Hanover rejects appeal; O'Donoghue victorious

By TIM LOGAN

In a surprise move Monday, Hunt Hanover and John Mieck said they would not appeal the Election Committee's forfeiture of their candidacy for student body president and vice president, ending an election that has been marked with controversy from the start.

The division was made Sunday evening, according to Mieck, after the pair and some of supporters met and agreed that to file an appeal, dragging out what has already been a long and arduous election, would only further alienate students from student government.

"When you're elected," he said, "You represent the attitudes of the student body, and this election has pushed the student body out of student government."

Mieck expressed hope that the newly elected ticket — Brian O'Donoghue and Brooke Norton — would work to repair that damage. "O'Donoghue, or whichever candidate ran about an appeal, was enthusiastic to get to work. 'Brooke and I are really happy now that we have the opportunity to go full steam straight ahead and work to make our Lady's a University a better place,' " he said. The pair has been working as student body president and vice president-elect since Friday, he said, preparing for the year in office.

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The pair was hand the presidency Thursday when the Election Committee, made up of judicial commissioners from each dorm, voted that Hanover/Micek violated three election bylaws, and thus were eliminated from the race. The violations each involved the use of e-mail in campaigning, and one noted that senior Michael Furlan, a Hanover/Mieck supporter, said. "We have liked to won on a popular vote, absolutely," he said. "But this is in any way going to hinder our administration, absolutely not."

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The new president-elect and vice president-elect, however, have some work to do. "We've got a lot of work to do," Norton said of the new administration. "We're coming into this position with some controversy and a lot of work to do."

Mary's contribution to the inclusion of minority students, and Latinos are the group most represented on campus.

Recent studies performed by the Educational Testing Service and Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities show that Hispanics, more than any other single group, believe a college education is important for everyone. The curriculum at Saint Mary's has evolved to reflect a more diverse population, and now includes courses on Chicano literature, Latin American politics and international business.

"Our Chicana Lit class discusses the struggles of being a Chicana woman," said junior Maricruz Segura. "Students become close because we feel we can relate to one another. We tell stories, going further than the text, and by opening up and finding examples, we become a very personal class."

For some students, it is important to feel part of a larger community before they can learn. Such a feeling is especially difficult to achieve when they are in the minority and miles from home.

"When you leave home, you leave behind your support — your family," Hernandez said. "In college my friends became my family and support, since sometimes only other Latinos can understand what you feel and see around you. It is only understandable that you look for a network of support similar to your own family."

Belles welcome Hispanic students

Recent studies indicate that SMC is an attractive option for Latina students

By NICOLE HADDAD

Friday afternoons mark a celebration like "Cinco de Mayo" in Manuela Hernandez's La Mans Hall dorm room each week. With her Latin music blaring, Hernandez usually relaxes, relieved to have finished another week of classes.

During her time at Saint Mary's, the meaning of being a Latina student has changed significantly. The number of Latinas has increased, and the College has been recognized for efforts to accommodate these students.

The Hispanic Outreach, a publication dedicated to exploring issues related to Hispanics in higher education, recently listed Saint Mary's College in its 4th annual "Publisher's Picks" issue as a college offering outstanding opportunities for Hispanic students. Selections were based on factors such as financial aid, scholarships and representation of Hispanics in faculty and administration.

"Saint Mary's College offers many opportunities for our Latina students to become involved and grow," said Maria Oropeza, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs. "Our financial aid here is very strong, which enables students to look at us seriously as a choice for them."

The progressive financial aid programs at Saint Mary's have attracted a growing Latina population due to the introduction of Chicana-focused classes to the curriculum.

Students provide tax assistance

For more than 25 years, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students have reached out to members of the South Bend community by applying classroom learning to assist low-income individuals file their taxes.

Recently, a law student and MBA student in 1972, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College Tax Assistance Program recruits mainly accounting and finance majors to volunteer during February, March and April to provide free tax preparation for community residents who make less than $30,000 per year.

All students who choose to be involved in the program must take an income tax course as a pre-requisite, said Ken Milani, faculty coordinator of the program and a professor in the College of Business at Notre Dame. At the start of second semester, the students are also required to have additional training outside of the class.

"The extra 10 hours of training the students take focuses on situations they may encounter most often," said Milani. "We emphasize the child tax credit and dependent care credit among others, that may not be emphasized in their text books on income tax."

"However, these are important to be aware of with our clients. Also, because many of the students participating are not from Indiana, we spend about three hours on the Indiana tax return form itself."

Claude Renshaw, coordinator of the program for Saint Mary's
INSIDE COLUMN

Jubilee justice, ND style

We are already six weeks into the Great Jubilee Year 2000. A 1,290 million-year jubilee celebration is underway from Notre Dame, we have waited and planned for years. But as Christians, we have also been preparing for the Great Jubilee that is a part of this historical year. A tradition with roots in the Hebrew Scriptures and its beginning in A.D. 1,000, the Jubilee is a year in which debts both spiritual and material are forgiven. In the ancient Hebrew tradition, land and debt were forgiven and everyone's debts of land or money were cancelled. Since the 14th century, special indulgences have been granted to pilgrims visiting sacred sites and forgiving their debts. Originally once a century, the Jubilee now occurs every 50 years. This year is no exception.

Pope John Paul II asked the leaders of the world's nations to participate in this ancient tradition by forgiving international debts. Most complied immediately. Even the champion of capitalism and usury, the United States, agreed to forgive billions of dollars in debt to the poorest of nations. The Holy Father and the bishops of our church have asked that everyone adopt the same penitential practice.

Which brings us to Notre Dame. Most demanding curriculum of any undergraduate school in the world, renowned in theology, philosophy, architecture, law and athletics; third largest university endowment in the country (15th in the world); and an annual operating budget more than 220 percent that of the Vatican City. There is no question that Notre Dame is one of the premier institutions of Catholic education in the world. It is also the wealthiest.

Everyone in the college—approximately 65 percent of the student body receives financial aid in the form of scholarships, loans and work-study. It normally takes 10 years to pay off these debts, which typically amount to between $20,000 and $25,000. Many of our students don't need the maximum allowance for loans, but assuming that everyone who received financial aid were indebted to the university, the amount would be totally cancelled from the annual surplus in less than three years.

I stress that this debt forgiveness that I suggest would come in installments and not one-time forgiveness. The endowment or actual budget of the University. Christ says in the Gospels that the poor widow's mite was worth with all the more because it was all she had, while the rich man who gave out of his abundance. We students shouldn't enter the Kingdom of Heaven. So what I am asking is hardly anything... if the University's administrators really wanted to show that they love the poor, they would be a reduction of overhead expenses to increase free grant aid to all students who need the help.

Forget La Crosse Erdel; the University wants to be true to its Catholic character; it shouldn't even question bending over backwards to ensure that as many current students and indebted alumni are forgiven their trespasses so that they might go about forgiving the debts and trespasses of others.

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TODAY'S STAFF

Monica Hellwig executive director, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities

Quotes of the Week

"If we look at higher education in terms of Christianity, then the goal [for students] is not the moment of graduation but the moment they die."

Monika Hellwig executive director, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities

"Father Richard McCormick was a gracious gentleman who seemed very comfortable with his humanity."

Maureen Hallinan sociology professor on the death of Father Richard McCormick

"This is going to be one of the goofiest elections of all time. Just watch, something is going to happen."

James Jesse student body president

"The workload is so demanding that it's difficult to form social relationships."

Tim Dysart sophomore on the social scene at Notre Dame

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Police storm U. Wisconsin anti-sweatshop sit-in

Dartmouth prof quits class over scandal

HANOVER, N.H.

In the wake of the cheating scandal in computer science course, visiting professor Rex Dwyer announced Friday he will no longer be teaching the class after students reported that he stole the class on Friday afternoon. Dwyer also wrote in an email message to the students that he had briefly readjusted during Sunday morning.

At 3:50 a.m., over 40 University police officers, Dane County Sheriff deputies and Madison police officers began massing in the parking lot behind Bascom Hall. The officers wore gas masks and dressed in full gear, some carrying tear gas canisters and pepper spray. Neither agreed nor was used over the course of the morning.

"I authorized this action," Ward said in a statement Sunday. "I did so because it is my responsibility to ensure that students, faculty and staff do not face intimidation, interference or personal danger as they go about their business... These problems did develop. They had to end."

Sleeping protesters were jogged awake by others who had stayed up to serve as guards. Within minutes, while police officers assembled, the protesters had moved themselves into Ward's office. Seven of the demonstrators closest to the office's front door chained themselves together with U-locks around their necks.

By the time police entered the building, nearly 70 protesters were waiting for them in Ward's office singing "We Shall Overcome." While six officers secured the adjacent lecture hall, two others entered the office and the remainder secured the exit wing. At that point, police gave the demonstrators five minutes to evacuate before they would start arresting people.

With less than one minute left in their stimulus, the protesters began rhythmically clapping. One protester shouted, "We are beautiful, and we are right!"

At 4:13 a.m., one of the officers called out, "The time period has expired. Everyone remaining in the building is now under arrest."

Sit-in ends as U. Michigan joins WRC

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

Members of the University of Michigan students organizing for Labor and Economic Equity evaucated Dean Shirley Neuman's office Friday after the University's president agreed to membership in the Worker Rights Consortium on a conditional basis. The agreement is being treated with guarded enthusiasm by some in the anti-sweatshop movement who are curious to see how the University will define the conditions of its membership. The WRC is a policy developed by students to enforce labor codes of conduct through a corporate boycott of a company's products. The University will join the organization with two other schools, Indiana University and the University of Wisconsin at Madison. In a written statement, the three universities have agreed to join the consortium "without endorsing all of the provisions stated in the preliminary charter of the WRC."

Interim Coordinator of the WRC, Maria Roper said the organization is "very excited" over the agreement, but called the statement released by the three schools "really vague."

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, Feb. 22.

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The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, Feb. 22.

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NATIONAL WEATHER

The Weather Channel's AccuWeather

10 Day South Bend Forecast

The Weather Channel's AccuWeather forecast for noon, Friday, Feb. 25.
 Murphy demands increased Council productivity

By HELENA RAYAM

Student body president Miriah Murphy called for more productivity from the Campus Life Council during its meeting Monday.

Addressing what Murphy called "housekeeping items," he suggested that members ask the question, "What are we really doing here?"

According to the CLC's mission, the council is comprised of student leaders, faculty, administration and rectors who meet collectively every other week and have committee meetings during the week to discuss specific University matters. Murphy challenged the CLC not to limit its meeting to discussion, but to continue to act through committee work and by passing resolutions.

"A bunch of words without action isn't really doing anything," said Murphy. "I don't want to see us slow down.

Murphy reviewed some of the CLC's top issues for the year including binge drinking, eating disorders, obesity, 24-hour space and a clarification of the student appeal process. Murphy introduced additional issues that dealt with "improving daily life" on campus. He mentioned upper class tutoring, bike racks and making more use of campus technology.

Assistant vice president of Residence Life William Kirk added: "We've had some good efforts from this group, but we can do a whole lot more.

The CLC specifically discussed problems with its attendance policy. Because members serve on other University committees and organizations, perfect CLC attendance is not possible for all members. Murphy and others also stressed the need for members to be present at CLC meetings.

"Let's just kind of get back to the heart of why we're here," Murphy said.

In other CLC news

CLC members approved a resolution requesting that a student member be on the University Advisory Committee on the Disabled. Although in the past, students have been on the committee, the CLC wants to make a permanent student presence.

"I really support their idea to have student representation," said professor Edward Manier.

Because of recent problems with the student body presidential elections, Murphy and Campus Life Council president Kelly Folks want to form a new committee to address problems in the election bylaws.

"My goal is to clarify the bylaws so that we won't have some of the problems that we had during this election," said Folks, adding that the new committee will meet during the next two weeks. The current Senate will still be in session to approve any new bylaws.

The Academic Committee looked into a past resolution about the consistency of part­­-time students across campus during Junior Parents' Weekend. Part­­­-time students were recently enforced last weekend, he reported.

The Gender Relations Committee will bring its 24-hour space resolution to the floor after it receives feedback from rectors and hall monitors.

CLC members met Monday to discuss "housekeeping items" such as Council productivity, attendance policies and committee work.

Trustees approve SMC renovations

By MOLLY MCVoy

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees approved plans for renovation of Dalloways Coffeehouse, the Welcome Center and Regina Hall last weekend's meeting.

"I'm very excited about the prospect of moving forward with Dalloways," said Keith Dennis, vice president of Finance and Administration.

The board approved using money from the College's Plant Fund to finance Regina renovations. The fund was begun years ago, and money has been put aside for building renovations and improvements. As part of the approval of the Dalloways Coffeehouse, the board said the proposed cost of $600,000 must decrease before construction will begin. The College could not release the amount suggested by board members.

Dennis explained that although it is a significant amount, the College has already begun discussions with Zikloowski Construction about how to lower the figure.

"I think we'll have it nailed down by the end of the week," Dennis said.

"As we get down to a reasonable budget, the board has authorized to go ahead." The Welcome Center was approved as presented.

A student panel also addressed the board about student life. Board members asked questions of current students.

"[The board] was really open­­­-minded," said Eudorine Kowalski, a senior and member of the panel. "You go to school here so long but get involved in the school and you never get to meet the people who are behind the scenes."

The Welcome Center, positive and negative aspects of life at Saint Mary's. It covered improve­­­ments in technology and the athletic program. Members also discussed the need for more meal plan options, a big sister/brother program and moving the residence hall.

"We walked out of there with a very good feeling," senior class president Anne Pangilinan said. "We thought the board was very attentive. They took us very seri­­­ously.

Eldred was very pleased with the outcome of the student group as well.

"It really turned out to be a dialogue between the students and the board," she said.

The board also was presented with a preliminary budget for next year as well as information about the changes to a Saint Mary's education will affect the school next year.

Lifesteps

"It's not just about eating. It's about what triggers your eating and what choices you can make when confronted with those situations. We also examined the role and importance of physical activity. The hands-on activities, the sensible information in the notebook and the availability of a dietitian combine into a program that works. The message of the program was that the 'little' changes will make a difference and they did for me. I highly recommend this program." — Past Program Participant

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SAINT MARY'S: March 1, 2000
SMC meets candidates for councils, diversity board

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

Members of the Saint Mary’s community were given the opportunity to meet each class’s presidential candidates as well as candidates for the Diversity Board Monday evening. The event, known as the Meet the Candidates session, allowed students to ask questions generated by the Board of Government.

Diversity Board

Monday night’s session started with the candidates for the Student Government Diversity Board, which was approved by the Board of Government two weeks ago. This will be the diversity board’s inaugural election.

“Not everyone who attends Saint Mary’s is Catholic,” said Julia del Rio, who is running for vice-president of the board with Akmalar Omarova. del Rio and Delgado also expanded on their desire to further cultural and social events.

“People (in general) have to try to bring in more diversity in terms of intellectual speakers on campus,” said Omarova. “We need to get more people here to educate us. For example, we had to bring in someone who would teach us about African dance, something that will make us more open and be fun at the same time,” said Omarova.

Nikki Gonzalez and Andrea Romo, also running together for the diversity board, said they want to increase the number of multicultural students on campus. They proposed having multicultural students on campus, who would be encouraged to participate in multicultural events and activities on campus. They proposed that multicultural students should be encouraged to participate in multicultural events and activities on campus.

The third pair of candidates running for the Diversity Board was led by Katie Poynter and Isabel Schomas.

The first issue discussed was the anti-discrimination clause in their platform.

“This is the first time that a way to spread the word that I can distinguish between good and bad is to make the people know that there are others who want to listen to you. It’s a way for self-defense,” said Poynter.

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Class of 2002

Candidates for the class of 2002’s council had the opportunity to explain specific in terms of their experiences. Presidential candidate Kate Robinson spoke of her ticket’s proposed support group.

“The group would act as a youth group that reaches out to the class and into the people know that there are others who want to listen to you. It’s a way for self-defense,” said Robinson.

Presidential candidate Abner Zayed suggested a trip to Windsor, but emphasized that the trip was only a way of fundraising.

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**World News Briefs**

**China threatens Taiwan with attack over unification**

With a month to go in Taiwan's presidential election campaign, China warned Monday that it might attack the island if Taiwanese leaders insist on declaring a separate identity. The threat, delivered in a policy paper from China's cabinet, was intended to increase the political pressure on Taiwan's three presidential candidates. Although there was no immediate reaction from Taiwan's government or the candidates, the move has been in the works since the start of the campaign, which ends March 18. Already this month, China has shown it might use military force to show itsderive a policy paper from China's cabinet, was intended to increase the pressure on Taiwan's presidential candidates. Although there was no immediate reaction from Taiwan's government or the candidates, the move has been a feature of the campaign since the start of the month. Beijing has shown it might use military force to show its determination to prevent the island's leaders from declaring a separate identity.

**WASHINGTON**

Ground beef that's been zapped to kill deadly bacteria could start showing up in supermarkets next month. New rules that allow the irradiation of raw beef, pork and lamb take effect Tuesday. To its advocates, irradiation could be one of the biggest advancements in food safety since the pasteurization of milk. The question is whether consumers want it. "Most people are ready. They are sick and tired of hearing of cases of foodborne illness," said Christine Brunn, director of the Center for Consumer Research at the University of California-Davis. Most consumers are ready to show how they feel about irradiation, she said.

**Irradiated meat arrives in markets after food rules change**

**YUGOSLAVIA**

U.S. soldiers leave a building in the northern part of Kosovo's Mitrovica on Monday during a weapons search. Some 75,000 Kosovar Albanians from Pristina marched to Mitrovica to demand the renewal of the town.

**Tear gas stops Serbs in Kosovo**

French and British troops fired tear gas to push back thousands of ethnic Albanians trying to force their way across a bridge into the Serb-controlled city of Mitrovica, an agreement between NATO and the Albanian government. A crowd of several thousand Albanians crossed a bridge into Mitrovica on Tuesday, with a local Serb leader, Nikola Kalabic, saying that the Serbs were blocking the Albanians from entering the city.

**PoPe's pilgrimage to Egypt will be a spiritual journey**

**CAIRO**

PoPe John Paul II's visit to Egypt is in many ways a personal pilgrimage, but it will also focus attention on sectarian tensions in a country where politics and religion often mix in volatile ways. "We cannot deny that there will be a political dimension," said Monsignor Roberto Gonzalez Nieves, the Vatican's ambassador to Egypt. "The political dimension is the same as in any other country, but the religious dimension is more pronounced in Egypt." But even within the Christian community, there are differences over how to approach the visit. Some hope it will bring about reconciliation between Muslims and Christians, while others fear it could lead to more friction.

**Outside Monitor**

**WASHINGTOm**

**80,000 protest U.S. Navy in San Juan**

Archbishop Roberto Gonzalez Nieves, "It is a sig- nal of hope and confidence." Organizers described the protest as nonpolitical, though many members of this U.S. territory's tiny Independence Party participated. Church leaders' increasing involvement in anti-Navy protests has angered many pro-statehood politicians here. They fear the protests could harm efforts to make Puerto Rico - recipient of $11 billion in federal funds annually - the 51st U.S. state. "It is anti-American, anti-Navy and does not contribute to the serious work that Gov. Rosello has done to obtain the Navy's exit," said House speaker Edwin Maldonado. Clinton and Rosello agreed last month to allow the Navy to resume limited training using inert bombs. The pact calls for a referendum, likely to be held in 2001, that will give Viqueques residents two choices. One will allow the Navy to resume use of the range on its own terms - including the use of live bombs. They may also require the Navy to cease all training by May 1, 2003.
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other Latina students, adjusting to college life at Saint Mary’s was no easy task. "Because I didn’t have any of my family or friends here, I would get more homesick and would keep going home. I felt alone."

Delgado said she is glad to have a significant expansion of Multicultural Affairs this year. "Saint Mary’s now offers more opportunities such as bilingual Masses," said Delgado. "They are also making an effort to reach the needs of students of diversity.

The Diversity Board is one of the big things Saint Mary’s will hold on to this year. While students have noticed the positive changes, some said they did not agree with the validity of the magazine ranking. "I was very surprised," said senior Roxana Rodriguez. "I can’t say they’ve made a whole lot of progress. I’ve seen changes in the expansion of Multicultural Affairs, but I just don’t agree that Saint Mary’s has an outstanding representation of faculty and administration. I don’t know many of the college professors except in the language department. However, with the increase in Hispanic students, I can see the dedication from faculty. They are more open to what they need to do to get more students involved.

Hernandez said she hopes that there will be more diversity in the College in the future, including a more diverse faculty.

"I hope in ten years when I return to visit Saint Mary’s, I will see more diversity in all aspects of the college, including the glass passport that holds the photographs of the Board of Trustees," Hernandez said.

Taxes
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and professor of business administration, said thorough training is essential for students.

"We want the students to know the ins and outs of the tax form," said Renshaw. "We want them to be aware of all the credits that are available so they may be able to get additional money for these people which in some cases amounts to several hundred dollars through credits. Now that the numbers go down they have to make something to make sense of it.

Last year, the program filed nearly 3,000 tax returns. Many customers return every year. Throughout the years, the program has become popular with residents of the community and students.

"The fact that we do as many tax returns as we do indicates we have a lot of happy customers," said Milani. They are smart and have competent individuals that we are sending out to assist people.

Above all, credibility is crucial, said Milani. I tell the students that they can be compassionate, raring to go and they are not competent, that creates real problems," said Milani.

Although the number of students that participate in the program fluctuates from year to year, this year a record 90 students are taking part. Students generally apply to work one three-hour shift per week at any of five South Bend locations. Applications are accepted in the mornings and days vary form center to center, the program operates Monday through Saturday from Feb. 12 to April 15.

"The primary motivation for a lot of the students to participate in is that they are looking to go into the professional business or finance and this is an opportunity for them to get real-world experience," said Milani. "It’s also a good way to give back to the community that they have become a part of during their time at Saint Mary’s or Notre Dame."

Junior Majid Jakob participated in a tax assistance program last year and felt the opportunity provided her with the background to prepare for her doing tax work after graduation. Although Jakob is not participating in the program this year, she is assisting fellow clients she helped last year with their taxes.

"We heard about different situations we could encounter but I got a good gist of different tax situations that could occur when I was doing this for real," said Jakob. "I appreciated the experience working with clients and trying to figure out what they’ve done throughout the year so I could help them determine if they are in a situation to receive tax credits, or in some cases, penalties."

Jennifer Mulsoff, a Saint Mary’s junior accounting and finance major, said her experience with the program this year has allowed her to apply what she learned in the classroom to real-world tax situations.

"It’s a challenging and rewarding experience. This is something you may want to do after graduation, so I thought it would be good to get involved," said Mulsoff. "It definitely good training to see how to deal with people from the community. We have people from the community who come in and don’t have a clue about how to do their taxes. "They lay out all their paper work in front of us and we go through it all with them. When they find out they are overcharged, they are always so happy."

Students generally work in pairs and Certified Public Accountant is available if questions or situations arise that the students are unsure of how to deal with.

Mulsoff, who works on Saturdays for three hours at the Mishawaka branch, said she has found the popularity of the program the first day she volunteered.

"We arrived early that Saturday because it was the first day of volunteering," she said. "We arrived at 9 a.m. and didn’t open until 10 a.m. We had it pretty crowded and already a line outside the doors. We had to deal with people waiting in line that first Saturday.

Recycle
The Observer.

The 2000 summer session will begin on Monday, June 11 (registration and enrollment) and on Wednesday, August 2 (final exams). Some courses — primarily in science and languages — will be filed on hand and before or after these dates. The summer session bulletin is also available on the Web site.

The Bulletin is available at the Summer Session Office (510 Main Bldg.) beginning on Thursday, February 11. Information on summer courses, as it appears in the Bulletin, is also available at the summer session Web site (http://www.nd.edu/~sumsess/).

Note: Continuing students — undergraduate or graduate students in residence during the spring semester of 2000 who are eligible to return in the fall — must use DART Pin to register for summer courses and 2) to add or drop courses (generally 11:45 a.m. — 2:45 p.m. — Friday). The DART Pin (personal identification number) for summer will be sent to all continuing students in early March. Course catalog numbers, along with all other course information, are also available in the Bulletin and at the Web site.

DART will be available for summer registration from March 22 to June 23. Students may register or make schedule changes whenever they choose during this period; no appointment times are necessary.

Students may register for summer session courses at any time up to the first day of the course. Students who wish to register after Friday, June 23, must complete the standard summer session application/course selection form.

An conditioned and non-air conditioned housing and (optional) summer meal plans will be available. Forms for these services may be obtained at the Summer Session Office at any time during the spring semester.

Tuition for the summer session of 2000 will be $235 per credit hour plus a $40 general fee.
**Russia**

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Historians rank Clinton last in ‘moral authority’

President Clinton rates near the top for managing the economy and pursuing equal justice, but dead last when measured for ‘moral authority,’’ according to a ranking of presidents by 58 historians.

The academics rated Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, George Washington, Theodore Roosevelt and Harry Truman as the best leaders overall. All in a survey conducted by the Cable Public Affairs Network C-SPAN.

“Clinton comes across in the middle,” said one historian above Clinton in the historians’ view of moral leadership.

The academics rated Clinton 41st in 20 qualities. The academics were asked to rank presidents using a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being “very effective.”

Clinton rates 20th in crisis leadership, 21st in international relations, 21st in administrative skills, 22nd in viscerals and 21st in performance.

His high scores are in “pursuing equal justice” (5th), economic management (5th) and economic growth (4th). His low scores were in congressional relations (41st) and moral authority (41st).

“President Clinton came into office with a three-part strategy for the economy: fiscal discipline, investing in people and opening markets abroad to benefit American workers,” a White House spokesman said.

— From a Guy in Big Trouble

Nicotine may alloy some diseases

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Despite its evil image, new research suggests that nicotine is a surprisingly potent drug for a variety of disorders that afflict the brain, including Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and Tourette’s syndrome.

Many small studies over the past decade have explored the possible benefits of this ubiquitous drug. But the field appears to be taking on fresh life as doctors test nicotine patches for neurological diseases in both children and the elderly, and drug companies race to create nicotine substitutes that carry fewer side effects.

At a conference Monday, doctors said the field’s first gold-standard study — one in which dummy treatments are rigorously compared with the real thing — suggests the patch shows well promise in children with Tourette’s syndrome, a strange affliction in which victims are bent by spates of tics, obscured observ­ance and sudden, tiny movements.

Still, nicotine has many drawbacks, including its unsavory associations with the addictive grabber in cigarettes. Some doctors have turned to nicotine’s real future in forms of the drug.

The problem with nicotine is that it is nicotine. You’re asking patients to put their kids on nicotine,” said Paul Sanberg, Ph.D., University of South Florida.

Nicotine patches and gums are available in drugstores without prescription. They are intended to help smokers wean themselves from cigarettes.

The researchers cautioned that smoking is a bad way to get medical nicotine. Besides the obvious cancer risk, drug levels spike much higher in cigarettes.

They also say more research is needed before nicotine patches become routine to treat diseases. However, Sanberg said that if Tourette’s patients cannot control their symptoms with standard drugs, a low-dose patch might be worth trying.

Nicotine has been tested for many years in small-scale experiments against Alzheimer’s and Tourette’s disease. Parkinson’s disease.

Tourette’s, rigid limbs and a baffling, walk with a kick like Alzheimer’s. It may also result in problems with memory and thinking.

Dr. Paul Newhouse of the University of Vermont AIH-418, an six Alzheimer’s patients. Besides its small size, Newhouse said patients showed a “significant improvement in verbal learning and memory” on standard­ized tests.

Since no drug firms have exclusive rights to nicotine, researchers say companies have little interest in paying for studies to prove its health ben­efits. However, several are working on nicotine substitutes that can be patented. These drugs could be more precisely targeted against specific disor­ders, carry fewer side effects and be available as pills rather than patches.

Nicotine is thought to work by regulating the brain’s levels of message-carrying chemicals such as dopamine and acetyl­choline. Researchers say they see no signs that patients get hooked on the patch. The main side effects are nausea and itching around the patch.

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Mandela urges Burundi peace deal

Associated Press

Nelson Mandela urged a
report card Monday on the
Burundi peace talks, praising
negotiators for inclining toward
compromise but warning them
that time was running out to
end the country's seven-year
civil war.

"I would like the leadership of
Burundi to seize this opportu-
nity and not allow it to slip
away," the former South
African president told Burundian
politicians and civic leaders
gathered in this northern
Tanzanian town.

Since 1993, fighting between
Hutu rebels and the Tutsi-
dominated army has killed
more than 200,000 Burundians
and uprooted more than 1.2
million others.

And since September, the
army has cordoned nearly
350,000 Hutus into camps,
including many farmers — a
strategy that now threatens
the impoverished country with
famine.

Mandela, who took over as
mediator of the talks last
month, told the negotiators
that no peace was possible in
Burundi without remaking its
political landscape, where
minority Tutsis control the
government, the economy and
the army.

"Leaders must bite the
ballet and address this
situation," he told an audience
of 300, which included seven
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The flight originated in
Buenos Aires before vanish-
ing on its way to Santiago,
Chile. Five passengers included
a Briton, a German
woman, a Palestinian and a
Swiss man.

Following the crash, search
teams from England, Brazil
and Argentina searched the
area by air and on skis but
turned up nothing.
Motor skills affected by music?

Note: Mary Beth Ellis is a highly esteemed scientist regularly showcased with peer recognition and prizes (most recently: second place, St. Jude Elementary School’s 1989 Junior High Science Fair, for a groundbreaking representation of the solar system featuring styrofoam balls and Tempura paint.) Currently, she is studying the effects of popular music upon natural and social phenomena, which is to say she watches reruns of Mystery Science Theater 3000 until she runs out of Coors—her money, at which point she resigns herself to slapping together something semi-artistic for her science fair.QUESTION: What effect does Andy Williams have upon fine motor skills? MATERIALS: 1991 SoundDesign AM/FM receiver/double cassette recorder/CD player, Andy Williams Greatest Hits: Live From Moon River Theater in Branson, Mo., from case.

1) Experience concern with Andy's hair on album cover photo. What's going on here? It's too . . . comby?
3) Take scientific nap.
4) Press "play".
5) What the hell? Become alerted to something serious going down in Andy Williams Greatest Hits: Live From Moon River Theater in Branson. 73) Check on progress of "Winter Spectacular of Pro Figure Skating" on ABC.
10) Press "play" again.
12) Press "play" again.

DATA AND OBSERVATIONS: The Hawaiian Wedding Song; Test dexterity by opening one (1) 12-ounce can of Coors. Successful save for experiencing small chip in fingernail of right index finger.

Can't Get Used to Losing You: Give up on fingernail. Turn attention to 12-ounce can of Coors instead. Williams is suddenly easier to bear.

I'm Gonna Live Simply: This is the church, this is the steeple. Fail miserably. Sigh.

Lonely Street: Greedly comforted by fact that can still do this thing where I sit cross-legged on the floor, push off with my arms and make a complete, 360-degree rotation on the axis of my buttocks. Never warm.

May Each Day: Still recovering from terror of MacArthur Park. Fine motor skills are slightly diminished, but not wanting to cultured the idea of just being cold.

I CONCLUSIONS: What's up with my nails? I buff them. I apply calcium over my nails, which results in tragedy when, in attempt of filleting, accidentally chip index fingernail of other hand.

The effect of Whitney Houston on the performance of the space shuttle Columbia. Truly, "The Way We Were" caused critical shutdowns in the life support systems, but we'll never make THAT mistake again, will we? Nor will we ever again subject the secondary of the Cincinnati Bengals to the Bay City Rollers. I will, of course, require a massive amount of federal and private funding in order to continue. So if anyone out there has a copy of "Poems, Prayers and Promises" and/or "Save All My Love For You," pitch it my way. Proctor and Gamble stock, too. Lots and lots of P&G stock.

Mary Beth Ellis, SMC '99, is an MFA candidate at Bennington College.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Williams College will freeze tuition and fees for 2000-01 at $31,520. It is the first such action in the nation for an institu-

tion in decades to hold the line. This year a typical student will save $220, or 0.7 percent, on the cost of tuition if the college 

"righted some wrongs," Charles Rice 

said, "and we will hold its 

right hand to God as well as to 

the law of God." 

"The impact of tuition to absorb 

would signal that we would not 

accept it as a University. If present 

prices continue, the student body it is our duty to uphold the 

and to build the 

that is not possible. By no means do 

feel that Keltie Folks or Becky Demko are to blame. In fact we would like to commend 

them for all their efforts and just decision-making 

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Richard Rice

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As a sophomore I have fortunately retired from dorm parties, yet I can’t escape from attending gatherings that occur in honor of a dorm formal, O’Neill Hall’s Mardi Gras or other functions such as West Quad Formal. Don’t get me wrong about these gatherings. I often have a blurry blast, but the catch is that most of these gatherings are hosted by friends, which means I’ll most likely tolerate their choices for the soundtrack to our gathering. Although when I arrive at the actual dance or when freshmen in my dorm host a party, how many times do I have to hear Jay-Z spat out “Can I Get A...?” Or why is it that a friend of mine recently attended a Pangborn Hall dance where during which the DJ refused to play “Give It Away” by the Red Hot Chili Peppers and instead blasted a heavy dose of bass off of Dr. Dre’s Chronic 2000? It seems as if students here party, dancing to the monotonous sounds of songs driven by the loud thud of a rap beat accompanied by a ridiculous subject; some argue “songs” such as Master P’s “Make ’Em Say Uhhhh” border the definition of music. Master P grooves and chants to a beat; that doesn’t exactly take that much true musical talent. Rap “artists” are becoming limited as far as the subject of their rapping as well.

Let’s review — prostitution, gangs, drug sales and the ghetto in general are becom­ing limited as far as the subject of their rapping as well. As much as some of us are tired of hearing Dave Matthews Band, too, we would rather dance to that music than constantly jolting our bodies around to a DJ’s stream of songs primarily consisting of rap. Parities and dances here aren’t ALL RAP, ALL THE TIME, but what is it being played if it is not rap? “Come on, Eileen?” Please.

People, why are we playing the same songs over and over again? Why are the majority of them so bad and so overplayed? I understand that some of us like these songs, but can one honestly admit they are fine pieces of music? I can’t. Maybe it is linked to the diversity on this campus, and an angle that just do not realize. Is Notre Dame saturated with audiophiles? That must be it. U93, ironically owned by the University, fuels the campus with the sound of the musically popular, not necessarily fine pieces composed from, say, a musically theoretical standpoint, and the music on U93 might not be rap, but chances are you’ll hear some boy band that epitomizes the latest teeny-bopper craze. Or perhaps it is our style of party; drinking beer and getting smashed. The terrible music played here differs from that of a scene where people dance to the music such as Phish. But oh my gosh! Those fans are taking hallucinogens and smoking marijuana and then dancing around! Yet few can argue that Phish songs are not composed from a brilliantly theoretical standpoint, and people still dance to it.

Who knows, but in the 1700’s people danced to Mozart, and now we settle for Jay-Z and Dexy’s Midnight Runners (did you even know that’s who sings “Come on Eileen”?). So it’s time to overcome our habits and groove to some relatively good music. If we can’t do that, then can we at least try to groove to something different, maybe something that’s not rap? And jeez, no more Eileen, please.

**Don’t make us say ‘Uhhh’ anymore**

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**Vertical Horizon & Stroke 9**

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- **Violent Femmes - Freak Magnet**

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**By Andrew Jones**

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**Scene music critic**

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This album review discusses the follow-up soundtrack to the movie "Magnolia". It is titled "Magnolia" and is reviewed by Timothy Collins. The reviewer notes that the album features singles and an album from the band 'Til Tuesday, among others. The album is described as having a laid back funk of West Coast rap and is considered a perfect match for its original material and arrangements of traditional blues songs. The reviewer, James Schuyler, describes the album as a hidden treasure and notes that it is enjoyed by many listeners who appreciate the music of artists such as Aimee Mann and R.L. Burnside and other blues artists. The album features songs by various artists, including Aaliyah, Eminem, Krazy Bone, and Kurupt, among others. The review concludes that the album is a significant highlight for fans of the genre.
El-Amir missed a 3-pointer for UConn and Barkley lengthened the length of the floor for a layup that made it 56-40 with 12:36 to play. Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun then called three 30-second timeouts during the next 1:51 but the Red Storm took their biggest lead, 61-42, on a free throw by Postell with 9:44 left.

Kevin Freeman led the Huskies with a season-high 22 points and Voskuhl added 10.

El-Amir, the Huskies' leading scorer at 16.3 points per game, scored two points. He had a previous season low of four points against Fairfield. Mourning, second in scoring at 14.3, had six points twice, both in the opening five games of the season.

The victory was the 300th for Mike Jarvis, who is 47-15 in his second season with St. John's. His overall mark, including stints at Boston University and George Washington, is 300-156.

St. John's closes the regular season with games at No. 2 Duke on Saturday, at home against Seton Hall and at Miami.

Okahoma State 84, Missouri 72
Desmond Mason had 25 points and nine rebounds as Oklahoma State held off a furious late rally by Missouri for a victory.

Brian MONTONATI added 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Cowboys, who have won eight of nine and moved into first place in the conference. Oklahoma State overcame a season-high 24 turnovers.

The Cowboys seemingly pulled away by hitting 10 of their first 12 shots after the break, leading by as many as 20 points. The gap was still 14 when the Cowboys had a shot clock violation with 2:30 to go.

Missouri hit five 3-pointers in the second half, and trailed by only four after Kareem Rush connected with 51 seconds to go. Oklahoma State escaped when Mason answered with a dunk after a length-of-court pass.

Keyon Dooling had 19 points for Missouri (16-9, 9-4). The Tigers have lost nine in a row.

ConnieCYH's Arou Deng, pictured here in a game against Notre Dame, had nine points in a losing effort against St. John's.

St. John's knocked off UConn for sixth-straight win

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BASKETBALL

Murphy earns sixth Big East player of week honor

Liz Lang/The Observer

Sophomore Troy Murphy became only the second player in Big East history to earn six player of the week honors in a single season.

Forward Troy Murphy has been named the Big East Player of the Week for the sixth time this season after scoring 15 points, grabbing eight rebounds and blocking three shots in his team's 76-74 victory at 25th-ranked Seton Hall. Murphy’s sixth player-of-the-week honor ties him with John Wallace of Syracuse who also was a six-time winner during the 1995-96 campaign.

The 6-foot-10 sophomore leads the league in both scoring and rebounding as he is averaging 23.5 points and 10.7 rebounds, respectively. His 35 points against the Pirates ties his career-high and marks the ninth time this season he has scored 30-plus points in a game.

Murphy has led the Irish in scoring in 22 of its 26 games.

Riley, Ratay outrank competition

Junior center Ruth Riley and freshman guard Alicia Ratay were winners of the Big East weekly awards after leading the fifth-ranked Irish to a 2-0 week with victories on the road at Villanova (70-52) and at eighth-ranked Rutgers (78-74 in overtime). Riley was named the player-of-the-week along with Svetlana Abrosimova of Connecticut earning the award for the second time this season.

She averaged 20.0 points and 11.0 rebounds, scoring 14 points and grabbing eight rebounds against Villanova and then recording her fourth double-double of the season with 26 points and a season-tying 14 rebounds against Rutgers.

Ratay is named the rookie-of-the-week for the sixth time (the most by any freshmen) in 1999-2000 as she averaged 19.0 points and 7.0 rebounds. In the overtime win at Rutgers, Ratay set the Big East three-point field goal percentage record as she made all seven of her attempts.

She finished the game with 26 points and 10 rebounds in recording her second double-double of the season. Ratay also had 32 points and four rebounds against Villanova. In the two games, the freshman guard shot 73.3 percent from the field (11-15) and was seven-of-nine from three-point range.
Major League Baseball

Belinda battles multiple sclerosis

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz.

Staring down a clutch hitter while trying to protect a one-run lead with the bases loaded in the ninth inning at Coors Field is one of baseball's scarriest challenges.

Try staring down multiple sclerosis.

Stan Belinda has done both and said there's really no comparison.

Belinda, a right-handed reliever who is holding for a spot on the Colorado Rockies roster this spring, has fashioned a unique perspective on baseball and on life since being diagnosed with the degenerative nerve disease in September 1998.

"I want to win with this disease, and I want to win with a team," Belinda, 23, said on Monday. "I think I can do both."

Belinda's troubles began when he woke up in a New York hotel room in mid-May 1998 with tingling and numbness in his leg.

"That was just the one thing that started it, and it just escalated from there," he said.

The numbness spread over most of his body. Then came the diagnosis in September that he was in the early stages of MS.

"You can't prepare yourself for something like that," Belinda said.

There is no known cure for MS, but if caught early and with proper diet, exercise and medication, victims can live a normal lifestyle. Some MS sufferers develop severe disabilities including loss of motor function and blindness.

Belinda resumed pitching midway through the 1999 season, and he has been mostly symptom-free since his treatment began.

"I hope some people find inspiration from this," he said. "My inspiration is my family, wife Lori and three children, and God. "Unfortunately for me, I got some bad news, but I'm dealing with it and I'm just trying to stay upbeat and trying to perform. God willing, I'm going to finish my career the way I want to finish it, and that's to go out on top."

Belinda, acquired by Colorado in the Oct. 30 trade with Cincinnati that also brought outfielder Jeffery Hammmonds to the Rockies for Denny B Dichetze, is part of a glut of right-handed relievers on the Rockies' spring roster.

Typically, he accepts his situation magnanimously.

"There's a lot of us, aren't there?" he said.

So many, in fact, that they might squeeze out some left-handed candidates, possibly leaving Colorado with only one lefty to the bullpen. Still, some of the right-handed relievers won't earn a job here. One of them could be Belinda.

"That doesn't bother me," he said. "The team has to make its decision. If things don't work out here — not just for me but for any of these other righties who are capable of doing what they can do on the field — they're going to have jobs in other places. I just have to go out on the field and perform the way I'm capable of performing."

In 11 major-league seasons, Belinda has compiled a 46-34 record and 3.89 ERA, but his abbreviated 1999 campaign was sub-par, which he attributes to lingering concern over his illness.

"Mentally, I wasn't prepared like I should have been in spring training," he said. "And physically, I didn't put much effort into it the winter before. I didn't get myself prepared for spring training like I did in years past just because I was trying to get my head on straight."

His progress early in 1999 was hampered by biceps tendinitis, which Belinda has a history of.

"By the time I was ready to pitch in June, our bullpen was set," he said. "There were times when I didn't pitch for 10 to 12 days."

Senior Niele Ivey and the Irish play host to the Hurricanes tonight at the Joyce Center.

Irish

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week honors for her performances against Villanova and Rutgers. In the Rutgers game, Riley had 26 points, equaling Ratay's total, while also grabbing 14 rebounds.

The two teams met earlier in the season, on Jan. 22 in Coral Gables, Fla. The Irish posted a 76-54 victory behind Danielle Green's 22 points, six assists and three steals. Riley had 15 points while Julie Henderson chipped in with 13 and 11 rebounds as the Irish dominated the paint.

Notre Dame had a 40-27 advantage on the boards and 48 of their points came off of layups. Miami shot just 39 percent from the field and committed 23 turnovers. Martha Bodley had a team-high 13 points for the Hurricanes.

The Irish hold an 8-2 all-time advantage in the series.
Hockey

Icer Zasowski shines on defense, earns player of week

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame freshman goaltender Tony Zasowski has earned his third weekly award from the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, receiving the league’s defensive player-of-the-week award after helping the Irish post a 5-3 win and 1-1 tie at Bowling Green on Feb. 18-19.

Zasowski—who has started each of Notre Dame’s last 12 games-opened the win at Bowling Green with 25 saves en route to a 31-save night, with two even-strength goals allowed. The next night, he made 20 saves while allowing a third-period goal as the Irish maintained possession of fifth place in the CCHA.

Notre Dame players have been honored three times by the CCHA during the past five weeks, more than any other team in the 12-member CCHA. Zasowski—who also has twice been named CCHA rookie of the week—is just the fifth freshman to earn a CCHA player-of-the-week award this season.

Zasowski ranks seventh among regular CCHA goaltenders with a 2.29 overall season goals-against average and fifth among league tenders with a 2.29 overall season goals-against average and five shutouts this season, including just 14 in the last 12 while allowing 0-2 total goals in 15 of his 23 starts. He has posted two shutouts this season (19 saves vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 24 vs. Michigan State) to join Karr as the only Irish goaltenders ever to post multiple solo shutouts in the same season.

Notre Dame players have combined for five total CCHA weekly awards this season, ranking behind only Michigan, NMU, MSU and Lake Superior. Irish freshman center Connor Dunlop was named CCHA rookie of the week on Oct. 18, junior left wing Dan Carlson was named offensive player of the week on Feb. 7.

Zasowski is one of four CCHA players who have totaled three-plus awards this season, with the others being Michigan center Mike Comrie (three-time player of the week), Ferris State forward Chris Gobert (two-time rookie of the week, offensive player of the week) and MSU’s Miller (two-time rookie of the week, defensive player of the week).

Notre Dame's Zasowski shines on defense, earns player of week honors after helping the Irish to a win and a tie last week. The award was his third of the season.

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Student applicants should have research interest in an environmentally-related discipline (any field of study) concerned with or likely to contribute to the understanding, assessment, or improvement of the environment. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents, enrolled at Notre Dame, have completed their Junior Year to May 2000, and be registered to return in the Fall of 2000.

For more details, contact the Center for Environmental Science & Technology: 152A Fitzpatrick hall, 631-876. Applicants will be required to complete an application.

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SOUTHLAND

Irish open with four wins

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

The Irish grabbed four wins and a loss in their season opener at the University of Nevada Las Vegas Tournament this past weekend.

"Overall I thought it was a good weekend," Notre Dame head softball coach Liz Miller said. "We did better as a team and the freshmen did a good job stepping up to the competition."

Junior Melanie Aikin led the Irish offensively with a .561 batting average with five RBIs over the three-day tournament while pitcher Jennifer Sharron holds a 3-0 record after giving up only one earned run.

"Sharron did a good job at being in control on the mound, in all areas of pitching," Miller said.

Notre Dame started the weekend with a 5-3 win over Portland State on Friday. Sharron led the Irish defensively by allowing just four hits while striking out 10. Sophomore Jennifer Kriech finished 3-for-3 offensively while Aikin grabbed an RBI and a run.

Michelle Moschel and Aikin combined to shut out Southern Utah 3-0 while giving up just two hits and striking out eight. The Irish grabbed nine hits in the five-inning game with Aikin leading with a two-run homer in the bottom of the fourth.

Notre Dame fell to Oregon 11-3 Saturday for their only loss of the tournament.

With the Ducks leading 3-1, Notre Dame gave up six runs in a single inning. The Irish closed the gap to 9-3 in the top of the fifth before Oregon grabbed two more for the early win in the bottom of the inning.

Against the University of California at Santa Barbara, freshman Andrea Loman slammed a three-run homer over the fence with two outs in the fifth inning to hand Notre Dame a 3-0 win.

Freshman Andria Bledsoe finished 4-for-4 at plate for Notre Dame while Kriech was 2-for-4 with a triple. Notre Dame combined for a total of 14 hits against UC-Santa Barbara.

Defensively, Sharron grabbed her second win by allowing three hits and striking out eight.

Notre Dame ended its weekend with a 2-1 win over Utah. In the top of the first inning, Rebecca Kimeren, a pinch runner for Sharron, scored on a double by Aikire to give Notre Dame the lead. Utah retaliated in the bottom of the inning to tie the game. With two outs in the top of the third, Aikin scored on a single by junior Lizzy Leniere to secure the Irish victory.

Sharron allowed just three hits in her third straight win of the season.

"Overall, I think we swung the bats aggressively. As a team, this was our first big step in developing strengths among ourselves," Liz Miller softball head coach

The ski club's season came to a premature end this weekend as the team fell .03 seconds short of qualifying for the national championships.

The sixth-place Irish finish at Regionals was the best in school history. Five varsity programs edged the Irish, with national NAIA power Northern Michigan winning the tournament. St. Olaf and St. Thomas, ranked first and third nationally by the USCSA, placed second and fifth, with Minnesota and Minnesota Duluth finishing third and fifth, respectively.

Senior Nikki Doullit completed a standout career, ranking 13th in the slalom and 12th in the giant slalom. Molly Munsterer capped her break-out season with a sixth-place slalom run and an 11th place in the giant slalom, .04 seconds ahead of Doullit.

Ellen Bloch moved to third in the line-up, replacing skiers attending Parents' Weekend, and rose to the occasion with a very respectable 32nd in the slalom. Kate Ryan, Elissa Hines, Kat Vosswinkel and Randi Silva rounded out the strongest contingent in our history.

Mike Ryan's 18th in the slalom highlighted the men's competition, as the club finished 15th, in the middle of the pack.

Defensive highlights of the weekend included the Irish taking first place in the Morning News Invitational. The ski club's season came to a premature end this weekend as the team fell .03 seconds short of qualifying for the national championships.

The Irish struggled as they played outside for the first time this season, particularly in running the bases.

"We did not anticipate or make the best judgments in base running," Miller said. "This is where our lack of outdoor practice really showed, but we adjusted quickly for the conditions."

Notre Dame travels to Fayetteville, Ark., this weekend to participate in the Morning News Invitational.

"Five games were tough to do," Miller said. "It was physically draining, but we were able to handle that. The big test will be six games this weekend."
Irish fall to Cardinal, Trojans

By KEVIN BERCHOU

It was a weekend of spectacular highs and crushing lows for the Irish women's tennis team.

Playing in the USTA/ITA National Women's Team Indoor Championships, the Irish rode a roller coaster of emotion to a solid seventh-place finish.

The 17th-ranked Notre Dame women kicked off the weekend in style as they bested 15th-ranked William and Mary, 5-2, in the tournament's first round.

"I thought we played extremely well against William and Mary," head coach Jay Louderback said. "To beat a great team like that is always a thrill."

The upset was fueled by the brilliant play of the doubles tandems.

The pairing of junior star Michelle Danne and sophomore Becky Varnum scored an 8-3 victory over William and Mary's coupling of Delphine Tresch and Carolijn van Iersel. The 17th-ranked combination of Junior Kimberly Cunha and freshman Kat Napolitano posted a 7-5 win to clinch the doubles point.

"The doubles keep getting the job done," Louderback noted. "They're still the strength of this team."

As the match shifted to singles play, the Irish continued to be strong. Notre Dame took four of the six singles matches contested to six wins over William and Mary packing. With the win, the Irish advanced to the quarterfinals for the first time since 1995.

The second round, however, would not prove as kind.

Notre Dame faced the difficult task of battling Stanford, the top-ranked squad in the country. The Irish put forth an admirable effort but they could not fly as high as the Cardinal, dropping a 5-2 decision.

The Stanford lineup, which featured five ranked singles players, was too much for Notre Dame in the end.

"We went in thinking that we had a chance," Louderback said. "They won a couple of close matches that could have gone either way and they're obviously the best team in the country."

The Irish raced to a fast start as Dasso and Varnum netted a victory over Stanford's Marissa Irvin and Teryn Ashley in No. 1 doubles, but stumbled and lost the doubles point when the Cardinal rallied to take the No. 2 and No. 3 matches.

Stanford finished off Notre Dame by winning four of the six singles matches.

Despite the loss, Louderback was enthused.

"We played well and lost a tight one to a good team," Louderback said. "I think we're a bit better than I anticipated at this point in the year. We'll just be looking for more consistent play in the singles." After failing to Stanford, Notre Dame was eliminated as it fell 5-2 to the No. 13 Trojans of Southern California.

A new experimental format contributed to Notre Dame's demise in singles play. Instead of playing a third singles set, the tournament's format provided for a match tiebreaker, with the first player to reach 10 points earning the victory. The Irish stretched three of the six singles matches into a tiebreaker but lost all of them.

"That did hurt us," Louderback said. "When you play a full third set, you have more chances to win."

The new format, however, did make for faster play.

"The matches were very fast-paced and exciting."
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Saturday and finals on Sunday, followed by the 3,000-meter run two hours later. His performance was no worse off for the challenge, as he placed third in the mile with Hoyas runners taking first and second, followed by a fourth place finish in the 3,000-meter run.

"It was a tough double to run, the mile and then the 3,000 within hours later," Watson said. "I'm not really used to doing that." In the 5,000-meter run, Ryan Shay and Marc Strioski ran for fifth and sixth places, respectively.

A big difference in the scoring came in the relays. Georgetown outscored Notre Dame in the 4x800-meter relay, 4x400-meter relay, and distance medley relay.

Coehran seized victory in the 600-meter dash and the 400-meter run. His 600-meter time of 1:17.92 was a new meet record. In the 400-meter run, he won in a time of 47.76.

"I was very pleased to go out my senior year winning the things I was entered in," Coehran said. "Basically in the Big East, I was just looking to do my best, to win." Senior Marshawn West excelled in his return from a hamstring injury, winning the long jump and taking over second in the 200-meter dash. The Irish went one-two in the long jump, as Gilbert was the runner-up behind West.

Fellow senior Matt Thompson took third in the 350-meter weight throw, recording a hurl of 17.97 meters. Sophomore Quill Redwine earned third in the triple jump.

The women's squad placed sixth of 13 teams in the conference, dropping from third place a year ago.

"Obviously we didn't do as well as we were supposed to," sophomore sprinter Liz Grow said. "That happens on any given day. We just didn't perform up to par." Villanova and Georgetown did it out for the championship with Villanova conquering its competitor 101 to 100.5. Miami placed third, followed by Seton Hall and West Virginia, with Notre Dame taking sixth with 68.5 points.

"We were ready and mentally prepared," freshman Tanesha King said. "A lot of other teams stepped up." Notre Dame's strong areas were the field events, where it picked up the majority of its points.

King captured second in the long jump, with her season-best leap of 20-4 3/4. "I was excited about my long jump because it was an improvement," King said.

Fellow freshman Jaime Dickman joined King in the triple jump.

In the high jump, senior All-American Jen Engelhardt earned second by leaping 5-9 3/4. Connecticut's Tamika Toppin cleared the bar at 5-10 3/4, besting Engelhardt for the fourth straight year indoors.

Volkmer vaulted to second in the Big East with a vault of 11-3 3/4, and Natalie Halbert joined her in Irish scoring with a fourth-place finish. Also in the field events, Emily Blenko, a senior, was fourth in the Big East pentathlon with 3,349 total points. Sophomore Dore DeBartolo placed second in the 200-meter weight throw and eighth in the shot put.

Grow was the lone victor for the Irish women, racing to first in the 400-meter run in a time of 54.27 seconds.

The Irish were shut out of all other individual running events except the 5,000-meter run, with senior All-American Alison Klimmer taking seventh. Both the 4x400-meter relay and the distance medley relay took fourth for Notre Dame.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Carii Lanzi, Amanda Alvarez, Kymia Love and Grow set a new school record with a time of 3:45.29.

The Irish will rest this weekend and return to action at home with the Alex Wilson Invitational March 3-4.
Men’s Tennis

Notre Dame tops Wisconsin, drops match to Miami

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

The Irish had their opponents right where they wanted them, but they couldn’t get the job done.

After a 7-0 blanking of the Wisconsin Badgers on Friday, 29th-ranked Notre Dame was ready to take full advantage of the home court edge against 32nd-ranked Miami (Fla.). But the Hurricanes had other plans, taking Sunday’s match-up, 5-2.

“We had a good crowd, and we were on our home court,” Irish coach Bob Bayliss said. “It’s an opportunity we let slip away, and it’s a big disappointment in that sense.”

Notre Dame’s sweeping victory over Wisconsin began the weekend’s play on a much sweeter note, with each player in the lineup coming away with straight set victories in singles play.

The Irish started against the Badgers by stealing away the doubles point with an intense and narrow victory in the deciding No. 1 match by the 53rd-ranked duo of Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico. The two rallied for a 9-8(7-5) win over 42nd-ranked David Chang and Scott Rutherford.

Down 3-0, Talarico and Taborga came up with two key breaks of serve and won four consecutive games to take a 7-6 lead. In the tiebreaker, they stormed out to a 5-0 lead before eventually taking the match and securing the doubles point for the Irish.

Seniors Trent Miller and Mark Arrowsmith flanked by players breezing to an 8-1 victory at No. 2 doubles over the Badgers’ Justin Baker and Adam Schumacher.

Matt Daly, seeing action for the first time since being hampered by a shoulder injury, and Ashok Raju were tripped up at No. 3 doubles 9-8(7-5) in the first set before steamrollering through the second set, 6-0.

Taborga clinched the win for the Irish at No. 4 singles with a 6-4, 7-5 win over the Badgers’ Schumacher. After blowing the second set wide open with a commanding 4-0 lead, Taborga watched his opponent creep back in contention for the set, but held on for the win.

The Irish completed the 7-0 sweep of the Badgers by claiming the remaining three matches in second-set tiebreakers.

Seventeenth-ranked Sachire topped Wisconsin’s Westernman 7-5, 7-6(4-1) at No. 1 singles, while Notre Dame’s Talarico came back from a 2-5 deficit in the second set to gain victory over Rutherford 6-4, 7-4(7-3) at No. 4. Brian Farrell also mounted a second-set comeback by rallying from 2-4 to overcome the Badgers’ Dustin Friedman 6-4, 7-6(7-4).

After the Badgers left town, the Irish came back through to hand the Irish their first loss since a Jan. 29 defeat against the Indiana Hoosiers, snapping a four-match winning streak. The loss left Notre Dame with a 5-3 record, while Miami remains undefeated with seven wins.

Miami notched a 4-0 lead by securing the doubles point with wins at Nos. 2 and 3 doubles. The Hurricanes’ Mike Lang and Joe Lieberman clinched the doubles point by rallying for a 9-8(7-4) win over Sachire and Miller at No. 2 doubles. The Irish pairing had the opportunity for victory with two match points at 7-6, but let the match slip away.

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No. 1 singles player senior Ryan Sachire posted two victories in last weekend’s matches against Wisconsin and Miami.

Sachire conducted business as usual, improving his singles record to 20-6 on the year with a 6-3, 6-2 drubbing of the Hurricanes’ Smith. Laflin had no problems disposing of Miami’s Arrowsmith, breezing to victory, 6-0, 6-0. After the two Irish wins, the Hurricanes tore through the rest of the Irish lineup, earning straight-set victories at Nos. 2, 3, and 4 singles. The Hurricanes’ Jordan Hindsberg topped Daly 6-4, 6-3 at No. 2. Hoffman defeated Irish sophomore Smith 6-2, 6-4 at No. 3, while the Hurricanes’ Lieberman barely escaped Talarico 6-3, 2-6, 7-5 at No. 5.

Disappointment characterized the Irish campaign after the Hurricanes claimed victory, but the opportunities to top the rival opponent were just not seized quickly enough.

“Miami has a good team. I give them a lot of credit,” Bayliss said. “We just didn’t come through. Against Wisconsin, they were the ones to blink — against Miami, we were the ones to blink.”

The team will attempt to return to winning ways Saturday at home against Purdue.

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**SPORTS**

**BIG EAST TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Irish men return as runner-ups**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The senior-dominated Irish couldn't get over the hump, finishing as the runner-up in the Big East Indoores Track and Field Championships for the fourth straight year.

Georgetown outdistanced Notre Dame in men's competition 139 to 125, but Notre Dame came closer to victory than in previous years.

"Whenever you get second place, at least for us, you're never satisfied," sophomore distance runner Luke Watson said. "We know that we could have made up 13 points. But overall, it was a pretty strong performance."

The Hoyas edged the Irish in several events, allowing them to turn the corner to triumph.

"We knew it would be a really big challenge to beat them," senior sprinter Chris Cochran said. "They're a very good middle-distance team, and the indoor championships are really kind of structured around the middle distance."

Although Irish seniors Tim Kobert and Phil Mishka put forth strong performances in the 200-meter run, the 800-meter and the 1000-meter, the Hoyas came out with the advantage thanks to a deeper squad.

Kobert captured second in the 800-meter, but the Hoyas won the 1500-meter. Mishka was able to better his scoring by three runners in the top eight to top Kobert's performance.

"On the strength of Tim Kobert and Phil Mishka, they really came through for us and scored some much-needed points," Watson said.

Watson ran a difficult double, with mile preliminaries on Saturday, 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

Senior sprinter Chris Cochran raced to victories in the 60 meter and 400 meter dashes. He also set a meet record in the 60 meter with a time of 6.79 seconds.

Despite his outstanding race, the Hoyas were able to better his scoring by having three runners in the top eight.

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Irish host Hurricanes in Big East matchup

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Consider the women's basketball team warning. "We've been told time and time again by our coaches of the ultimate cliché the "we've got to take it one game at a time" line," one of the most popular phrases in press conferences and gyms everywhere.

It's never more important than now. The Irish (23-2, 14-0) are coming off their biggest win of the season, a 76-74 overtime victory over the Rutgers Scarlet Knights on Saturday, their 18th in a row.

Next Saturday, Notre Dame faces its nemesis Connecticut at Storrs, Conn., where Notre Dame always seems to struggle. Two more wins and the Irish will be undefeated Big East champions for the first time in school history.

But first, the focus is on tonight, when Notre Dame hosts Miami at the Joyce Center.

Miami (11-13, 5-8) is coming off a 66-61 loss to Georgetown on Saturday. Senior Gina Graziani scored a team-high 18 points and dished out 8 assists for the Hurricanes. Freshman Alicia Hartlaub added 16 points.

Shelley James leads the Hurricanes in scoring, pouring in 12.6 per game. Hartlaub is the only other Miami player in double figures, contributing 10.5 points per game. Graziani ranks second in Big East history with 450 assists, just 21 off of Providence's Shanya Evans record set in 1987-91.

Notre Dame fans can thank the Inside Outside duo of Ruth Riley and Alicia Halyar for continuing the nation's longest winning streak on Saturday against the Scarlet Knights.

Halyar, the Big East's top scorer of the week, was a perfect seven-for-seven from the field, all from beyond the 3-point line, and finished with 26 points. She was also five for six from the foul line and added 10 rebounds. Halyar saved the best for last, hitting two 3-pointers in the final minute of regulation, including one with 3.6 seconds remaining, to force overtime.

Riley earned co-Big East Player of the Week honors.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Belles win MIAA play-off game

By MOLLY MCVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's basketball team made history Saturday night by winning the first game that Belles' basketball has ever won in the MIAA playoffs.

Saint Mary's defeated Olivet College 68-62, winning its game-high 25 points and earning a berth in the regional final.

"It's really exciting," said senior guard Julie Norman. "It's kind of a nice turn around to a really long season. Now is the time we needed to peak, and we are!"

This win marks only the fourth win of the Belles' season, making the victory that much sweeter.

They dominated throughout the game, thanks largely to the play of freshman Kristen Matha. Matha recorded a game-high 25 points and earned the scoring and the emotion of the team as she played:

"I can't tell you how proud of her I am," Norman said. "She showed so much maturity as a freshman."

The game was very physical, with both teams combining for 37 fouls by the sounds of the buzzer. This type of game only inspires the Belles to step up their play, Matha said.

"A rough game always fires up our team," she said. "It's just natural to get fired up and want to score in that situation.""

Saint Mary's capitalized on the foul shots it had, shooting 85 percent from the foul line for 17 points. Matha alone had 11 points from the line.

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