behind me.” And that is when the brawl erupted. Not really, but it was touch-and-go for a minute there.

Asked what she thought of McCandless Hall, Le Mans senior Kathleen Foley replied, “No tunnels, no way.” In reference to McCandless’s omission from the underground tunnel network at St. Mary’s, Foley continued, “And it’s closer to Angela Athletic Facility, so it’s probably full of really skinny girls.”

But the residents of McCandless know it as more than a location. To them, it’s just home.

Holy Cross Hall

At the end of the tree-lined Avenue lies a monument to the architecture of the past — Holy Cross Hall. It is a beautiful old building, the oldest of the residence halls in fact, and just by walking across its front porch and into its classic lobby with twin, curved staircases, one cannot help but feel a pang of jealousy that one cannot live there. Especially if one isn’t even afforded the chance just because of one’s gender. One can really feel the pangs if that’s the case. That’s when the sting begins to burn.

Holy Cross is home to 320 residents, mostly second- and third-year students, and it is possessed of some of the largest rooms ever created. No joke — you could squeeze a roller skating rink into some of those rooms and still have room to herd alpacas. They are immense and feature hardwood floors, incredibly high ceilings, enormous windows, but they only have two temperature settings — Hell and Eskimo Hell.

The real charm of this building is not in its parlors or its VendoLand. It is in its community. These are no hostile Amazon women in Holy Cross, living in gated seclusion bringing in men for the sole purpose of breeding and then sending them to the place from whence they came. No, these bo a friendly and chaste people, and though the author of this article was required to be accompanied by an escort, as are all men in all St. Mary’s residence halls, it was still one of the most welcoming environments on campus.

Responding to inquiries of her opinion of Holy Cross Hall, though, Le Mans Hall resident Foley stated, “I think it’s gorgeous and it’s beautiful, but sh*t, the whole distance to class thing. It’s way out there.”

Annunciata Hall

The fourth floor of Holy Cross Hall is actually a residence hall unto itself. Annunciata Hall, a.k.a. “The Rockin’ Sorority,” is a special section designed for seniors to live in community together, and that is exactly what happens. They live in community. It looks like a normal floor, but Annunciata offers extra amenities such as a very nice break room with a big screen TV. It also has its own computer lab and kitchen, and members of the community are given a key that accesses the basement entrance so they do not have to pass the scrutiny of the front desk every time they want to enter and leave the building.

An Annunciata resident who would only identify herself as “Gabby” explained, “It’s just nice being on a floor with all seniors. The extra door is just a little extra incentive.”

Follow Annunciataetue Megan Bodary agreed: “I feel tough. I feel like a big kid. Finally, you know? I just like the feeling when you walk in the elevator and get to say, ‘Could you press four, please?’ It’s a separation. It’s just enough.”

While there will always be a naysayer such as Foley, — who said: “I always thought it was so funny that they renamed it a whole hall when it’s just the fourth floor. That’s all it is!” — there is something impressive about the community of Annunciata. It is composed entirely of women on the brink of leaving one stage of life and embarking on another journey, and they are all in it. They are all in it together.

Le Mans Hall

Opened in 1925, Le Mans (silent “s”) Hall houses 520 students and numerous administrative offices, but it is also the most remarkable landmark on the Saint Mary’s campus. It is an enormous structure with a commanding bell tower as its focal point. Once inside, the first floor is a wonderland of classy wood paneling, and the main lobby is speckled with small metal characters that give it an almost medieval flavor. Large wooden pillars also make their presence felt in the lobby, soft­ly whispering, “Is it a forest, or is it an indoor place?” And then it cackles.

Most Le Mans Hall residents are absolutely in love with the building and the people who people it. “There’s a lot of quiet,” said RA Sara Velligan, “so it’s easy to get things done. And at the same time there are a lot of distractions whenever you want to find them. Best of both worlds, really.”

Surprisingly enough, Foley said: “I’m lazy and Le Mans is close to everything. Yeah, we’re huge. We have the most washing machines of any building on campus.”

And the one naysayer in Le Mans, who desired anonymity, stated, “There is no best part about living on campus. They’re unhelpful and stupid ... I just don’t like the business department, that’s all. I’m sorry.” So really, she can pretty much be discounted.

Indeed, any residence hall at Saint Mary’s offers a sense of spirit that is difficult to match at other schools, almost all of the women interviewed agreed. Even Kathleen Foley. Despite the sometimes-undesirable hours of visitation hours and access cards, life on the Saint Mary’s campus is a life lived in community, and it is largely through this community that Saint Mary’s students are able to prepare themselves for the world outside.
SUB'S SLF Pulls into ND

This week's Sophomore Literary Festival brings bright writers to Notre Dame, including Pulitzer prize winner William Kennedy.

About the speakers...

**Bharati Mukherjee, Saturday, 8 p.m.**

Non-fiction: "Days and Nights in Calcutta" and "The Sorrow and the Terror: The Legacy of the Terrorist Bombing of Air India Flight 182"

Collections: "Darkness" and "The Middleman and Other Stories"

Awards: The National Book Critics' Circle Award for Best Fiction ("The Middleman"), Guggenheim Fellowship, NEA grant, NEH-funded "resource expert" on world literature, for fiction, Council of Literary Fellows, and Woodrow Wilson Fellowship

**William Kennedy, Sunday, 8 p.m.**

Screenplays: "The Cotton Club" and "Emmwood"

Collections: "Riding the Yellow Taxi" Cancer

**Children's Books:** "Jumbo Malarky and the Belly Button Machine" and "Charlie Malarky and the Singing Frogs"

Plays: "Grand View"

**Li-Young Lee, Monday, 8 p.m.**

Books of Poetry: "Rose," "The City in Which I Love You"

Autobiographies: "The Winged Seed"

Awards: National Endowment for the Arts fellowship, Lannan Foundation fellowship, Academy of American Poets

**Andrew Hudgins, Wednesday, 8 p.m.**


Collections: "The Glass Anvil"

Awards: Wallace Stegner fellow (Stanford University), Alfred C. Hodder fellow (Princeton), National Book Critics Circle Award, Ingram Merrill Foundation fellowship, 1969 Poets Prize winner, 1997 Frederick Bock Prize, Ohioana Poetry Award for lifetime contribution to poetry, The Fellowship of Southern Writers' Flanne Prize, American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters' Witter Bynner Prize

**John Edgar Wideman, Thursday, 8 p.m.**


Awards: PEN/Faulkner Award (twice), The New York Times "Best book of the year," American Book Award, Lannan Literary Fellowship, member of American Academy of Arts and Sciences, MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" and Rea Award for the short story

Student readers include: Paul Camarata, Michelle Costello, Andrew McDonnell, Lisa Marie Felipe, Brian O'Donoghue and Kara Zaro

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Let's examine the Notre Dame scene.

By senior year, you know a few couples who are tying the knot—a dance no longer exists for the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students. However, the dance comes with the undue pressure of "who do I take for Valentine's Day?" This is the trouble. By the time the dance draws near, you are ready to invite just about anyone—a friend, a friend's friend, that person who sits next to you in class, some guy/girl that passes you in the dining hall or the first cute picture you come to in the case of software, can save the student a ton of money. If you are looking for software from Adobe, Macromedia, or even Microsoft, look no further than the OIT's computer store.

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I would just like to thank Scott Little for his stereotypical generalization of women. It has been a long, hard road but you have had the pleasure of such a rare laugh. A--bore.

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Notre Dame is one weird place when it comes to gender relations and commitment between men and women. I know it seems strange, but the South Bend: The town that flushes. As for dating, there are many things to do, you just have to be a creative mastermind to find them. Going out to eat is popular on Wednesdays. And it doesn't long take long to figure out what bar to go to on every night. There are always the movies. Anything can really be a date. People should just be light hearted and accept that massage from a stranger, or sit by that lonely person at lunch.

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Dialogue at ND. Dating is a good idea. Because guys and girls live in separate buildings it is extra important that you date, otherwise, it scars and scarifies to take a shower. I like to visit the girl's dorms. Since all the girls are in one spot they aren't afraid to let it all hang out, sometimes you can see some interesting stuff. I was in PW a few days ago and saw a girl zipping up her fly while walking down the hall. I want to take a time-out here and ask all ND students and faculty to make sure they flush the toilet after they do the put. If you don't flush, and you don't do it because you think your poop looks neat and you want other people to see it, I can promise you that we don't. If you really are amazed at the trousers that come out of you, then bring a plastic bag or a bowl, and some rubber gloves and bring it home with you. In the meantime for all of us clean people, keep pushing on the end toilet.

There are nicer places to live than South Bend, but we can make it seem better by flushing. Maybe someday they will give a town sign saying South Bend: The town that flushes.

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He has his work cut out for him if he is to take another step toward Byron Nelson’s record of 11 in a row. And if the first round was any indication, a couple of primes are lining up to stop Wood.

"I think guys like Fred Couples (68), Mark Calcavecchia and myself are really trying to play at a different level, and hopefully we can finish off Tony," Mickelson said. "It’s been really good so far."

But he is not thinking about minimizing how big the cut and on to win with two strokes with a 62-65 on Saturday. But he was six off the lead, having made several putts off to start.

"I’m just trying to win the round, play well and try to win the tournament," he said before Sunday’s play.

"I’m going to go with the flow," he said. "I’m not going to speculate about what Dan’s going to do."

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NCAA Men’s Basketball

Barkley’s suspension lifted after St. John’s appeal

Associated Press

NEW YORK
St. John’s successfully appealed the suspension of sophomore guard Erick Barkley on Thursday and he will play Saturday against Villanova.

On Tuesday, Barkley, the team’s leading scorer at 16.9 points per game, was suspended by the NCAA for three games for an undisclosed rules violation. St. John’s appealed that ruling even though he had already served one game — last Saturday’s victory over Boston College — and presented a second that night at Providence, another victory for the Red Storm (11-6).

The Division 1 Subcommit tee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement upheld St. John’s appeal, reducing the suspension to two games.

Er rick is obviously very happy,” St. John’s coach Mike Jarvis said Thursday night. “He appreciates the game more than he did before. He was glad to practice today. Usually it’s a chore. ... You get a sense of how relieved he is because he was so concerned about his image and perception.”

Through Jarvis, Barkley said he was going home after practice and would speak to the media after Saturday’s game at Madison Square Garden.

“Today is a time to move on,” St. John’s athletic director Ed Manetta said Thursday. “We’re not going to get into specifics of the case because that has to do with a student’s privacy and we’re going to respect that right now.”

Manetta wouldn’t give details about the process that stretched almost a week, from notification of the possible violation to the appeal hearing.

“The NCAA interpreted rules differently than we did,” he said. “The committee today ruled on what we presented and took a different view of and that’s frequently a good way to resolve them. This committee heard from both sides and made a decision on that.”

The NCAA won’t comment on specifics involving a decision without written permission from the athlete.

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

Barkley traded his late-model Jeep Cherokee for a bigger but older Ford Expedition that belongs to a family friend, said a source close to Barkley and another with knowledge of the matter, according to a source familiar with the case.

The violation was discovered on Friday after Saturday’s game and would speak to the media at 2:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. Saturday.

The Associated Press

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Griffey joins sluggers in NL Central

Associated Press

Ken Griffey Jr. swung for the fences with the wind blowing out at Wrigley Field. Sammy Sosa patting Mark McGwire as he rounds second base on yet another home run trot.

McGwire launching one of his home run bombs over Griffey’s or Sosa’s head.

Just a couple of years ago, those were mostly dreams. Now they could be a typical day in baseball’s most exciting division: the Home Run Central. With Griffey’s trade Thursday from Seattle to Cincinnati, baseball’s three most prolific and exciting sluggers all play in the same division, the National League Central.

The trio combined for 368 home runs over the past two seasons — an average of just over 61 apiece, more than Roger Maris’ record that stood until McGwire and Sosa took aim at it in 1998.

This is perhaps the most exciting slugging trio ever to play in one division. They rival Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Jimmie Foxx in the AL, if the Griffey’s trade Thursday was a sign of what’s to come for the NL Central.

The NL Central is the most exciting division in baseball. The competition is fierce, the outcomes usually tight, and the drama is compelling. The races are never over until the last game of the season. And there’s a chance the NL Central might just get even more exciting.

The NL Central has been home to some of the most exciting baseball in recent years. The Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals have been the division’s most succesful teams, with the Milwaukee Brewers and Pittsburgh Pirates also making the playoffs in recent seasons.

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**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

'Griffey traded to Reds for 4 players'

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Ken Griffey Jr. was traded from the Seattle Mariners to the Cincinnati Reds today after agreeing to a contract with the hometown team.

The Associated Press confirmed to The Associated Press by a source close to the negotiations who spoke on the condition he not be identified. The deal was negotiated by Mariners general manager Pat Gillick and Reds general manager Jim Bowden.

Griffey, 30, had 398 career home runs in 11 seasons, along with a .299 average and 1,152 RBIs. Hank Aaron, baseball's career home-run leader with 755, thinks Griffey has the best chance to top his record.

Griffey, who will earn $8.25 million this season, the final year of an $34 million, four-year contract, told the Mariners in November that he wanted to be traded to a team closer to his home in Orlando, Fla.

Mariners general manager Pat Gillick held talks with the New York Mets the following month, but Griffey then said he would accept a trade only to Cincinnati.

Reds general manager Jim Bowden cut off negotiations at the winter meetings, saying the Mariners' demands were too steep. But talks resumed in recent weeks.

Goldberg said Thursday that it was the most-watched Mavericks game in the 20-year history. More than 150 media credentials were issued, triple the typical amount.

Plenty of fans were watching at home. The Dallas Mavericks Monday Night Sports Network report

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February 10, 2000
To the Saint Mary’s College Community:

As the current Board of Governance and in light of the recent elections complications, we feel it is necessary to address the members of the student body. Let us start first by assuring each of you that the members of the current student government association who have been handling the recent events have done so with the utmost care, responsibility, dedication, and intelligence. They deserve our support and encouragement. Their task is not, and has not been, an easy one.

The 2000-2001 Student Body Election began with the informational meetings that are attended by all tickets considering running. At these meetings, candidates are informed of the election bylaws, and made aware of requirements and deadlines. After these meetings four tickets declared candidacy. The primary vote was conducted on Monday, January 31st and no one ticket emerged with 50% plus one vote—the requirement established in the Student Governance Constitution. Clearly states that, “The winner of the run-off will be that ticket with the highest number of raw votes.” As we are all aware, the results of Wednesday’s run-off election were a dead tie. Each ticket received the exact same number of raw votes. As this is a situation that Saint Mary’s has never before been presented with, the Elections Commissioner, at the encouragement of the Director of Student Activities, approved a third election. This decision was not made according to the bylaws established in the constitution. The constitution states, “The only time a revote is to occur if improper voting procedures were followed.” Due to the fact that proper voting procedures were enforced for Wednesday’s election a revote was indeed uncalled for, and in fact, was a direct violation of the stipulations set forth in the Student Government Association constitution. Furthermore, decision-making at that point rested in the hands of the Elections Committee, not the Elections Commissioner or the Director of Student Activities. We acknowledge that this oversight was a mistake.

Unfortunately, this oversight was not brought to our attention until after Friday’s election. The results of Friday’s election awarded the Koelsch/Rodarte a higher number of raw votes than the Renner/Nagle ticket. These results, however, are deemed unofficial for 48 hours according to the SGA constitution. This time period is the window of opportunity that is present in every election, giving either ticket the opportunity to file an appeal. Proper election procedure is to inform the members of the unofficial results. If, after having been informed of the results, no appeal is filed by either ticket, the results become official. Complaints, on the other hand, and a careful distinction must be noted between a complaint and an appeal, can be filed at any time by any member of the student body. Again, these guidelines are set forth in the election bylaws of the Student Government Association constitution.

Sunday the Renner/Nagle ticket filed such a complaint. Their complaint was based on the fact that the Elections Committee was erroneously not consulted in determining to conduct a third election. It also sighted another oversight regarding Friday’s election procedures: off-campus voting was not allowed in the Off-Campus lounge.

In light of these complaints, and according to the SGA constitution, the Elections Committee met on Sunday night to discuss the validity of the complaint and establish a course of action. A quorum of the Elections Committee voted unanimously to nullify Friday’s election in light of what they considered to be valid complaints filed by the Renner/Nagle ticket. At this point, the Elections Committee notified both tickets of the decision to nullify Friday’s election. The Elections Committee met again the next morning. As they continued their thoughtful deliberation, the committee, made up of representatives from each residence hall and off-campus students, faced a great challenge in reaching what they considered to be a fair, just, and impartial decision. The committee met to discuss the position that they should have been in on Wednesday night: the point at which, according to the constitution, they should have been consulted. They were faced with the decision of what an appropriate policy would be in light of not only this election, but also bearing in mind the relevance of this decision on future elections at Saint Mary’s. Several options were thoroughly discussed by the committee, including sending the tie-breaking vote to Board of Governance, establishing an emergency electorate, and reverting to Monday’s numbers. A revote was NOT an option; it is a direct violation of the Student Government Association Constitution.

After approximately four hours of discussion, the Elections Committee reached a conclusion. The decision of the Elections Committee is the following: In the event of a tie in the run-off election, the total raw votes cast from the primary and run-off election will be tallied and the ticket with the highest number of resulting raw votes wins.

After a majority of the Elections Committee voted in favor of such a policy, the candidates were notified, as well as the Observer. At this point, after the decision of the Elections Committee was made, the constitution states that each ticket has 24 hours to make an appeal.

In anticipation of a possible appeal from the Koelsch/Rodarte ticket, the Interim Elections Commissioner took steps to ensure that the Elections Appeals Board would be fully functioning. The Constitution states that the Elections Appeals Board is made up of three members of the senior class who are also members of either Board of Governance, Student Academic Council, Residence Hall Association, or Student Activities Board. Furthermore, the members of the Appeals Board are asked and expected to remain unbiased and refrain from campaigning for any candidates. Unfortunately, one member was unable to serve. The SGA constitution states that, “An Elections Appeals Board will be appointed by the Elections Commissioner and approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Governance...” In light of the inability of one member to serve, the executive board voted to approve the appointment of her replacement, a senior member of Student Activities Board.

As expected, an appeal was indeed filed by the Koelsch/Rodarte ticket on the grounds that, “the decision to use the raw votes from the Monday and Wednesday elections is not a valid representation of the wishes of the student body...” and that they believe the Renner/Nagle complaint was not filed in a manner compliant with the time restrictions stated in the SGA constitution. As written by the Appeals Board, their decision is the following, “...we affirm that the Elections Committee holds sole responsibility to assess elections procedures...In the case of the 2000-2001 election, improper election procedures occurred...Therefore, Friday’s vote was nullified...Because Wednesday’s election resulted in a tie, we refer back to the vote of the Monday, January 31st elections...”

The goal of the Elections Appeals Board is to keep in mind the voice of the student body, while remaining fair to the tickets involved. We believe that our decision does accomplish this objective. The decision of the Elections Appeals Board is final and binding.

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The intensity of this election reflects something that we should all be very proud of. This is reflected in the narrow split of the elections. Both tickets are made up of strong women yearning to serve Saint Mary’s. Both are highly qualified and exemplify the best of Saint Mary’s. Both have struggled to stand up for their rights as students and as candidates for Student Body President/Vice President.

We regret that the unfortunate events of the past week have occurred. We always hope that elections run smoothly, and they usually do. However, these recent events have served to solidify our confidence in the workings of the Student Government Association. Events unfolded such that the Constitution was our framework. Due process was followed every step of the way. Decision-making was conducted justly and fairly. In the process, we have maintained the integrity of the Elections Committee and the future integrity of the Student Government Association. In particular, Bridget Heffernan, our interim elections commissioner, has conducted herself ethically, honestly, and has acted with the utmost concern for the interests of the student body.

This past week has not been easy for any of the parties involved: the candidates, the members of the Elections committee, the Appeals Board, or the student body. This election has served to solidify our confidence in the workings of the Student Government Association. Events unfolded such that the Constitution was our framework. Due process was followed every step of the way. Decision-making was conducted justly and fairly. In the process, we have maintained the integrity of the Elections Committee and the future integrity of the Student Government Association. In particular, Bridget Heffernan, our interim elections commissioner, has conducted herself ethically, honestly, and has acted with the utmost concern for the interests of the student body.

Thank you very much and good luck to everyone involved. We are sure that the talents of the four young women involved will not be wasted next year. Saint Mary’s is truly blessed to have such skilled and able women present among its student body.

With Regards,
1999-2000 Saint Mary’s College Board of Governance

The SMC student body will receive a copy of this letter in their mail tomorrow.
Colts to keep Dilger for next five years

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Ken Dilger got the long-term commitment he wanted from the Indianapolis Colts.

The veteran tight end signed a five-year, $15 million contract on Thursday with the AFC East champions.

"I’m very happy. I wanted to stay in Indianapolis and finish my career here," said Dilger, who could have become a free agent Friday. "I always felt we would get it done without having to have the franchise tag put on me. There were a couple of sticking points and we were able to work them out.

Dilger’s agent, Mark Bartelstein, said the Colts agreed to the long-term deal rather than designate Dilger as their “franchise” player, which would have given him a one-year salary equal to the average of the top five tight ends in the league — $2.385 million.

“It was a long process,” Bartelstein said. “We didn’t really want to be franchised, so we tried to come up with something that would work for everybody, and I think we did it.”

As a “franchise” player, Dilger still could have signed an offer sheet with another team, but then the Colts would have had the option of either matching the offer or receiving two first-round picks as compensation from Dilger’s new team.

“We’re very happy to have Ken Dilger on board with us for the next five years,” Colts president Bill Polian said. “We look forward to a great season from him.

The league’s free agency period begins at 12:01 a.m. Friday. The Colts already watched linebacker Michael Barber, receiver Lake Dawson, running back Darick Holmes and quarterback Steve Walsh.

Tackle Adam Meadows, running back T.J. and McLroy and quarterback Kelly Holcomb received one-year contract offers as restricted free agents, meaning they may sign offer sheets with other clubs but the Colts have one week to match the offers or receive compensation through draft picks.

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Indianapolis tight end

Free agency creates new rosters

Associated Press

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will test the free agency market.

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playing to our advantage. But we’re so happy we’re fourth right now ... I’m going to take a picture of that scoreboard and mount it on the wall. This makes a huge statement."

With Thursday’s events behind them, day one’s performances have set a precedent that success is to be expected in this meet. Record-breaking performances proved to be the rule rather than the exception, and the team has yet to attack the events that record-breaking performances were expected in.

“They’ve seen what they can do, and it’s contagious,” Hildebrandt said. “There is no stopping this team.”

Colleen Sullivan set the pace for the meet early in the day, when, in her first individual event, she broke Danielle Clayton’s 1999 50 freestyle record. Sullivan’s mark, which unseated Clayton’s by two tenths of a second to 25.73 sec- onds in the morning, was enough to earn her a place in the consolation finals. Stepping up again, Sullivan broke her own record, cutting it to 25.60 and an eight-place overall fin- ish.

“I just wanted to take con- trol of that race,” Sullivan said. “I was n’t focused on my competi- tion. I tried to focus on myself, on my race. I just wanted to give it all I could.”

Sullivan also anchored the 200 medley relay team that cracked a 15-year-old record set by Rafttery, Pancratz, Martaugh and Pyronburn in February of 1985. The record, set during the team’s champi- onship season, was the oldest record left on the Saint Mary’s board. The team of Sullivan, Clayton, Alicia Lesnieski and Lane Herrington lowered that mark by over two seconds, updating the record books to 1 minute, 43.95 seconds.

“Breaking a 200 freestyle record by two seconds is unheard of,” said athletic director Lyn Kachmarik. "This is unbelievable." Lyn Kachmarik
Saint Mary’s Athletic Director

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guidance, Sullivan began to realize that she could challenge what she had done before — and supercede it. She’s a very hard worker," said Hildebrandt. "I knew right away that she could beat all of her previous records."

Sullivan did beat all of her previous records Thursday night, engraving her place in Saint Mary’s swimming histo- ry by setting the 50 freestyle record twice, and anchoring the 200 freestyle relay that cracked the oldest record left on the record board.

Hildebrandt was visibly moved on the side of the deck, glancing at her watch and up at the scoreboard for confirmation, holding in tears of pride.

“I brought tears to my eyes," she said. "Everything about her race was perfect — her start, her turn, her stroke. I was watching in so much anticipation that I didn’t even want to look at the board, because I didn’t want to be disappointed. The swim was so perfect ... she deserves this so much."

But Sullivan, who prefers middle distance events, had no idea she had set the record.

“I just wanted to give it all I could," she said. “In the 50, there’s really no time to think. I was just looking for- ward, thinking, ‘I own this lane.’ I knew that I was going to swim fast.”

But she was unaware of just how fast she would swim.

“I don’t train for the 50, so this was a pleasant surprise,” she said. "I didn’t even know I’d broken it until I walked around (to Gretchen)."

Sullivan’s role has been one of silent necessity throughout the season, as the junior has the ability to pull out a tight win in critical situations. As the season progressed, Hildebrandt watched the woman who came to her uncertain mature into some- one who played an integral role on the team.

“In her lane, she is the motivator,” Hildebrandt said. "She works hard, and they have fun. She is someone I look to for leadership both in and out of the pool ... she is an excellent role model."

Her newfound confidence was based in her mental training, an aspect of swim- ming she had never consid- ered before. Sullivan said,

“I had never trained men- tally before,” Sullivan admit- ted. “Since I’ve gotten back from Ireland, I’ve had a much more laid back attitude towards the sport. Under Gewertz, I’ve also learned to be mentally tough, and that mental toughness matters.”

Mental focus will surely come into play for Sullivan, who plans to attend 200 freestyle events on her schedule for this weekend. But as far as she’s con- cerned, for now, she just wants to enjoy herself.

“I’m just trying to have fun, and enjoy swimming because I know one day I’m going to miss it," she said. "As far as the record goes, I hope we’re surprising some people — maybe scaring some peo- ple. I’m excited for tomorrow — everyone shocked them- selves today.”

Especially Sullivan.
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Jar performance, Murphy personally showed the Huskies that their guard Khalid El-Amin is by no means assured the status of Big East Player of the Year.

El-Amin ranks fifth in the conference in scoring with 17.5 points per game, but Murphy leads the league in two categories with his 23.2 points per outing and 10.9 rebounds.

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Kentucky upset encourages Notre Dame for OSU game

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

After posting a huge win over 18th-ranked Kentucky on Tuesday, the 38th-ranked Irish look to keep their hot streak alive and improve upon their 3-2 record when they meet 58th-ranked Ohio State Saturday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The recent win over Kentucky marked the biggest upset by Notre Dame since the 1997 Irish squad, then ranked 29th, upended 6th-ranked Duke 4-3.

However, after the big win, the Irish are being careful not to take Ohio State lightly.

“We are pretty concerned about Ohio State because they are undefeated,” Notre Dame coach Bob Bayless said. “They are pretty solid from top to bottom.”

Ohio State has yet to encounter rough terrain this season, blowing by former number 51 South Alabama, Toledo, Bowling Green and Robert Morris.

After posting wins, the Buckeyes received attention by being granted a national ranking for the first time in at least four years.

Chris Porter, ranked No. 62, will lead the Buckeyes into Saturday’s match, and will most likely face Irish captain and All-American Ryan Sachire in the top singles battle.

Including the recent win over Kentucky’s ninth-ranked Carlos Drada, 14th-ranked Sachire has put together an impressive string of victories and should pose an obstacle for Porter.

The rest of the Irish lineup will presumably remain the same as in the previous match, barring the return of injured 56th-ranked junior and No. 2 singles player Matt Daly, who has been hampered by a shoulder injury.

Freshman Brain Farrell stepped up in the No. 6 slot to fill in for Daly, and demonstrated his poise and power by clinching the Irish victory over Kentucky in their previous match.

Sophomore Casey Smith will most likely follow Sachire in the ranks at No. 2 singles, followed by sophomore Javier Taborga, Aaron Talarico and Andrew Laffin. This established squad stands as a formidable opponent for any team, especially for a team like Ohio State who has yet to prove they are national contenders.

“It’s going to be a tough match for us,” OSU’s assistant coach Dave Schilling said. “We were able to play well against South Alabama, the No. 51 team in the country, but this match will be a whole new level of play and we are going to be on the road as well. This will be by far the toughest test of the season to date.”

The Buckeyes are under the new management of head coach Ty Tucker who brings a wealth of tennis knowledge to the improving program. He left Ohio State in 1992 after his junior year to become a professional tennis player, and achieved a world ranking of 232, and in 1994 he was nationally ranked No. 35.

Tucker’s arrival has attracted a number of key additions to the Ohio State program, including freshman Philip Metz, who was ranked 22nd in the United States Tennis Association national rankings in the 18 and under division.

The Buckeyes also boast the 35th-ranked doubles team of Andrew Carlson and Porter, who look to take away the doubles point when they meet the Irish in dual-match play.

But the Irish’s 48th-ranked pair of Taborga and Talarico hopes to alter the Buckeye game plan. Notre Dame proved the importance of garnering the doubles point in dual-play, after doing so helped them secure their recent upset.

“It is important to stand up to them early,” coach Bayless said. “And let them know who we are and that we are here to play.”

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To be eligible, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or greater. Also, the student’s college transcript must reflect a grade of C or better in all courses attempted.

Contact Lieutenant David Rowland of the Navy ROTC unit at 631-6061 or by email at Rowland.9@nd.edu. Check out our web page at www.nd.edu/~rotc for details about our Bartonian...
WOMEN'S TENNIS Terrapins serve up competition

By KEVIN BERCHOU Sport Writer

The Notre Dame women's tennis team won't have much longer to find out exactly where it stands in relation to its competitors. The Irish women will take on the talented Maryland Terrapins this afternoon at the Eck Tennis Pavilion in a showdown that should serve notice as to exactly how far they have come, or perhaps how far they need to go.

Coming off an easy 9-0 trouncing of Yale, Notre Dame will be provided with a much more daunting test when they take on Maryland this afternoon and attempt to run its season record to 4-1.

"They're very talented," head coach Jay Louderback said. "They're as athletic as any team we'll play all year.

As always, the Irish will be led by junior All-American Michelle Dasso, who will play both No. 1 singles and doubles. Dasso played exceptionally well in her last singles match and looks to have recovered from a fall shoulder injury. Sophomore Becky Varnum and junior Kelly Zalinski will be relied upon heavily to pick up key points in No. 2 and No. 3 singles, respectively.

Maryland has been surging lately, easily winning its first three dual meets of the season. The Terps are young — almost to a fault. And their lack of experience could play into the hands of the Irish.

"They haven't had a tough test all year," Louderback said. "With the freshmen playing in their first big match, that could be a difference."

The Terps' top two players are extremely talented, yet inexperienced, freshmen. First-year player Delia Causevic, a native of Bosnia, will battle Dasso in No. 1 singles, while her classmate Jessica Johnson will take on Zalinski.

Causevic has been on top of her game lately, and she too will be tested as her match with Dasso will be her toughest to date.

With the Irish having sent two doubles teams to the Rolex Indors last weekend, and the Terps featuring Johnson and Causevic as their No. 1 doubles pair, the doubles matches should be interesting. Dasso and Varnum will receive a strong challenge from Causevic and Johnson.

Junior Kimberly Guy and freshman Katie Cushing will play No. 2 doubles in hopes of continuing their fine play.

Maryland, rarely tested in the previous four victories over Maryland, West Virginia and Georgetown, faces a difficult test in meeting on Notre Dame's home court.

Since beating the Washington Huskies last weekend, the Irish have not taken on a quality opponent, making this match a valid indicator of the squad's current state.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish look to improve against Red Storm

By KERRY SMITH Associate Sport Editor

When the time ran off the clock against Pittsburgh Wednesday, the Irish were able to put another notch in the win column, but their sloppy play left a mark on the fifth-ranked squad.

Faltering for the first time in conference action, the Irish allowed the Panthers hang with them too long and let the unranked 13-9 squad come too close to an upset in the 81-74 contest.

As the final stretch of the regular season begins a flurry of tough matchups for Irish head coach Muffet McGraw's 20-2 team, tonight's game against Big East rival St. John's may just be what Notre Dame need to get back on track.

Defending an undefeated conference record and looking to increase an already record-breaking 16-game winning streak, the Irish play host to the Red Storm in the teams' second meeting this season.

"I don't think we'll have the same performance against St. John's," said Irish center Ruth Riley. "We learned a lot from our game Wednesday night. You never want to say that playing bad is a good thing, but there is a lot we can take from that game."

The Irish are all too aware NCAA that the Big East and tournaments are looming and recognize the importance of staying on top.

McGraw will look for more consistent play from her starters in the lane and an improved effort from the bench against St. John's. The Irish have struggled recently getting the ball to the post.

"We've been working in practice now for weeks on throwing the ball high," said McGraw. "It's not that difficult. We continually throw it to the defender. We'll have to keep working on that."

Riley scored 19 points in Wednesday's game, but didn't play a major role on offense until midway through the second half.

Riley knows that she and her teammates will have to stay focused to ensure a win over St. John's.

"A lot of the players on the team weren't ready to play on Wednesday," said Riley. "Each time you play a team twice it's harder to beat that team a second time. It's a great opportunity for St. John's to come here and gain some respect in the polls because we are ranked fifth."

When the Irish traveled to New York in January for the teams' first game, they handed the Red Storm a crushing 69-49 loss. Guard Danielle Green teamed up with Riley to lead the Irish with 16 points apiece.

The Red Storm's Latasha Thompson scored a game-high 29 points and has continued to lead the St. John's squad in their three games since last matching up with the Irish.

The Red Storm, at 8-13, has won only three conference games this season. The unranked squad is coming off an overtime loss to Syracuse Wednesday.

The Irish have never lost to the Red Storm, holding a 7-0 advantage in the series.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Belles compete in second day of MIAA Championships

• Sullivan exceeds expectations after year-long layoff

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
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Colleen Sullivan stepped onto the pool deck in September convinced that she wasn't going to live up to what she expected from herself. After a year abroad in Ireland, the junior sprinter was looking to return to swimming because she missed it, but after a year and a half without serious training, she knew that achieving the standards she was used to was close to impossible.

"I was very worried," she said flat out that she didn't know what she could expect from herself, "I really didn't know if I could do what I had done in high school," said coach Gretchen Hildebrandt, who admitted that she didn't know what to immediately expect from Sullivan.

Sullivan wasn't sure what she could expect from herself, either. "I was very worried," she said about her return to competitive swimming. "I had gotten in to do a 500 over the summer, and it killed. I hadn't done anything in the water in a year and a half. It definitely affected my confidence."

So easing back into the sport, Sullivan trailed in her lane, unsure of what her capabilities would allow her to do.

"As far as training, at the beginning part of the season, I'd just get in and go last in my lane," Sullivan said. "I had lost confidence in my training more than my races. It took me awhile before I could lead the last length of my lane."

But under Hildebrandt's leadership, see SULLIVAN/page 23

Maybe it was the unexpected fourth place standing the Belles found themselves in at the conclusion of Thursday's finals. Maybe it was the fact that Saint Mary's swimmers dropped more time than any other team in the conference championship. Or maybe it was the four record-breaking performances the athletes posted throughout the course of the day that led Hildebrandt to believe that maybe her high expectations for the weekend just weren't high enough.

"This is what I dream of," said Hildebrandt, first-year coach for the Belles. "You can never guarantee anything, but this — this kind of day — this is what you hope for."

Rebounding from a sixth place MIAA finish in 1999, the Belles sought to advance with the home court advantage in their conference. After tallying dual meet scores and analyzing expected performances, a fifth-place finish for the weekend was not an unreasonable goal. But when Thursday's tallies put the team in fourth place ahead of Alma, Albion, and Olivet Colleges after day one, the team admitted that it might be time to reevaluate that goal.

"It's hard to say if we're going to stay here," Hildebrandt said. "Every single day is different, and we don't have anyone in the 400 individual medley tomorrow, which will hurt us. But we will have fantastic performances tomorrow."

Regardless, Saint Mary's rise to fourth place does make Alma and Albion Colleges, both of which defeated the Belles in regular season competition, take this team a little more seriously.

"This shows a couple of teams that we are really tough. They may not be tapered as well, and that's what we need, the home court advantage." see SWIMMING/page 23

Men's Basketball

Irish seek season's second win over Connecticut

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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The Irish are within striking distance of going 2-4 against the defending national champi­on, a feat never before accomplished by a men's basketball team at Notre Dame.

"We're going to try," first-year head coach Matt Doherty said. "I think the crowd will definitely help us."

Notre Dame (14-10, 5-5 Big East) scored a huge upset victory in knocking off conference rival Connecticut 75-70 Jan. 5. "When our kids feel threatened, really, they really rear up and play hard and execute," Doherty said. "Maybe it's the fear factor."

That win was Notre Dame's second win over a team that danced its way to the Final Four last year, adding UConn (17-6, 6-3) to Ohio State on the list of teams taken down by Notre Dame.

"We just get up for those games," sophomore star forward Troy Murphy said. "We relish the fact that a top-ranked team like Connecticut can come into our court. We look forward to playing the teams like Connecticut, Syracuse, St. John's.

The Cinderella-esque win caused Irish fans and enemies alike to realize this squad is for real. It pumped up Irish fans, drawing in hordes of people to the Joyce Center. This Saturday's Notre Dame-UConn rematch sold out just a week after the first contest between the two teams, leaving those without tickets out in the cold, a rare occurrence during recent years of mediocrity in Notre Dame basketball.

"We've been playing pretty well," junior point guard Martin Ingelsby said, "and I think everyone around Notre Dame is getting more excited about basketball."

The Irish stunned the Huskies by beating them earlier in the season, handing the Huskies their second defeat of the season and the first on their home court.

Murphy opened their eyes with 33 points and 16 rebounds. With that spectacular performance, see HOOPS/page 24