Voting trends evident in student elections

By KATE NAGENGAST
Assistant News Editor

Despite consistent complaints of student apathy, Notre Dame students have their own set of voting trends and a history of impressive voter turnout come election day.

The entire student body maintains an average voter turnout rate of 52 percent. However if off-campus students are eliminated from the statistics, the rate jumps to 62 percent, said Jay Smith, chief of staff for the O'Donnell/Norton administration.

"If you look at that nationally it's a lot higher than the national average," he said.

Since off-campus voters are required to vote in DeBartolo, while the rest of the student body votes at dorms within their dorms, proximity and convenience could contribute to the lower off-campus student turnout.

Yet, there are additional factors that affect the turnout rate, including convenient location of the ballot boxes within the dorms, publicity and awareness of the election — and, according to Smith, gender.

"Looking at the percentages over the course of the last four elections it seems to me that female dorms vote in much higher percentages than male dorms," he said. "This is just a hypothesis, but the reason could be that nationally women are beginning to vote with a great frequency and preponderance than men do in U.S. elections. I think it is an overall trend. However, Notre Dame has a few trends of its own."

Smith's mention of dorm affinity is not insignificant. In fact, dorm preference is just one of a few trends noticeable in the judicial council's election summaries from 1997 through 2000. The council maintains records of voter turnout per dorm, and the number of votes each candidate receives from each dorm in both primary and run-off elections.

Using records from 1997 and 2000 primary elections, every candidate won their president's dorm, and the number of voters each candidate receives from each dorm in both primary and run-off elections.

"The entire student body maintains an average," Smith said. "If you look at that nationally, (Notre Dame's percentage is) a lot higher than the national average."

Jay Smith
chief of staff

Only one candidate from both 1997 and 1998 campaigns received a second vote from the dorms, but he failed to win the off-campus vote.

Female dorms — with their higher voter turnout — were especially influential in determining the candidates that entered the run-off election in both 1997 and 2000. The dorms, however, did not vote along gender lines in either election and the judicial council's results were inconclusive with regards to consistent male or female support of male or female candidates.

Absentee voters — those studying abroad during the spring semester — voted for the winning tickets in both run-off elections.

The power outage on South Quad Friday began around 8:30 p.m. and lasted until a little after 1 a.m. University facilities officials said Pangborn, Dillon, Fisher, Alumni and Lyons halls lost power.

According to Paul Kempf, director of utilities, the blackout resulted from a failed cable connected to a circuit that provides power to South Quad buildings. Kempf did not link the cable failure to any specific event.

"It's just one of those things that happens from time to time," he said.

Student reaction to the outage was mixed.

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Although Eldred explained her reasoning to the entire student body and made a final decision regarding the Monologues, some hope there is still the possibility that she will change her mind.

"I still think there's a chance that president Eldred will be persuaded to change her mind," said Notre Dame graduate student Aaron Kreider, a member of the protest. "The sit-in combined with students talking to her and writing letters in the future are going to add up."
INSIDE COLUMN
More than corn
I'll be the first to admit that my state is not that cool.
Indiana has not garnered itself a great reputation of late. The man from Evanston who fired a gun in front of the White House has done little for our reputation. I agree with most people that his was an asinine move.

But try really where our agreement ends. I shake my head vehemently at each reference to Indiana as the cause of his problems and idiocy at essentially gun in front of the White House has done little

Dayton. 

But really, when is my polite smiling supposed to end? When I'm made to feel ashamed of the

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Unusual Dome
Law prevents U. Penn from distributing RU-486

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Philadelphia

As colleges across the nation debate whether to distribute the so-called "abortion pill" on their campuses, officials at University of Pennsylvania Student Health Services say they will not be able to provide RU-486, despite its recent approval by the Food and Drug Administration.

In a letter to physicians, the Pennsylvania Department of Health announced that, in accordance with its Abortion Control Act, only facilities registered to provide abortions would be allowed to give the drug — thereby excluding Student Health Services.

Student Health, however, will continue to provide advice for women facing unwanted pregnancy

and referrals to abortion providers, like the Philadelphia Women's Center. If necessary, Janice Asher, medical director of Women's Health Services, said she'd agree with the Department of Health's decision and added that

she usually would suggest other options of abortion over the pill.

"I am less enthusiastic about it for a Penn population... because we have excellent access to competent surgical-abortion providers," she said. "We don't have the facilities to provide for the complications.

RU-486, also known as mifeprisone, is taken within the first seven days of pregnancy, and works by blocking the hormone progesterone, which stops the development of the fetus.

A second drug, misoprostol, is provided a few days later and causes the uterus to contract and expel the fetus, in a similar manner to that of a natural miscarriage.
SPAIN

Women rule for day to honor past

Associated Press

ZAMARRAMALA

Women donned black, white and red gowns Sunday for a festival to honor their foremothers, who helped win a legendary 13th century battle by mesmerizing Moorish invaders with a seductive dance.

According to local lore, the women of Zamarramala stood outside a castle in nearby Segovia in 1227 and bewitched the invaders with songs and dances. Their unusual divinatory tactic worked; the women were allowed to rule the fortress.

As their reward, the women were allowed to rule the village for one day each year.

The tradition, honored annually by mesmerizing Moorish children, is wrong with men," said festival organizer Sara Velasco.

"This is our way of supporting women's drive for their rightful place in society," Velasco said.

In some households, men played homemaker and did all the chores — from making the beds to cooking.

"I've got my wife and mother-in-law at home right now and I have to wait on them hand and foot," said Esteban Calle Lazaro, 60. "They're actually in charge every day, but today even more."

The festival's guest of honor was Luisa Fernanda Rudi, speaker of the Spanish Parliament — named this year's "Matamorinos de Oro," which translates in "golden mankiller," for her efforts to promote female empowerment.

"The award doesn't mean what it looks like semantically," Rudi told the crowd. "All of this is a symbol of the defense of women and their role at the dawn of the new century."

Mary Tyler Moore fights Gov. Pataki over teen gun control

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y.

Westchester County's most famous TV mom is taking on Gov. George Pataki's proposal to allow more teen-agers to hunt big game.

Mary Tyler Moore, who gained fame in the 1960s sitcom "The Dick Van Dyke Show" that was set in the Westchester County town of New Rochelle, is supporting an effort by The Fund for Animals to shoot down Pataki's proposal even before it formally reaches the Legislature.

The measure would lower the age to legally hunt deer and bear to 14 from 16. Young hunters would have to complete the state's 10-hour hunter safety course and hunt with a parent or have written permission from a legal guardian before they could hunt without an adult in attendance.

"The government should not be in the role of promoting and placing firearms in the hands of children," Moore, who now lives in New York's Dutchess County, said in a letter released Friday.

"Basketballs, baseballs and books are a much better alternative."

Study: advertising most dangerous for children

BY KEVIN SCHMUM

While commonly believed to influence only the events leading up to and including the purchase of an item, advertising impacts children's post-purchase experience as well, according to a recent study conducted by Mendoza College of Business Marketing Professor Elizabeth Moore.

"We discovered that exposure to advertising can still have an impact not only after a product is purchased, but that it can actually alter the experience kids have with the product itself," said Moore.

In addition to the post-purchase effect of advertising, Moore also found that advertising was more influential with older children.

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In a society constantly inundated with limitless information exchange, Moore said that this study should raise society's exercise of caution with regard to children.

"Children lack the cognitive sophistication and greater experience of adults," Moore said. "We need to recognize that children are a vulnerable audience."
Gene mapping aids treatment

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Mutations in the human genome predispose or cause at least 1,500 diseases, ranging from diabetes and asthma to cancer and heart attack. But why these mutations prompt these diseases in imperfectly understood and people who are aware they're running. And voters are telling it up amongst others people.

"I think that overall you're going to see about 3900-4100 students vote (today)," Smith added. "I don't think they are reading and analyzing the entire human genome. They believe that new understanding eventually will lead to dramatic new treatments.

"With the anatomy of the human genome at hand, the biomedical research community is facing sweeping changes in its methods and strategies," write Dr. Lenna Polonese of UCLA and Dr. Victor A. McKusnick at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

The complete genome opens up the real prospect of developing medical treatments tailor-made for individual patients, of developing drugs that attack the disease and leave the rest of the body alone, and of predicting, perhaps at birth, which person is most likely to develop which disease and offering a way to prevent it.

In the future, say Peltonen and McKusnick, newborns may be screened for treatable genetic diseases and "children at high risk of coronary artery disease can be identified and treated to prevent changes in their vascular walls during adulthood," thus preventing heart attacks.

"Why do cancer cells in some people progress and in others do not?" asked a handful of researchers that still befuddle medical science.

"Having a greater understanding of the human genome as a reference base, said Trask, "will allow you to more rapidly find those places where the cancerous genes deviated from the reference." Once those changed genes are identified, scientists will be able to find what they do and why they help cancer develop and spread, she said.

With the genome map, said Trask, medical science will be able to find answers about other diseases, such as why some people contracting a virus, such as HIV, rapidly become sick, while others don't.

"Why do cancer cells in some people progress and in others they do not?" she said. When the complete genome will help us figure all this out.

Trask said cancer now is really a disease of gene within the cell that's either is changed or silenced, sending the whole cell spiraling into a pattern of uncontrolled growth and division.

"Each cancer cell is special and has a different genetic reason for going awry," said Trask. With a genome map in hand, researchers will eventually be able to recognize the rogue genes and determine how and why they went wrong.

"We could then design treatments that specifically address that defect in the tumor and the treatments would become more targeted and less grueling for the patient," Trask said.

"Genes are not the final answer in 100% of disease. In most cases, a mutated or changed gene gives a predisposition for cancer or other diseases. It is thought to sensitizes the individual to certain carcinogens such as smoking, to trigger the predisposition toward cancer. Genes may open the door to heart disease, but a high fat diet and a lack of exercise may also play a role.

Research into the whole human genome will help find the genes that predispose for disease, and other studies will help determine the environmental factors that help give birth to the disease, Trask said. This could lead to dramatic advances in prevention.
WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Rape broadcast protested in Israel:
Video footage of a naked woman being beaten by an attacker who also allegedly raped her was broadcast on the national television news, sparking outrage and calls of protest to the station by Israeli viewers. The attacker filmed the assault in which he beat and raped his house cleaner, according to the charges. The alleged rape was not broadcast on television.

Mori criticized on sub crash:
Japanese Prime Minister Yoshirō Mori was berated by a leader of his own coalition Sunday for finishing a round of golf after hearing about the submarine accident that left nine Japanese missing. Mori reportedly stayed on the links with old college friends for two hours Saturday after hearing that the USS Greenville rammed into a Japanese fishing trawler.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Graham decides against bid: U.S. Sen. Bob Graham has closed the door on a 2002 run for president, telling Democratic leaders that the party should look elsewhere. "I know in this gathering there is a next generation... and I urge you to take that step," said the popular former governor, who had been high on the list as a potential candidate to take on Republican Gov. Jeb Bush.

Rich pardon spurs debate:
Former President Clinton could face a fresh impeachment inquiry as a result of his last-minute pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich, a senior Republican said Sunday. Sen. Arlen Specter, a senior member of the Judiciary Committee and a former Philadelphia prosecutor, did not specify what specific charges Clinton might face. But he said that based on his legal research, he believed a former president "technically could still be impeached."

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Police officer shot at White Castle:
Lawrence police say an officer who was shot in the face Friday while ordering food at a drive-thru window was able to call for help, exit his squad car and return fire at two suspects who fled on foot. Tom Ashcraft, 45, a five-year veteran of the Lawrence Police Department, was in stable condition Saturday at Wishard Hospital.

KIEV

Protestors demand Kuchma's ouster
Chanting and carrying a giant Ukrainian flag, protestors marched through the capital Sunday to demand the ouster of President Leonid Kuchma, accusing him of playing a role in the disappearance of Heorhiy Gongadze, a journalist who criticized alleged high-level corruption and filming the protest.

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Associated Press

International Space Station Expedition Commander Bill Shepherd welcomes visitors from the space shuttle Atlantis. The Atlantis and its five-person crew installed the new U.S. laboratory to the facility making connections and transferring supplies.

Destiny lab added to space station

FLORIDA

Wearing goggles and red, white and blue socks, two space commanders opened the door Sunday to Destiny, the American-made science laboratory and the newest and priciest addition to the international space station.

The moment the hatch was raised by astronauts Bill Shepherd and Kenneth Cockrell, space station Alpha became the largest orbiting outpost ever in terms of habitable volume.

"The lab looks and feels great, and looks like all the hard work has really paid off," said Cockrell, space shuttle Atlantis' skipper. "It's a beautiful piece of hardware in here."

Replied Mission Control: "It looks awesome. We hope you guys enjoy your new room on your house."

The house actually belongs to Shepherd, the commander of space station Alpha, and his two Russian crewmates. In a brief ceremony, Shepherd signed for the delivery of the $1.4 billion laboratory, which was installed by the visiting shuttle astronauts on Saturday.

Shepherd led the way into the Destiny laboratory, followed by Cockrell and the six other spacefarers. They wore goggles until they were sure no debris was floating inside.

The six Americans wore socks that had red and white stripes from the ankle down, and white stars on a blue background from the ankle up. Destiny — 28 feet long and 14 feet in diameter — was a brilliant white inside. Its shelves and wall compartments were covered with strips of protective cloth that the astronauts and cosmonauts promptly removed. Underneath were spotless white walls running the length of the module and a bright blue wall on one end and matching blue handrails.

On one of the wall covers were a couple hundred signatures of those who had prepared Destiny for flight, along with these words: "Dreams are like stars. You choose them as your guides, and following them, you reach your Destiny."

Astronaut Marsha Ivins promised to bring the signed sheet back to Cape Canaveral for display.

Associated Press

Market Watch 2/9

Market Changes

Dow Jones

Up: 1,588

Same: 219

Down: 1,038

Composite Value: 25,313

AMEX: 931-23 -5.19

Nasdaq: 2476.97 -91.09

NYSE: 653.28 -4.84

S&P 500: 1314.76 -17.77

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COMMODITY MARKET CHANGES Close Price

Cocoa: C035W 63.90 63.85 24.31

Orange: C032Z 53.14 53.56 23.56

Corn: B032Z 4.50 4.50 9.58

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Malignite: GM032Z 6.70 6.50 19.12

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Syria stop added to Powell's peace trip

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WASHINGTON

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday he was adding a stop in Syria during his upcoming trip to the Middle East for discussions with President Bashar Assad.

Powell was not included when Powell announced on Friday a five-day trip that begins Feb. 23.

Powell already planned to see Israel's new prime minister, Ariel Sharon; Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat; and leaders of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Kuwait. He also will stop in Brussels, Belgium, for meetings with NATO allies.

"Syria is an important nation in the region, an important player in this whole process, and so I thought it was very, very appropriate for me, as part of this quick trip through the Middle East, my first trip, to also stop in Syria for just a few hours," Powell said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

At his State Department news conference last week, it was noted that Syria was not on Powell's itinerary. "Don't read anything," he said, adding, "I reserve the right to change my mind."

The visit to Damascus is important because Syria supports Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon who have carried out sporadic attacks against Israelis.

Further talks could provoke a deadly response by Sharon, who is committed to bolstering Israel's security and has not shied away from using force in the past. The former general in 1982 led an invasion into Lebanon.

Bush and his advisers intend to take Arab-Israeli diplomacy in a new direction, linking the intractable dispute over the Palestinians' future to other U.S. interests in the Persian Gulf.

Powell, asked about the possibility of Sharon's forming a coalition government, replied: "I don't think it should be the role of the American president or the American secretary of state to tell them what kind of government best reflects the will of the Palestinian people."

One goal of the trip is to ensure continued support of pressure against Iraqi development of weapons of mass destruction.

Saddam Hussein's neighbors "are the ones who are being threatened, not the United States. And we are helping his neighbors deal with the threat that he presents to them," Powell said on CNN's "Late Edition."

The secretary of state did say he thinks there "certainly has been some friction" in the alliance assembled against Iraq during the Gulf War.

CROATIA

Protestors demand U.N. cooperation

Associated Press

SPLIT

Nearly 100,000 demonstrators protested Sunday against the investigation of a former general suspected of war atrocities, demanding early elections and a stop to Croatia's cooperation with a U.N. war crimes tribunal.

The rally underscored a building confrontation between the year-old pro-democracy government and its predecessor - the nationalist party that ruled Croatia for nearly a decade under the late president, Franjo Tudjman.

Protesters were buses across Croatia to Split, 156 miles south of Zagreb, where three smaller protests were held elsewhere. The giant rally followed days of protests by veterans who blocked key roads in southern and central Croatia.

Mirko Norac, a former major general, is still at large and has not been formally charged. But last week's opening of an investigation against him in connection with the 1991 massacre of Serb civilians in the central city of Gospic angered many people resentment the new government's attempts to shed "warmongering political leaders," and accused Tudjman's party of being behind the "war mongering policy (that) represents a snag for Croatia's democracy."

The crowd - uniformed veterans, pensioners, young people and a scattering of nuns and priests - held pictures of Norac and banners declaring: "We all are Mirko Norac."

"By prosecuting Norac, they want to prosecute the Croatian people. Norac can only be tried over our dead bodies."

Mirko Cordic, head of one of the veterans' organizations and former Croatian army general under Tudjman, replied: "The government is under pressure would also be applied to Croatia's new leadership if it did not prosecute Norac.

Although most tribunal suspects are Serbs, some Croats also have been indicted for suspected atrocities during last decade's wars in Bosnia and Croatia.

Yugoslavia's new, pro-democracy leadership is under Western pressure to cooperate with the tribunal, and that pressure would also be applied to Croatia's new leadership if it were to turn its back on the U.N. court.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

at a WORLD-CLASS/GOVERNMENT RESEARCH FACILITY

The Environmental Research Institute, a joint activity of Notre Dame and Argonne National Laboratory, in collaboration with the Center for Environmental Science and Technology (CEST), will award up to 2 summer internships at Argonne National Laboratory for 2001 with a follow-up research appointment on campus in the Fall.

Stipend, room and board are provided for the 10-week program at Argonne.

Student applicants should have research interests 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 by May 2001, and be registered to return in the Fall of 2001.

For more details, contact Donna Fecher in the Center for Environmental Science and Technology: 152A Fitzpatrick Hall, 631-8376.

Applicants will be required to complete an application.

Deadline is February 23, 2001.
MEXICO

Bush expected to discuss illegal immigration during visit

Associated Press

When President Bush comes to this village baked by dust and sun on Friday, he will see newly planted grass, freshly painted walls and gleaming telephone poles that soon will connect San Cristobal to the world.

What he is unlikely to see are the village's poor peasants and the bleak choice they have long lived with: Work for the family of President Vicente Fox for subsistence wages, or cross illegally into the United States to try to make their fortune.

Illegal immigration is expected to figure at the top of the agenda when Fox and Bush meet on the U.S. president's first foreign trip. It would be hard to find a more appropriate place to discuss it.

It's hard to do much with the wages paid by the Fox family, which is pretty much the only employer in town. Laborers currently make about $8 a day, better than in many rural communities in Mexico, but hardly a living.

Ausencio Nila, 80, sat in front of his house holding a cowboy hat and a warped wooden cane. He is crippled by rheumatism, he says from more than 40 years of working in the fields of the Fox family.

Six years ago, when he could no longer walk, he said, he asked his boss — Fox's brother Jose — whether he could retire.

"He told me I was a day laborer, and he couldn't help me in any way," Nila said.

His boss eventually agreed to give him $9 a week as a pension.

"God is very powerful, and that's why my wife and I are still alive. And because of my three children in the United States," he said. "They're the reason I have this house, because with the miserable pay from the boss...."

On Sunday, Fox said the wages his family paid weren't the issue.

"We have to stop talking about (my) family's salaries. Indeed, there is a lot of migration here," he said. "These are young people fighting for a future. They are young people who we admire and respect very much, who don't go to the United States for pleasure. They're going because they have no opportunities here."

Fox, who has called illegal immigrants "heroes" and said he understands their motivations, is expected to urge Bush to help Mexico raise its salaries to the point where it wouldn't be worth anyone's while to head north.

Fox concedes that would take decades. Many in San Cristobal are skeptical even of that.

"That would be tough," said Leocadio Cruz Ramirez, Blue's father, who has made two trips to the United States. "We'll keep on going up — illegally."

He had harsh words for Bush, saying the best thing the U.S. president could do for San Cristobal would be to hand out some visas.

"If I'll come here with just his passport, right?" he said. "Well, I say the way we treat him is the way he should treat us."

Fox has said he plans to lobby Bush for a visa program that would allow Mexican workers to cross legally into the United States to work temporarily — an idea that has received support from the Bush administration and Republican members of Congress.

San Cristobal has gotten a major facelift, beginning in 1999 when Fox was governor of Guanajuato state. Workers laid gravel down on the main road, built houses in the streets, brought in electric power, and added septic tanks and park benches in the square.

After Fox won the presidency on July 2, the workers returned — this time with the expectation that Bush would visit for a Mexican holiday on Nov. 20. But with the outcome of the U.S. election still in doubt, Bush never made the trip.

This time, the phone company brought in a tower and string lines — they haven't hooked them up yet, except to the Fox ranch — built freshly painted walls in front of the shacks and even planted manicured squares of grass that look foreign in the desert climate.

The town square is probably the only one in rural Mexico with sorted trash cans for recycling.

But San Cristobal is still a long way from losing its rural feel. On Sunday, while Fox was in church, two boys on a single horse lopped past the Fox family estate and down the main road.

Several dozen goats followed lazily.
**Get a Life**

Anna Barbour

Fate is all fine and dandy. No one is discounting fate. Anyone who’s ever read “Oedipus Rex” knows not to mess with fate; your eyes get gouged out, you are tormented. It’s not a good idea to mess with fate, my friend.

But fate is a tricky business, you can’t take it lightly, but on the other hand, you’ve got to leave room somewhere for free will. You can never be certain who your soul mate is in advance, you know. You can’t just sit back and expect soul mates to do everything for you. You have got to be actively involved in the formation of your own life, however it is fated to go. You’ve got to say things like, “You stay alive, I will find you,” or do things that make your soul mate say “You had me at hello ...” or when asked, you’ve got to say your soul mate is “worth dying for.”

Now, it’s the Valentine’s Day time of year, everybody’s getting all mushy again from last Valentine’s Day’s time, which is completely wonderful. It really is. But strange, at the same time, because how can you be mushy at the exact same time every year?

Anyhow, about fate, it’s a dangerous thing and some people are sadly confused about what fate actually means. Fate means that if you do the thing you are fated to do, you have a hundred percent probability that that thing will play out the way it is fated. Fate does not mean that if you sit in your room all day, playing video games, your life is still fated to be highly exciting. When you’re passive, then you’re not active and when you are not active, you can’t be said to be doing something, can you?

If you are fated to be president but you never run for the election, you have just used your free will to negate your destiny. If you never give blood or help your fellow citizens in some way, you can’t really say you are pro-human beings.

Now, some people really are not pro-people and they show it by the amount of time and money they give to more furry, more leggy creatures. This is not to say that it is right or wrong to be pro-human, but if one is destined to be for people and not against them, he or she ought to do something for them. Something like giving blood.

At this time of month, for goodness sakes, it’s perfect. Blood i.e. heart i.e. Valentine’s Day. On top of such a close connection, February has been designated American heart month so along with giving your loved one a dozen red roses (a dozen roses always makes a nice V-day gift), why not donate a pint of the real red stuff?

Now, being that it’s Valentine’s Day time of year, the personal aspect of fate must take center stage. One more time, I will go over this fate business. If it is Valentine’s Day and you think you are fated to have a wonderful evening with the person of your dreams, but you never call that person, if you never do anything for that person, all I have to say is good luck because you will need it. On the other hand, if it is Valentine’s Day and you think you are destined to be alone on this day o’ love, but you go to a party anyway or finally send a card in that special friend,” your chances of being alone forever are not so good. Some say there is no escaping destiny, but I think that sometimes it is easy to escape your destiny especially if you don’t do anything about it.

Anna Barbour is a junior theology and pre-med major. Her column appears every other Monday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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**Defending Notre Dame athletes**

The introduction to Peyton Berg’s interview of Chris Zorich in the Feb. 9 Observer contains an unfortunate and very sloppy assessment of “athletes.” While trying to credit Zorich for his “Christopher Zorich Foundation,” Berg paints all athletes with a wide brush, stating that we are “in an age where athletes routinely find themselves in trouble with the law.”

Certainly he doesn’t intend all athletes from pee wee to the pros; does he? So who does he mean? Professional athletes? College and professional? Would that include our No. 1 ranked women’s basketball team, this lawless bunch?

Perhaps he only means “high profile” athletes whose lives are scrutinized by the media, because we the public pay an unhealthy amount of attention to them as people. And what does he mean by routine? He seems to be saying that these athletes (whomever they are) are individually frequently in trouble with the law. Does he have any idea how many athletes there are in the world? Even limiting himself to the NFL, NBA, NHL and Major League Baseball, Mr. Berg can’t be saying that all of those guys are a bunch of recidivist criminals, can he?

Or does he mean to say, “in an age where the headlines routinely feature celebrity athletes in trouble with the law,” Zorich instead ... "They such a statement would make a lot more sense to me and would be fairer to Mr. Zorich’s teammates and the many other athletes in the world, very few of whom make the headlines and very few of whom are criminals.

Joe DeMerit

Graduate student

February 9, 2001
I want someone to get shot (by cupid)

Mike Marchand
Questionable Freedoms
2000

Wednesday is Valentine's Day. I'm already dreading it.

The other 11 1/2 months of the year, a dozen roses go for less than $20. Now I'll be lucky to find them for less than $30 and double or even triple that if I want them delivered. Then I have to buy a card. The real nice ones, gold-plated with nice lettering and a really romantic poem inside, which can run up to six dollars. For one card. That's a lot more than a dozen roses go for less than $20. It's just so unfair. Every other holiday, every other day, it's reasonable, but not Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day cards aren't even funny at all.

And if I've purchased those, I need to get a heart-shaped box of candies, a Hallmark teddy bear, a bottle of massage oil, some aromatic candles, some jewelry and a bottle of wine and then before I know it, I've got more gifts than I can hold and a maxed-out credit card.

But that's the problem. The problem is I have no one to buy them for. I wouldn't ordi-
narily care—I don't mind being single. I don't have to go to the wrong classes and everything else I do is so serio-
us relationship and everything else I do. I pay the money to buy nice things or go to dinner with anybody anywhere more expensive than the dining hall. ("You want cheese on your pizza?" "I don't want that kind of cheese.")

But being alone on Valentine's Day is just unfair. Everyone else is getting commercialized and there's something to do with it. Give these flowers to show how much you love someone. Buy this Hallmark card to show how much you love some-
one. Get this expensive necklace to show how much you love someone. If you don't love someone, buy stuff and maybe someone might love you.

I don't mind the barrage of commercial-
ism, I love shopping and being romantic. Ask my last girlfriend. I bought her so many things that I had to sell off one of my kid-
neys. She started a small teddy bear collection, I single-handedly turned it into the Teddy Bear Smithsonian. She could have made a dress out of the petals from all of the roses I gave her. (Don't think that idea never crossed my mind.) I had to siphon gas to make it back to South Bend. But you're not seeing anyone. Valentine's gifts are a tad inappropriate.

"Hi, I bet behind you in theology and, uh, here's some roses and some candles and— oh, here, look! Hallmark teddy bears that kiss magnetically! SMOC: You wanna go out with me tonight?" Meanwhile, her psycho radar is screaming red alert.

When you're single and don't want to be on Valentine's Day, it seems like everybody you know has somebody. My best friend is married. My ex is practically engaged. My twice-divorced father is living with someone. One sister has Internet relationship. Even my dog has a "special friend" with whom Cupid is laughing at me behind my back.

You think I'm joking? Two days ago a woman from a female who said she wanted to get to know me. After I filled off an interested response, she sent me an invitation from her home page at lookatmeliamkicked.com. Ha! Ha. I'm shooting everyone else with my arrows of love and usually I'm an even cruder joke involving some distracting bodi-
y function. But at least those are funny. Good Valentine's Day cards aren't even funny at all.

By the way, if I want them, I can buy a card. The real nice ones, gold-plated with nice lettering and a really romantic poem inside, which can run up to six dollars. For one card. That's a lot more than a dozen roses go for less than $20. It's just so unfair. Every other holiday, every other day, it's reasonable, but not Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day cards aren't even funny at all.

Everyone tells me that I shouldn't worry about long-term relationships right now. Of course they're right, but I can't stop wonder-
ing. My high school could have been called 'Children of the University of the Catholic Academy.' Scott Little reported that 2/5 of all Notre Dame stu-
dents marry their seniors. Perhaps that's an exagger-
ation, but obviously there's a stereotype.

It is so wrong that I want my future special someone to be a fel-
low student. Someone who understands the mystique and beauty of the campus? Someone who knows how to pass a class and a graduation?

Someone who knows that Saturdays in autumn are off-
limits to extracur-
ricular activities? My ex wanted me to skip the USC game in 1993— which turned out to be a thrilling come-
back victory to a day early. Then, after we broke up, she wanted me to blow the Nebraska game to go to her friend's wedding. Her father was an alumnus so she should have known better than to even ask.

But one thing I do know is that nobody loves a whiner. Complaining is just too un-sexy. So what if I'll be the only person alone on The Big Day? Or if I'll feel like I'm the only person alone? It means I don't have to buy big expensive gifts and I can save enough money to possibly ask some-
one for dinner at T.G.I. Friday's as opposed to Burger King. Me means I can buy a lot of little gifts for a lot of special people. Cupid packs arrows. I'm toting a shotgun — I can hit a wider target.

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Mikey Augsburger
Knott Hall
February 8, 2001

I am not), but I refuse to believe that the Notre Dame student body is so self-centered. Yes, I do realize that there are problems surrounding all these issues. I have spent as much time as anyone else complaining about parietals or about football tickets. But I think these are far from being the most important issues here. In addition, the problem with trying to address things like parietals is that they will probably continue to exist year after year and all these "solutions" won't really do much of anything. In light of this, maybe the average Notre Dame student would like to think about larger issues.

Here, I'm afraid that my personal feelings about this election are going to intrude, but so be it. The biggest problem I see around here is that Notre Dame seems to have lost its sense of community. One of the things that really attracted me to this school was that it was supposed to be like a family, a Notre Dame Family (as they say every week at Mass). But what kind of family excludes so many of its family members?

What I am getting at here is that too much of the time we complain about our own minor problems and think of what would make us happy while ignoring those of someone who might have more serious problems. I believe that many of the candidates fall prey to this mentality. For exam-
ple, there are many of us who aren't Catholic, yet it is suggested that more student body masses would somehow help strengthen our commun-
ity. Or what about the problems with race and gender relations that divide us (and yes, they do exist — why else would we have offices for dealing with these problems)? Why are these issues not considered in your evalua-
tion of the candidates?

This having been said, what about the fact that we are part of a larger community, a community that we largely ignore? Did you ever wonder why most of South Bend has signs up for Indiana Basketball, but not for Notre Dame? We hear on campus tend to be a bit full of ourselves (with good reason — it is Notre Dame, after all) and as a result, we mistreat the community that has to deal with us. This bond with the people of South Bend is something that I feel needs to be re-established, and this can only be accomplished through interacting with the people of South Bend and giving back to them.

For me, the only ticket that cares about such issues is Demetra Smith and Vogel Andre. The Observer's coverage of the election dismisses their platform because it doesn't cater to "issues of broader appeal to students." But so what if they don't talk about things like Founder's Day? How many of us really want to talk about that anyway? Perhaps they feel as I do, that there are larger issues at stake than whether my life here is as easy and carefree as possible. They want to push me to be a more caring per-
son and a better part of this community. They want to make sure that our Notre Dame experience is something that we can be proud of. We are blessed to be here at Notre Dame, but I think that making the most our years here depends on more than whether parietals are abol-
ished or not. Perhaps I am being too naive in my idea of what students here will care about. I guess this election will prove me right or wrong. But if you think it's about time for student government to lead us some-
where for a change, vote for Smith and Andre on Monday.
Curing the doldrums

Ah, February in South Bend. Yes, isn't it lovely? Look outside. There's already snow on the ground. The sidewalks are slushy and wet. The trees are bare. If you can see grass, it's brown. It's dark and damp and cold. It seems like all the colors decided to run out to the bar real quick, but didn't invite white and brown because they're too fun. Love is in the air. During this light and bouncy time, many ND/SMC students simply turn to the bottle, meaning they drink away the drabness of the doldrums and enjoy a type of intoxicating siesta on the weekends in order to dull the pain which the doldrums provide. Though a seemingly viable option, this act usually leads to all sorts of embarrassing behavior and enjoy a type of intoxicat-

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this. So, you think about the idea of gaining a boyfriend/girlfriend.

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People

Or, if this boyfriend/girlfriend happens to be really good look-

you may become the mysterious pimp daddy you’ve always

aren't talking about a normally bearable situation. In order to.

It'll still be cold and damp and crappy all the time. Your socks

You probably won't say something mean to

You probably still need alcohol.

so now what do you do.

man/woman of you.r

Okay, isn't it lovely? Having a boyfriend/girlfriend is really great, isn't it? You have a person to hang out with. They have to listen to the stories that are too boring to tell your friends. They're going to tell you nice things about yourself.

Oh, I forgot, you also get to walk in the quad holding hands like

not be in a party or bar of your choice — if you are the allotted

21 years of age — and you both will drink responsibly like

always. Simple, right?

When that all-important point in an evening of alcohol con-

sumption arrives when you are on the verge of starting to act

reprehensibly, this is when the wheels of the plan start churning. In order to

properly conquer the doldrums, you’re going to need some seri-

ou.s.

You probably still need alcohol.

So now what do you do.

Also, your boyfriend/girlfriend will not let you reach for that

The orchestra to perform at SMC

By LAURA BOST

Scene Writer

Music enjoys campus-wide will be treated to the opera of

Romantic Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi when the

Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra and Choir performs

at Saint Mary's College Feb. 15.

The splendor of Verdi's 1874 work, "Requiem," will fill

O’Laughlin Auditorium in

memoriam of the 100th

anniversary of the composer's death.

Verdi's "Requiem" honors the life of poet Alessandro

Manzoni and was originally performed in the Church of San Marco in Milan. Lisa

Eberhardt, chair of publicy of the Notre Dame Department of Music, offers insight into the music stating, "The Requiem is a very personal work, prayer requesting the reposo of the soul." Eberhardt said. "The intensity of the music's dynam-

ics varies dramatically."

For solution, a singing of a soprano, mezzo, tenor and

base are featured and the col-

laboration of the orchestra and choir

produce a memorable performance of Verdi's work.

The choir, originally estab-

lished in 1925 as an a cappella ensemble, con-

sists of 32 voices with extended international

music exposure. The accompany-

ing orchestra has been an ensem-

bile since the late 1930s. These
groups were compiled as the result

of an upsurge of nationalism and in an effort to promote Swedish composers. A devoted

2000 avid Swedish radio listeners have

assisted the orchestra in obtaining a

reputable status. In light of their

increasing fame, numerous

composers write their

pieces especially for the choir and

orchestra's performance.

Both groups, whose members are

Stockholm, Sweden, have

independently toured and record-

ed their states. Their efforts are

encouraged through funding by the

Swedish government. Currently, the orches-

tra and choir are known for their performance

of time-honored composers and

unfailingly pro-

duce a dynamic musical experi-

ence for their

audiences.

These singers, celebrating their 75th anniversary together, along with the accompa-

nying masic-

ians have toured Asia and

Europe and are

touring the United States. The

orchestra conduction is currently under management by a vivacious new

Austrian maestro, Manfred

Honeck.

Consequently, the

Swedish Radio Symphony

Orchestra and Choir have received glowing reviews from their well-

attended performance in such illustrious con-

cert halls as Avery Fisher Hall in New York, the

Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and most recently, Orchestra Hall in Chicago. New York Times reporter, Cory Ellison, praises the tour as being a "Swedish choral musical."

Despite the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra and Choir's demanding tour schedule, the Prevost Office and the Music Departments of Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame secured a Bend appearance following the group's Chicago performance. The performance begins at 8 p.m. Feb. 15, playing to an anticipated full house. Tickets cost $3 for stu-

ents, $10 for senior citizens and $12 for adults, and are still available through the Saint Mary's Moreau Center for the Arts

Box Office at (219) 284-4626.
Clubs bring out students' special interests

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Same Venue

You know that guy that sits next to you in Orgs? Yeah, that guy ... soft of quiet, and little shy, always doing that annoymg Advisory thing with his pencil? On the sur
face, he may seem to be your average Joe. In fac
fact, that's his name, Joe. But you didn't know that. Nevertheless, just by looking at him you'd never guess that Joe is an incredible dancer. We're not talking the drunker grinding and semi-spastic jerking that defines "dancing" at most student parties. Joe can do the Fasst. Charleston. and the Lindy with the grace of Gene Kelly. But where might this mild mannered.,

The University of Notre Dame Humor Artists

HAI No, they're not laughing at you ... no, wait, they are. They're HAI, the Notre Dame Humor Artists. About 20 students meet twice a week in the Hesburgh Library auditorium to compose skits and practice improv games for the three comedy shows that they perform every year. "We, as HAI club president Toby Bondi, "Somebody's got to keep things interesting around here."

"Actually, I just have nothing better to do with my time," says Mike Boreale, a veteran of HAI. All joking aside (of course, joking is never too far away at a HAI meeting), the HAI Club is working hard to produce their latest and greatest show which will premiere the weekend of March 3. Later this semester they are planning to produce a full-length evening murder mystery show that reportedly lampoons, well, everything. HAI! Meetings are held on Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and again on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Anybody with a sense of humor is invited to take part in the laughter.

The Notre Dame Swing Club

When you hear big band music, do you feel start tapping uncontrollably? The Notre Dame Swing Club is working hard to produce their latest and greatest show which will be a free open dance at LaFortune. There are present per lesson.

Dana Gioia, an HAI! club member, says, "In August of 1998, the 156 members of the HAI! Club underlings. He/she would only speak with us on conditions of anonymity and only identified herself as Freshmen, said, "It all started last year when Molly would wander into our rooms and talk with us ... but it became something more, much more. Pretty soon Molly was talking about taking Molly's Club campus-wide." And campus-wide it went. On Activities Night 2000, Molly slipped undetected through security and set up a table from which to recruit minions for her ever-growing underworld. Although still not officially recognized by the University, Molly's Club is rumored to be lobbying for funding. In fact, two names on the ticket for student body president are reputed Molly's Club members; a third allegedly has strong ties to the organization. Molly's Club would neither confirm nor deny the allegation. The exact number of the members of the organization is sketchy. Most estimates run at about 40. Although their stylish Molly's Club T-shirts denote more vocal members of the club, the number of grassroots supporters is vague at best. If you wish to join Molly's Club, don't bother trying to call them. They'll call you.

Whether your secret passion is juggling, figure skating or playing the Bagpipes, Notre Dame probably has a club that fits your interests. If they don't, you can make one. Just stop by the Student Activities Office and file for club status. Luckily, life at Notre Dame is much more complete than your understanding of your Orgo book. Underneath the layers of normcy lie people who are into the same cool stuff you are. Who knows? Maybe if you're nice, Joe will take you out dancing. Now, if he'd just stop spinning that darn pencil.

Molly's Club

The Notre Dame Swing Club is known only as "Molly's Club," a title that allegedly refers to Badin Hall resident Molly McShane. While the specifics of what Molly's Club actually does are shrouded in mystery, e-mails obtained by the Observer reveal its highly organized, bureaucratic structure. The group is known for its paramilitary style moves, dressing their members in uniforms and having an extensive secret code and use of symbolic language. The queenpin, Ms. McShane, refuses all attempts by the Observer for an interview; however, we were able to speak with one of the members of the club. "We really loved to dance and wanted to find others who shared our interest in swing dancing," says club president Angie Bauer. By activities night of their first year, the Swing Club had signed up 600 interested dancers! There really is no membership in the Swing Club. Rather, the club gives $5 lessons on Monday nights from 9 to 11 p.m. every week in room 301 of the Room. Regulars estimated that about 15 couples are present per lesson.

In fact, tonight is the beginning lesson of the Lindy Hop, another cleverly disguised name for the Jitterbug. On Feb. 19, there will be a free open dance at LaFortune. If you want to get in early this season so you can start going to the off-campus excursions the Swing Club has planned.

Monday

- "Gilda," $2 admission, Annenberg Auditorium, 7 p.m.

- Sophomore Literary Festival: Dana Gioia, "Can Poetry Matter?" LaFortune Ballroom, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

- "The Gingko Tree," International Film Festival (Korea), Montgomery Theater in LaFortune, 7-9 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.

- Sophomore Literary Festival: W.P. Kinsella, author of "Shoeless Joe," LaFortune Ballroom, 8 p.m.

Wednesday

- Sophomore Literary Festival: Student Coffee House, LaFortune Ballroom, 8 p.m.

Thursday

- Acousticafe, LaFortune Student Center, 9-11:30 p.m.

- "Girflght," 155 Debartolo, $2 admission, 10:30 p.m.

- "The 6th Day," 101 Debartolo, $2 admission, 10:30 p.m.

Friday

- "Girlfight," 155 Debartolo, "The 6th Day," 101 Debartolo, $2 admission, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

- Black Koffee House, $3 admission, LaFortune Ballroom, 8 p.m.

Saturday

- "Girlfight," 155 Debartolo, "The 6th Day," 101 Debartolo, $2 admission, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Sunday

- Chess Games, North Dining Hall, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- Junior Parents Weekend
NBA ALL-STAR GAME

East overcomes 21-point deficit to defeat West 111-110

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Turns out the West isn't all that better than the East. Anyone who said so early in the third quarter Sunday — spoke a little too soon.

Allen Iverson turned that notion on its head with an outstanding fourth-quarter performance that transformed the NBA All-Star game from a blowout into a thriller as he led the Eastern Conference to an improbable 111-110 victory.

Iverson scored 15 of his 25 points in the final nine minutes, and Stephon Marbury hit two 3-pointers in the final 53 seconds as the East came back from a 21-point deficit.

While presenting the MVP award to Iverson, NBA commissioner David Stern, with a sly grin on his face, told Iverson that great basketball "can be wrapped up — if you pardon the expression — in very small packages."

The comment was a clever reference to Iverson's height — he is an inch or two shy of 6 feet — and Iverson's rap album, which was criticized for its lyrics and led to a meeting with the commissioner.

The East trailed 95-74 with nine minutes left after the West dominated the first 39 minutes of the game behind its superior size.

It appeared the game would come out looking just like a mismatch that would back up all the Western Conference superiority theories that have been thrown around so frequently this season.

But the East started pecking away, and Iverson walked over to the scorer's table during a timeout and asked if anyone wanted to wager whether the East would make a comeback.

That's exactly what the East proceeded to do, with Jerry Stackhouse and Vince Carter making 3-point shots that were followed by a 3-point play by Iverson to cut the West's lead to 100-96.

Iverson scored the East's next two points from the line, and Tracy McGrady tied it on a putback with 3:10 left.

Iverson scored the East's next five points, and a chant of "M-V-P! M-V-P!" was heard after his two foul shots gave the East a 105-104 lead.

But that chant might have revved up someone else, instead.

Someone named Kobe Bryant.

In a down-the-stretch performance reminiscent of his play in the Lakers' Game 4 overtime victory over Indiana in last year's NBA finals, Bryant kept getting the ball and putting it in the basket.

His short jumper made it 106-105, and his 20-footer gave the West a 108-105 lead with a minute left. Marbury, ecstatic over making his first All-Star appearance, tied on a 3-pointer with 35 seconds left.

Bryant answered right back with another jumper, but Marbury did him one better with another 3-pointer that gave the East a 111-110 lead with 28 seconds left.

The West set up for a final shot after inbounding with 10.9 seconds left. Bryant got the ball, but with everybody in the building expecting him to shoot — his injured teammate Shaquille O'Neal was probably certain of it — Bryant faked Marbury off his feet and then threw the ball to Duncan for a short shot that missed just before the buzzer.

"I was actually expecting him to shoot," Duncan said. "I was wide open, he got me the ball and I should have finished it. It just didn't go down. It was a great final four minutes.

"Prior to that, it was almost an embarrassment for the East.

How bad was it? They fell behind 11-0, committed 10 turnovers in the first quarter and seemed incapable of stopping any of the big men from the West.

The starting frontcourt of Duncan, Chris Webber and Kevin Garnett finished with 14 points apiece, although Duncan was scoreless and Webber and Garnett had only two apiece in the fourth.

Iverson finished with 25, Carter had 16 and Ray Allen 15. Dikembe Mutombo grabbed 22 rebounds.

Bryant led the West with 19.

Despite the lopsided first quarter, there was an early defensive intensity of the type seldom seen in All-Star games.

McGrady swatted away Bryant's first shot, a jumper, and Duncan retaliated by rejecting a dunk attempt by McGrady.

But while the West quickly recovered by pounding the ball down low, the East kept up its mistake-prone ways and errant outside shooting to such an extent that it was 11-0 by the first commercial break.

A Webber-to-Garnett alley-oop play made the score 15-2, and the West took a 30-17 lead into the second quarter thanks in large part to 10 turnovers by the East.

The East started to run more in the second quarter with Allen scoring nine of their first 11 points.

Carter spun 360-degrees in the air — just like he did in last year's dunk contest — for a dunk that made it 45-36 with five minutes left in the half.

Carter converted a three-point play with 2:27 left in the half to make it 49-44, then slammed home a crowd-pleasing windmill dunk that made it a three-point game.

The West's Jason Kidd hit a wide-open 3-pointer from the corner before sinking a shot from behind midcourt at the halftime buzzer to make it 61-50.

Bryant bounced an alley-oop pass to Garnett off the backboard early in the third quarter for a one-handed slam that gave the West a 69-54 lead, and Antwann McQyess closed the quarter with a follow slam to give the West an 89-70 lead entering the fourth.

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 624 South Driscoll Hall. Deadlines for same-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid.

The charge is 3 cents per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without incurring refunds.

For Rent

3-5 bedroom homes close to campus.

All the good homes are not gone!

Blown goat, brass monkey, whatever. Ever the same.

Renting the great condos in out-of-state bars. (Even if you don't remember the whole thing in chronological order.) Thanks for a great weekend.

Tell that guy to stop shooting so much.

Nothing like great conversations in out of-state bars.

Laura, remember the whole thing in chronological order. Thanks for a great weekend.

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DURHAM, N.C. —

Duke has decided to start laying the groundwork for a solid foundation in the NCAA Tournament now.

After a couple of mediocre games by Duke standards, the No. 3 Blue Devils shot 53 percent, forced 24 turnovers and used a 17-0 first-half run to roll over North Carolina State.

Jason Williams, coming off a pair of season-low eight-point games against Florida State and Clemson, scored 23 as Duke's starters all hit double figures.

"This is the Duke team that we're going to be," said Williams, who was 8-for-12 from the field and had eight assists. "In college basketball, you have four or five months and then it's going to be over. It feels like March is getting here quicker and quicker so we have to treat every game now like it's a tournament game," added Williams.

Nate James added 19, while Shane Battier had 14 and Carlos Boozer chipped in 17 in front of members of the 1991 national title team, who were the Devils one game behind No. 1 Kansas in the race for the regular-season crown.

"We have accounted for 49 percent of Missouri's points and combined for 75 points when Missouri beat Iowa State 112-109 in four overtimes last month. Iowa State has won eight straight since then, but ISC coach Larry Eustachy was not pleased.

Eustachy thought his team lacked the kind of effort needed to stay in contention for the championship, which Iowa State won last season.

"We're just stuck in the mud right now," said Eustachy, who called himself "Dr. Doom." "To say I'm not disappointed, I wouldn't be telling the truth. What you're supposed to see is what a great game, this and that, we fought back. I don't feel that way right now and our team shouldn't.

"We had a lot of break­downs, a lot of mistakes," Grayer scored all of his 24 points on 3-point baskets, one of which came during a 9-0 run that chopped a 13-point Iowa State lead to 60-56 with 4:35 left. That's when Tinsley went to work.

Guarded by freshman Wesley Stokes, Tinsley drove past him for two baskets, sank four free throws and fed Rancik for a layup in transition as Iowa State stretched the lead to 72-61, more than enough to withstand a final 33-point mercy.

Fresno State 86, Hawaii 63

Fresno State turned up the defensive pressure to get back at Hawaii. Melvin Ely scored 22 points and No. 23 Fresno State forced 26 turnovers in the victory.

"Defensively, our guys played an incredible game," coach Jerry Tarkanian said. "But offensively, we still need work. We had just way too many turnovers.

Eleven days earlier, Hawaii snapped Fresno State's 13-game winning streak with a 91-73 home victory.

"Their pressure got to us much more than it did in the first game," Hawaii coach Riley Wallace said. "We knew we had to take care of the ball and we didn't. Our guards had 14 turnovers between them."

Fresno State (20-3, 9-1 WAC) reached 20 victories for the sixth consecutive season under Tarkanian, who is Tarkanian's 29th 20-win season, one shy of the record held by Dean Smith.

Ely also had nine rebounds and four blocks.

Sophomore Literary Festival

"BRINGING THE ARTS TO LIFE"

DANA GIOIA will be speaking about her essay collection

"CAN POETRY MATTER?"

8–10 pm in the
LaFortune Ballroom, Today
Monday, February 12, 2001

Don't forget about tomorrow. . . .
XFL appears to be more about TV ratings than football

The XFL man. I don't know who I was talking to when I muttered that in the direction of my computer 10 seconds ago, but it does sum up the feelings of a sports fan trying to figure out what to make of this new football league. There have been two weeks of XFL action now, complete with every body's favorite WWF play-by-play voice, Jim Ross, yelling about some "helocious" hits, and I'm wondering: Are you setting your VCR to tape the Chicago Enforcers game yet? Are you making plans to road trip down to Orlando and catch the 2-0 Rage in action?

Maybe you are, maybe you aren't, but I have formed a couple of my own opinions so far. First, what's good about the new league: it gives players, coaches, trainers and anyone else associated with football teams who haven't made it in the NFL a chance to keep playing. For them, the XFL is a way to stay in professional football and maybe even improve their chances of one day making it to, or for some, back to the NFL.

And right about here, my list of what I like starts to run pretty thin. I'm not going to lie and say that watching scantly clad cheerleaders doesn't have a certain amount of appeal. However, that's one of this league's biggest problems. Every time the camera leaves the perspective of the lacrosse helmet-wearing field photographer and ventures to the somewhat uninitiated cheering section, football ceases to be the focus of the broadcast. Sex appeal takes over.

Even some of the on-field rules leave me asking: "Why?" Take the "Dash for the Ball," which has taken the place of the coin toss to determine possession. Matt Duda, a writer on XFL.com, says it: "... condenses all the attributes that make football the greatest of America's sports into four testosterone-filled seconds." Basically, both players start side-by-side, 20 yards away from the ball, the referee tells them when to go, and the guy who comes up with the ball wins.

Sound a little dangerous? Yeah, but don't worry, there's only been one separated shoulder so far. Before the game even starts.

Besides, isn't that a small price to pay to get back to the glory days of smash mouth football? Back when Vince Lombardi would pick his fastest player to go tearing after the ball placed at Lambeau's front yard, 99C.

Neither do I. In all fairness to the new league, I realize I could be completely off the XFL black and white list. I took a leisurely Sunday walk around my dorm and asked someone a lot more in touch with football than me, Notre Dame junior long snapper John Crowther, what he thought of Saturday night's newest ratings contender.

"I like to watch football, so I kind of like it," Crowther said. "But they try to be too flashy, almost too much like wrestling. I guess that's probably their point. The only thing that I really like that's different than the NFL is when they do the opening coin toss." Damaging testimony from an expert witness. I'm still not a big fan of the dash, though, maybe because I'd be grabbing more turf with my helmet than ball with my hands.

Furthermore, I'm still not quite sure why the governor of Minnesota is trying to give me analysis. I'm not sure why real football involves putting nicknames like "E-Rupt" on the back of your jersey or having the announcers try to convince us just how legitimate the league is.

What we have, maybe for the first time in sports history, is a league that was created for TV. This isn't a struggling football league, or even a prosperous one looking to gain exposure by getting TV coverage. And we'd be living somewhere outside of Candy Land if we didn't notice the increasing commercialization of all sports, including the NFL (C'mon — the "MTV Presents the E-Trade Super Bowl Halftime Show?").

But the XFL itself, not just its advertising campaign, is a marketing ploy, an attitude, complete with sex appeal, violence, fireworks, rotating camera angles and smoke. Football is merely the means to deliver that WWF image. If wrestling could have worked, we'd probably be watching the XFL right now, as guys rolled some hilarious strikeouts in the true tradition of smash mouth sports.

Maybe there is some hope. Mike Cellizzi, a contributor to MSNBC.com, noted how the XFL seemed to violate some of its charge in week two, devoting more of its time to the game and less to the cheerleaders. Maybe these games could actually be about football eventually and not NBC ratings on Saturday nights. Like Crowther told me: "If someone said you could go and play (in the XFL), I'd probably go play, because it's basically like football. When you get in the game, it pretty much looks the same."

But if it becomes about football, will people still watch? When you're created for TV, you better hope so.

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**NCAA Women's Basketball**

Georgia Tech upsets No. 6 Virginia, 62-56

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Georgia Tech in the NCAA Tournament! The idea doesn't seem so ludicrous anymore.

The Yellow Jackets, picked to finish near the bottom of the Atlantic Coast Conference, knocked off another ranked team Sunday, beating No. 6 Virginia 62-56 as Tony Akins scored 19 points and freshman Halston Lane hit two key baskets.

First-year coach Paul Hewitt told his players from day one that his goal was an NCAA bid, even though Georgia Tech hasn't been to the tournament since 1996.

"That's our goal," said Akins, who also did a smoothing defensive job on Virginia guard Donald Hand. "Coach told us if we don't make the tournament, we haven't accomplished anything. If we keep it up, that's where we're going to be." The Yellow Jackets (14-8, 6-5 ACC) defeated their second ranked team in six days and fourth of the season. They are tied for first in the ACC conference after sweeping the season series from Virginia.

Georgia Tech also has victories over Kentucky and UCLA to enhance its RPI rating, but senior center Alvin Jones downplayed all the postseason talk.

"If we lose the rest of our games, we're not going to be in anything," he said. "We've still got five games left and the ACC tournament." The Cavaliers (16-6, 5-6) again struggled on the road in league play, losing their second in a row and dropping to 1-5 for the season.

"We're definitely different on the road, for whatever reason," said Hand, who went 0-for-9 from the field and managed only two points. "We did a good job on defense. We just didn't get any shots to fall."

Before the game, Hewitt challenged his point guard to shut down Hand.

"Donald is a great player, don't let him go wrong," Hewitt said. "But I told Tony, 'Play like you're other point today.'"

Akins followed his coach's instructions to the letter. Not only did he hit 7 of 10 shots — making him 23 of 39 over the last three games — he set up the biggest basket of the game. Drawing a double-team as he dribbled along the 3-point arc, Akins flipped a pass to Lane. The freshman switched a wide-open 3 with 11:44 remaining for a 58-54 lead.

"He's a shooter," Akins said. "I don't know why they let him open, but I'm glad they did."

Actually, Lane had a rough day from long range, missing his first four 3s before hitting the one that mattered most.

"I got some good looks at the basket, but my 3s just aren't as good as it's been in the past," he said. "I was open and I finally knocked down the shot.

Hand was blocked at the other end by Jones and Virginia was up 50-36 with 8:06 remaining. Akins scooped up the loose ball. He made both free throws with 58 seconds to go, sealing the victory.

"You need your point guard to have a real good game, especially on the road." Virginia coach Pete Gillen said.

"Obviously, Donald didn't have his best game," Lane, who scored 15 points, also made the basket that put Tech ahead for good. His 15-foot jumper after a timeout gave the Yellow Jackets a 55-54 advantage with 2:33 remaining, the eighth and final lead change of the second half.

After the teams traded turnovers, Virginia had a chance to go back in front. But Travis Watson missed a pair of free throws with 1:40 to go, epitomizing his team's struggles at the line.
WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

King wins three events at Windsor Classic

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Last weekend, Tameisha King had a rather disappointing Meyo Invitational. Although the sophomore All-American won the long jump, she jumped out of the blocks too early in both the 60-meter dash and the 60-meter hurdles and was disqualified, something Irish sprints coach John Millar attributed to anticipating the gun and losing concentration.

This weekend, a focused King made sure it didn't happen again. King was nearly untouchable as she won the 60-meter dash, the 60-meter hurdles and the long jump on route to being named the Most Outstanding Female Athlete at the Windsor Classic.

"Obviously, she bounced back from the week before and had an excellent meet," said Irish sprints coach John Millar. "She showed what she's capable of. We worked on focusing more on the gun instead of anticipating the gun. Now, she has some confidence heading into next week.

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"She just keeps going further and further every meet," said Irish field events coach Scott Winsor.

In the running events, King ran her fastest times in the preliminaries, not in the finals. In the 60-meter dash, she ran a blistering 7.66 seconds in the prelims and followed that up with a 7.69 in the finals. Meanwhile, her 100-meter hurdles, King ran a season-best 8.56 in the prelims and won the event with a 8.62.

In fact, Millar wasn't even planning to run King in the final events. He initially wanted to have her run only in the prelims, but changed his mind after seeing her blow away the field.

"The way the schedule worked out, we didn't really feel she was overdoing it," Millar said. "And we didn't want her to have to run and have a chance to win. My whole intention is to give her opportunities to run and have a chance to win. We worked on focusing more on the gun instead of anticipating the gun. She showed what she's capable of. We worked on focusing more on the gun instead of anticipating the gun. Now, she has some confidence heading into next week.

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"She's very consistent," Winsor said. "Sooner or later they're going to break out. Winners is excited by the potential of his vault crew at the Big East Championships. He feels all four vaulters can place.

"The main reason the Irish competed this weekend was so they could get a closer look at some athletes and try to achieve better qualifying performances for others. One athlete in particular that the coaching staff had their eyes on was Ana Morales. They were trying to decide where to enter her in the Big East Championships.

Morales, who is recovering from a injury she sustained in the fall, raced to fourth place in the 1,000-meter run, finishing in 3:05.1. "We're more or less leaning toward running her in the relays," Millar said. "She's coming back from an injury, and she's not fit enough to run. Looking at the performances, I don't think she'll be good enough to score. She raced well this weekend, but it's going to take her a little while to get back in the racing mode.

The other competitor who used the Windsor Classic as a Big East tune up was Soty Lazari. The sophomore pentathlete, who has been competing in one or two events per meet, competed in the 60-meter hurdles and the high jump. She took fifth in the high jump by clearing five feet.

The Big East Indoor Championships are scheduled to begin this Saturday in Syracuse, New York, and Irish coaches are already making preparations for the big meet.

"Hopefully, with a little rest and not trying to overdo it this week, they'll be really fired up," Millar said. "The Big East is a real strong conference in track and field. A lot of it is going to come down to how well the girls run and handle the pressure.

"But as long as we keep them focused, I think we'll find our top three," Millar said. "The ladies that we take will have done a very, very good job."
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19-11 lead on a trey by Ingelsby, the Mountaineers took over with a dominant performance on the boards and a 17-3 run. West Virginia held onto the lead nearly the entire rest of the game.

"We've been in that situ­ation before," Ingelsby said. "I don't think anyone on our team had a doubt we were going to win the game. We just stayed poised through­out and we came out with a big win."

Murphy finally tied the score at 69 with two free throws and 3:23 to play. Although West Virginia pulled off its 41-22 rebounding edge in the game, Murphy — playing with four fouls — grabbed the next board on a Chris Moss miss.

With nothing working for the Irish, Ingelsby pushed the ball up the lane, pump faking and forcing Lyles to foul him. The captain then nailed both free throws to pull off a 41-32 lead on a trey by Ryan Dolder's goal at 10:04. Dolder was assisted by freshman Aaron Gill and Nielsen.

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sign of how the game would go for the Irish. Dan Carlson and Carter Dunlap both netted goals in a three-minute span, and suddenly Notre Dame was sitting pretty at 2-0.

But Bowling Green, with as much riding on this contest as the Irish, brought the score to 2-1 when Curtis Valentine took advantage of the power play. Notre Dame has struggled the entire season while a man down, and Saturday night was no exception as the Falcons con­verted on two of their five power plays.

The second period would go solidly to Bowling Green, which sandwiched two goals by Austin de Luis and Valentine around Ryan Dolder's goal at 10:04. Dolder was assisted by freshman Aaron Gill and Nielsen.

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irish goals, putting two into the net himself, and Zasowski with­stood an especially brutal second period to lead the Domers to vic­tory.

Head coach Dave Poulin has rotated goaltenders all season, but Zasowski has received the nod in the last six games. Poulin told the sophomore Zasowski during Thursday's practice he would start over Kyle Kolquist and Jeremiah Kimeeto.

"All I could do to prepare was think about the weekend," said Zasowski. "I knew I could play any game and we could win."

As it has many times this sea­son, the Irish offense was sparked by Carlson. He took a shot on Masters late in the first with Notre Dame on the power play. Globbe passed the shot over to the center Dunlap, who quickly scored.

Early in the second, Notre Dame failed to kill a Falcon power play as Marc Brown put his third goal of the season past Zasowski. But it was the only shot out of 16 that would find the Irish net in the second twenty minutes Friday.

Zasowski was solid between the pipes, frustrating shooter after shooter. "Seeing Tony make big plays really brought up the play of the team," said Nielsen. "I had a couple of bad shifts in there, and I felt like I owed it to the guys playing well to step up."

Notre Dame managed only two shots in the second period, but still scored when Bob Globbe scored his 13th of the season unassisted.

The freshman is tied for the team lead in goals with Carlson and Zodler, and sports the best shooting percentage on the team, with 19.7 percent.

Bowling Green again found the net on a power play when Scott Heswam beat Zasowski at 5:35. The 2-2 tie continued until 12:54, when Carlson once more assisted Globbe for the eventual winning goal.

Having completed its most suc­cessful weekend of the 2000-01 season, Notre Dame looks to continue its roll against nemesis Michigan in Ann Arbor on Friday. The Wolverines gutted the Irish 9-0 on Jan. 23.

"We can't think about last time," commented Zasowski. "I know we can do well on Friday night."
Irish post strong showing at Windsor Team Challenge

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish men's track team traveled to Canada this weekend to take part in the Windsor Team Challenge at the University of Windsor. The limited group of athletes who made the trip posted impressive performances in preparation for the Big East Indoor Championships this weekend at Syracuse.

Freshman Godwin Mbagwu led the way for the Irish, taking first in both the long jump and triple jump. Mbagwu's leap of 22 feet, 4 1/2 inches in the long jump was his second-best jump of the season, as was his triple jump of 48-3 1/2 feet.

Field events coach Scott Winsor was impressed with Mbagwu's performance as the Irish placed well in the pole vault.

"He's a pretty good competitor," Winsor said. "I think the competition this weekend at the Big East is going to be a little bit better than what we saw up there."

Sophomore Tom Gilbert, the team's top long jumper all season, struggled with his approach and took sixth. Gilbert was also competing in the 60-meter dash, which was going on at the same time as the long jump.

"It was right in the middle of the 60's and he just really got fatigued," Winsor said. "I'm not too concerned about him having a bad meet in the long jump."

Nick Setta took another gold medal for the Irish, placing first in the 600-meter run. Setta led the race from start to finish, winning in a time of 1:22.74.

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Belles snap losing streak with 75-61 win

By NOAH AMSTADTER

American Sports Editor

In the minutes before tip-off Saturday at the Angela Athletic Facility, John Fogerty's song "Center Field" blasted over the loudspeaker. Apparently Saint Mary's basketball coach Suzanne Smith took note of the song's lyrics, "Put me in coach, I'm ready to play," as 11 players scored to lead the Belles to a 75-61 victory over Olivet College.

Anne Blair led the way with 12 second-half points as the Belles erased a 14-point deficit. Blair led the team with 14 points and five rebounds in only 17 minutes. She was a perfect five-for-five from the field and four-for-four from the free-throw line.

Blair credited her team following the victory — Saint Mary's first following 10 consecutive losses since Jan. 3. "It's just too late; we've been down lately, this feels great. It's like the definition of team. We all played with each other," Blair said. "Everybody contributed. It just feels great."

Saint Mary's made seven of 11 three-point attempts for the game — led by Jaime Dineen's three treys.

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Forward Ryan Humphrey hobbled through the final seconds on a sprained ankle Sunday, managing to hold onto a rebound at the buzzer as his one-legged play carried Notre Dame to victory and the Irish carried the injured Humphrey off the court.

Humphrey blocked a three-point attempt by Virginia's Tobias Seldin in the final 20 seconds, spraining his ankle on the way down. The 6-foot-8 junior hopped his way through the Mountaineers' last possession on one foot.

When it happened, I felt like I got shot," Humphrey said. "I knew I had to get up because it would have been four on five if I had just laid on the ground. I think I would have felt worse if I had left my teammates to try to win the game without me.''

After West Virginia rebounded a missed 3-pointer by Josh Yeager, Mountaineer guard Tim Lyles threw up another 3-point attempt. Humphrey grabbed the board, and the Irish survived 69-66 for their seventh straight league victory, four more than the school record prior to this season.

Irish reserves carried Humphrey, who will have his ankle examined this morning, to the locker room.

"It's very sore," Humphrey said. "We have to play it by ear. If it's all right, I'll play Wednesday night."

Notre Dame (15-5, 8-2 Big East) came from behind to win despite a wild West Virginia (13-8, 4-6) crowd and foul trouble by Notre Dame post players Harold Swanson (who fouled out), Troy Murphy and Humphrey. With the victory, the Irish remained a full game in front of Syracuse in the race for the Big East West Division title.

With the Mountaineers keeping the ball away from All-American Murphy, Irish guards Martin Ingelsby and Matt Carroll picked up the slack.

"Our first option is always to go inside," Carroll said. "Teams aren't going to let us do that sometimes. Troy, Ryan and Harold are very unselfish, and they kicked it back out."

Ingelsby, a senior point guard, drove the team to success with a team-high 17 points, including 5-for-7 shooting from behind the arc. He stole the show and the win from West Virginia with three steals, including one in the final minute of play.

"They really did a good job of teaming Troy in the post," Ingelsby said. "My man kind of sagged in, and I was able to get a few open shots."

For his part, Carroll put up 15 points on 6-for-12 shooting. He also put the defensive clamp down on hot-handed Brooks Berry, who scored a career high 21 points, 18 of which came in the first half. After the Irish took an early