Philbin donates to arts center

By HILARY BURN

Television personality Regis Philbin made a $2.75 million donation for a studio theater that will bear his name in the new Marie Debartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Phi- lin, the popular host of the game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" and talk show "Live! With Regis and Kelly", has already given several gifts to the University, including the endowment of a scholarship.

"Regis Philbin is not only one of Notre Dame's most recognized graduates, he also is among our most generous," said University President Father Edward Malloy. "With his talent and resources, Regis has made numerous contributions to our University and our surrounding community. We are most appreciative of this latest gift, which will do much to enhance our growing commitment to and reputation in the dramatic arts."

The contribution will supplement the Debartolo family's original pledge of $33 million. The gift was intended for DeBartolo Hall and the new performing arts center.

The construction of the center has been stalled while the University waited for the Debartolo pledge to be fulfilled. Having recently received the whole donation, the University sought other donors to meet the added costs that have emerged since the initial proposal. Along with Philbin's donation, several other significant donations have provided enough to build the $54 million facility.

"We would welcome this gift for any purpose, but to designate it for a theater that will be the home space for our lab and performance-art productions -- a place for experiment and adventure in the arts -- is especially appropriate," said Don Cutter, chair of the Film, Television and Theater department.

"It will greatly increase the University's ability to present cutting-edge theater," said Cutter. "It provides an opportunity for students to work on avant-garde performance pieces and any kind of dramatic performance requiring minimal stage support."

The studio theater will be used for some theater classes, lab performances and other departmental productions. The sophisticated lighting, sound and musical elements will provide students with artistic and technical freedom.

"It highlights the literary and jazz artists of the 1920s," said Johnson. "The students' creativity is highlighted in a way that gets to the very essence of the Harlem Renaissance."

The show features a performance by the Voices of Faith Gospel Choir, poetry readings by Tanesha Utean, Orlando Gonzalez and Jordann Sorrell and songs performed by Johnnie Cheeks, Patrick Parks and Adrienne de la Rosa.

Johnson said seniors Justin Smith and Joanna Bowen will narrate the show and weave the acts into a cohesive whole.

The event is officially part of Junior Parents Weekend.

"Blak Koffee House is always held on the Friday of IPPW to give parents, as well as a broad cross-section of students a chance to witness African and African-American music and poetry," Johnson said.

Annual Blak Koffee House opens tonight

By MEG DADAY

The Black Cultural Arts Council hosts its annual Black Koffee House at 8 p.m. Friday night in LaFortune Ballroom. A talent showcase of 12 acts, Blak Koffee House is "an upscale literary and musical extravaganza of African and African-American creativity," said Chandra Johnson, assistant to the University President Father Edward Malloy and artistic coordinator of the show.

Johnson has been involved with the show since Karsonia Wise, a graduate student in peace studies, created it in 1993. While an undergrad- uate, Johnson began overseeing production of the show in 1994.

According to Johnson, the show's style reflects that of Harlem artists such as Langston Hughes and Nella Larsen.
Two weeks ago, I got a set of emails from my parents. The basic theme was "I know you are busy but you really need to call home. We haven't heard from you since you drove back from break." My dad also threw an extra line in his email "You can just call us from work if you have to. You can talk on the phone and still get work done on your computer."

Now you would think that those two emails would trigger me to immediately pick up the phone and call my parents. But of course that wasn't the case. Between interviewing student government tickets and digging through everyday hassles at The Observer, I had every intention of calling home but for some reason it just never happened. Every night I would come into the office at 7 p.m., planning on calling around 8 and end up looking up notes on pages to realize it was midnight and my parents were in bed already. So finally three days after I got the "Are you dead email" and finally managed to call home. It wasn't until I called home that I realized how much had happened to me in the month since I'd driven back to South Bend.

My parents had to read about my re-election as editor in chief in the newspaper. They had no idea if I was moving off campus and who I was going to live with next year. I had made all sorts of decisions both big and small in the first month back to school.

It wasn't that my parents wanted to approve or disapprove of my decisions. I think they basically recognized that I am going to make most of the important choices in my life for better or worse on my own. They just wanted to know what was going on.

As I talked to them and told them all I had done, I slowly realized that it was incredibly selfish of me not to call home for an entire month. As I was asserting my independence and making my own decisions, I was forgetting about the people who taught me how to make good decisions.

My parents didn't want to approve my decisions or tell me what to do. They just wanted to share the joy of my choices with me. These were the people who taught me how to make decisions.

When I was younger they taught me about accepting responsibility for my actions and thinking things through. Every time I heard "You have to take responsibility for your actions" from my mom after I really screwed up, I learned how to make wiser decisions.

So this weekend, my parents come into town for Junior Parent Weekend. It's a chance for my parents to see the results of all the choices I have made in my 2.5 years at college.

And that's what I think JSPW is all about.

Sharing the choices and decisions that will affect your life with the people who gave you the confidence and wisdom to make those decisions.

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

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INSIDE COLUMN
Choices, Good and Bad

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

Sean Tollison came to the University of New Mexico three years on a swimming scholarship, anxious and thrilled by the prospect of competing in his hometown. Now Tollison has no team, no scholarship and his only connection to swimming is through coaching.

Tollison is one of 56 male athletes on the swimming, wrestling and gymnastics teams that were cut by the UNM Athletic Department in March of 1999 to deal with budget-cutting field competitive sports in the newly-formed Mountain West Conference and come closer to complying with U.S. Department of Education equity laws—better known as Title IX.

When the sports were cut, Athletic Director Rudy Davalos said nothing could be done to save the programs, but promised that the University would look after the athletes, help them transfer to other programs and honor their scholarships through their fourth year at UNM if they decided to stay.

In the fall of 1999, Tollison said he and his peers were told they had to work for the Athletic Department to retain their scholarships. Some athletes were assigned to clean the weight room after the football team used the facility. Others were assigned to answer phones and other clerical work for Athletic Department administrators.

Tollison tried to transfer to the University of Denver, but couldn't get enough financial aid in time to attend the school. When he returned for his sophomore year after one season at Division I swimming competition, he was sent to film other teams' games and practices.

I didn't mind the work really, but it just didn't seem right because I came here to swim," he said.

"It's a really relaxed system and a lot more people just go to their jobs. My boss felt bad for me, so he started paying me through student employment.”

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A panel of experts discussed the possibilities of peace in Middle East at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Thursday.

The Middle East has experienced an escalation of violence between Palestinians and Israelis since the Feb. 6 election of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, a right-wing, hard-line leader. Palestinians still bitterly remember when Sharon, a former army general, assisted in the 1982 attack on Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.

Notre Dame government professor Alan Dowty said currently the two groups are closer to a peace agreement than ever before.

"Israel has recognized the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) as a representative of the Palestinians and has negotiated with it," Dowty said. "They have dealt with Arafat [the leader of the PLO, who at one time was anathema to Israelis]. Most Israelis today accept a Palestinian state in principle. In 1967, probably no more than 10 percent of the Israeli public was ready to accept the idea of a Palestinian state."

Palestine, a historic region that includes Jerusalem, became part of Israel in 1948. A Palestinian state does not legally exist now, even though Palestinians view the Israelis as occupying their territory.

"The Palestinians, for their part, have accepted the principle of a Palestinian state in 22 percent of what was at one time the British mandate of Palestine," Dowty said. "In other words accepting not only the legitimacy of Israel, but also an Israel that occupies the other 78 percent of the original Palestinian mandate which from their perspective was a very huge concession."

He added, however, that a peace agreement is still a long way off. Some smaller problems have been solved, and now the two groups are trying to solve the larger, more difficult problems, such as who should control Jerusalem. Another issue to be decided is what to do about Palestinian refugees who want to reclaim the land their ancestors lost when the United Nations established Israel after World War II.

Peter Wallensteen, the head of the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University in Sweden said that in past world crises, effective solutions were not ones that involved violence or repressive measures. He said effective solutions have been achieved by coming up with "new ideas, a new formula or a new suggestion" to approach the problem. He gave three ideas about how to help achieve peace.

First, he said secret negotiations between Sharon and Arafat were possible. A second possibility is an unilateral move by one of the two groups.

"Many ideas have already been tried in the peace process and have been rejected," Wallensteen said. "That means one has to think harder to come up with ideas."

"The third thing," he said, "is that there is a need for a third party [in negotiations]. The Clinton administration had played that role, and we don't know yet about the Bush administration and what [Secretary of State Colin] Powell will do when he is traveling around the Middle East. But I think that there is an expectation that the U.S. should play such a role."

The last speaker, Notre Dame government professor Dan Lindley, said he does not believe that peace will come to the region anytime soon.

"No one wants peace in terms acceptable to the other," he said. "It's not clear that anyone wants peace at all. Furthermore, both sides are pervaded by the perception that they have been duped by the other and that the other is not a very sincere peace partner. For these reasons, I don't think that peace is likely in the near term."

He also discussed U.S. strategic interest in the region.

"First and foremost," he said, "the primary U.S. strategic and material interest in the Middle East is oil ... oil affects us, our allies, and world stability. Our second interest is weapons of mass destruction, missile proliferation by enemy states now called the states of concern."

Panelists met at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Thursday to discuss the possibilities for peace between Israelis and Palestinians. Although peace agreements will still take time, panelists were optimistic.
Young visits SMC, discusses attitudes toward welfare today

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

Thomas Jefferson may have had the wrong idea when he said that self-sufficient families create the ideal republic. According to political philosopher Iris Marion Young, and most current political theorists and politicians have confused the idea of self-sufficiency with autonomy and this is where the problem with our welfare system lies.

During her lecture on "Autonomy, Self-Sufficiency, and Welfare Justice" Thursday night, Young suggested that the continuous problem with the American Welfare system is that its supporters justify the system based on the non-existent idea of self-sufficiency. "Self-sufficiency is an illusion," Young said. "The idea of self-sufficiency to which those who passed the 1996 Welfare reform bill turn [for justification of the bill] is a very seductive dream."

However, it is this "seductive dream" that causes major problems in the United States' social welfare system. Most American public policy operates under the assumption that citizens need to be self-sufficient. However, the idea of self-sufficiency is in opposition to a society that operates on a system of interdependence.

"Only a moment's reflection shows we exist with significant interdependence," Young reminded her audience. "Interdependence is part of the human condition."

Although many middle-class Americans do not recognize this interdependence, it is part of their daily lives. Workers depend on their employers and those employers, in turn, rely on each other, foreign competitors, and the market itself.

"We dwell in webs of interdependence," Young said.

The question then arises that if self-sufficiency is an illusion, why are appeals to it so successful. Young replied to this question by saying that these appeals are successful because self-sufficiency is confused with autonomy, and it is autonomy that is truly the good ideal.

Making a distinction between moral and personal autonomy, Young defined personal autonomy as "being able to determine your own projects and goals and how you're going to live your life without having to answer to anyone else for those goals and without having to obey their orders about how you'll live your life."

It is in this ideal of autonomy that social welfare programs should be based.

Young argued that interdependence was a necessary part of autonomy because making autonomous decisions requires social support. She said Americans achieve their skills through a system of interdependence. Based on this background, Young showed that any public policy built on the idea of self-sufficiency (which lacks interdependence) instead of autonomy will be ineffective.

Based on the idea that autonomy is grounded in interdependence, Young concluded that the autonomy of all people depends on social support. "Especially the poor people need a good deal of social support to be autonomous," Young said.

Although she did not specify a particular system, Young suggested a system of social welfare that is contrary to the 1996 Welfare Reform Act, which required time restrictions and work requirements in order for recipients to receive benefits.

Young spoke as part of the Women in Philosophical Landscapes series, which is in its third year at Saint Mary's. Young is a professor of political science at the University of Chicago. Her focus is on political theory and feminist social theory, and she has authored several books including Justice and the Politics of Difference and Throwing Like a Girl and Other Essays in Feminist Philosophy and Social Theory. Young will return to Stapleton Lounge Friday at 12:30 p.m. to discuss "Power, Violence, and Legitimacy," a discussion which is open to the public.
**Afghanistan**

Dirt-poor farmers, unable to pay opium as a source of credit to borrow against the mountain forest home is disappearing, the World Wildlife Fund said Thursday. In a report to mark its 40th anniversary, the organization said loss of suitable habitat in China’s Sichuan province was the major factor in the survival of the panda, which has a wild population of about 1,000.

Farmers trade daughters for debt: Afghanistan dirt-poor farmers, unable to pay their debts because of a Taliban ban on growing the flower that produces opium, are trading their young daughters to clear their debts, U.N. and Taliban officials say. Farmers traditionally use opium as a source of credit to borrow against the next year’s harvest, said Bernard Frahi, director of the U.N. Drug Control Program in neighboring Iranian.

**Giant panda numbers still low**

Sharon, Barak reach agreement

Associated Press

Jerusalem Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon and Ehud Barak agreed on formation of a unity government Thursday, with Barak's party getting the key defense portfolio.

Israel's minister of defense, who said Barak would be the new defense minister, and Barak's Labor party would receive the defense and foreign ministries. Officials close to Barak were not available for comment on the media reports of his agreement to stay in government.

Violence persisted Thursday as two mortar shells fired by Palestinians fell on a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip, and Israeli soldiers killed a Palestinian who was trying to infiltrate another settlement there.

No casualties were reported in the mortar attack at Netzarim, an isolated enclave in central Gaza. The settlement had come under mortar attack twice before. A Palestinian police officer whom Israel believed to be responsible for the earlier attacks was killed Tuesday by Israeli helicopters firing rockets.

The Palestinian killed near Kfar Darom, another isolated settlement in southern Gaza, was identified as Nasser Hassanat, 23. He was a member of a Palestinian security force, according to documents he carried.

Funerals for young Israeli soldiers and a civilian—eight were killed Wednesday by a Palestinian bus driver—weighed heavily on politicians seeking a coalition between Sharon's Likud party and Labor.

**El Salvador**

Soldiers of the Salvadoran army clear a street of debris Thursday in San Vicente following the second earthquake in El Salvador since Jan. 13. This week's earthquake destroyed tens of thousands of homes.

**Quake victims search for refuge**

Associated Press

Their adobe houses in ruins, residents of this village amid sugar cane fields sought drinking water and food Thursday and prayed the ground would stop trembling.

Many went to nearby rivers to wash clothes or draw water for cooking. A lucky few got a ration of drinking water from the Sabahden Red Cross: "We're out of everything, water, milk for my son," said Silvina Hernandez, who was carrying a 1-year-old Miquel on her arm.

She was among 3,000 town residents in San Vicente province who suffered losses from Tuesday's 6.6-magnitude earthquake that left at least 276 dead. Government officials say they fear another 39 were buried by landslides.

The small Central American nation was struck by a magnitude-7.6 earthquake on Jan. 13 that killed at least 544 people.

Foreign aid has begun pouring into El Salvador but international agencies say they need more help.

In San Vicente Thursday, a 65-member delegation from the Mexican army, including several doctors, set up a field hospital in a dusty soccer field. Helicopters, trucks, rescue workers and construction crews were coming in from Guatemala, the United States, Taiwan, Venezuela, Panama and Nicaragua. Queen Sofia of Spain, who is visiting the region, was expected to announce a cash donation.

In Rome, the World Food Program, running short of food for El Salvador's earthquake victims, appealed for money Thursday to replenish supplies.

Executive Director Catherine Bertini said the agency has enough food for El Salvador for 200,000 people for two weeks.
Profs’ book earns Choice Magazine award

Special to The Observer

Two political scientists at Notre Dame have received Choice Magazine’s Outstanding Academic Title award for their book, “The Sanctions Decade: Assessing UN Strategies in the 1990s.”

The book was written by George Lopez, professor of government and international studies and fellow in Notre Dame’s Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, and David Cortright, guest lecturer in the Kroc Institute, which is commissioned by the International Peace Academy and funded by the government of Ireland.

Among those assisting Lopez and Cortright were two former Notre Dame peace studies graduate students, Richard W. Conroy, who was graduated from the University in 1987 and received master’s and doctoral degrees from Notre Dame in 1990 and 1994, respectively, and Jaleh Dashti-Gibson, who was graduated from the University in 1992 and 1998, respectively.

The award was announced in the January 2001 issue of Choice Magazine.

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Rotoplast founder earns Dooley Award

◆ Capozzi wins humanitarian alumni award

By KELLY HAGER
New Writer

Angelo Capozzi, a 1956 Notre Dame graduate and cofounder of Rotoplast International, Inc., will receive the 2001 Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Award from the Alumni Association. Each year, this award is presented to a Notre Dame graduate who has engaged in outstanding humanitarian service.

"Dr. Capozzi has helped so many children around the world with Rotoplast," said Chuck Lenton, director of the Notre Dame Alumni Association. "This service to the community is overwhelming."

For many years, Capozzi has been recognized for his work with the poor in underdeveloped countries. He began as a volunteer surgeon in 1976 for InterPlast, a non-profit organization that gives medical care to underprivileged children around the world. In 14 medical missions with InterPlast, he was responsible for surgeries on more than 1,400 children.

In association with Rotary International, Capozzi founded Rotoplast International, Inc., a world community service project that performs reconstructive surgery on underprivileged children. Formed in 1992, it attempts to eliminate cleft lips and palates in all children by the year 2025. Since then, he has completed Rotoplast medical missions in Chile, Argentina and Venezuela, where he has contributed to reconstructive surgery on more than 2,000 children.

Capozzi was selected by a committee of Alumni Board members who are responsible for reviewing nominees and selecting a recipient each year. Until recently, the award had to be given to a young alumnus, but last year the age limit was raised to 10 years of graduating.

However, according to Lenton, they had to set a minimum age over the age limit that they had to make it available to everyone. Currently, the award is given to an alumnus, living or dead.

The award was named after Tom Dooley, a 1948 Notre Dame graduate. After graduating from medical school, Dooley traveled to Asia where he established hospitals in Vietnam and Laos. During this time, he also wrote four books and published other articles.

When he returned to Notre Dame in 1960 to speak at commencement, President Eisenhower, also at the ceremony, commented that Dooley was the most respected citizen of the United States.

Dooley died of cancer at 34. The Dooley award was established in 1983 in memory of him and his never-ending devotion to the poor of Southeast Asia, his goodness of prayer at the Grotto and his courageous death from cancer.

"The Dooley award is given to those graduates who exemplify and model what the Alumni Association believes and supports - those committed to faith and service," said Lenton.

Reasons for choosing Capozzi are quite obvious." -

Mike Beckman

Nike strike tests WRC's procedures

By MYRA McGRIFF
New Writer

The Workers' Rights Commission had its first chance to test its procedures for protecting workers' rights when Nike workers in Mexico went on strike.

On Jan. 9, 700 to 800 workers at the Kuokdong Nike factory in Atlixco, Mexico went on a work stoppage to protest the management's violation of their rights to unionize. With a newly established working board, the WRC was able to react to the situation.

"We sent a small delegation to investigate on Jan. 23 after receiving a complaint from factory workers. When we got there we were the only monitors there at the time," said Marikah Mancina.

Manchita, a Purdue student and member of United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS), accompanied the WRC and the InterPlast working board, the WRC was able to verify the complaints of the workers.

"Workers were not being paid a minimum wage, they were abused physically, and they were served raw meat and food with worms," said Mancina.

Although other monitoring organizations like the Fair Labor Association (FLA), visited the Kuokdong factory, the WRC was the first to publish a preliminary report. The Jan. 24 report was released not only to the colleges on their register - including Saint Mary's — but also to the public.

The report outlined the code of conduct violations in the factory and suggested actions for universities to take if their apparel was produced in the Kuokdong factory. The WRC recommended universities write a letter to Nike urging the factory to reinstate the strikers and let them fairly unionize. The WRC hopes that if a large college endorses a letter to Nike, the company will meet the workers' demands.

University Associate Vice President and Counsel Bill Hoyt said both the WRC and the FLA have been in contact and told him that one of the college's apparel is being produced in the Kuokdong factory. The FLA recommended universities write a letter to Nike encouraging them to reinstate the striking workers as suggested by the WRC.

"We are working as a member of the FLA and the FLA is taking action. But also our code of conduct does not apply to the Kuokdong incident," said Hoyt.

After reading the report, the University of Michigan, one of WRC's key college endorsers wrote to Nike.

"The President of U of M wrote a letter to Nike saying that Nike violated its code of conduct and Nike should ensure a safe return for all the workers to their jobs and a fair union election," said University of Michigan student and WRC member, Peter Romer-Friedman.

Although most workers have been on a work stoppage for the past four weeks and an agreement between factory management and workers has yet to be reached, students are pleased with the action of the WRC. They feel the WRC took immediate, progressive action to secure workers rights and get them back on the line.

"The FLA is still gathering information before putting these workers back on the line while the WRC is saying these are the findings and this is what needs to happen," said Meaureen Capillo of Peace Makers.

Correction

◆ Thursday's Observer incorrectly stated that the Demetra Smith/Jogold Andre ticket had endorsed Brooke Norton. Smith made the endorsement alone.

◆ In Wednesday's Observer the photograph on page 1 misidentified presidential candidate Rob Becker as Brian Becker. The Observer regrets these errors.

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CANADA
Ban on Brazilian beef may soon be lifted

Associated Press

OTTAWA

The senior Canadian scientist on a fact-finding mission to Brazil indicated Thursday the ban on Brazilian beef imports could be lifted next week.

Speaking from Brazil, Brian Evans of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said the inspectors from Canada, the United States and Mexico will return home by Monday, consult with their governments, and discuss a synthesis report Tuesday.

"I will then undertake to review and share with my counterparts in Washington and Mexico in hope we will have sufficient foundation to reconsider the [ban]," Evans said.

Canada banned the import of Brazilian beef—mostly canned corned beef—on Feb. 2, citing a risk of possible mad cow disease. It said Brazil failed to provide sufficient paperwork on several thousand animals imported from Europe. The ban, automatically joined by Canada’s NAFTA partners the United States and Mexico, cut Brazilian beef exports by 10 percent, according to officials in Brazil.

Canada wants a guarantee they won’t end up in the meat supply.

He welcomed an announcement by the Brazilian government that it would try to buy all the imported European cattle to place them under government control.

"This underlines significantly the shared objective and investment that we and Brazil have to address this as a public health issue," Evans said.

Mad cow disease has become a huge concern in Europe, where beef sales have plummeted. Consumption of beef from infected animals may cause variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a potentially fatal neurological disorder.

Brazil has never detected a case of mad cow disease and claims the Canadian ban was related to a dispute between the countries over subsidies for aircraft manufacturers.

Canada has received permission from the World Trade Organization to impose trade sanctions against Brazil over the airplane manufacturers dispute, but has yet to formally do so.

retaliatory trade sanctions and the refusal by some dockworkers to unload Canadian cargo.

Evans said several thousand European cattle were imported to Brazil for breeding purposes, and Canada wants a guarantee they won’t end up in the meat supply.

Associated Press
Norton should adopt broad ideas

With his election of Brooke Norton and Brian Moscona as president and vice president, the Notre Dame student body has sent a message: they are happy with the way state government is running now.

Norton/Moscona will continue the programs begun by the O’Donoghue/Norton administration. It will expand some O’Donoghue/Norton initiatives as well as create new programs which continue the philosophies of the O’Donoghue/Norton administration. It will improve the relationship between Notre Dame and South Bend, and received kudos from much of the Notre Dame community.

Smith and Andre’s plan to create service oriented scholarships was one of the most innovative and intriguing plans of the election. Norton/Moscona should adopt this plan into their platform and make Smith/Andre’s vision a reality.

Victoria Fetterman and Maureen Gottlieb had a realistic and effective plan for increasing campus safety.

Gottlieb/Fetterman had a plan to walk around campus with security and identify the dark areas that need more light and the isolated areas that require call boxes. This would be a simple step toward increasing campus safety.

Norton/Moscona should ask Gottlieb and Fetterman to help implement this plan at Notre Dame. The running-up of Bryan Becker and Nikki McCard should also not be ignored by Norton/Moscona. Plans to bring back Safe2Alert and elect more student representatives to the Campus Life Council are fresh solutions to old problems.

Norton/Moscona have the experience and the insider knowledge to solve the problems facing Notre Dame today. They must not forget, however, to add new ideas and new programs to ensure student government does not go stale.

Remembering Junior Parent’s Weekend

Junior Parent’s Weekend is an extremely worthwhile way for Notre Dame students to show a moment with their parents and University officials. The events allow the University to promote itself and give students the opportunity to showcase their colleges and their families.

I recently came upon a photograph of my family speaking to then University President Father Theodore Hesburgh during my Junior Parent’s Weekend more than two decades ago. The photograph, however, jogged my memory in quite a different way than expected.

Since I served as the chairman of the weekend’s events, I should have been able to remember my family sitting with University officials at the head table, about the countless hours of hard work our committee performed to secure hotel reservations and organize a concert, about the beautifully decorated mass or about the food at the Sunday morning breakfast where those who should have been sitting at the head table, sat in the audience.

I thought about another weekend in my life when my father was sitting at my desk. Their positions in the office were symbols of his love for me, which made them the hardest items for me to pack.

Throughout it all, the most personal item I handled was my father’s handwritten calendar showing his hospital and surgical appointments the week before, along with future events he expected to attend in June and July. How I wished that I had one more hour from that calendar, any hour, to speak with him. I wish now that I had spent more personal time with him during my Junior Parent’s Weekend rather than serving as the chair of the events.

Today I think of my father lost both of his parents before he reached the age of 30. How unfair it seems since I enjoyed his company for almost 50 years. I also think of my dentist, my classmates since first grade, who called himself “an orphan” when both of his parents passed away a dozen years ago. At the time, those words seemed so weak to me — they had little meaning since my parents were still with me.

It is truly tragic that most of us take family and friends for granted until one of them passes away. We are asked why it happened and how unfair it was. They serve as stark reminders for us to make our relationships now, to pay closer attention to the relationships that life provides.

I hope that this writer can serve as a gentler version for juniors and their families who are celebrating this weekend.

For those who participate in the events this weekend, it will be the most exciting time of some of their lives. For the students who will participate in the weekend, it will be an exciting time of memories and friends. It will be the weekend of clearing out an office or cutting up a calendar years from now.

Gary J. Caruso, Notre Dame ’73, served in President Clinton’s administration as an intern news affairs director. His column appears every other Friday, and his Internet address is Hotline4dad.com.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Differentiating between the clothes and the person

Clothes do not define one's self

I am writing in response to Wednesday's letter about the message sent out by women's clothing on campus. I am the costume designer from "Guys and Dolls," responsible for dressing the "sinners." Ironically, the clothing used to outfit the hookers was obtained from student closets on campus. However, I do not feel that her insulting remarks were warranted.

As one person's outfit in context were meant to be suggestive, I do not think that choosing to wear such clothing should automatically associate a woman with any particular label. How dare one person pass judgment on another due to something as trivial as an article of clothing.

Not only are the girls wearing this "offensive" clothing some of the most intelligent and respectable young women I have ever met, but the girls who kindly lent their clothing to the show were as well. I think that one should not be quick to judge a girl by what she is wearing, but rather by the way she conducts herself.

I believe that a girl should be able to dress in any way in which she is comfortable, regardless of the criticism that may be wrought by an uneducated few. I am sorry that some people find a suggestive style of dress offensive, but a young woman has as much of a right to dress up as she does to wear jeans and a T-shirt to class.

For someone speaking of respect, she often forgets that everyone is deserving of a basic level of human respect. I find this more appalling than any tight, little tube top.

Kristin Kajalaik
Pangborn Hall
February 15, 2001

Reslife

Parital priorities leave students little choice

I was somewhat disillusioned when I read today's article on parital violations, particularly the portion about Michelle Merlo. I cannot believe that someone was given such a severe penalty for a parital violation that was discovered because she exited a male dorm during a fire alarm.

I had been under the mistaken impression that the University would consider the welfare of the individual in a case like this. I would think that a parital violator, who would most likely not have been caught had there not been a fire alarm, would be treated more lightly.

The forced move off-campus, eventually into another dorm, and then from her former hall is appalling. I don't know if the circumstences surrounding Michelle's case, but I know that almost anyone can fall asleep somewhere and wake up at an odd hour by accident. If it happens to be in a guy's (or girl's) dorm, who wouldn't want it out and leave after parital violations are over?

Rasiclly, if my understanding is correct, the University is saying, if you are breaking paritals for whatever reason and a fire alarm goes off, you'd better not go outside, and you'd better believe that it's just a drill. Since if you do step outside, and someone in authority sees you, you will be mercilessly thrown in front of Residence Life and effectively ostracized from the community. I don't see the sense in that.

Sarah Ryan
Senior
February 16, 2001
Scene delves into the history of student government elections to

by TAI ROMERO
Scene Writer

Welcome to life at Notre Dame! Our campus is the home, sweet home of tradition, Abercrombie-clad boys and girls and perfectly manicured lawns. The cookie cutter status of our campus has been magnified by the recent Student Body president elections. With six tickets presenting relatively serious and realistic platforms, the student body has been deprived of the normal chuckles conjured by farcical candidates.

One noticeable change this time around was a ballot devoid of our annual circus of Zahm guys. No debates featured "Star Wars" characters or grandiose ideas of monkeys serving fruit from banana trees in SDH. Nor did any candidate propose the removal of the standard Notre Dame icon in favor of a green smily face. However, with the lack of humorous platforms this year, the student body thirst for tacky politics and bizarre antics has remained unquenched.

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Hungeling reports one of the proud moments of his administration as the day he took office. Despite the grandeur and fame of the presidency, Hungeling felt honored that an assassination attempt was made on his life at the open house he sponsored on the day of the turnover.

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uncover the uncanny, the unbelievable and the “Uncandidate”
No. 19 Irish start 2001 at Holiday Inn Invite

Special to The Observer

The No. 19-ranked Notre Dame softball team will begin the 2001 season this weekend, taking part in the Holiday Inn Invitational on the campus of the University of South Florida, Feb. 16-18.

The Irish will face a highly-competitive field, with Washington and No. 18 South Carolina in the tournament. Hofstra and South Florida also have received votes in the pre-season USA Today/NFCA Top 25.

Notre Dame posted a 17-7 (.708) record in five-inning tournaments last season, including capturing the 2000 State Line Classic tournament title with victories over Kentucky and Tennessee and two wins over new 2001 Big East conference member Virginia Tech.

Notre Dame, which finished the last season ranked 24th in the final USA Today/NFCA coaches’ poll, returns all nine starters from its 2000 Big East Conference title team last year. Led by captains Melanie Alkire, Danielle Klyman, Lizzy Lemire and Jenn Sharron, the Irish have been picked to repeat as Big East champions by a vote from the league’s coaches.

The Irish finished with a 14-2 record in Big East competition last season and swept through the Big East Championship in three games. Notre Dame outscored Boston College (5-2) and Connecticut (6-0, 7-2) 17 to earn its third consecutive conference championship title.

Seniors Melanie Alkire and Jenn Sharron became Notre Dame’s first All-Americans since 1996 by earning NFCA second-team All-American honors last year.

Alkire finished the 2000 season with 13 home runs, 64 RBIs and 73 hits. She also posted a 7-1 pitching record in 13 appearances with a 2.30 ERA, including a six-hitter against sixth-ranked and 2000 NCAA Champion Oklahoma on Mar. 18, 2000.

Sharron pitched 27 complete games last season, losing 24 strikeouts and posting a 0.88 ERA. In her career, the Agoura Hills, Calif., native has pitched 512 innings with 504 strikeouts and a 1.26 ERA.

The Irish are loaded with veteran players and talented underclassmen this season. Outfielder Jann Sharron, a returning player that return to the lineup this season, eight earned postseason accolades from the Big East conference.

Jen Sharron earned her third consecutive Big East Pitcher-of-the-Year Award and was picked by league coaches to repeat the honor once again in 2001.

Melanie Alkire earned her second consecutive Big East Player-of-the-Year Award last season and placed an explanation at conference honors by earning the Most Outstanding Player award at the 2000 Big East Championship.

Notre Dame head coach Liz Miller, entering her ninth season with the Irish, finished her 26th season as a collegiate head coach. She boasts a 564-291 (74.8) record over the last 25 years, 17 of which she coached at Lake Michigan College before heading to the Golden Dome in 1993.

In each of her previous eight seasons with the Irish, Miller has led her team to a conference title and the team has advanced to the NCAA tournament nine times.
HOCKEY

Irish travel to Ann Arbor with new-found playoff hopes

By JEFF BAL TRUZAK
Sports Writer

Last time it wasn’t pretty. Watching nine goals go in your own net never is.

Notre Dame travels to Ann Arbor, Mich., for a single game on today to face the fifth-ranked Michigan Wolverines. The Irish will look to do something they haven’t done since 1982 — win a regular season game at Yost Ice Arena.

On Jan. 23, the Wolverines thrashed the Irish 9-0, but Notre Dame is coming off a weekend sweep of Bowling Green, winning 3-2 and 5-3 at the Joyce Center last weekend. The Irish needed to win both games to remain in the playoff race.

The Irish are now 8-21-5 overall and 5-14-4 in CCHA play, good for a three-way tie for 10th with Lake Superior State and Bowling Green. Michigan is in second place in the CCHA and is coming off a split with Northern Michigan, winning 3-1 and losing 2-0.

With just five games remaining on the schedule, the Irish are feeling the playoff crunch. They need points, but it won’t be easy against the Wolverines.

Michigan has history on its side. The two teams have met 94 times in the all-time series with Michigan holding a 53-38-3 advantage and since ’92-’93, UM is 14-1-0 with the lone Irish win coming in the first game of the 1998 CCHA playoffs.

But if there were a time for the Irish to steal one against Michigan, Friday would be it. In a season with few peaks and many valleys, Notre Dame finds itself riding a peak after Bowling Green.

Freshman center Rob Globke, CCHA Rookie of the Week last week, returns to his home state following his most solid weekend yet. He netted two goals, including the game winner last Friday and had two assists in two wins against Bowling Green. Globke is tied for the team lead with 14 goals this season, the most goals for a Notre Dame freshman since 1984.

Also on a scoring tear is senior left winger Dan Carlson. He contributed three assists and a goal to the Irish cause against Bowling Green, to bring his season total to 36 points.

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**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

**Notre Dame travels to National Indoors**

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

This weekend the 11th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team heads to Wisconsin for the National Indoors, Championship from Feb. 15-18. The Irish face some of the top ranked teams in the country in the 16-team field.

After a successful weekend last week the Irish will be seeded in the 5-8 bracket and will take on No. 61 Virginia Tech, No. 8 Wake Forest, and No. 28 North Carolina. The No. 2-ranked Dasso has been rolling along this season with a 5-0 record in singles and is a major part of the team's success in dual play.

"She (Dasso) is a huge asset to the team, she really gets us going," said doubles partner Varnum, "I don't think we would be the same without her."

Also playing well lately is senior Kimberly Guy, who has moved up to the No. 5 singles spot and has a 9-0 dual match record so far this spring.

Guy started the spring by winning the second flight singles at the adidas Invitational in January. Since then she has gone undefeated in singles play. If the Irish get past the first round they will face the winner of the match between No. 2-ranked Georgia and host Wisconsin Friday. This will mark the eighth consecutive appearance for the Irish at the National Indoors.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Irish shouldn't overlook Pirates**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Seton Hall hasn't matched pre-season expectations, but that won't fool Notre Dame into overlooking the young but talented Pirates.

"They have weapons," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "Everybody's kind of, 'Poor Seton Hall,' but they're very talented."

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But the sophomore knocked off more than 12 seconds in the preliminary competition, and by swimming 4:54.82 earned NCAA finals consideration. Korti followed her performance with a 4:55.68 in the finals, fast enough for fifth place.

"I didn't even know what the cut was," she said. "I got out of the water, and they told me 'you got the cut.' I was just in awe—I was just unbelievable. I never thought I could swim that fast."

Heather Mattioli had an outstanding day on the three-meter springboard. She scored 467 points and placed sixth place, behind five sensational Miami divers.

She will compete again today in the one-meter competition. While the women had several outstanding individual performances, Weathers didn't seem that pleased with the overall effort.

"I was really disappointed in the 500 and in the sprint, but those have been problems all year long," he said. "We really missed Carrie today."

Before the standings were posted, Weathers said, "I don't even think we're in first."

He let out a visible sigh when meet officials announced that the Irish sat atop the scoreboard.

"We've got a tough road ahead of us if we want to win," he said.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Lindsay Moorhead finished just three tenths of a second behind Korti and placed seventh. But last year's Big East champion in the 500, Kristen Van Saun, who entered the competition seeded sixth, finished a disappointing 14th.

It was obvious that the Irish missed Nixon. Her time last year in the 50-yard freestyle, 22.58, was nearly three-quarters of a second faster than this year's champion. The only Irish entry in that event, Hulick, took 12th place with a personal best 23.92.

"We're satisfied with that," Weathers said. "That's about what we thought we'd get out of her. You can tell how much it hurts not having Carrie in that event and in the 200 free relay."

The 200-yard freestyle relay of Brooke Davey, Hulick, Sarah Bowman and Hecking took fifth place with a season-best time of 1:34.61, two seconds behind winner West Virginia.

The Irish will continue competition today and Saturday. Today's competition features a showdown between Labosky and Olympian Maddy Crippen in the 400-yard individual medley as well as the individual debut of Hecking, Lloyd, and Mungave in their specialty events.

The competition continues today and ends on Saturday. The Irish have finished second for the last two seasons at this meet.

"We're always a little sluggish on the first day," junior Jonathan Pierce said. "It's tough getting accustomed to the pool. And we have 28 guys here and 15 are first-timers."

Pierce, a junior, had no trouble adjusting to the new settings. His clocking of 4:27.39 was good for third in the 500-yard freestyle and it also broke his own school-record by nearly three seconds.

Pierce's time also placed him in consideration for the NCAA finals. If he meets the first time an Irish swimmer has ever been under the consideration time in the 500 freestyle. He led the race for 15 of the 26 laps but St. John's Michael Szapiel and Duke's John Linkszmann caught Pierce in the final 150 yards. Notre Dame freshman Matt Obringer placed eighth with a season's best time of 4:34.60.

That was Pierce's plan tonight (to go out fast)," Notre Dame coach Tom Welsh said. "The other racers in the heat have been ahead of him all year. So part of John's strategy is to say 'be in the race.' It was a fabulous race."

Huesman may have surgery on his left shoulder in the next few weeks. But he plans on competing in today's three-meter event. Last year, Huesman placed fourth in the three-meter competition. Pierce: "You're always a little sluggish on the first day," Junior Jonathan Pierce said. "It's tough getting accustomed to the pool. And we have 28 guys here and 15 are first-timers."
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame faces tough late season contest at Rutgers

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

The last time Rutgers and Notre Dame met, Scarlet Knights' coach Vivian Stringer thought her team played like it was intimidated.

Suffering a 21-point loss to the Irish at the Joyce Center Jan. 6, the Scarlet Knights could not hit their shots and were not tight enough on defense.

But a lot has happened in a month.

Still undefeated, Notre Dame has jumped from No. 3 to No. 1 in the polls while Rutgers has fallen from No. 9 to the 11th spot. And after a devastating 70-45 loss to No. 3 Connecticut on Wednesday, the Scarlet Knights are heading for another demotion in the rankings unless they can pull off an upset Saturday which no other team has been able to — a win against the Irish.

"I think they'll come out and play a lot harder than they did last time," Ericka Haney said. "It would be good for them to have a win over a top ranked team."

The Irish, as usual, are up for the challenge.

After a week-long rest, the Irish hit the court again Wednesday with a solid 75-61 win against unranked Syracuse.

Using a balanced attack, four starters scored in double figures, with Riley leading the pack netting 24 points.

Despite the team effort, the Irish need to stay steady as they round out the remainder of the regular season. As the team to beat across the country, the Irish need to stay motivated and not fall into a complacent routine.

"We just need to stay focused," Haney said. "We need to go in there and play hard."

The Scarlet Knights will have to pay special attention to their defensive strategy if they hope to stifle the Irish offense.

Rutgers failed to shut down Connecticut's 3-point shooting in their last outing, allowing the Huskies to bury 8-11 attempts in the second half and put away the game. Behind-the-arc shooting is also a strength of the Irish. Guards Alicia Ratay, with a 56 percent shooting average from behind the arc, and Niele Ivey at an even 50 percent pose big threats for the Rutgers defense.

The Scarlet Knights also had trouble shutting down Notre Dame's offensive power under the basket in the teams' last meeting. Center Ruth Riley and forward Kelley Siemon combined for half of Notre Dame's 67 points.

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When the Irish women's track and field team steps onto the track Saturday for day one of the Big East Indoor Championships they will be relying on youth to improve upon last season's sixth-place finish.

Two sophomores provide hope for the Irish in multiple events. Sophomore Tameisha King will compete in the 60-meter dash, the 60-meter hurdles and her specialty, the long jump.

King's season-best mark of 6.60 meters sends her first in the long jump entering the meet. King also will be right in the hunt in the hurdles, where she is currently ranked fifth. Three tenths of a second behind Charmaine Walker in the dash, King's time of 7.56 seconds is currently ranked third.

"Tameisha is going to have to score in two of her three events," said Irish head coach Joe Winsor.

The long jump for Notre Dame is "Jaime's a heck of a competitor," Winsor said. "She went into the outdoor Big East last year ranked No. 2 and she won it.""Volker enters the meet ranked No. 14 in the triple jump, but remains in striking distance. Junior Liz Grow enters the meet with by far the best time in the field this season, both running on this type of person that needs to be busy," Winsor said. "He's not going to walk off with quite a few points in the triple jump. That's not a pleasant news," said Irish field events coach Scott Winsor.

"We're relatively inexperienced, both running on this type of track and running in a Big East Championship type atmosphere," said Irish sprinters and hurdles coach John Millar. "I'm hoping both can reach the finals."

In the distance races, sophomores Jenn Handley will compete in the 3,000 meters Sunday along-side senior Chrissy Kuenster. Kuenster will be competing one day after running the 5,000-meter race.

First-year student Emily Bienko will step into the ring to throw the shot put for the Irish. Bienko competed in the pentathlon for the Irish three of the last four years and is familiar with the Big East meet environment.

"I know she hasn't had the training under her belt that she has in the past, but if anybody can do it she can do it," Winsor said of Bienko. "It's going to take a good throw, but she has the ability to score."

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Loss puts slumping Belles in cellar

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Going into halftime of Wednesday night’s contest against Adrian College, Saint Mary’s was facing a point deficit larger than the num­ber of minutes left to play.

With 20 minutes left in the game, the Belles were losing in the Bulldogs 40-19. They never recovered.

A 36-point second half performance by the Belles wasn’t enough to top Adrian, as Saint Mary’s dropped another MIAA contest 75-55. The loss dropped the Belles to last place in the league.

Coming off a victory against Olivet Saturday, Saint Mary’s looked for a win Wednesday night. But, 25 percent shooting in the first half wasn’t enough to get that victory.

“We’ve been doing a much better job handling the pressure and different defenses and attacking and being aggressive,” Smith said earlier this week.

The Adrian offense got around the Saint Mary’s defense to score 40 points in the first half, shooting nearly 50 percent from the field.

Senior guard Julie Norman led the Bulldog attack — making seven 2-pointers and claiming two of Adrian’s seven 3-point shots.

Adrian’s other leading scorers came off of the bench. Guards freshman Kersten Larsen and junior Angie Benefield each added 14 points to the Adrian victory.

At the Saint Mary’s bench scored only 12 points. Senior starting guard Julie Norman led the Belles offensively, scoring 16 points. Kelly Roberts and Mary Campione each chipped in 10 points.

Kelly Roberts — who grabbed eight of Saint Mary’s 37 rebounds — led Saint Mary’s defensively.

Saturday the Belles will play their final game of the season on the road against the Kalamazoo Hornets. This will be the last opportunity for the Belles to try to move up in the MIAA tournament bracket.

If Saint Mary’s drops Saturday’s game, the Belles will face the No. 1 ranked Flying Dutch of Hope in the first round of play. However, if Saint Mary’s can come up with a win, and Adrian loses, the team may face Alma instead.

The last time the Belles faced the Hornets, they dropped the game 64-48, wrapping up round one of MIAA play at home. However, Smith believes her team plays better on the road.

“I always think we play a little better on the road,” she said.

Tip-off is at 3 p.m. at Kalamazoo.

Norman has life-long love of basketball

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary’s Editor

When Julie Norman gets tired from juggling her internship, basketball practice and a full class load, she thinks of the last line of a poem her friend gave her: "We are what few can claim — college athletes."

"That poem just means a lot to me; it fits me," said Norman, the lone senior on the Belles’ basketball team. "I mean, I’m not out there for the recognition or because I’m trying to move on or because I’m here on full scholarship. I’m out there because I love the game."

For Norman, basketball has always been one of the things that she focuses on. In her earlier basketball days, Norman and her best friend were the only two girls in a YMCA league. They played together on the same team during the first grade.

"One of my friends still remembers pushing me down from that basket," she said. "He still apologizes because he thought I hated him.

With three sisters and a father who played basketball, Norman was bound to be involved in the sport.

"My dad always jokes around about having four girls and how he turned us all into athletes," Norman said.

That love of the game carries on to the court where Norman plays with intensity and drive, according to Susan Smith, Norman’s coach.

"Julie is definitely a leader," Smith said. "She brings a lot of intensity to the court. She’s very focused."

"My style of play is to be aggressive," Norman said. "I like to make things happen by being aggressive and taking it to the other team. There’s no sense in just sitting there."

For four years, Norman has been an integral part of the Saint Mary’s basketball team. For the past two years, she has been looked on to carry the leadership role on this year’s senior team. Last season, she was the only junior on a team filled with only senior members.

"I feel like I’ve been in this position for two years," Norman said. "It can be hard at times, because you have to deal with your senior year and there are academic and social issues that come with that. There’s really no one there who is going through the same thing."

She feels a strong bond to her teammates, even with the difficulties that come with leading alone.

"So many of the juniors came in as recruits and they stayed on campus with me," she said. "They’re not only my teammates, they’re some of my closest friends."

Playing for four years in an athletic program that has undergone enormous changes has brought both difficulties and rewards for Norman. A new athletic director, coaching staff and countless new staff and players have given Saint Mary’s athletics a new face.

"I have been fortunate to be here during a time of such changes," she said. "When I was a freshman, we were playing with 12-year-old uniforms, and playing on a rubber floor that gave me bad shin splints. Lynn [Kachamarik, the Belles’ new Athletic Director] has been the driving force to all these changes. She lives and breathes Belles athletics."

Norman leads on the court for more reasons than being a senior. Her skills on the court have been looked on for four years, offensively and defensively.

She was an All-MIAA Team Honorable Mention during the 98-99 and 99-00 seasons.

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Polo
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In 1996, the Notre Dame Women's Water Polo team was one of the original members of what would eventually become the Midwestern Division of the Collegiate Water Polo Association (NWPA).

Although the women's team still scrimmages with the men's team once in a while, the women have improved substantially since the team's inception.

Senior captain Lisa Thomas attributes the improvement to the fact that "water polo has gotten a lot more serious in the last few years. At most of the Ivy League schools, water polo is no longer a club sport."

Colleges are realizing that women's water polo is a great addition to any athletic program. It is expected that another 20-30 teams will move to varsity programs in the next few years.

Although the Notre Dame women's water polo team is competitive with Indiana and Michigan and easily beat Purdue and Wisconsin last year, it is still a club. "Sooner or later, if Notre Dame wants to keep competing at the level we have, we're going to have to look at going varsity," said Parolin. "We're not going to be able to keep playing the varsity teams if we're not getting the same funding and recruiting benefits."

Right now, however, the team's goals include beating Miami and improving on last year's seventh-place finish at Collegiate National Championships.

Saturday the Notre Dame women's water polo team takes on Purdue at 8 a.m., Northwestern at 10 a.m., Illinois at 3:30 p.m. and Grand Valley State at 6:30 p.m. at Rolf's Aquatic Center.

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BASEBALL

Irish return to Starkville, look to open 2001 with success

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Kicking off what looks to be a magical season for the Irish baseball team, the Irish head to Mississippi State on a magic bus. Notre Dame flies from Chicago to Memphis today, then takes a high-tech bus from Memphis to Starkville, Miss., where they will take part in a weekend tournament. The bus comes equipped with Direct TV and data ports, providing luxury for the four-hour drive.

"It’s unbelievable," said junior center-fielder Steve Stanley. "This guy that drives it his name is Everett. He really treats us first-class. It’s a great time.

Notre Dame opens its season Saturday against New Orleans in the same stadium where they ended their season last year. 2001 marks the first year in Notre Dame history that they open the season in the same stadium the previous season ended.

Taking on New Orleans has a special meaning for the Irish. New Orleans is coached by Randy Bush — who was a star pinch-hitter for the Minnesota Twins in the late 1980s as well as a New Orleans alumnus.

Bush also is best friends with Irish coach Paul Mainieri. Mainieri and Bush played together both at Miami-Dade North Community College and New Orleans. In fact, the two men served in each other’s wedding.

The Irish will battle fatigue on Saturday. Although the team is bright and early at 6 a.m. for practice both at Miami-Dade Community College and New Orleans, the team has a two-hour drive between the first and second-round of the Major League Baseball draft.

Heilman owns a 28-7 record and a 2.80 earned-run average during his three years on the mound.

Senior righthander Danny Tamayo proved to be an invaluable asset on the mound last season following Tommy John surgery that sidelined him early in his career. Tamayo pitched a three-hit shutout over Mississippi State in the NCAA Regionals last season.

The Irish offense returns seven starters — including two dangerous offensive weapons in senior shortstop Alec Porzel and sophomore righthander Brian Stavisky. Porzel led the team with 38 runs-batted-in while Stavisky slugged a team-high 14 home runs.

Juniors Paul O’Toole and Stanley will be looked upon to add speed to the Irish offense. Stanley led the team last season with a .362 average and 29 stolen bases. O’Toole provided strong defense behind the plate while slugging eight homers and swapping 16 bases.

The Irish face an uphill battle this weekend, as they take on two teams that have the advantage of year-round warm weather to practice outdoors. Stanley considers Notre Dame’s familiarity with Starkville will make up for any disadvantage in practice time.

"Going back to Starkville is going to help us, playing in a place we’re familiar with," said Stanley. "We’ve got seven starters in the lineup that started last year. We’ve got a great pitching staff, I don’t think not being outside is going to hurt us too much."

The Irish, on the other hand, return seven of nine starters from a 2000 squad that went 48-18 and was only one win away from the College World Series.

Senior All-American righthander Aaron Heilman surprised nearly everybody in the Notre Dame baseball community when he elected to return to Notre Dame for his senior year after being selected as a "sandwich pick" between the first- and second-round of the Major League Baseball draft.

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5. Moods 30. Units of wisdom?
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9. Swamp snapper 34. Isolated
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13. One may work with oils 36. "Li'l Abner"
14. Word after family or object 37. "Lilac" 15. as in bryophytes
16. Expert in 38. Story
17. He used to follow the news 39. Cried before a fall

**Horoscope**

**February 16, 2001**

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Keep your emotions in check. You may be subconsciously attempting to resolve some old issues with a new perspective. Be in better friendships and partnerships.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Don't travel unless you have no other choice. Make sure you are able to see where you are going. Not a good time to make financial gains.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): It is best to keep your emotions in check. You may have a desire to express yourself. You are likely to feel more effective when dealing with others.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Try to avoid any situations that might lead you down the wrong path. You may want to consider seeking professional advice to help you make better financial decisions.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep your emotions in check. This is a good time to pay off old debts and start fresh.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep your emotions in check. This is a good time to reflect on your personal financial situation. You may need to experience a change in your current financial status.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Handle all the details regarding your personal financial situation. You may need to experience a change in your current financial status.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your emotions in check. This is a good time to pay off old debts and start fresh.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your emotions in check. You may need to experience a change in your current financial status.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your emotions in check. You may need to experience a change in your current financial status.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your emotions in check. You may need to experience a change in your current financial status.

**Birthday Baby:** You have a zest for life, and your friends and family will find it easy to keep up with you. You are not one to brood and are eager to try new things. You are competitive, caring and sensitive. You do need advice. Check out Eugenia's Web site at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astrowoman.com.
Irish hold slim lead, break three school records

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y.
With 50 yards of freestyle left to go in the women’s 200-yard individual medley, it appeared as if the duel between Notre Dame Marie Labosky and Miami’s Jen Weir would be decided by fractions of a second.

After all, Labosky had pushed ahead of the wall a mere three hundredths of a second ahead of the Irish hold slim lead, break three school records...