On top of the world

Crime, fire hit off-campus housing

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

Changed locks and straightened door frames offer little proof of a series of break-ins and attempted burglaries at College Park. And visible signs of fire and smoke damage at Castle Point Apartments aren’t as evident as a month ago. But the two local apartment complexes, popular among off-campus students, will have to deal with some concerns over safety following issues that arose while most students were away on vacation.

College Park break-ins

Between Christmas and Jan. 13, two College Park apartments were robbed and about five others showed signs of attempted break-ins, according to building manager P.R. Gibson. The apartments were located within the same unit of the all-student Bulla Road complex.

Gibson said the robbed apartments exhibited no signs of forcible entry. He said computer and telephone equipment taken from one residence was valued at $200. A checkbook was taken from the other apartment.

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"I was scared, and I didn’t go in immediately. The deadbolt had held, and I knew [burglars] hadn’t gotten in, but I was worried because I thought that no one was home," Gibson said. No formal security was provided for the apartments while most occupants were on vacation, but Gibson said he monitored the complex during Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s month-long break. He acknowledged that he was probably out of town when the crimes took place.

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College will use Lilly grant for new center

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary’s Editor

A $12 million grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. will allow Saint Mary’s to create an intercultural center unlike any center in existence in the United States. The center, named the International Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership, will focus on understanding how cultures relate to one another and how to prepare women to lead in that kind of environment.

"One of our goals is that women of all cultures can step into leadership roles once they leave Saint Mary’s," said Marilou Eldred, College president. The five-year grant will be used to offer the College opportunities to study the relationships between cultures and increase the awareness of all cultures on the campus, said Mana Derakhshani, a French professor and a member of the committee that wrote the grant proposal.

“I think intercultural studies is something needed in higher education in general,” Derakhshani said. "Given the fact that Saint Mary's is doing such an excellent job at developing women leaders, if we could add something to what we already do, it could put Saint Mary's on the leading edge nationally in educating women and in education in general."

The College will bring in national and international fellows as part of the center. Both Eldred and Derakhshani expect that the fellows will offer classes and seminars in a wide variety of disciplines that will explore intercultural issues. In addition, summer seminars for members of the College and the community will be available as a result of the grant.

“Before people come to this campus — scholars, community leaders and students — who are interested in intercultural stud-
We're No. 1—Start acting like it

With its 92-76 victory against UConn on Monday afternoon, the women's basketball team earned the right to call itself No. 1. When the new polls come out next week, Notre Dame's ascent to the top of the women's basketball world will be official and the sign at the top of Grace Hall will once again announce that Notre Dame is No. 1.

Before Monday's sell-out game, the student support for women's basketball was almost pathetically absent. While there were several diehard fans who came to every game and cheered every Irish win, the student body was noticeably absent along the sidelines. As proud students don't come out and support an athletic team, the student body was woefully empty. This has to change. Notre Dame once again has a No. 1 team on campus and the students should show their appreciation. I would hope that Notre Dame students would have enough spirit to support all their teams regardless of record but I would be appalled if Notre Dame students don't come out and support an undefeated top-ranked team. But this past fall proved that most Notre Dame students do not appreciate their athletic teams or their hard work and dedication.

Michael A. Riley, Kelly Siemon and Niele Ivey graduate without cheering their efforts. Make sure you let them know you appreciate their hard work and dedication. Don't let Ruth Riley, Kelly Siemon and Niele Ivey graduate without cheering their efforts. Make sure you let them know you appreciate their hard work and dedication.

Outside the Dome

Jackson calls for action in speech at Northwestern

At 9:55 a.m. Monday, about 10 students stood in an orderly line outside Northwestern University's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, sipping coffee and reading. Ten minutes later, more than 50 people were huddled around the two revolving doors, and that number had nearly tripled by 10:30 a.m., when employees opened the doors to Northwestern's second annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.

The program, which included musical performances and a keynote address by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, drew more than 1,400 students, faculty, staff and community members to Pick-Staiger and satellite locations around campus. The two-and-a-half hour celebration capped off a week of events honoring the civil rights leader.

In the program's keynote address, Jackson, the founder and president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition and a friend of King's, delivered a vivid call to action filled with elaborate metaphors and political commentary.

Boston University

King's alma mater celebrates his work

With his dream living on and his words still resonating across the nation, the Birthday of Boston University's most distinguished alumnus, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was commemorated Monday in a ceremony at the George Sherman Union. The 16th annual event filled McCallum Hall and featured a prayer service led by Marsh Chan-Williams, as well as a video presentation of King's speech on Washington in 1963, when he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. "I've prayed in many difficult situations, but never in one as moving as having just watched the speech we heard," Thornburg said.

"That dream still lives in the hearts and minds of people." BU's celebration featured the university's Inner Strength Gospel Choir as well as a choir from the First Korean Church in Cambridge. Titled, "Transformation of Dr. King's Dream," the event took King, a 1955 School of Theology graduate, to a human level, reviving and modifying his message for effectiveness in today's continuing social and racial struggle.

University of Michigan

Students spar over affirmative action

As University of Michigan students took to the streets Monday to advocate affirmative action, there were clear divisions among the 200 participants in how the message supporting affirmative action should be presented. Shortly after students marched from the corner of South University and South Forest, where the rally began, the crowd parted as members of the Black Student Union and the Black Creek Association entered. They held green signs stating their support for the BAMN event. BSU members have never before charged into a student demonstration and this was the first time.

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National Weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Wednesday, Jan. 17. Large,_stationary high pressure ridge brings clear skies and cold temperatures.
Schmuhl book receives 'prime selection' acclaim

By LAURA BOST
News Writer

When the Chicago Tribune recognized Notre Dame professor Robert Schmuhl’s book “Indecent Liberties,” as a prime nonfiction selection for 2000, it was indicative of the book’s widespread appeal. “I had no idea what the reaction might be to my book,” said Schmuhl, an American Studies professor.

The book was the product of a compilation of a number of long essays written from the early 1990s through 1999. After giving thought to a variety of topics from different disciplines like sociology, political science and media studies, Schmuhl decided to create a book from the essays.

“I had been thinking about the larger theme for a while, and it was then just a matter of revising existing essays and writing a couple of new ones to give the book coherence,” he said.

“Indecent Liberties” reflects on the tendency of American society to liberally interpret their freedoms in politics, social movements, the arts and popular culture.

“It tried to identify a certain characteristic in American life and discuss it by looking at a number of different examples from both the past and present,” Schmuhl said.

The book, published by the University of Notre Dame Press, examines the repercussions of construing the constitution to encompass “indecent liberties.” Schmuhl argues in his book that the failure of society to exercise a median interpretation of American liberties may lead to the country’s detriment.

Schmuhl attributed the success of the book to its widespread applicability to all of American society.

“It addresses the concerns being voiced today and explores them in a certain amount of detail that people find interesting,” he said.

“Indecent Liberties” is just one of Schmuhl’s nine books. He also has written columns and reviews for newspapers such as the Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe, the Washington Post and USA Today.

His journal and magazine articles have appeared in Style, National Forum, Journalism Quarterly, Critical Studies in Mass Communications, the Review of Politics and Sports Illustrated.

Schmuhl is the director of the John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy at Notre Dame.

Community honors Parks with MLK-inspired award

By CECILIA OLECK
News Writer

While most students spent Monday registering for classes and buying books, Saint Mary’s student Romona Parks had a different agenda.

She was honored by South Bend Mayor Stephen Lukecke and Mishawaka Mayor Robert Beutler with a Drum Major Award Monday morning at the Minority and Women Business Development Council’s 11th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Appreciation Breakfast at the South Bend Century Center.

The award recognizes dedication to community service. Parks was among five other honorees.

Parks insists that there are others more deserving of the award, but her involvement speaks for itself. Modest about her success, Parks said, “Humility is the key to success. That’s something that I work towards daily and success just comes,” Parks said.

Throughout high school, Parks was the president of a youth group called COP (Community Oriented Policing), the secretary of Nulties (National Urban League Incentives to Excel and Succeed), an urban league youth branch; and the Sergeant of Arms for 21st Century Scholars, a college based program. She was also active in basketball, cheerleading, marching band and student council.

Parks participated in a program called Upward Bound through Notre Dame. The organization provides preparation for high school students who are college bound through tours, scholarships, and the opportunity to attend classes at Notre Dame.

Parks, a first-year student, said she is maintaining a more low-key profile at Saint Mary’s and focusing her attention on her nursing major.

She is, however, active in the Sisters of Nefertiti and a campus Bible study. Terri Johnson, Director of Multicultural Affairs commended Parks for her willingness to help with any activity the Multicultural Office needs help with.

“I just think this award couldn’t have gone to a more deserving person,” said Johnson. “She’s a very positive representative of Saint Mary’s and a wonderful role model.”

Parks said that through her involvement in the South Bend community she has come to know many people who have influenced her life.

She counts Mayor Stephen Lukecke, Assistant Mayor Lynn Coleman, and in basketball, president, Verge Gillam as people who inspire her. Parks is a graduate of LaSalle High School in South Bend.
ies," Derakhshani said. In addition to seminars, the College has proposed an intercultural leadership residence as a part of the center. According to Derakhshani, this would involve dedicating a floor of one of the residence halls to a study in intercultural living.

"What the residence would be is basically an experiment in planned intercultural living," she said. This residence area which will be up and running in the 2002-2003 school year at the earliest, would involve a planned mingling of different cultures. A resident director would be chosen specifically for the floor and part of her job would be the facilitation of discussion between the women living on the floor.

One of the best things we'll do for students with this center is to enhance the dialogues about all cultures," Eldred said. The center, which also allow the College to send students and faculty to participate in intercultural questions and step into the community of South Bend to understand those issues. Derakhshani hopes that involvement in the community will include issues of health care, the arts and community planning. "Contact with community members is going to be very fruitful," she said. "It's going to help prepare our students to be leaders in a world that is becoming more and more intercultural.

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**World News Briefs**

**Kuwait rejects female voting:** The country's highest court rejected a case Tuesday in which activists had plied for women to have the right to vote and run for office in this oil-rich state. "The court has decided to reject the case," said Judge Abdullah al-Tissa, president of the Constitutional Court. He offered no immediate explanation.

**Norway okays whale exports:** Norwegian authorities said Tuesday that it was lifting its ban on the export of whale meat and products. The move came two days after the government said it was lifting a ban on the export of whale meat and products.

**National News Briefs**

**Plane disappears over Cape Cod:** Poor visibility on Tuesday delayed a search for a small plane that disappeared from radar. The plane was last seen over Cape Cod around 10 a.m. The weather was very foggy and investigators were unable to inspect the wreckage Tuesday.

**Indiana News Briefs**

**Coys attacks dog:** Anderson Mayor J. Mark Lawler is warning Madison County residents about the threat posed by coyotes following a vicious attack Thursday near the family's Anderson home. Lawler, his wife, Dori, and their children weren't sure if Munroe would survive the attack. The couple hoped to give the dog a chance to see his family home again.

**Coyote wreckage Tuesday:** The remains of a dog were found Tuesday morning near the family's Anderson home. The dog was last seen Thursday evening when it was chasing a coyote. The couple said they were heartbroken to lose their beloved pet.

**Indianapolis News Briefs**

**State's highest court:** The Indiana Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that the state's highest court has the authority to hear cases involving the death penalty. The court's decision, which delighted death penalty opponents, said Tuesday that it was lifting a ban on the export of whale meat and products.

**Goodbye to a church:** More than a century ago, the First Baptist Church in Indianapolis stood as a symbol of faith and community. But on Tuesday, the church was destroyed by a raging fire.

**Indiana's weather:** The weather was very foggy and investigators were unable to inspect the wreckage Tuesday.

**Death toll rises into hundreds**

**Associated Press**

**SANTA TECLA**

The earthquake death toll rose above 600 Monday as rescuers' hopes faded of pulling more survivors from landslides that swept through villages and cities across El Salvador.

As information came in from the countryside, where hundreds of communities remained isolated, the government said 609 bodies had been counted in El Salvador. At least six people died in neighboring Guatemala, and hundreds of people were still believed to be buried.

The vast majority of those killed were here in Santa Tecla, where a mountain of rock and earth came tumbling down on the Las Colinas neighborhood, three miles west of the capital, San Salvador. The earthquake was felt in nearby El Salvador. But in Santa Tecla, it was felt most strongly.

**Cuba**

**Czech prisoners to be tried as spies**

Two Czech citizens — including a former finance minister — will be tried for allegedly acting as agents for anti-communist Cuban-American exiles, the government said Tuesday.

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Nestle takes bite of pet food world

Company spends $10 billion to form Nestle Purina Pet Care

ST. LOUIS

Nestle S.A.'s $10 billion purchase ofRalston Purina Co. would create a pet food empire that dominates both the cat and dog food market, with popular brands such as Alpo, Purina, Friskies and Meow Mix. “We were interested in continuing to grow our business,” said Peter Brabeck-Leemathe, Nestle’s CEO. “We were strong in our wet business, the cat business. We looked at the market and saw there was a higher growth in the dry business.” That includes premium food and treats, the segment of the industry growing fastest and Ralston’s strength, said John McMillin, an analyst at Prudential Securities in New York.

Nestle, based in Switzerland, holds a 32 percent share of the U.S. cat food market, while St. Louis-based Ralston has a 26 percent share. It’s the same situation across the aisle in dog food, where Nestle is adding Ralston’s 28 percent share of the dog food market to the 10 percent it already has. “It seems like a brilliant acquisition,” said Jack A. Nickerson, a business professor at Washington University in St. Louis. “Instead of running two different operations, they can simply do one.”

Shares of Ralston were up $6.88, or 27 percent, to close at $31.50 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Brabeck-Leemathe said he expects the sale, which requires shareholder and regulatory approval, will close no later than the end of 2001. The Nestle-Ralston combination could concern federal regulators, especially in the cat food business, analysts said, which might force it to sell off some smaller brands.

But Nickerson said if Ralston and Nestle can narrowly define the pet food market, regulators are likely to approve the deal. For example, he said, they could argue there are separate markets for wet and dry dog and cat foods and that their share of any one segment will not change.

“The best thing for them to do is put forth the narrowest market definition that would be acceptable,” Nickerson said. Brabeck-Leemathe said he expects the deal to enhance competition in the North American pet food market. “I think the one who is going to win is the consumer, because he will have increased choice, more innovation, and even more quality products on the market,” Brabeck-Leemathe said.

Analysis by the other new monuments from commercial uses. The new protections are expected to include bans or restrictions on such activities as vehicle use, mining and oil drilling.

During his presidency, Clinton has already created 11 new national monuments and expanded two others. Those actions set new protections on 4.6 million acres of federal land. The new monuments established on Wednesday would raise that total to at least 5.6 million acres.

President-elect Bush and Republicans from the West have objected to Clinton’s earlier monument designations. They have said the monument designations are not needed to protect the remote areas and could harm the economy in rural areas.
Bodyguard kills Congolese president in coup attempt

Associated Press

KINSHASA

President Laurent Kabila, the one-time rebel who seized power and then fought to rule over this vast and troubled nation, died Tuesday after being shot at his vast and troubled nation, died Associated Press and then fought to rule over this years, officials in Kinshasa said. (Tuesday mid-night EST.)

French and Belgian foreign ministry officials quoted local sources as saying they believed he died of his injuries.

"From three sources I have that Kabila has most likely been shot to death," Belgian Foreign Affairs Minister Louis Michel said in Brussels following a meeting with the Cabinet.

Earlier, his spokesman, Koen Vervaek, said, "From two sources of whom we are 100 percent sure, we can confirm that Kabila has died. He has probably been shot by one of his guards.

French Foreign Ministry officials had also said that Kabila was dead, but gave no further details.

Belgium is former colonial ruler and retains close ties with the nation, formerly named Zaire.

Asked about the report, Congolese Interior Minister Gaetan Kakudji said: "The

BELGIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DISCUSSED WITH KINSHASA GOVERNMENT DIRECTORS ON WHAT HAD HAPPENED AT 6 A.M.

"Kabila came to power in May 1997 following a Uganda- and Rwanda-sponsored rebellion against former dictator Mobutu Sese Seko, who ruled the nation then called Zaire.

The world community initially welcomed Kabila, who many hoped would be a vast improvement over Mobutu’s decades-long rule, which left his nation desperately broke and with an infrastructure that barely functioned.

Later, an 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew was announced by Kabudi as having being ordered by president Kabila.

Kabudi also put all fighting units in Kinshasa on alert until further notice.

Amid the confusion of the shooting, Kinshasa residents hurried home and many streets were quietly deserted. Truckloads of armed soldiers patrolled the streets in Congo’s capital city.

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Estrada seeks a public 'calm' in post-impeachment chaos

Associated Press

MANILA
President Joseph Estrada appealed for calm Wednesday amid worries of possible violence in the aftermath of the developments that threw his controversial impeachment trial into chaos.

Noisy demonstrations erupted in Manila and at least three other Philippine cities in the early morning hours after the Senate voted 11-10 to stop prosecutors from examining bank records they say would prove developments that threw his presidency into chaos.

In a sign of how financial markets would view the developments, the peso opened 55.50 to the U.S. dollar from Tuesday's close of 52.780.

Traffic was being detoured around potential hotspots in Manila as gray, misty dawn broke over the sprawling capital of 12 million people.

Radio reports said Estrada supporters had formed a human ring around his residence.

"I appeal to our countrymen to keep calm," Estrada said in a statement in which he prayed for strength and guidance. "Let us pray that we may be spared further violence, injuries and death that have stricken our country in recent times."

Three weeks ago, a series of bomb blasts in metropolitan Manila killed over 20 people. The police and military blamed Muslim separatists, but others suspected that the attacks were politically motivated.

Estrada expressed gratitude over the Senate vote.

"I thank the good lord for giving us this initial favorable vote. This is the first major vote in the many more major votes to be cast in the impeachment trial," Estrada said.

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Joseph Estrada
Philippine president

But it was unclear if the country's first-ever impeachment trial would resume as scheduled Wednesday afternoon.

The 11-10 Senate vote keeps prosecutors away from what they say was the most damaging evidence yet that Estrada has grown rich off corruption in office.

"Senate President Aquino, Pimentel and Senate Secretary Lucardo Barbo angrily resigned in protest, followed by the entire team of House prosecutors."

"We will tender our irrevocable letter of resignation as prosecutors," Rep. Sergio Apostol Davao said.

"To us, prosecuting is a sham. The impeachment court is already tainted with bias."

As news of the vote hit the streets, car horns and fireworks erupted in various parts of Manila. Several protesters built bonfires in front of Estrada's residence and gathered to bash cans, yell and make other noise.

Thousands more protesters, including former President Corazon Aquino, senators, students and opposition groups, held a candlelight vigil at a shrine dedicated to the late dictator President Ferdinand Marcos.

Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin, who led anti-Marcos protests in the 1980s, accused pro-Estrada groups of "immorality" and said he feared violence.

"I am so afraid that because of this immorality... we might not be able to stop bloodshed," Sin told the vigil.

"We know in our heart that the president is guilty."

Protesters also rallied in the cities of Cebu, Bacolod and Davao.

Rep. Joker Arroyo, a congresswoman and Estrada's former vice-president, said the bank records the senators kept sealed would "be spared further violence, injuries and death that have stricken our country in recent times."
High tuition reflects University's shift in emphasis

Charles Rice
Right or Wrong?

Every Christmas I get a personal, first-name invitation to join the Sorin Society. If I pay $1,000, benefits include "regional meetings" and the President's Newsletter. For $3,000 I could join the Founder's Circle and receive a video, an "ombudsman service" for tickets to non-athletic events and other comparable perks. I have not been able to join, but every year I feel a rush of self-esteem. This is a recognition that I am a somebody, worthy to be a player in the University's inner circle.

One reason I would like to join is to ask the movers and shakers one question: With unprecedented sums cascading into the University's coffers, why does tuition keep rising beyond the inflation rate? The Endowment in 2000 rose from $2.03 billion to $3.14 billion. Generations of 5.2 percent. While this is the smallest rate of print ads., the House of Representatives, is not governed by policies of the administration's other institutions. The Observer reserves the right to refuse submissions based on content.

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Scott Adams
Quote of the Day

"There are obviously two educations. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live." - James T. Adams

Historian
Congress should put its money where its mouth is

Every time politicians talk about national priorities, we hear about how education should be our country's number one concern. Our nation's economy needs a highly educated workforce, they tell us, if we are going to be able to compete in the new global economy. A college education, they warn us, is now a necessary ticket to a middle-class and decent paying job. And a strong democracy, they sometimes point out, depends on well-educated citizens.

Unfortunately, many of those who talk the loudest in Washington often do the least. Despite all the rhetoric about the importance of education, the federal government has failed to allocate the funding that millions of young people and their families need to make higher education affordable.

The bottom line is that the cost of a college education is soaring and students and their families are going deeper and deeper into debt to pay for that education. Twenty-five years ago, the maximum federally funded Pell Grant (which was designed to be the main portion of student aid covering more than 80 percent of the average cost of attending a public four-year college, and about 40 percent of the cost of attending a private college. Today, the maximum Pell Grant covers only 39 percent of the average cost of attending a four-year public college, and only 15 percent of the cost of attending a private college.

In fact, the average Pell Grant, adjusted for inflation, has not increased at all in 10 years. Federal Pell Grant aid, which 20 years ago was a grant-based system, is now a loan-based system. Pell Grant recipients must now pay back federal student loans comprised 51.4 percent of the average debt of college graduates, including what their parents owe.

Our young Americans and those graduating with four-year degrees bear an average debt of $19,000, not including what their parents owe. Students finishing graduate school are even deeper in debt.

It strikes me as extremely unfair to young Americans and contrary to the best interests of our country, that millions of them are beginning their careers so deeply in debt. That is why Congress should put its money where its mouth is and start investing in our young people.

In January, Representative Sanders introduced a bill that would allocate $26 billion to education in the budget — as we did this year — surely we can afford to increase student aid for higher education by $13 billion. If we can afford to spend $125 billion on corporate tax breaks and massive tax cuts to the wealthiest 2 percent of the population, we can increase Pell Grants. We can change this situation, but only if students and college students and their parents who incur tens of thousands of dollars in educational debt.

We can change this situation, but only if students play a leadership in that process. Helped by the Bush administration, we can change our national priorities, and make college affordable for all.

Scott Delgado
Independent, Vermont

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January 13, 2001
Visions of sunny beaches and crashing waves...

In search of spring break fun, Scene explores the sunny state of California.

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Scene Writer

Editor's note: This week Scene is featuring popular spring break destinations.

The Viper Room is most certainly the place to be in California. With the hottest celebrities pulsing to the latest dance music and mingling around the bar, the Viper Room is the coolest place in town. When you are in California, don't miss the Viper Room.

This is assuming that you either are Brittany Spears or are currently dating the pop idol. For those of you who aren't members of NSYNC, starring in the latest WB show or tearing up the dance floors in Paris, you will be lucky if the Viper Room lets you sift through its garbage.

But fear not, you, the common scam that you are, can still have a good time in California on your spring break.

Both San Francisco and Los Angeles feature plenty of attractions that will admit you regardless of how many Golden Globe nominations you have or have not received.

Los Angeles

Just because Puff Daddy won't let you join his posse, it doesn't mean you can't find a place to party in L.A. Head to Pier Avenue in Hermosa Beach and you will find enough bars to satisfy even the thirstiest spring breaker.

Aloha Sharkeez is among the best on the board. Sharkeez serves Mexican food and has tables set up where you can eat and enjoy many sporting events on several big-screen televisions.

Early in the evening the atmosphere is a mixture between a loud sports bar and a laid-back dance club.

After 10 p.m., however, Sharkeez changes over into a over-crowded dance club stuffed with people and blasting the latest top 40 music. The tables are put away, the televisions start showing a looped video of surfers, and the music gets even louder.

When Sharkeez first changes over to a dance club, the crowd is mostly people in their early 20s.

Unfortunately, after midnight, Sharkeez is also incredibly crowded. Getting to the bar is nearly impossible. This is a real shame because Sharkeez features many exotic drinks and the bartenders are almost as entertaining as the music.

Sharkeez specializes in giant fishbowls filled with whatever tropical drink you desire. Complete with glowsticks, umbrellas and many long straws, the fishbowls are perfect for sharing with a large group of people.

The only problem with Sharkeez is the prices. Bottled beers are $4 and mixed drinks can cost between $6 and $9. If you plan on drinking at Sharkeez, expect to spend a lot of money.

For those who don't drink, however, there is no cover charge, so you can party all night long without spending a dime.

Sharkeez's changing atmosphere makes it a great place to start your evening, party all night and leave when they play the final song. For those who like to bar hop, however, go to Sharkeez first, order a fishbowl, soak up the atmosphere and then move on.

Right next door to Sharkeez is Patrick Maloney's, an Irish pub whose line rivals Sharkeez in length as the night wears on.

If crowded dance floors aren't your cup of tea, there are several other bars just a few doors down with no lines at the bars and plenty of room on the dance floor to bust a move.

If you are suddenly seized by the munchies, visit Fat Face Fenner's Falloon for great seafood and an almost as entertaining as the music.

There is plenty to do in Los Angeles during the day as well. You can lie out on Hermosa Beach or you can head to downtown L.A. in search of rock divas and movie stars.

Mann's Chinese Theatre at 6925 Hollywood Boulevard is home to many of the top movie premieres. Although you may not be famous enough to be invited to the premiere, you can still see where famous people have stood.

Just across the street from the theatre is the Walk of Fame. From Sean Connery and Charlie Chaplin to Tony Danza and John Travolta, almost every top star in the history of Hollywood is memorialized in the sidewalk.

If you are hungry from all that stargazing, don't miss Pink's. For just a couple of bucks at this hot dog stand, you can get a heart attack on a plate.

Pink's features two huge hot dogs covered in chili, cheese and everything else to clog your arteries—all wrapped in a flour tortilla.

If you really want your heart to hate you, make sure you get some fries as well.

After bloating yourself on processed beef, drive down Rodeo Drive and look at all the cars you will never be able to afford and the clothes that cost more than the car you are driving.

If you are feeling adventurous, walk into one of the stores and watch the salespeople curse you with their eyes for even pretending that you can afford the clothes on the rack.

If you are young at heart, Disneyland is the place for you. While not nearly as large as Disneyworld in Orlando, Disneyland can still fill a day with plenty of excitement.

Thanks to a new system called Fastpass, you can spend more of your time riding the rides and less time standing in line. When you get to the park, go straight to one of the big rides with long lines like Space Mountain. Rather than standing in line, go to one of the Fastpass machines and get a ticket.

The ticket will give you a time to come back later.

In the day or just at night, you can walk straight to one of the big rides with long lines like Space Mountain. Rather than standing in line, go to one of the Fastpass machines and get a ticket.

The ticket will give you a time to come back later.
San Francisco if you want to see all the sights.

In addition to the beauty of Route 1, a drive across the Golden Gate Bridge should be part of every visitor’s itinerary. While the actual drive across the bridge is nothing spectacular (it’s just a bridge... it’s big and orange but still just a bridge), the view from the opposite side looking back to San Francisco is breath-taking. Just after you cross the bridge, there is a scenic overlook where you can look back at the city. All the landmarks in San Francisco are visible and the big, orange bridge creates a striking photo opportunity. Across the road from the scenic overlook, there is a road that scales the mountain and offers a view of the Pacific on one side and the San Francisco Bay on the other.

After seeing San Francisco’s attractions from a distance, it’s time to head down into the city. Across the road from the scenic overlook, there is a road that scales the mountain and offers a view of the Pacific.

With trendy restaurants and a plethora of gift shops, Fisherman’s Wharf is the definition of a tourist trap. Unlike most trashy tourist traps, however, Fisherman’s Wharf is a lot of fun. There are plenty of street performers to keep you entertained. As one juggler announced to his audience, “Yes, I do in fact make my living by passing around my hat.” From jugglers and fortune tellers to dancing robotmen and freaks who will pose for photos with you, Fisherman’s Wharf has plenty of people who will gladly accept your spare change.

The biggest attraction at Pier 39, however, is the ferry to Alcatraz Island. The famous maximum security prison can only be reached by ferry and reservations are required. Check out www.blueandgoldfleets.com/az.htm for rates and availability.

You can try just walking up and hoping to find an open ferry, but that is highly unlikely. Without a reservation you probably won’t get anywhere near “The Rock.” Tours of Alcatraz are self-guided, using head-phones and a tape player that you can rent on the island. Allow about three hours to take the ferry, tour the prison, snap some pictures and ride the ferry back. A visit to Alcatraz will cost about $20 but it is worth every penny. The stories of prison life, attempted escapes, and famous criminals are fascinating.

Several park rangers stationed around the prison are also available for presentations throughout the day. They can debunk many of the myths about Alcatraz perpetuated by movies about the prison. For example, the tunnels under Alcatraz that are so important for Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage in “The Rock” don’t even exist. The sunny beaches and glamorous streets of Los Angeles and San Francisco may be frequented by celebrities and those who hunt for them. But even if “Entertainment Tonight” doesn’t want to do a feature story on your love life and “Total Request Live” isn’t playing your hits, you can still have fun on your spring break in California.

Visitors of all ages to Los Angeles’ Disneyland swirl round in the popular “Mad Hatter’s Teacups” attraction.
Bench play contributes as Irish end losing streak

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

It took a sprained ankle by David Graves to get Notre Dame's bench more playing time, but Notre Dame's 74-58 Joyce Center victory over Pittsburgh may be a sign of things to come.

Junior forward Harold Swanagan returned to the starting spot he held a year ago and did more than hold his own in the post with classmates Troy Murphy and Ryan Humphrey. He held court, matching a game-high 10 rebounds to go with his seven points in 22 minutes of play.

"He's been great since we've been back from Christmas," Swanagan said. Irish coach Mike Brey said of Swanagan, "He's done a lot of things to come.

It's funny how an injury leads you into something, or you find something because of an injury."

Brey said. The Irish were red hot offensively, but they already knew they could score.

"We have a lot of scorers on our team," senior point guard Martin Ingelsby said. "For us to be a good team, we have to do it on the defensive end."

Defense has been the big question mark. Unlike at times in road losses to Kentucky and Seton Hall, the Irish were the ones diving for loose balls and keeping their opponent from getting off second-chance shots. Even Graves, playing on a sprained ankle and coming off a road trip in which he made the most of his foul trouble by playing the ball for the ball. He managed 25 minutes of play, putting up 10 points and five rebounds.

"I saw him a couple days ago, and he was having a hard time walking," Murphy said of Graves. "It's amazing what he was able to do today. He gave us a heck of an effort. He's a great player."

Pittsburgh star Ricardo Greer didn't cope as well, also playing on a sprained ankle. The Irish limited his productivity to 11 points, well below his average of 16.5, and pressed him into foul trouble.

Instead of Irish aid, the Panthers stood by while the Irish went on a 12-2 rampage to close the half. Swanagan started the onslaught with a bucket in the lane. The Irish held off the Panthers' attack with defensive rebounds by Matt Carroll, Murphy and Ivan Kartelo along with a block by Jere Macura.

The Irish followed through at their own end with an up-close basket and follow-up free throw by Murphy, a near 3-pointer by Ingelsby and a made 3 by Carroll.

"Those second shots coming off the rim, the loose balls rolling down the lane, we have not gotten those," Brey said.

"It's something we addressed. My main focus in the locker room was the dirty work." The Irish did the dirty work all game long, giving a sustained effort that's been lacking at times this season. Five guys pulled down at least five boards, and the team tallied 11 blocks, four by Murphy and three by Humphrey.

In the second half, the Irish stopped a Panthers run that brought them to within 10 points midway through the period. They managed to get the stop they needed, forcing Donatas Zavackas into his fourth foul then silencing Pittsburgh with a 15-foot jump shot by Humphrey.

Down the stretch, Graves nailed two free throws and dropped in a jumper and a shot from behind the arc to cement the win.

"We need to get some wins if we want to get to the NCAA Tournament," Swanagan said. "And that's what we want to do."

Forward David Graves dribbles upcourt during Tuesday night's 74-58 Notre Dame victory over Big East rival Pittsburgh. Graves scored 12 points and had five rebounds while playing 23 minutes on a sprained ankle.

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Jan — Ticklish? My baby, I miss a in my arms.

I need my satellite back!
I missed my Kari-Bear! It's so nice to be back.

Undressed is the best show EVERY
Timmy and Hi Cleg hit the final 4, St. Louis I never know what hit them

Need, extra, work for Sam Ash music:
Credit card debt, if only I could have another four weeks of over-

My friends, this is the way it is, baby.
Dona calls him Dave... he comes out with a baseball bat.

And christine tells us all about it
Hey, NO win more games than the Bulls this season

Jack and Jill went up the hill to catch a pail of water.
Jack came down and broke his crown.

Hey Janet - HAPPY 21st BIRTH-
DAY (slightly delayed)

Christmas, we miss you. Rock DC, but don't forget about your girls.
I'm ready for Thursday, Molly. But South Bend might not be.

Welcome back Christmas! did you miss my messages?

Hope for the present - I'm a little scared of it though. 4 weeks in a hospital can't be good.

I miss my roommate.
Note: - How's the business com-
in T - miss Maine yet?

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Saint Mary's basketball is hungry for a win tonight, after a stale 3-4 run over the holiday break. Dropping games to Goshen, Hope College, Calvin College and Alma College, tonight's meeting with Olivet has the Belles ready for a win.

Saint Mary's took on league leader Hope Saturday, dropping the game 51-75. Hope came into the game with a 3-0 league record and a 12-1 record overall, good enough to place the Flying Dutch in the top 20 Division III women's teams in the nation. "Although the women were not satisfied with the game, they were happy with what they did," Smith said. "They played hard and it was never a formality." The team came into the Hope game following their worst loss of the season against another MIAA leader, Calvin. They lost that game, 70-53.

Like Hope, the Calvin Knighths came into the game with an undefeated conference record. The Belles did not rise to the challenge, shooting only 18 percent from the field.

Saint Mary's had taken on Alma College four days earlier on Jan. 6. The Belles hung with Scots, losing by only 5 points, 57-62. Alma currently holds the No. 2 spot in MIAA rankings, with only a single defeat.

Coming into the Alma game, the Belles were coming off of three wins against league competition Albion and non-conference teams Rose-Hulman and Anderson. The Belles defeated the Albion Britons 61-52 in a conference match. "We played very well against Albion, it being the first conference game of the year," Smith said.

Anderson and Rose-Hulman were unbeatable wins. The Dec. 16 game against Rose-Hulman ended with a lay-up by Julie Norman to bring Saint Mary's to its 67-66 victory over Rose-Hulman. Anderson was another tight game, 64-62, but the Belles look that game only 59-56.

## Williams

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his thought. "I mean, I want to come back for next year," Williams said, "and have a good, good season."

On numerous occasions, Davie mentioned Williams as a key returning player for the 2001 squad. At a press conference on Nov. 21, Davie spoke as if he fully expected Williams to return next season.

"The secondary is all back ([In 2001] except for Tony Driver," Davie said at the time. "As of now, Williams has not filed to be in the draft, according to Carparelli. In fact, unlike players with a remaining year of eligibility at other schools, Williams may not have to officially declare his intention. All underclassmen had to declare their intentions by Jan. 12.

Because football players at Notre Dame are not "redshirted," like at other schools, they must complete an application requesting a fifth year. Because of that rule, Williams — and the other seniors who have an extra year of eligibility — is technically considered a senior who has not officially been granted a fifth year of eligibility. The University's decision as to which seniors will return for a fifth year has not been finalized, according to assistant athletic director and sports information director John Heisler.

"With the semester starting, any of those people that are interested in that are just going to begin the process of filling out the paperwork and submitting that to the faculty board," Heisler said. "It's gotten a little bit more involved in the last few years. In the past, they essentially had to write a letter that explained what their intention was. Now there's a more specific form that's been created that asks them to detail both where they are academically and what they plan to be doing academically. They also ask them in detail why it is they missed a semester. We're trying to get an answer from the NFL as to whether he even needs to declare or if he does, whether he's bound to stick to that. He hasn't been in contact with an agent of any sort which certainly eliminates that boundary."

After Williams spoke to him in the weeks prior to the Fiesta Bowl, Carparelli gathered the paper work from the NFL and gave it to Williams, who had to send the form by Jan. 5. The NFL officials received the form before the deadline and contacted Williams last week with their projections.

"For the most part it's up to Brock to do all this," Carparelli said. "It's his life and his career. He's been in contact with us every step of the way and asking our advice."
Men's Basketball

Irish drop out of Top 25 with loss to Wildcats

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Lexington, Ky.

It was a long Christmas break for the Notre Dame men's basketball team, which dropped out of the Top 25 this week after losing three of its last four games.

"We're on our last breath here," All-American Troy Murphy said Saturday after Notre Dame fell to Kentucky. "The red lights are flashing. We've got to get it together.

The last Irish loss came at the hands of a quickly rising Kentucky Wildcats squad in an 82-71 defeat before a raucous Rupp Arena crowd of 23,018 fans.

Early in Saturday's match-up, Notre Dame (9-5) appeared undaunted by the smoke and fireworks display set off to a quickly rising lights. We've got to get it.

Tough times. But who's the way to use it in Kentucky delivered the knockout punch with its depth. The Irish starters averaged 33 minutes of playing time per game, and getting wins with only six or seven players contributing is a difficult task, especially in the physical Big East Conference.

Brey tried to give Ingelsby a bit of a breather from holding the reins by having Carroll or Graves bring the ball downcourt instead of being tentative ... This team doesn't do it for the Irish.

As a team, we're going to have to take the next step, Brey said, "it's just half of their team would be good enough to top quality opponents. Unfortunately, that's what they've been trying to do - win while using just the starting lineup while occasionally losing Harold Swanagan and Torrian Jones into the mix.

Something has to give for a squad so highly touted in the preseason it peaked at No. 10 in the polls in early December.

"We need to stop concentrating on what other teams are doing and start concentrating on what we're doing," Graves said. "We need to start worrying about playing instead of being tentative .... This team doesn't give up. We're not going to panic."
The Rich, the Poor, and the Living Wage:

Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Evening symposia, co-sponsored by the Anti-Sweatshop Task Force, the Program in the Catholic Social Tradition, and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Mondays at 7:00 pm (and Wednesday, Feb. 7), in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Institute for International Peace Studies.

Jan. 22: The Living Wage in Catholic Teaching: Economic Justice for All: Todd David Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

Jan. 29: Notre Dame Living Wage Studies: Dr. Ruth Rosenbaum, Center for Reflection, Education, and Action

Feb. 5: The Living Wage in the United States: Robert Pollin, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, co-author (with Stephanie Luce) of The Living Wage: Building a Fair Economy; with Martin Wolfson, University of Notre Dame responding

Feb. 7: A Case Against the Living Wage: Thomas Gresik, University of Notre Dame

Feb. 12: A Living Wage in the United States; Lawrence Glickman, University of South Carolina, author of A Living Wage: American Workers and the Making of Consumer Society

Feb. 19: Measuring the Living Wage; Jared Bernstein, Economic Policy Institute, co-author (with Chauna Brocht and Maggie Spade-Aguilar) of How Much is Enough?

Feb. 26: The Living Wage: The Case of Baltimore: Robert Hearn, former living wage consultant to Kurt Schmoke, Mayor of Baltimore

Mar. 5: The Living Wage in the Global Economy: Darcy Tromanhauser and Tara Gruzen, Columbia University Program in Economic and Political Development, co-authors (with Melissa Connor, Larry Sacks, and Jude Sunderland) of The Case for Corporate Responsibility: Paying a Living Wage to Maquila Workers in El Salvador: A Study for the National Labor Committee


Mar. 26: The Catholic Case Updated: Christine Firer Hinze, Marquette University, author of A Good Life

April 9: A Case Against the Living Wage: Teresa Ghilarducci, University of Notre Dame

April 23: The Business Case for the Living Wage: Karen Kraut, Responsible Wealth Project, and co-author (with Scott Klinger, and Chuck Collins) of Choosing the High Road: Businesses That Pay a Living Wage and Prosper; with Jim Amaral, Owner, Borealis Breads, Alna Maine
Injured hand can’t break Siemon’s spirit

By NOAH AMSTADER
Assistant Sports Editor

About five minutes into the post game press conference following Notre Dame’s stunning 92-76 upset of Connecticut on Monday, senior forward Kelley Siemon strolled in with a Hawaiian lei around her neck, tripped on her way to her seat, and began taking questions.

Just another example of the quirky senior stealing the show once again.

While Ruth Riley was the dominant force in the victory with 29 points and 12 rebounds, it was Siemon who provided the inspiration.

The Notre Dame media guide lists facts about each player, including a section titled "Nobody knows how much I ..." Siemon’s response: “hate to lose.”

After playing 33 minutes two days after breaking a bone in her hand against Virginia Tech, Siemon’s secret is out.

As if playing at home in front of a sellout crowd against the No. 1 team in the nation didn’t provide enough inspiration, the Irish — who had planned on playing each starter the entire game — faced the challenge of going to bat against Virginia Tech, a team in the nation didn’t provide enough inspiration, the Irish — who had planned on playing each starter the entire game and proving that it takes more than a broken bone to stop Siemon.

“Definitely.”

Siemon’s impact, however, was far more than just her presence on the court. She single-handedly held her own underneath the boards.

Less than three minutes into the game, Siemon made a lay-up to put the Irish up 4-3. Minutes later, she took a pass from Riley, scored off the glass, and collected a foul in the process. Siemon made the free throw, scoring her fifth point of the game and proving that it takes more than a broken bone to stop the daughter of former NFL player Jeff Siemon.

At the half, Siemon had sparked Notre Dame to a 40-31 lead with nine points and five rebounds.

“Once the game started, I really didn’t notice it at all,” said Siemon.

She added more of the same in the second half, scoring six consecutive points in a 90-second span to put the Irish up 56-46. She added three rebounds and finished the game with a more than respectable 15 points and eight boards.

Siemon’s scoring total could have been much higher if not for a woeful 3 for 16 performance from the free-throw line.

“It’s a mental thing with me,” she said after the game. “I make them in practice, it’s something I need to get over.”

She was then asked if her injured hand contributed to her struggles at the foul line. Siemon laughed, looked the reporter straight in the face, and said, “Definitely.”

In a so-far magical season, Siemon’s perseverance made Monday’s win just a little more special.

Kelley Siemon raises her broken hand during Monday’s win against the Huskies. Despite breaking a bone in her hand in Saturday’s game against Virginia Tech, Siemon scored 15 points.
would implement a pressure defense, which (13-1 on the season) was able to turn back the Irish at the ends of the floor like a full-court press. Riley outplayed all three pre-season All-Americans and proved she may be the best player in the conference, if not the country.

Whereas the Irish center fouled out with seven minutes left in last year’s 77-59 loss to the Huskies, Riley logged 39 minutes and 41 seconds on Monday before leaving the court amid a chorus of cheers. Although she suffered an ankle injury in the second half of Friday’s win over Virginia Tech, Riley played through the pain against Connecticut. She scored 29 points on 8-of-11 from the field and 13-of-13 from the line, grabbed 12 rebounds, blocked five shots and dished out four assists in front of several WNBA scouts.

“I don’t think I’ve ever seen anybody dominate a game from start to finish at both ends of the floor like that,” McGraw said. “That’s an All-American, Player of the Year kind of line.”

In years past, Connecticut (13-1 on the season) was able to faze Riley by continually attacking her on both ends of the floor. The Huskies also would implement a full-court press defense, which resulted in easy baskets when the Irish succumbed and committed turnovers. Not on Monday.

“Before, you could get into Riley’s head a little bit, get physical with her and she would get frustrated,” Connecticut head coach Geno Auriemma said. “She plays with a lot more confidence now.”

Riley’s improved aggressiveness and mental toughness forced the Huskies to rely on their outside shooting. For all but a few possessions, the Irish played a 2-3 zone, a defensive strategy that yielded pro-Notre Dame results. Connecticut made only 11 of 33 three-pointers and connected on 29-of-79 total field goals. And Niele Ivey handled the pressure with relative ease. The 5-foot-8 point guard controlled the tempo and made smart decisions in transition. In addition to her 10 assists, Ivey also scored 14 points — including a perfect three from behind the three-point arc.

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When asked if Notre Dame deserves the top ranking, Auriemma offered a quick response. “I think so,” he said. “Absolutely, absolutely. There’s no question about that.”

The Huskies cut the lead to 6-56 on a Diana Taurasi three-pointer with just under eight minutes left. On the ensuing possession, Taurasi fouled Kelley Siemon, who missed both free throws. But as she had just a minute before, Riley rebounded Siemon’s miss and scored on a lay-up. Notre Dame led by as little as nine of the rest of the way. The only negative about the Irish came from free throw woes. They shot 54 percent (26-46) from the line, with Siemon connecting on just 3 of 6. But even when Siemon missed ten straight free throws during the final eight minutes, Riley grabbed three offensive rebounds to maintain possession.

To make the day complete, senior guard Imani Dunbar, who entered the game for the first time with 19.5 seconds left, nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer.

“From the opening tip, Notre Dame was better,” Auriemma said. “I thought they were better in absolutely every single area.”

And he shared that with his coaching counterpart. Around 5:15 on Monday afternoon, just over an hour before the game, Auriemma embraced McGraw as she arrived for Monday’s game at the host city of the Final Four.

“I thought you handled the pressure very well,” he said.

“Absolutely, absolutely,” McGraw offered. “I think we did a great job of being very disciplined in transition. They’ve got a lot of depth and they really got it done tonight. I thought we were very smart decisions in transition.

Auriemma offered a quick response.

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Final Four here we come.

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So here come the Lady Irish, walking into the Joyce Center for Monday’s game unde-fa- ted and beating their opponents by an average of more than 32 points per game.

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“I guess we’re just trying to hold the fort down for Irish sports,” said junior forward Ericka Haney after the game.

The Irish are rarely mentioned in the same breath as schools such as Connecticut, Tennessee or even Georgia when it comes to rounding up the elite teams of the women’s game.

The Irish were the New York Giants of women’s basketball, and on Monday Ruth Riley was their Kerry Collins.

Beyond her game-high 29 points, Riley’s interior defense destroyed Connecticut’s inside game.

I thought her presence defensively was almost more important than it was offensively,” said Huskies coach Geno Auriemma.

“I thought her presence in the lane made us a jump-shooting team.”

And not a very good jump-shooting team at that.

Riley’s effect on the game goes beyond her line in the box score. It was Riley who before the tip-off was all smiles, feeding encouraging words to her perhaps nervous teammates, including Kelley Siemon, who was playing with a broken hand.

That was Riley too drawing a double team inside and feeding the ball to a wide open Siemon, Haney or Jeneka Joyce under the basket.

Then there she was again on the floor sacrificing her body as she wrestled for the ball.

This was the same woman that left Saturday’s game against Virginia Tech in the fourth quar-

ter with a turned ankle.

But it wasn’t Riley’s Williams performance that provided the inspiration for the team, it was Siemon’s.

Just 24 hours before tip-off, the team’s starting power forward was facing the possibility that the broken hand would end her Irish career.

So she got the doctor’s okay, Siemon came out and played one of her best games of the season.

With nine first-half points and five rebounds, the senior quite literally single-handedly dominated the boards.

Then there was Niele Ivey, who won’t be satisfied until she leads her team to hometown St. Louis, host city of the 2001 Final Four.

Haney ignited the sell-out crowd late in the game, moving her arm in a “raise the roof” motion in the closing minutes and slapping chests with Joyce in celebration.

Joyce, playing more than token minutes for the first time since fracturing her ankle against North Carolina in last season’s NCAA tournament.

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Irish came up short on talent, but not on class

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Notre Dame never had a chance.

Oh, sure the Irish fooled people into believing they could win a BCS game over Oregon State with a smaller, slower lineup than the Beavers.

After all, Notre Dame won its last seven regular-season games and had tradition on its side, having won three National Championships since Oregon State last appeared in a major bowl game — the 1965 Rose Bowl.

With five minutes left in the first half of the Fiesta Bowl, the Irish only trailed 6-0. They had stopped the Beavers five yards short of the end zone with Notre Dame's best play of the game — a diving tackle by safety Ron Israel around tailback Patrick McCall's knees, throwing him for a 3-yard loss.

"We all thought we could get back into the game," Notre Dame captain and tight end Dan O'Leary said.

But Notre Dame's performance was being as skilled as Oregon State was a farce.

"It's pretty obvious we got whipped. We got outmatched in every category," Irish head coach Bob Davie said.

"We got outplayed. We got duped," Davie said.

The Beavers were fast enough to try out for the next Olympic track and field team, or at least to escape from the police if their on-field conduct is any indication of how they behave off the field. The Beavers had enough speed to demolish freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio before he had time to blink, or even wink.

"We've got to get a lot faster," Irish tailback Tony Fisher said.

Notre Dame's offense sputtered, gaining just 17 yards on the ground. Oregon State's "ain't too proud to brag" tailback Ken Simonton had more carries — 18 — than the Irish did yards.

Ron Israel around tailback Patrick McCall's knees, throwing him for a 3-yard loss.

"It took a slew of defenders to take down No. 36 Tom Lopieniak on his only carry of the game. The junior college receiver was no match against the Irish, who only found the end zone once.

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The freshmen threw for two interceptions, losing for the first time in his career as a starter.
Quarterbacks, fans and big plays mark season highlights

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz.- Season-ending musings while reflecting on Cornhusker Red, what exactly the real Rudy said (at the Air Force luncheon), the afro atop Big Red's (fell) head, Bob Davie, coming from the coach's in-head, and Oregon State players acting like they were at Club Med. Here are one man's most memorable scenes from the past four months. Too bad only the piece moments could make the final list.

- Nebraska Fans - Sept. 9 - 40 minutes. "Oops, Wrong sport. Seventeen hours later, even the most loyal and optimistic Irish fan had to be disappointed upon viewing college football's version of the Red Sea. As for the game? The Irish competed for 58 minutes and 27 seconds of regular time and for 5 minutes, 36 seconds for two overtime periods. The Irish were at one point, down by 24 points (28-4). Needless to say, we have never been a part of something like that," Williams said. "This is the worst loss I've been a part of. It's hard, man. I don't want to criticize anyone but overall we need a lot of work. To lose like that, man, is surprising. I don't know how that happened. It makes you think."

-One final note: (Those fortunate enough to attend the pep rally in Tempe would understand.)

Although topics changed and subplots varied, one thing remained the same from the influx of the Aggies to the bashing by the Beavers: How 'bout that band?!

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And to cap their second winning season, the Irish and coming back after a tough loss in November, the Irish defense buckled under the pressure and could not contain the Beavers' scoring machine.

Led by quarterback Jonathan Smith, the Beavers ran over the Irish, amassing 127 yards on the ground to Notre Dame's 17.

And the Irish weren't much better in the air. Freshman quarterback Matt LeVecchio, solid as a rock in the regular season with a 7-0 record, faltered for the first time, allowing the Beavers to pick off two passes, fumbling once and getting sacked five times.

"Once we got behind our quarterback had a little trouble," Irish head coach Bob Davie said. "He got discombobulated." His team members were quick to share in the blame for the Irish's disappointing finish. "Matt was pretty calm tonight," tight end Dan O'Leary said. "There were a couple unfortunate situations. But I think he was as calm and collected as he's ever been. We thought we could come back after the first half. We needed a rhythm and we couldn't find it."

Notre Dame's flat performance came after a turnaround regular season in which Davie led his team to a 9-2 record, with last minute losses to the No. 1 Nebraska and Michigan State.

Davie was disappointed with the negative light cast on an otherwise successful season. "It's pretty obvious we got whipped," Davie said, not making any excuses for his team's performance. "We were outcoached and outplayed. We got our butts kicked."

Despite the heartbreaking loss, Davie kept the game in perspective. "I am embarrassed by the way we played, but I will never be embarrassed by this football team," Davie said.
Auriemma blasted team for performance against Irish

By TIM CASEY

A normally animated Geno Auriemma sat on a metal chair, hands placed on his knees and fingers interlocked, for a few minutes in the middle of the second half. He stared straight ahead and refused to call timeout, despite his team's obvious difficulties.

"To be honest with you, before the game, during the timeouts in the first half, and at halftime and in the timeouts in the second half, [talking with his players] didn't change anything we were doing on the court," Auriemma said. "So rather than giving them something else that wasn't going to affect the game, I figured they had a better idea so let's see if it works." It didn't.

From Niele Ivey's steal and subsequent layup for the first basket of the game to Imani Dunbar's three-pointer at the end of the first half, the heralded Huskies seemed more confused than confident.

Auriemma's normally animated self was working for a few minutes in the middle of the second half. He sarcastically questioned his team's toughness.

"Nothing was working for us. We have more guys that spend more time in the training room [during practice] than on the court working on their game," Auriemma said.

Auriemma then criticized his best player.

Shea Ralph, the 1999 Big East Player of the Year and first-team All-American played only 20 minutes, including just six in the second half. She committed zero fouls on the afternoon and suffered no injuries but after an ineffective performance (2 points and 2 assists), Auriemma decided to bench his team's star with 14:05 remaining. Ralph never returned.

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By TIM CASEY

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"That's how immature some people are," Auriemma said. "No point in just running around out there for no reason." Connecticut entered the contest on a 30-game winning streak. Before Monday, the Huskies had outscored their opponents by an average of 36 points per game. Even following the loss, Connecticut remains tops in the nation in scoring (91.1 points) and scoring margin (32.4 points), third in field goal percentage (51.6 percent) and seventh in rebounding margin (9.4 boards).

The duo of Svetlana Abrosimova (20 points and 14 rebounds) and Sue Bird (17 points and 6 assists) paced the Huskies. But fellow starters Ralph, Swin Cash (2 for-7 from the field for 7 points) and Kelly Schumacher (2 points and 3 rebounds in only 13 minutes) all struggled.

"I think our team is surprised when teams actually play really, really good against us," Auriemma said. "That's how immature some of our players are. They'd rather phone ahead and say 'by the way, here we come and we would like the score to be 52-30 at halftime so could you please go along with that?' And when it doesn't go like that, we're not quite sure how to deal with it this year. That's the crux of what we're going through right now."

The Irish are experiencing far different circumstances.

Yet a mid-January win does not guarantee future success in the postseason. The two teams do not meet again in the regular season but may play in the Big East final on Connecticut's home floor. Round Three may come in the NCAA tournament.

But for now, the Irish can still stake claim as the conference's top team.

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Women's Basketball

Irish beat No. 1 Huskies for first time
By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

She had a dream.
It did not stem from hundreds of years of racial inequality, a denial of basic Constitutional rights or living in a hypocritical America.
Rather, Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw's aspiration arose from over a decade of Connecticut-induced distress.
No need to wonder "what if" anymore.

Because on Monday, for the first time in school history, the No. 3 Irish beat the No. 1 Huskies 92-76 before a raucous, sold-out home crowd.
With the victory, Notre Dame (17-0) remains the only undefeated team in the country and will most likely ascend to their first-ever top ranking when the Associated Press and USA TODAY/ESPN polls are released Monday.

"To come out and see the Joyce Center full has been my dream forever since I've been here," McGraw said. "It's one of those moments in my life that I'll always remember." So will the 11,418 spectators.

For one afternoon, promotional gimmicks like Anthony Travel's "Ants in Your Pants" and "Beach Day" were not required to provide entertainment. Instead of watching the usual domination of an inferior opponent, the first sold-out crowd in Irish history witnessed a Ruth Riley-led squad upstage the nation's premier program in nearly all facets of the game.

The Irish led the entire first win over the Huskies in school history, Riley netted 29 points and brought down 12 rebounds.

Irish senior Ruth Riley looks for an open player Monday in No. 3 Notre Dame's upset over No. 1 Connecticut, leading her team in its first win over the Huskies in school history, Riley netted 29 points and brought down 12 rebounds.

Football

Beavers take big bite out of Irish, 40-9
By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

TEMPE, Ariz. Soaring highs and plummeting lows were the directions two teams took in the Bowl Championship Series New Year's Day Fiesta Bowl, although the results were not what one would have expected a few years ago.
Two years ago, when the Oregon State Beavers were just completing their 28th-consecutive losing season, no one would have expected them to be able to rise to the top of the football rankings with a successful trip to a BCS bowl. No one, except head coach Dennis Erickson and his band of boasting and brash players.

"This team has always played with confidence," Erickson said. "We have confidence in each other. Good teams have that."

Williams explores NFL draft
By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Brock Williams may have played his last game at Notre Dame.

The Irish corner back mailed a form to the National Football League offices a few days after the Irish loss in the Fiesta Bowl requesting to see where the league projected him to be selected in the upcoming draft.

According to Notre Dame football administrator Nick Carparelli, an NFL official called Williams and coach Bob Davie last week and projected Williams to be selected in the third or fourth round.

"I don't know how reliable those predictions are," Carparelli said. "Certainly if they are not reliable, a kid could get hurt in the long run."

When reached on Tuesday, Williams refused to comment on his future plans. Williams sat out the entire 1999 season for disciplinary reasons so he is eligible to apply for a fifth year.

Following the Fiesta Bowl, Williams confided that he had contacted Carparelli a few weeks earlier.

"The coaches will probably be shocked at what I'm saying but that's the way I'm feeling," Williams said. "I'll let them know."

Just minutes earlier, Williams said he "went from decided to undecided" regarding his decision to return for a