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AND, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN
MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND.
The ride of a lifetime

I'm going to die. I'm going to die. We're all going to die.

These are the thoughts that raced through my head atop a 200-ft. roller coaster a few days ago. I gripped the handrails and braced myself for the 70 momentoir plunge. Hair in my sweat-soaked face, my heart leapt into my throat. Finally, the big drop was behind me.

As I realized that there were more I lessened my grip and let myself go.

I swallowed hard and let my screams turn to laughter. I looked ahead to the drops and corkscrews in front of me, and smiled.

Ironically, these are my feelings as I face the most dreaded two words any unemployed, loan-paying graduate encounters: real world.

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FRIDAY, MAY 18
2-4 p.m.
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS HONORS
CONVOCATION
Washington Hall
4 p.m.
BACCALAUREATE MASS
Angels Athletic Facility
9 p.m.-1 a.m.
GRADUATION DANCE
Joyce Center — North Dome
SATURDAY, MAY 19
8 a.m.
COMMISSIONING
Joyce Center — South Dome
10 a.m.
BID DAY SEND-OFF CEREMONY
Washington Hall
12 noon
COMMENCEMENT:
Concert of Laetare Medal
SUNDAY, MAY 20
9:45 and 11:45 a.m.
COMMENCEMENT LITURGY
Church of Loreto
12:15 p.m.
DISTRIBUTION OF BACHELOR AND MASTER HONORS
Joyce Center — North Dome. Guests may enter Gate 10.
2-4 p.m.
COMMENCEMENT AND CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS
Joyce Center — South Dome
LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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Higgins wins Laetare Medal

By ALISON TOMME

Monsignor George Higgins can now include himself in the company of former President John F. Kennedy, social activist Sister Helen Prejean and Catholic Worker founder Dorothy Day as the recipient of the University's Laetare Medal for the year 2001, Higgins has distinguished himself as a prominent and honorable American Catholic.

"I look at the list of who's received it before — someone I've known personally or by reputation — and they are very distinguished," he said. "It feels very humbling to be in the same category."

The Laetare Medal, the oldest and most prestigious mark of distinction among Catholics, was awarded to Higgins for his work as a scholar, activist and labor priest within the Catholic Church of America. He will receive the medal on May 20th during the University's 156th Commencement proceedings.

"The long career of George Higgins shows how an ardent embrace of Catholic doctrine intensifies the hunger and thirst for justice," said University President Father Edward Malloy. "We want to honor him for following Jesus, a carpenter's son, and heedng a vocation to serve his Lord in the workers of the world."

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“I think most importantly, I’ve grown up a lot over the last four years. I have a much stronger sense of myself, what’s important to me, and what I want to do with my life,” said Notre Dame senior Joe Napolitano.

“I don’t think I could say enough good things, actually. I loved it here, I’ve had a great time. I know that I’ve changed over the past four years — I have gained self confidence like no other — I feel like a totally different person than when I came here," said Saint Mary’s former student body president, Crisie Benner.

The friends met in class, at a party, an SYR, or maybe just by walking around campus are all a part of what makes the experience a rich and unfladable one.

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Madison, Bush to deliver Commencement speeches

**LA TV president speaks at SMC**

Paula Madison, president and general manager of KNBC-TV in Los Angeles, will deliver the Commencement address at Saint Mary's Graduation ceremony. In addition to her duties at KNBC-TV, Madison also serves as the vice president of diversity for NBC, making her the first African-American woman to become a network-owned station in a top-five market.

"She is one of the few women in the position she has," College President Marilou Eldred said. "And as far as we can tell, she holds the highest rank of any minority person in her field."

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**Bush is fifth president to speak to ND graduates**

President George W. Bush will join the ranks of Dwight Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and his father, George Bush Sr., as he becomes the fifth American president to speak at a Notre Dame Commencement ceremony.

Several Notre Dame alumni in Congress, including Tim Roemer who district includes Notre Dame, and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, a former member of the Board of Trustees, recruited Bush as this year's primary Commencement speaker.

The topics Bush will discuss in his speech have not yet been released, but Dennis Brown, associate director of Notre Dame Public Relations, said he is sure the speech will focus on the seniors. "For most seniors, this is the high point in their lives," Brown said. "We are extremely proud of them and their achievements, and the University does its best to keep them at the forefront."

Protestors object to decision to honor Bush

By KERRY SMITH

The administration's decision to invite President Bush to give the Commencement address and award him an honorary doctor of laws at Commencement has sparked controversy from within the University community.

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"Madame really believe George W. Bush is a role model for the graduating class — someone worthy of an honorary degree?" Walshe said. "Commencement is a time to celebrate the values of the University and President Bush is incapable of doing this."

With 667 signatures, the petition to have Bush speak at the ceremony has drawn attention from within the University community.

"We hope President Bush will recognize that Notre Dame's mission as a Catholic university will not be served by awarding him an honorary degree?" Walshe said. "As an adamant supporter of capital punishment, he stands in fundamental opposition to the U.S. Catholic Bishops and Pope John Paul II ... The petition could also have drawn attention to President Bush's derisory contribution of $200 million of the international fund to counter the AIDS pandemic in Africa."

Petition supporters will protest Sunday in two ways. Some will gather at Leeper Park in the morning and march to the Joyce Center, where they will hold a rally and hand out leaflets to those entering the graduation.

The rally will include speeches on what protesters think are four contradictions between Catholic values and Bush's policies: labor, the environment, capital punishment and the military.

Protestors attending graduation will wear white armbands and/or white tape on their mortarboards signifying opposition to the administration's choice of a commencement speaker.

According to Walshe, Malloy defended his administration's decision to honor Bush in a letter to a concerned alum.

"Malloy has written a perfunctory, less than thoughtful, four-sentence response to a long and carefully argued letter from an alumna explaining why he considered the invitation to President Bush to be totally inappropriate," Walshe said.

"Malloy wrote: 'In inviting President Bush, we honor the office he holds, rather than any particular policy choices he makes as our national leader.' Had Bush been pro-choice he would not have been invited. That he seriously disregards Catholic social teaching in a host of other policy decisions has been ignored."

Opposition to Bush does not stop at members of the Notre Dame community. Other protestors are expected, including members of the Indiana chapter of the American Atheist Organization.

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Thank you for your years of dedication, friendship, and commitment to quality journalism. You will be missed. Best wishes for the future from the 2001-2002 staff.
Trustees reject Big Ten membership

February 8, 1999

Fearing the loss of a unique identity as a university, the Notre Dame Board of Trustees voted against joining the Big Ten conference.

"The Board of Trustees affirmed the recommendation of the Officers that Notre Dame should retain its institutional independence," said University President Father Edward Malloy. "The decision was complex. It transcended many individual factors, academic and athletic. The ultimate [rational] behind the decision lies in a loss of institutional identity."

If Notre Dame had joined the Big Ten it would have been one of only two private universities and the only member with a religious affiliation.

Notre Dame as a core identity: Catholic, private and independent. An association with the Big Ten would only involve one element of that identity, independence," said Malloy. "In our deliberations about joining the Big Ten, there was never the concern for our Catholic character being diminished."

"Fiscal factors were not a decisive determinant in the decision," Malloy added.

Provost Nathan Hatch pointed out that other universities struggle to achieve "officers of other universities toss and turn at night, trying to figure out how to make their institution unique," said Hatch.

The Board of Fellows, the highest decision-making body at the University who are also responsible for appointing the Board of Trustees, decided against membership in the Big Ten Dec. 1, 1998. Their decision, however, was kept secret pending approval by the board of Trustees.

Bridget's closes after police raid

Feb. 2, 1998

More than 165 patrons received citations for underage drinking at Bridget McGuire's Filling Station when local and state excise the raid led the bar. Police cited Bridget's for violations of state liquor laws and management, according to the establishment.

SMC cancels 'Monologues'

Jan. 22, 2001

College President Marilou Eldred informed the student organizers of "The Vagina Monologues" that the play would not make a reappearance on campus and subsequently spurred works of controversy.

Students held a speak-out, staged a sit-in, and finally performed the play in the lobby of Regina Hall.

Kinder becomes first female Guad

Sept. 2, 2001

Molly Kinder, a 6-foot-3 junior, became the first female to join the prestigious group of 10 students since the beginning of the Irish Guard 51-years ago.

Although she auditioned for the Guard and did not make the cut during the fall of her junior year, Kinder made the squad on her second try this fall.

NCAA sanctions ND for violations

Jan. 19, 2000

The NCAA handed Notre Dame its first ever major violation in connection with Kimberley Dunbar's gifts to a number of Irish football players. Dunbar's mother is a member of the Quarterback Club and made her official University representative, said the NCAA.

The University lost two scholarships and received a two-year probation.

Eldred denies The Alliance

Feb. 27, 1998

President Marilou Eldred denied official club status to The Alliance of Lesbian, Bisexual, Straight Women of Saint Mary's College after six months of deliberation.

Eldred claimed that other campus organizations were already meeting the proposed goals of The Alliance.

Garrick resigns to protest gay policy

March 19, 1998

Father David Garrick, assistant professor of communications and theatre, resigned in protest of the University's approach to gay and lesbian students and faculty.

Garrick said that, after coming out as a celibate homosexual in an April 1996 letter to The Observer, he was suspended from his duties.

Hesburgh receives medal

Aug. 23, 2000

University officials, Congressmen and former President Bill Clinton gathered in the U.S. Capitol rotunda July 13 to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of Notre Dame, for a lifetime of public service.

Norton elected first female pres.

Feb. 15, 2001

This spring Brooke Norton accepted a position as female before she had held—student body president. Norton and her vice president Brian Kinder won 56 percent of the votes.

Norton is also the first incumbent vice president to win the position of president since 1972.

Master Plan building begins

March 30, 2001

Saint Mary's officials broke ground on the new D'Alleva's Coffeehouse and Welcome Center, marking the beginning of a 10-year plan to renovate the Saint Mary's campus.

The Year
2000

Women's basketball head coach Muffet McGraw and the players gather around the NCAA championship trophy after their 68-66 victory over Purdue in St. Louis April 1. When team returned to campus that night they were welcomed by more than 1,500 cheering fans.

By KATE NAGENGAST
Associate News Editor

Sea of Red
The joys and frustrations of this Notre Dame football season began long before the team's crushing defeat at the Fiesta Bowl. The season's most anticipated game, when the Fighting Irish took on No. 1-ranked Nebraska Sept. 9, was played before a sea of red T-shirts and screaming 'Huskers — though the game actually happened in the House that Rockne Built.

Pre-game hype included ESPN's GameDay coverage from in front of Touchdown Jesus and a pep rally in the Stadium rather than the Joyce Center to accommodate fireworks and Dick Vitale's energy. But because of thousands of tickets usually reserved for Notre Dame fans were sold to Nebraska fans, season ending injuries for defensive end Grant Irons and quarterback Arnaz Battle and an overtime, three-point loss to Nebraska, Irish fans returned home torn between feelings of pride in the team's talent and shame about the greed of Irish ticket holders.

SMC shirt cases controversy
Saint Mary's junior class stirred controversy on both the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses this fall when its class T-shirt was printed with an imitation of the painting "Il Bacio" on it. The painting on the shirt was altered to depict a young boy wearing a Notre Dame shirt kissing a girl in a shirt with the Saint Mary's French Cross while a girl in a Notre Dame shirt looks on. The text around the altered painting read, "SMC 2002 ... Girl of Choice."

Saint Mary's Board of Governance prevented the sale of the T-shirt, citing potential repercussions it could have on gender relations between the College and the University. Although the junior class board held a forum to protest the decision, claiming it was censorship for BOG to stop their sales, BOG absorbed the $1,300 cost for the shirts' printing and the shirts were never distributed.

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Busted Bars
Going down in history with Bridget McGuire's and ICONN as busted student bars, Finnigan's and Benchwarmer's both experienced late night raids this year — the Finnigan's supernatural Oct. 13 bust resulted in 147 citations, while the Benchwarmer's Jan. 25 raid cited 18 students.

Although neither Finnigan's nor Benchwarmer's lost their liquor licenses, the Notre Dame students present at Finnigan's paid $100 fines to the University in addition to the $220 court fee and 40 hours of community service most of the students received as "minor in a tavern." A minor in a tavern charge is a Class C misdemeanor under Indiana State Law that can carry repercussions including fines up to $500, six months in jail or loss of a driver's license.

Although Jeff Shoup, director of Residence Life, could not...
comment specifically on the punishments for underage students at Benchwarmer’s he said the office typically considers previous cases of a similar nature when determining punishments.

Saint Mary’s students were only punished by state law, not the College.

**Lieberman visits campus**

During his travels as the Democratic vice-presidential candidate, Senator Joseph Lieberman spoke at Washington Hall as a somewhat hostile audience of Notre Dame community members.

His speech about America’s moral uncertainty and the country’s definite need to return to faith and values in a public dialogue was interrupted by a series of "What about abortion?" from student candidates Steve Sanchez, Sanchez and members of organizations like Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s Right to Life, the Progressive Student Alliance and the United Muslim Association also presented signs, banners, pins and songs outside the auditorium before and during his speech.

**Eldred bans "Monologues"**

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Upset by the sudden ban and the administration’s unwillingness to explain their reasoning for the ban, students held a speak-out at Dalloway’s on Jan. 29 and representatives from CARE met with Eldred on Jan. 31. When the administration changed its position in January, nearly 40 students staged a sit-in outside the Office of the President in LeMans Hall and presented a petition with nearly 300 signatures supporting the performance on Feb. 9. By the end of February the play was still forbidden as an organized event. Left without an alternative and unwilling to abandon the “Monologues” entirely, 20 women from the Notre Dame’s academic community performed the play for more than 150 students, faculty and friends members in the lobby of Regina Hall Feb. 19.

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**Leukemia claims two students**

The Notre Dame Family lost two members of this year’s junior class to leukemia — Brienne Clary Sept. 20 and Conor Murphy Jan. 31.

Clary, an "enthusiastic" mechanical engineering student from Tyler, Texas and an active participant in interhall basketball, was re-diagnosed with the disease approximately one week before the beginning of the fall semester after going into remission during high school. A memorial mass was held Nov. 21.

After his condition inspired Charley, a 6-foot-3 basketball player and member of the Irish Guard this year. Above, she marches in the first home football game of the season versus Texas A&M Sept. 21.

After the team defeated the Fighting Illini 34-2 last April, the Observer+ asked the following question: "What does it mean to put on the Notre Dame uniform and into the Notre Dame Center for metastatic breast disease?" The White House showed their gratitude for the thrilling 34-2 win by offering Ryan Becker and Nikki McCord in the run-off election.

Likewise, Brooke Norton accepted a position on the team before her had held — that of student body president. After finishing in the top two in the primary, Norton and her vice president President Father EdwardMalloy announced his decision to become the 54th school in the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC) March 7. Malloy’s decision came after a year of anti-sweatshop campaigns by student activists. The University opted not to join the WRC last spring, but instead formed a task force that offered Malloy a confidential recommendation March 2.

Despite the University’s decision, a number of Notre Dame students performed "Monologues" in Cahoots at an April 23 demonstration Notre Dame had been in more than two years occurred Feb. 22. University President Father EdwardMalloy announced his decision to become the 54th school in the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC) March 7.

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Leukemia claims two students

The Notre Dame Family lost two members of this year’s junior class to leukemia — Brienne Clary Sept. 20 and Conor Murphy Jan. 31.

Clary, an "enthusiastic" mechanical engineering student from Tyler, Texas and an active participant in interhall basketball, was re-diagnosed with the disease approximately one week before the beginning of the fall semester after going into remission during high school. A memorial mass was held Nov. 21.

After his condition inspired Charley, a 6-foot-3 basketball player and member of the Irish Guard this year. Above, she marches in the first home football game of the season versus Texas A&M Sept. 21.

After the team defeated the Fighting Illini 34-2 last April, the Observer+ asked the following question: "What does it mean to put on the Notre Dame uniform and into the Notre Dame Center for metastatic breast disease?" The White House showed their gratitude for the thrilling 34-2 win by offering Ryan Becker and Nikki McCord in the run-off election.

Likewise, Brooke Norton accepted a position on the team before her had held — that of student body president. After finishing in the top two in the primary, Norton and her vice president President Father Edward Malloy announced his decision to become the 54th school in the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC) March 7.

Malloy’s decision came after a year of anti-sweatshop campaigns by student activists. The University opted not to join the WRC last spring, but instead formed a task force that offered Malloy a confidential recommendation March 2.

Despite the University’s decision, a number of Notre Dame students performed "Monologues" in Cahoots at an April 23 demonstration Notre Dame had been in more than two years occurred Feb. 22. University President Father Edward Malloy announced his decision to become the 54th school in the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC) March 7.

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Weir, Scheib to be honored as valedictorians

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When this year's graduating seniors first stepped on campus, they bought their books in a small cramped bookstore at the site of the Coleman-Morse center, the first freshmen to live in Knott and Welsh Family Halls and the first male freshmen to live in Knott and Siegfried Halls. The class was here through the renovation of the Main Building and South Dining Hall, the building of the Rods Sports Recreation Center and the opening of the newly renovated Notre Dame Stadium. When these new alumni return to the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses in a few years, even more transformations will have taken place.

Notre Dame’s math department and international studies department completed their move this week into the Hayes-Healy Hurley Hall. The international studies department was housed in the Main Building until its renovation four years ago, and then moved to Hurley Hall.

While Hurley was being renovated for the past two years, the department was housed in the Security Building, but is now in a more central location on campus. The London Program, formerly housed in O'Shaughnessy Hall, also moved to Hurley Hall.

"It will be very helpful to students to have all the international studies programs in one location," said Claudia Koelman, associate director of the international studies department.

The math department was housed in the Computing Center and Math Building (CCMB) since it was built in 1962 before being moved to the Hayes-Healy Center this week. The new facility provides more space and better facilities for the department.

"All of us are very happy with the move. You name it, we have it: better offices, better secretaries' offices, better seminar rooms and it's better lit. It's much nicer looking," said Juan Migliore, director of undergraduate studies for the math department.

In addition to better office facilities, there are classrooms in the building and more professors will be able to teach in the same building as their office.

"First year classes are more likely to be here ... more professors will be teaching in this building than in the CCMB," said Migliore.

Work will continue this summer on the new Malloy Hall, which will house the Philosophy and Theology buildings with a scheduled completion date of Aug. 1.

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For those of you who are graduating seniors, I hope that we have achieved our goal of providing you with an education that integrates the life of the mind with the life of the heart. May your commitment to your faith in God and to the service of God's people match your dedication to your chosen vocation and profession. We have high expectations of our graduates. The tremendous contribution that our alumni make to society and to the Church is a testament to the importance of these high expectations.

For those of you leaving with graduate and professional degrees, I hope that you will carry with you the best of our traditions as they relate to your discipline. If you bring to your chosen field a strong set of ethical convictions and a commitment to justice, you will represent the very best of Notre Dame.

May Our Lady, Notre Dame, continue to watch over you in the years ahead. We are blessed to have you as members of the Notre Dame family.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C.
Vice President for Student Affairs
Notre Dame alumnus still missing in La Paz, Bolivia

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

An FBI team has left Bolivia after investigating the disappearance of a 1999 Notre Dame graduate and Peace Corps volunteer who has been missing for seven weeks.

Peace Corps officials remain concerned about the disappearance of University alumnus Walter Poirier and pledge to continue the investigation, according to a May 11 statement released by the organization.

"After two months of intensive investigation, and despite the best efforts of the U.S. embassy (in La Paz, Bolivia), the Bolivian police, Peace Corps search specialists and the FBI, we still do not know what has happened to Walter," officials said in the statement.

Poirier disappeared on Feb. 22 in Bolivia's Zong Valley, where he worked on eco-tourism development projects. Poirier regularly traveled between La Paz and several villages in the valley.

"The FBI team reviewed all the investigative notes and evidence and conducted numerous interviews with residents of the Zong Valley," the release said. "To date, the FBI has uncovered no credible evidence of foul play in his disappearance."

Posters offering a reward for information leading to Poirier's whereabouts are being distributed throughout Bolivia, and the U.S. embassy will continue to work with the Bolivian media to publicize the disappearance and reward, according to the release.

The FBI's regional representative will make monthly trips to Bolivia to review the case and an FBI emergency response team will be on standby to return to Bolivia should any new leads develop, the release said.

About a month ago, two Notre Dame residence halls learned to organize a fundraiser to benefit a South Bend agency and raise awareness about Poirier's case.

The Dismas House fundraiser began in mid-April to collect proceeds for Dismas of Michiana, a local organization that reintroduces former offenders into society, and serve as a living prayer for Poirier.

Keenan and Zahm hall residents organized the campus-wide project, asking students to donate at least two dollars. Poirier is a former Zahm Hall president and Dismas staff member.

Organizers hoped to raise $15,000 through the effort, said Father Gary Chamberland, Keenan Hall rector. By Wednesday, they had collected about $6,000, he said.

"We originally hoped to raise $15,000, but maybe that wasn't realistic to expect," Chamberland said. "We also hoped that this project would raise awareness about Wally's situation, and I hope we did that."

NEWS BRIEFS

Senior to make presentation at Cambridge: Saint Mary's senior Alyson Leatherman will spend her summer not only preparing for the work world, but also preparing a presentation for the Popular Culture Association International Conference at Cambridge in England. Leatherman will present her paper on the role of Osborne Liquor Company's advertising in southern Spain. The company's giant bulls have become more than just an effective ad campaign, according to Leatherman's paper, they are part of the cultural identity of many people in southern Spain.

Provost Nathan Hatch gets reappointment: Notre Dame's Board of Trustees has elected University Provost Nathan Hatch to a second five-year term in his current post. Hatch, provost since 1996, serves as the University's second-ranking administrator and chief academic officer. His reappointment follows the Trustees' review of recommendations from University PresidentFather Edward Malloyand an elected faculty committee charged with conducting a formal review of Hatch's performance.

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Graduating seniors leave behind lasting contributions

**NDToday.com offers students valuable services**

By SAM DERHEIMER
New Writer

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The following events are happening at The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore:

Friday, May 18, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mary Catherine Hilkert, University of Notre Dame Professor, will be signing *Speaking with Authority*.

Friday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m., Jim Connelly and Donna Jones join us for a discussion and book signing. They will be discussing *One More Sunset*, a poignant and inspirational affirmation of the human spirit.

Saturday, May 19, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Father Bill Miscamble, C.S.C. will be signing his latest book, *Keeping the Faith Making a Difference*. It is a book that is a challenging but affirming message to young people, encouraging their positive contribution to society.

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Hall director, 4 rectors to leave Saint Mary’s, Notre Dame

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER

Students who return to Howard, Keough, LeMann, Lyons and Sorin halls next fall will find a new face greeting them in their dorms as four rectors and one residence hall director will leave campus for new positions.

Sister Kathleen Beatty is leaving Lyons Hall to be closer to her family, and will become a campus for new positions. Sister Beatty is leaving Lyons Hall to be closer to her family, and will become a pastoral associate at St. Catherine of Siena parish in Clearwater, Fla. "I left home at age 18 and entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph and I haven't been close to home since then. It's not the place that I would want to live, but there is a family need for me to be close to home," said Beatty. During her 10-year term as rector of Lyons, Beatty also served as the advisor to Amnesty International and taught three semesters of a University seminar. In her new role as pastoral associate, she will work in a parish that serves 3,000 families.

"It is an open-ended position, but some of the things that I will be doing are visiting people who are shut-ins and conducting an adult bible study," said Beatty. Beatty says her departure from Notre Dame will be bittersweet. "It's going to be difficult. I have been connected with this University since 1979, but I have to help my family. I will miss the students," said Beatty. Sean Seymour has served the men of Sorin Hall for the last four years — three as an assistant rector and this year as a rector. He is graduating Sunday with a PhD in chemistry and will be a postdoctoral research associate at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind.

In addition to serving on the residence hall staff, Seymour has worked as a teaching assistant in the chemistry department and in course development. "It kept me busy, but it gives me a unique perspective on the University to work in both a residence hall and in the classroom," said Seymour. Seymour lived in Sorin for four years of his five years as a graduate student, but at Rose-Hulman he will not work in a residence hall. "I have lived in Sorin for four years, and have become somewhat attached to the dorm, but life moves on," said Seymour. After serving as a hall director at LeMann Hall for two years, Sara Scalzo will be leaving Saint Mary's to become an assistant director of Student Life at Loyola University in Baltimore. Her new position will be similar to the one she fulfills here, but she will have more responsibilities, including supervising graduate students.

"I have mixed emotions. I am excited for myself professionally, but I will miss the students and the relationships I've developed here over the last two years," said Scalzo. Father Tom Doyle has spent a total of 13 years at Notre Dame — five as Keough Hall rector. He will leave pursue an MBA at Harvard Business School. While studying at Harvard, he will serve in a Boston area parish. "I will primarily be pursuing my MBA and just assisting in a parish in the Boston area. Probably just by nature, I'll be involved in the business school community, but not in an official capacity," said Doyle. Although Doyle may eventually return to Notre Dame, that decision must be made by the Congregation of the Holy Cross. "It was difficult but also beautiful. It was hard especially this year because usually you say 'I'll see you after the summer,' but this year it wasn't so certain. I am excited for them, and I am not worried about the future of the hall, but it is hard to leave," said Doyle. Howard Hall Rector Sister Anne Dougherty, a Franciscan sister, is transferring to St. Bonaventure University after being appointed vice president for university ministries, which entails overseeing the campus ministry department and social concerns center. The offer took her by surprise, because this was her first year at Howard; her contract here was supposed to last three years. Although Dougherty loves Notre Dame, she said she is looking forward to the more intimate nature of St. Bonaventure.

Andrew Thagard contributed to this report.

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Group files complaint against College

*Saint Mary's accused of failing to report rapes*

By MYRA McGRIFF

Saint Mary's Editor

Security on Campus, Inc. (SOC), a non-profit watchdog organization, filed a complaint of fraud with the U.S. Department of Education (DOE), accusing the College of violating federal laws pertaining to the reporting and disclosure of sexual assaults on campus.

In the complaint filed May 8, SOC alleges that Saint Mary's violated the 1990 Clery Act which requires schools to provide campus crime statistics and warnings of on-going threats to students. The complaint alleges Saint Mary's failed to report at least two sexual offenses in security reports, failed to categorize crimes accurately, failed to correctly identify crime locations and has both nonexistent and incomplete policy statements.

According to the act, colleges must include: the geographical actions in regard to crime reporting, crime locations and has both non-existent and incomplete policy statements.

The Office of Student Affairs would like to congratulate the following graduates:

**Andrea Mechenbier**, winner of the Collins Award

**Paul Nebosky**, winner of the Gardner Award

**David Wyncott**, winner of the Student Affairs Special Recognition Award

**Jefferson named in civil rape suit**

By JASON McFARLEY

News Editor

A 19-year-old Saint Mary's student recently filed a lawsuit against Notre Dame football player Clifford Jefferson Jr., claiming he sexually assaulted her in March.

The freshman alleges Jefferson raped her on March 21 at Saint Mary's. No criminal charges are pending against the senior junior back.

Contacted on Wednesday, Jefferson declined to comment on the civil suit. "I have no comment on that matter," he said.

While he said his refusal to comment was at the advice of his attorney, Jefferson would not disclose his counsel's name, claiming that he was "between lawyers right now."

On Wednesday, attorney Michael Anderson, who filed the suit in St. Joseph County Superior Court on behalf of the Saint Mary's student, did not return phone calls from The Observer.

A representative at the lawyer's law firm, Anderson, Agostino & Keller; said the suit seeks damages for medical bills incurred by the woman as well as physical and emotional suffering. The suit also seeks damages to discourage her alleged assailant from future sexual assaults.

The representative said the woman met Jefferson at a downtown South Bend bar on the night of the alleged assault. She alleged Jefferson gave her a false name at the bar and later raped her on the Saint Mary's campus while she was passed out from the effects of alcohol.

According to the representative, there is little physical evidence because a local hospital did not complete a "rape kit" after the victim's friends took her to the hospital following the alleged incident.

Jefferson has reportedly denied the rape charge and claimed that the sex was consensual, the representative said.

University students who engage in pre-marital sex are subject to serious disciplinary action.

According to page 126 of the 2000-2001 edition of du Lac, "...the University believes that sexual union should occur only in marriage. Students found in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary suspension or permanent dismissal."

However, Jefferson said Wednesday that neither his status as a student nor as a football player has changed. Asked about procedure for handling lawsuits, Dennis Moore, Notre Dame director of public relations and information, said it is not the University's policy to intercede in cases in which it is not specifically involved as a party.
Our day has come. After four years of papers, tests, late nights of studying, classes, meetings, parties, and countless other activities unique to each of our own lives, we, the members of the Class of 2001, have reached the end of the Notre Dame road. The last chapter of collegiate books has closed, literally and figuratively.

As I reflect on this awareness, I can't help but be at least somewhat unhappy. You see, Notre Dame has been a guiding force in my life for almost as long as I can remember. I decided I wanted to attend school in South Bend during my second campus visit — I was in the third grade at the time. As my family walked around the reflecting pool near the Hesburgh library, I told my father of my newfound ambition. He took this opportunity to inform me that grades such as the 'C' I had received in handwriting on my last report card wouldn't cut it for admission to ND.

"If it comes down to you and somebody else and you're equally good, they might look back to your last report card and say, ‘Gee, we better go with the other guy," he told me. I went back to Cincinnati resolved to improve my penmanship, soberly believing that poor grades in such an academically-indicative subject as handwriting could threaten my chances to study under the Golden Dome and feeling determined not to let my new dream be thwarted by such a silly fault.

A similar desire to end up here fueled my journey through freshman year. English in high school with the toughest teacher I've ever had (still) and through several weeks of late nights studying for my AP exams. Since I've been here, my purpose has been to succeed academically and personally — in essence, to make my Notre Dame experience live up to my expectations for it.

These things considered, I suppose it is not altogether unreasonable to feel just a hint of sadness at the realization that it is time for me to leave this University, which has been part of my dreams and my reality for the past 13 years. No longer can college life at Notre Dame be something I excitedly anticipate or blissfully live. Throughout the past two years, I have at every turn been painfully aware of my imminent departure — my last class, my last final and, in all likelihood, the last time that all of The Observer's most dedicated seniors will be gathered in one room, ever.

When I was eight years old, my mother found me crying one evening in my bed. It's true that I'm sad to go because I do not as long as there's fundraising to be done, and I can take heart in knowing that no matter where I go there will always be other Domers, ready and willing to relive their years here with me. After all, as Father Hesburgh told us during our 'Before You Go' Tour, "This place is part of you and you are part of it. You can't get away from it if you try."

Anne Marie Mattingly is graduating from Notre Dame with a degree in biology. She served as News Editor of The Observer last year and served her great college experience to God, her parents, her fellow Observerites, the McGlinn girls and Flats F.
What have we learned?

Mike Marchand
Senior
Columnist

I've spent a lot of time thinking about what I was going to write here, and all the big, long, important, wordy compositions that wind up on these pages are long-winded but very poetic speeches about what Notre Dame means and how we are going to act as we march into the real world. But I'm terrible at that kind of writing, so I'll spare you.

Another format is the "Survival Guide for Undergraduates" about how to endure the rigors of scholarship in one's final year. But having learned like I would like and the kind of copywriting that Phoenix Bennett — just plain wrong. As I write, I'm swirling in an insomnia-laden hell brought about by equal parts overwork, procrastination and just plain old dumb luck.

So as I devoted more and more thought to how I can boil down years of learning into readable words, it suddenly occurred to me that most of the things I've learned here have not been in classrooms. Who would think it, those boring old catchphrases at freshman Orientation turned out to be true. So, these are the lessons we've learned at Notre Dame that, at least in my mind, will stand out more in the future than anything I might have perused in some dusty textbook.

I learned from my professors that the only way to excel is by setting the bar high and then working your ass off towards those goals. And even though I thought I had this maxim pretty well drilled into my head, I'd watch as the bar would get set even higher the next week.

The women's basketball team showed that there is no joy more sublime than accomplishing those lofty goals after putting in the maximum effort. They also destroyed the stereotype that female athletes can't be beautiful, but I could write several columns on that alone.

Scott Delgadillo, the inspirational 14-year-old who spoke at the Purdue pep rally and passed away in January, taught me that there is no dream too big.

Those that ran "In Tribute Of Their Race" proved that the Notre Dame family "is alive and well, thank you very much. We are ND.

Mike Jones and Kelly Kinder taught me that there is a difference between breaking tradition and remaking tradition. I must admit that I was skeptical when I first heard that for the first time the famous Notre Dame pep pregame would be an African-American — I wondered whether or not it would "look right." But when he started opening up a can on the poor Kansas Jayhawk mascot in his first football game, I knew he was something special. His spirited, border-on-maniacal cheering is to aggravate students.

Glenn Earl taught me that when the rules in a certain situation are stupid, don't follow them. He was supposed to be the man who guarded against fake field goals, but since he knew there was no chance in hell the Air Force Academy would run one with the game on the line, he went for the block instead. Make no mistake, the Four Horsemen, Koute Rockne, George Gipp, Rudy, Touchdowns Jesus and the Hand of God had nothing to do with sending that ball skittering to nowhere. They were all simpletons.

The Notre Dame Security/Police gave me a couple schoolin's on how we can take it with us as we march into the real world. But I'm still here. Many of the compositions that wind up on these pages are less than productive — I've never officially met that I've always thought she has beautiful hair.

These things make me happy, and I think I might keep this philosophy indefinitely.

Nicole Rodgers
Junior
Off-campus
May 4, 2001

Four years' progression remembered

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I urge all speakers at the '01 convention to chastise Mr. Bush for his disgraceful conduct during the Florida recount, to hold him accountable for the loby campaign rhetoric he used to sway voters and to challenge this year's graduates to hold themselves to higher personal standards than the ones he holds for himself.

Richard Flint
Senior
Naperville, Ill.
Monday May 1, 2001

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Living for the moment

I spent last spring at an English university in London. Yes, it was fantastic, blah, blah — but that's not the point.

I felt like I had graduated, minus the "Pomp & Circumstance" (literally). No surveys filled out or silly hats. Few tearful good-byes. Away from most things related to the Golden Dome, I had a taste of the real world.

In the fall, it was as if I was blessed with a bonus year to come back and do all the things I really wanted to do. I promised myself that I would do what I felt like and make happen right then. Even if that was watching a movie with that person I know from psychology class instead of trekking to Coach's, or going out instead of making that club meeting.

Now that my graduation is truly here, I find that I don't regret a thing. Not even napping, wandering along the beaches, having late night laughing sessions when I should be sleeping, or being the only person on the quad, attending other people's lectures, chatting about how amazing God is, following my passion for ice cream, making friends with freshmen, wearing a flower behind my ear or telling the story of my life.

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Ten and a half years ago, I was introduced to Notre Dame on a place. It was October of 1990. I was 12. Notre Dame was No. 3 in the country and my dad was taking me to see the Irish play Stanford. It was the first time I had ever been to Notre Dame, and I didn’t really have much conception of it as a place. I knew it was where my dad had gone to college, but really all those two French words meant to me was the football team I watched every Saturday in the fall.

We got here on Friday afternoon walking around campus. We saw the Dome, the library, the bookstore. My dad told me stories of his days here back in the 60s, when Arce was coach and there weren’t any women around to keep things under control. He shared his memories of this place with me, hoping I would come to understand it.

The years went by. I came out to a few more games, I heard a few more stories, and my understanding grew a little. Maybe there was more than just football that went on at this Notre Dame place.

When it came time to start thinking about college, I thought about Notre Dame.

I knew it was a good school, but it was a long way from the mostly Jewish high school in Boston where, to a lot of people, Notre Dame meant little more than a football team that beat a couple of times. But those people just didn’t get it.

In the meantime, we had other plans. A special, a place, and another some-hings and having and decided to come here. My dad was thrilled. His son was joining the Notre Dame family, and he had an excuse to come to more football games. I, on the other hand, was a little more nervous.

But things worked out fine. After all the hubbub of Freshman Orientation and the first few weeks of school, I settled in a little at Notre Dame. This place became much more than just a football team to watch on Saturdays; it became a home.

And my understanding of it grew deeper. I walked around the taken on a clear night. I discussed spirituality in classrooms. I learned from the upperclassmen in my section TV Lounge. I did all the little things that you don’t see when you come to visit this school on a football weekend, but that make it an incredible place.

As four years flew by, I did more of those little things, and with and ate with in September of freshman year you have all the same guys I flew with and eat with today. May as much as my dad talks about Kevin and Jones and Kearns — the lifelong friends who are a part of his memories here — I have my own. Along the way I picked up a bunch of my own Notre Dame memories: late nights at The Observer, Fridays that end at the Backer, the Michigan game five years ago this weekend. Those are the memories that each of us share with nearly everyone who is even somewhat associated from this University: the way the sun reflects off the Dome on a nice day, trips to the Grotto on a quiet night, our first football game as a student. There are less tangible experiences that we have shared, too: that inexplicable spirit which pervades our student body, the bonds that form in our dorm life.

These are the things that generations of Notre Dame students share, the common threads holding each class together even as each class, and each person, forms their own experiences. I could call it the true meaning of the "Notre Dame Family," but that’s probably too clichéd; it is just what makes Notre Dame the unique place it is.

Ten and a half years ago, on a perfect October afternoon, my dad tried to impart to me an understanding of this place we all have to call home.

Now, after a set of Notre Dame experiences that were quite different, but also quite similar from his, I think I’ve got it.

Tim Logan is a former News Editor of The Observer. He would like to thank his dad for introducing him to this wonderful place, and his mom for always encouraging him to get her respect.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

I was astonished to hear that some people connected with the University were against the President of the United States speaking here. I thought it was a huge sign and confirmed the current national eminence of our school. But I guess I was wrong.

What has disturbed me the most is that people are afraid of President Bush to speak as graduation is faculty and graduate students. And once again I guess I am being silly, because all this time I thought graduation was something for graduating seniors. Don’t get me wrong, I have great respect for the students and the faculty here, but the ceremony is for them. We all have the chance of a lifetime to be at a commencement speech given by the leader of the free world. No matter what your political convictions are, I am sure everyone would respect him, I am sure Mr. Bush received many letters from Congressmen from many universities urging him to go to their alma mater. But he choose Notre Dame. I say for once be thankful of what we have here.

Matt Friedman

I have a real problem with the protest surrounding the decision to have President Bush as our commencement speaker. A few faculty members wrote a petition that can be found on-line.

The final line of the petition reads "We insist that all future invitation to commencement addresses be communicated to the campus community free of charge. We protest the decision to offer a degree in education, when education was a commitment to our "founding tradition of Catholicism,"" and ask to have our own "ruthless agenda,"" and is full of reductive generalizations that would normally strike the authors of this letter as being close to propaganda.

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Letter to the Editor

My mom's preschool class sings a song to close out their day that sums up much more eloquently than I could my feelings as I approach graduation. It goes as follows, "It's time to hate to leave, but it's time to go. I hate to leave, but it's time to go. I had so much fun that I want to stay, but I'll be back again someday. So long, so long, so long." My mother and I both think it is the best preschool graduation song ever. It seems to be relevant to a lot of people, especially high school seniors. A similar sentiment certainly could apply to many of you on the Observer staff. It is time to move on from this place and use the foundation that we have gained to prepare for whatever our futures hold.

Molly McVoy
Senior Staff Writer

The last four years have been an experience I would not Trade for anything. Saint Mary's College has given me the opportunity to mature, grow into my own, and meet some of the most wonderful people. I am extremely grateful for the connections I have made and will never forget the wonderful experience that I have had.

Molly Strzelecki
Senior Columnist

Thank you for coming to my party

I have had the fortune to write a fair amount of letters and papers in the past four years, but I don't think I ever had a more difficult time writing than with what I'm about to say. How anyone, even a psychology major with all his innate God-given ability, can sum up four years of thanks and praise into words baffles me. College has been a life rich and full of incident — and yet it should be and must be. Every day at this University has the potential to be memorable, and the biggest challenge to any student is not taking that for granted. A wise man once said, life here moves pretty fast. If you blink and look around, you might miss it. Or something to that effect.

But enough fortune cookie wisdom. As tempting as it is to talk about myself for everyone to read, I have a few people to thank and this is as good a place as any I think. I'd like to thank anyone who helped me get through four years of living with Brandon Zabrocki, from the body-painting first home game to the last game of darts we won on Wednesday night. I'm grateful for that help. Brandon isn't such a bad guy, and thanks to him for making me look like the normal one every once in a while.

Thanks to my psyche nerds for making some classes bearable and still look forward to and cherish. Thank you to the Venters for showing me professors don't have to be the enemy and for feeding the entire list of us so many times this year. I hope we didn't frighten the children too much.

I don't think anyone would believe the stories I'll be telling for the next few years, but I wouldn't trade the memories for anything. We all know some great stories. Wow, it is really impossible to sum up four years with mere words. There are so many people I couldn't thank, but I won't take up much space.

My roommates and I are watching West Wing, and I just realized I'll be watching next season if I have time, hopefully without them, so we'll be scattered to the winds, with no lack of a better way to put it. This is a good thing, but the sadness I feel when I consider the closeness of my undergraduate years only accentuates how amazing they have been, how many unbelievable memories I have.

And now that I'm done for real, I sincerely hope that everyone has enjoyed their last weeks. I know I have. And as much as I will miss you all, I know in my heart we'll all meet again on the other side.

Molly McVoy
Graduating senior

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Words cannot express what I feel as I cross State Route 31 for the last time. Three- and 4-year olds are notorious for the phrase, "lasts," but it's time. For the last several weeks, I have been allowed to have so much fun in so many different ways. I don't remember the last time I had so much laughter. I have been allowed to have so much fun in four years and get a degree for it in the end. I had so much fun that I'd really like to stay. The memories that will stay with me are some of the best memories I have from life. I don't think I have ever laughed so hard, cried so much or enjoyed so many people as I have in this world call college. I don't know if I should have been allowed to have so much fun in four years and get a degree for it in the end.

I do hate to leave. I am excited for what graduation brings, but I am not ready to leave all that this place has meant to me. I hate to leave the friends that I have made all over the campus and the people that will bring me after college, then move on from this place and use the no-college-tuition-payment-withdrawal.

I want to thank you all for being such a wonderful support system. I hope we all stay in touch and keep in touch with one another through e-mail and phone calls.

I feel lucky to have met you all, and I look forward to spending time with you all again in the future.

I hope the Observer continues to be strong and continue to have an influence on the lives of students and alumni.

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The last four years have been an experience I would not Trade for anything. Saint Mary's College has given me the opportunity to mature, grow into my own, and meet some of the most wonderful people. I am extremely grateful for the connections I have made and will never forget the wonderful experience that I have had.

Molly Strzelecki
Graduating senior

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What a long, strange educational journey!

Paul Grush reflects on his Notre Dame education

By AMANDA GRECO
Scene Editor

It is a cold Monday morning. Your alarm clock screams to rouse you in time to make it to your 8 a.m. class. More than a foot of snow has come down to cover South Bend — and Notre Dame, with all her luxuries, is not yet immune to such displays of Mother Nature's midwestern might. As you hit the snooze button and snuggle down under the covers, you think "There's no way I'm walking across campus in this weather."

For MBA student Paul Grush, a simple walk across campus was never an option.

When the alarm clock rang for this single, husband, and father of four, it was time to rise and shine, no matter how few hours he slept, no matter how hard it was snowing. Not only did Paul have to face the responsibilities of family life before his first class each day, but a two-hour commute lay between his home in the small town of Grabill, Ind. and the University.

Receiving a degree from Notre Dame has been a lifelong dream for Paul; this Sunday — after two grueling years of hard work and thousands of miles passed on the toll road — that dream will become a reality.

After 16 years as a software engineer for Logikos, a custom software engineering company, Paul declined in July of 1999 that he wanted more. The computer science degree he had received from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology did not provide him the business background to support the management or ownership positions he wanted to pursue. "I decided to go back to school to supplement my technical skills," Paul said.

One day during lunch with Kristal, his wife of nine years, he popped the question she had been asking him for months: "Do you think about me going to school?"

Kristal knew that school would be a large commitment for Paul to undertake, one that would require him to spend long hours attending classes, studying, and working on projects. She knew that his schooling would require her to support the family financially with her salary from her career as a software quality engineer at Raytheon. She also knew she would have to take a majority of the child rearings on herself. What she didn't know was that her husband would spend four hours every day in his car, racking up more than 1,100 miles a week.

Paul searched for a school fairly close to home, within what he deemed a "commuting distance." His main goal was to avoid uprooting the family and the home they had built throughout the past nine years. There were several options closer to home, but Notre Dame was his hope; the others served as back ups.

After his acceptance to Notre Dame, the enormity of Paul's educational endeavor struck him. Orientation consisted of what he and his wife affectionately refer to as "boot camp," two weeks of driving the long haul, seven days a week. Each semester, Paul took anywhere from 15 to 17 credit hours, and in his first year, he had at least one 8 a.m. class each semester. Though the MBA program boasts no Friday classes, work groups and resources available only on campus forced Paul to spend a majority of his Fridays taking the trip back to the Bend. Saturdays found him immersed in Notre Dame football, and even some Sundays required his attendance at on-campus lectures.

Paul's devotion to his education was not limited to the approximately eight hours he averaged on campus each day. While driving, Paul would listen to audio books and digital audio versions of "The Wall Street Journal" and "The Economist." During finals, Paul would digitally record his notes and listen to them repeatedly while he drove.

Once at home, Paul continued to study and work. Though the width of his office door was all that separated him from his family, they often found that his work kept him isolated from them. "Family was basically on hold," Paul said. "I missed a lot of opportunities to be with them because of school." Paul lost the chance to participate in his children's school functions and had to pass up trick-or-treating two years in a row because of school obligations.

The children, now ranging in age from 2 to 8, wanted their father home. "He never had enough time to play with us or help with homework, he didn't get to eat supper with us," said Jennifer, the oldest. "He wasn't even happy at home — always doing homework," she added. Once football season was through, Paul was able to take the children to their Saturday morning swim lessons. But even while the kids swam "Dad was always reading and studying," Jennifer said.

One evening, as Paul tucked in his daughter Michelle, she asked if he was going to Notre Dame the following day. When he replied that yes, he would be going, she began to cry, telling her father that the kids no longer wanted him to go to school because it kept them from seeing him. "That was hard," Paul admitted. "But the kids were really good troopers." Perhaps the strongest trooper in the
Now that Paul is through with school, the family is returning to normal. Already the changes have begun. After his last final exam, Kristal already felt as though she "had the old Paul back," she said. "The morning after his last exam, he was a new man. It was a miracle."

Paul hopes now that with his new degree, he will be able to find the satisfying career he wants, either buying or starting a company that handles telecommunications or medical technology. While Kristal obviously holds no resentment for the extra work she contributed while her husband was in school, she is clearly ready for her own break. When Paul mentioned the possibility of pursuing a Ph.D., Kristal laughed and told him he could do that — with his next wife! For Kristal, she envisions a future that holds more time for her to spend with her children. "I have been working for 19 years," she said. "In a few years, I would like to quit and be more involved with my kids." As for the money and time Kristal contributed for her husband, her only request is that she "see a return on [her] investment."

Looking back over the last two years, the Grushes are able to breathe a deep sigh of relief and feel a great sense of accomplishment. "I never thought we wouldn't get through it," Kristal said. "Only sometimes, I just begged 'God, please hurry up!'" in his two years of two hour commutes, Paul only once missed a day of classes — not because he didn't want to get out of bed or because of inclement weather, but because his brother was undergoing a serious surgery. Even then, Paul contemplated trying to make his evening class. "There were never any days where I didn't want to go," he said. "School was something that I wanted to do for my family." In retrospect, Paul sums up his commute to school as "amazingly simple." Soon he will have his degree — and without a single speeding ticket.

"Running water, medical care and safety by going abroad to Nepal."
Jenny Hickman
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"I sacrificed sleep, sanity and had to deal with South Bend weather."
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"The amount of money that I have to pay back!"
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senior, Dillon Hall

"I sacrificed my nightlife for studying."
Carlos Gomez Meade
senior, Keenan Hall

"I sacrificed my grades."
Ellen Leuchtmann
senior, Howard Hall

Outside of his hard work, Paul owes his successful completion of the MBA program to his wife, Kristal.
IRISH bring home championship

By Tim CASEY
Senior Staff Writer

Before the season, anyone associated with women's college basketball was familiar with Connecticut and Tennessee, the two glamor programs, the defending national champion and runner-up, who would more likely than not meet again once for the bragging rights (and another banner) on April Fool's Day, 2001. How cocky was the always self-assured Connecticut coach, Geno Auriemma?

"We're writing for Notre Dame and you want to write, you know, that I spent all summer worrying about Notre Dame," Auriemma said. "The only thing I spent all summer worrying about was where my next beer and my next tan was coming from."

Auriemma delivered that phrase nearly a year now after Notre Dame's 90-75 win over Connecticut in the semifinal games of the NCAA Final Four. Two nights later, on April 1, the Irish were national champions and the Huskies coach had had a few additional days to down his favorite post-season beverage.

What happened in the ensuing eight months, between the summer workout to the last-second block in a 54-53 Rutgers win over Connecticut in the Big East tournament, the last-second block in a 54-53 Rutgers win in the national championship? It was as if there was a world and a universe when the Irish were playing and another when they weren't. It was as if Notre Dame only existed when the Irish were playing and didn't exist when they weren't. And the universe in which there was only the Irish didn't have any begins or ends.

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**TRACK AND FIELD**

**Grow, Shay head to NCAAs**

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

They started out as two teams of the many, working together for the best possible team finish at each weekend’s competition. What remains are the few and the proud, athletes who already have or are working to qualify for the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field track athletes.

Eleven athletes — four men and seven women — remain at Notre Dame while the rest of the team ended their season with the Big East Championships on May 6. At that meet, the women’s team finished third for the third consecutive year, while the men’s squad took sixth.

The Department of Professional Studies

Graf makes B-cut, leads Belles in final meet

By KATIE MCVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Junior transfer student Laura Graf made history for Saint Mary’s College at the MIAA track championships last weekend as her 800-meter time was good enough for a provisional qualification for nationals.

Despite the fact that Graf’s 2:15.28 time was good enough to break the previous MIAA record and set a new Saint Mary’s outdoor record, it was only good enough to give her a third place finish in the race. Hope’s Jennifer Price and Calvin’s Sara Velkamp finished ahead of Graf; Price won by nearly two seconds.

A provisional qualification gives Graf a chance to compete in the NCAA national meet if too few runners qualify automatically. However, it is unlikely that her time will be good enough to take her to the meet.

“We wanted to prove we have the girls who want to compete,” Graf said. “We don’t care what happened in the past. We are stronger this year.”

The recently disbanded Saint Mary’s track team finished in seventh place in the last meet of the current existence, defeating the Comets of Olivet.

Four women scored points for the Belles, including Graf. Junior Erica Burket led the Belles in scoring with three top eight finishes. A second place finish in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.50 seconds brought in seven points for the Belles, the most any runner scored. Her 4 foot, 10 inch high jump was enough to land her a fifth place finish, behind a 5-2 winning jump by Alma’s Kristi Pykosz. She added an eighth place finish in the 400-meter hurdles, an event which she has run only twice, with a time of 1:13.61.

Junior Graf and Burkett in scoring were freshmen Becky Slepkowski and Jaclyn Thompson. Slepkowski’s sixth place finish in the triple jump was a surprise following a season where she generally took second place to Burkett who holds the school record in the event. However, a 31-10 jump, which still fell short of her personal best 32-7, was enough to earn Slepkowski points for the team.

Thompson tied her personal best pole vault and tied the school record, which she holds. Her 8-6 jump landed her in fourth place in the MIAA, falling three feet short of the winning 11-6 jump.

The Saint Mary’s 400-meter relay team took home a fifth place finish with a time of 54.14, wrapping up the scoring for the day.

Calvin took home an unques­tioned MIAA title. The Knights claimed first place in 17 of the 20 events, including five new MIAA records. Only three runner were able to quench the fire Calvin began at the Hope field.
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By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame baseball team will most likely be at graduation this weekend, but don't expect them to be especially perky.

The Irish will travel through the night on Sunday morning, leaving the Big East Championships in Bridgewater, N.J. at 4 a.m. and returning at 10 a.m. just in time to grab their sheepskins.

But before graduating, there's baseball to be played.

The No. 2 Irish squared off against Virginia Tech Thursday, vying for a Big East Championship postseason championship that has eluded the program since it began Big East play six years ago. The Irish have already secured the regular season Big East title.

The results of Thursday's game were not known known Wednesday night when The Observer went to press.

"This is where the season starts," said senior captain Abe Porzel, hitting .291 out of the third lineup slot. "Everyone's comfortable. I think we have a real light weight. We'll become more focused in practice.

The Hokies provided two blemishes on Notre Dame's 45-9-1 record, beating the Irish twice in Blacksburg on March 25. In both games the Irish had leads entering the final innings, only to see the advantages evaporate with Hokie rallies.

Virginia Tech, sporting a 27-30-1 record for the season, went 14-11-1 in Big East play. The Hokies have had problems on the hill, with Chip Runyon having the best ERA on the staff, allowing 3.53 earned runs per nine innings. In contrast, seven Irish pitchers have an ERA below 3.53.

"Most of all, I'm looking forward to Virginia Tech," Porzel said. "We're going to have a bunch of players out there, and they've talked about our big guns."

It will be Tamayo's first meeting with Virginia Tech this season. The senior right-hander owns an 8-1 record, and opposing hitters have batted .209 against the Miami native. He will use the same pitching formula that has proved successful the entire spring.

"I'm not going to do anything different against them," he said.

Other than against Virginia Tech, the Irish have been dominant in Big East play with a 22-4 record. Today, the Irish will face either last year's champions Rutgers or Seton Hall. Notre Dame is a combined 6-0 against these two squads this year, outscoring them 50-13.

Being the No. 3 team in the country has proved successful the entire season.

"The greatest thing is that they've not prima donnas, they'll talk to a young kid," said Mainieri.

While Mainieri said the seniors are not "an especially vocal group," their leadership by example has been undeniable.

The tandem of the All-American Heilman and Tamayo have won 21 games for the Irish, and have emerged as one of the top weekend starting duos in the country.

Porzel has recovered from a season opening slump to raise his average more than 100 points during the latter half of the 2001 campaign. The short-stop has proven effective in the clutch, hitting .333 with runners in scoring position.

And with Porzel's resurgence has come the resurgence of the entire Irish offense. Notre Dame is hitting .321 as a team, and has increased run support.

"They've given every ounce of energy they possibly could," said Irish head coach Paul Mainieri. "The greatest thing is they're not prima donnas, they'll talk to a young kid."

With so much success this season, it's hard not to discuss Notre Dame baseball without mentioning the College World Series. The Irish haven't visited Omaha mid-June since 1957. Mainieri was born three months later.

But its clear the 2001 team knows what they're capable of achieving.

"This team has a lot of confidence — everyone knows what we expect," said Tamayo. "For all their on-field accomplishments, Mainieri says that this year's seniors will be remembered for different reasons as well.

"I think their legacy will be that they showed everyone the proper way to carry themselves as Notre Dame baseball players," he said.
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Belles play hard, but can't make the grade

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

It wasn't a question of solid pitching or getting hits. The Saint Mary's softball team just couldn't put the two together to bring home enough runs to put the team over .500 this season. The Belles finished in the same seventh place spot they finished last season in the MIAA, with a league record of 4-10 and an overall record of 14-19. Despite the losing record, senior Cindy Traub was happy with the team's performance.

"I think that our season, although people may not see it as a success with our wins and losses, was a success because of the way we were able to deal with adversity on and off the field," she said.

The team fell under the leadership of first-year head coach John Kovach, who served as an assistant coach last season. Kovach replaced last season's head coach, Joe Speybroeck, after he left the team shortly before the season began.

Senior Anne Senger led the team's pitching staff along with help from junior Kristin Martin. Senger, who pitched 41 innings on the season, finished up her senior year with an ERA of 4.43 and a record of 1-5. Freshman Libby Wilhelm rounded off Saint Mary's pitching with a 1.88 ERA after 26 innings of work.

"Overall, I was pretty pleased with pitching this year," Kovach said.

Sophomore catcher Susan Kutz led the Belles' hitting charge, racking up 10 RBIs, six doubles and one homerun. Her .444 batting average was enough to get her named to second team All-MIAA.

The highlight of the season came in the form of a 2-0 weekend sweep of the Knights of Calvin College in mid-April. Martin pitched a shutout during the first game, giving the Belles their biggest winning margin of the season at eight.

With Senger on the mound it was a close night cap, but Saint Mary's pulled out a win with a 3-2 victory over the Belles.

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By PETE FRASSO
Sports Writer

As students, parents, and faculty and the President of the United States gather this weekend for graduation and commencement at Notre Dame, the Irish women's softball squad still has some work to do.

The team began its march to the College World Series and a shot at a national title Thursday. The Irish finished the season ranked eighth in the nation, and are seeded first in Region Seven hosted by Iowa.

Saint John Kovach, who served as an assistant coach last season, finished up her first season in team history. She is currently the MIAA, with a league record of 28-2 and an overall record of 33-5. The Irish are enjoying the No. 1 seed after having the most successful season in team history. They posted a 1.06 ERA, on pace to smash the old record of 1.14 set in 1993. Notre Dame has had successes against the field earlier in the season. On Feb. 18, the Irish shut out South Carolina 1-0 to capture the Holiday Inn Invitational title. On April 19, they swept a road doubleheader against DePaul 7-6 and 5-1.

Five days later, the Irish began the NCAA tournament against the Irish and the President of the United States, the best in the nation, and are seeded first in Region Seven.

"We're excited to be here," said coach Deanna Gumpf.

Additionally, Kristin Schmidt received the Rookie of the Year award, becoming the second player in school history to do so. She hit .383 in conference play. The team began tournament play Thursday against No. 6 seed Western Illinois. Also in Region Seven are Illinois State, DePaul, South Carolina and Iowa. The results of Thursday's games were not known when The Observer went to press.

On May 10, Notre Dame swept the three major awards at the Big East Softball Championship.

Staff of the Year was given to Notre Dame head coach Liz Miller, associate head coach Deanna Gumpf and assistant Traci Conrad and John Gumpf.

Senior All-American Jen Sharron won an impressive fourth consecutive Pitcher of the Year award, posting a 0.32 ERA in league competition, and a 10-0 record. Lizzy Lemiere received the Player of the Year award, becoming the third player in school history to do so. She hit .383 in conference play. Additionally, Kristin Schmidt received the Rookie of the Year award.

The Belles finished in the Region Seven. Mary's pulled out on top 13-12, tripling the number of wins it had at the beginning of the season at eight.

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Eight of the Belles were named to first team All-MIAA.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Fourth season makes firsts

By ANTHONY BISHOP
Sports Writer

The fourth season of Notre Dame women’s lacrosse was a season of firsts. The team achieved its first-ever victory over a ranked team, Delaware, and then proceeded to defeat a top-10 team, Yale. These victories helped the Irish gain national recognition and their first ever ranking — peaking at No. 18 — and first ever 10-5 season with an overall 10-5 record.

Head coach Tracy Coyne was very pleased with the results of this season. “We’ve come a long way,” she said. “We accomplished a lot this year and it was exciting to be on the bubble for the playoffs.”

On a sad note, the program also saw its first-ever recruiting class graduate. Standing out among the seniors - including all-time Irish assist leader David Ulrich — from the team that lost to Hopkins in last year’s quarterfinals, Hopkins, however, is a much different team.

The Blue Jays lost their goalkeeper, best midfielder and best attack from last year’s semifinal team. “They are still an extremely talented team but they don’t have two guys who were two of the very best players in the country and made them very, very tough to play against,” Corrigan said.

“It was very difficult to concentrate on both those guys on the offensive end.”

Those two guys — first team All-Americans Dan Denihan and A.J. Hogan — dominated in the last meeting. Denihan accounted for eight points while Hogan controlled the midfield. This time around, the Blue Jays won’t have the benefit of either player but they are still a talented bunch.

Freshman Conor Ford has led the Blue Jay attack in the last three games with 13 goals in those contests. In the midfield, Hopkins features one of the toughest players in the country. Eric Wedin averages nearly 10 ground balls per game and wins 56.6 percent of his face-offs. Irish face-off specialist DeBolt must force a draw with Wedin every dual ground balls and 30 caused turnovers.

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The Irish beat two of the six nationally-ranked teams they faced compared to zero in all previous years. In the inaugural season for Big East women’s lacrosse, the Irish finished third with a 4-2 record. The team spent most of the year atop the standings with a 3-0 record before losing to Georgetown and Syracuse, who both finished ahead of the Irish.

Most of this leadership came from O’Shaughnessy, who earned the team’s MVP and was voted to the first team all-Big East as well as the all-regional first team. She led the team in assists with 52.

She was joined on the all-Big East team by two seniors - Tina Fedarcyk and Alissa Moser. Fedarcyk, who joined O’Shaughnessy on the first team, led the Irish with 42 ground balls and 30 caused turnovers.

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American — all as a freshman.

"You'd think he dominates all the time, but he gets in jams," Mainieri said. "The thing that sets him apart is that he has the ability to raise his game.

"The great ones can do that."

Over the course of his next two seasons, Heilman didn't become just great — he was nearly invincible. He struck out a Notre Dame season-record 118 batters during the 1999 season, which included a complete-game nine-inning no-hitter against West Virginia. If Heilman had pitched in plenty of memorial games, there was the 10-inning, 18-strikeout gem against Villanova in Notre Dame's 3,000th ever baseball game. Or his five innings against Miami where Heilman gave up one hit en route to a 1-0 victory — the first time the Hurricanes had been shut out in 20 years.

"Honestly, I don't know what more I could have accomplished," he said.

By the time he was drafted by the Minnesota Twins at the end of his senior season, it seemed a foregone conclusion that Heilman would leave Notre Dame to compete professionally.

"At the conclusion of our season, I honestly thought I was going to sign and that was it for me playing college baseball," Heilman said.

But during the summer, Heilman had second thoughts. He wanted to earn his degree in mechanical engineering at Notre Dame before moving on to the professional level. But contract negotiations weren't moving very fast, and there were major problems with the amount of the signing bonus — the Twins offered $900,000, but Heilman was holding out for $1.4 million. And so Heilman — and Heilman alone — made the decision to return to Notre Dame to finish his senior season.

"I knew that I had to be Aaron Heilman's decision," Mainieri said. "I was very careful not to influence him one way or the other. Nobody on our staff would have blamed Aaron for signing last summer.

"I talked to my family and some close friends," he said. "But what it all boiled down to was that it was my decision. And I'm very happy with the decision I made."

"There's no way Aaron would have come back unless he thought we were going to have an outstanding team," Mainieri said.

The Irish didn't let Heilman down. Notre Dame ascended to a No. 1 and earned the right to play their way into the Big East Tournament title — not to mention a national championship.

A lot of that is because of Heilman. He's been an automatic win for Notre Dame whenever he steps on the mound. Entering the Big East tournament, he holds a perfect 1.00 ERA and 13-0 record in 13 starts this season; and 10 of those are complete games. He broke Notre Dame records in wins and strikeouts. His ERA is hovering around the 1.50 mark. And he'll probably become the first Notre Dame baseball player to earn All-American honors four times.

"I think he goes down in history as the greatest baseball player in the history of Notre Dame baseball," Mainieri said.

But statistics don't set Heilman apart. Intangibles do.

"He's the best pitcher in the country by far, but you'd never know it because he's so humble," Mainieri said. "He's just about the greatest leader that I've ever been around, and he does it so much by example."

When he's not pitching, Heilman is in the dugout supporting his teammates. And after a game, he'll help rake the pitchers' mound and get it ready for the next game.

"When the other players on the team see the superstar doing those kid of things, then they realize there's not reason for them to be prima donnas," said Mainieri. "If Aaron Heilman isn't a prima donna, nobody has the right to be."

But when Heilman steps on the mound, he becomes a different person. Mainieri calls him "posessed" and rarely goes out to the mound to talk to him because "he's not a very nice guy." In between innings, Heilman sits in the dugout stone-faced and silent.

"Off the field he's the nicest guy in the world," said Mainieri. "But when he walks across that white line, it's like a whole different personality. It's all business with him, and that's what you live in a kid."

Heilman's business still isn't finished. He wants to win a Big East Championship and pitch in the College World Series. He'll most likely be Notre Dame's first four-time All-American and is projected to be drafted in the first round or second round this summer.

"It's been a tremendous ride," he said. "I hope we've got a few more tokens left in the machine." Regardless of how the Irish finish this season, Mainieri already recognizes the enormous influence Heilman will have on the program even after he moves on.

"Even though he'll be gone, his legacy will be so strong that it's really a standard that he set for the players that are going to follow him," Mainieri said. "When he's finished at Notre Dame, he'll be gone, but he won't be forgotten, that's for sure."
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Irish rowers miss out on NCAA Championship regatta

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

It will take two seconds to read this sentence. And two seconds was all that Irish rowing coach Martin Stone believes separated Notre Dame from a trip to its first NCAA Championship regatta.

"We were the next varsity 8 they were going to take," said Stone, referring to the NCAA selections announced Tuesday. "I think if we had beaten Rutgers in the Big East we would have gone. We were out of it by two seconds.

The Irish finished the 2001 season ranked No. 16 in the USRowing/Collegiate Coaches Rowing Association poll, with the Scarlet Knights checking in at No. 15.

But to focus on being so close to making the NCAA finals would be an injustice to a season that, by all respects, was the finest in Notre Dame rowing's short history as a varsity program.

To start, the program saw Notre Dame in the USRowing poll for the first time in school history on April 4, breaking in at No. 14. The ranking directly followed the first varsity eight's win over traditional powerhouse Michigan State on Mar. 31, when the Irish beat the Spartans twice on a shortened 1200 meter course in East Lansing, Mich.

As for the seniors that saw the program grow from a club sport to a fledgling varsity team to a nationally respected squad, this year's success was especially sweet. Captain coxswain Claire Bula and Erin Kiermicki, as well as rowers Melissa Alberding and Leah Ashe are the only four to have seen the program's seemingly exponential progression.

"It's been an unbelievable transformation," said Bula. "I remember sophomore year when we didn't win a race and now this year I have all these medals on my wall."

With Notre Dame long on youth and short on race experience, Stone found that the seniors' journey in building the program from the ground up was key to their role this season.

"They appreciate the strides we made," said Stone. "They kept the team upbeat, and had the ability to see where we had been."

From the start of the season in the fall, Notre Dame's strides seemed to be more like leaps and bounds. Their first race of the fall season, the Chicago Chase on Oct. 7, saw Notre Dame secure three gold medals and a pair of silvers.

The Irish's early success was indicator of things to come, but for Stone, evidence of the Irish's potential would come later in the fall season.

"After the Head of the Elk, I knew there was a possibility we would be ranked in the spring," said Stone.

But Notre Dame's best racing would come in mid-May. Both Stone and Bula — coxswain of the first varsity eight — agreed that the first varsity eight's best race was not their dual race with the Spartans but the semifinals of the Lexus Cup Central Region Championship on May 12.

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Stone shared Bula's sentiments. "It was pure speed. They put everything together," he said. Later in the day, the Irish finished fifth in the Grand Final, positioning them for a shot at the NCAA Championships. And though that shot didn't materialize this year, Stone sees benefits from this year's success and knowing that Notre Dame is within striking distance of the top competition in the country.

"We raced against 10 of the top 15 varsity teams, and we were within 10 seconds of most of them," he said.

The Grand Final at the Central Championships would be the last race for the Irish rowers this season. Bula felt that though she wishes she could experience Notre Dame building on the foundation she and her fellow seniors help build, it was an unique experience to be part of the beginning.

"In some ways I wish I could be there," said Bula. "But it's a great feeling that we helped set the standard for how the program will be, and be part of Notre Dame history being on the first women's rowing varsity team."
Belles bring home first MIAA championship

By KATIE MCVoy
Associate Sports Editor

A small but lively crowd greeted the Saint Mary’s tennis team on a May 7 evening — a night when many students were studying for finals, 15 members of the MIAA tennis team were all smiles and ready for the celebration.

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The Belles claimed four singles championship. "I'm very proud of them," Cool said. "They worked together and made great improvements over the season." Senior Natalie Cool and junior Annie Knish led the doubles No. 1 with a championship. Cool also captured a third place finish in singles.

The Belles defeated Alma College tennis team this season, and proved they were a championship-caliber team when they played the Belles. It is a close match, but Knish and Cool came back to claim a third place finish in sets, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

"(Natalie) and Annie winning No. 1 doubles when few people believed us and having a lot of credit to the freshmen who stepped up," Cool said. They added a lot to our team.

The Belles finished off a perfect season with a first place finish at the MIAA championship. There was not one set in FAA that was not defeated.

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The seven players who traveled to New Rochelle were named to the All-Tournament team, which appeared to be a championship-caliber team.

As They Leave Their Positions

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Season-ending bowl loss taints successful season

By TIM CASEY
Senior Staff Writer

One night. That's how long it took for the 2000 football campaign to change from being deemed a surprising success to being treated as another Bob Davie-led failure. It all "came apart" on Jan. 1, in front of a national television audience when Oregon State destroyed Notre Dame 41-9 in the Fiesta Bowl.

"It's pretty obvious we got whipped," Davie said at the time. "We were out-coached and outplayed. We got our butts kicked."

Hard to believe six weeks earlier, Davie, for perhaps the first time in his four-year career, captured a winning streak. Against Nebraska on Sept. 9, after his Notre Dame career.

For some that Notre Dame football fans apparently scalped thousands of tickets and the Stadium looked like a ghost town. It also gave "Bullet Bob" a glimpse of the Irish talent. It also came at a price, both physically and emotionally. Prior to kickoff, the Cornhuskers' fans apparently scalped thousands of tickets and showed up in their customary red attire. The "Sea of Red" confirmed for some that Notre Dame football had lost its luster.

Although that perception cannot be proven, the post-game reality can. Both quarterback Arnaz Battle and defensive end Grant Irons suffered season-ending injuries during the contest. Now, a 1-1 Irish squad faced the rest of the schedule with a quarterback who had never played in a college game.

But who was the signal caller? Within days, former tight end Gary Godsey was named the starter. The 6-foot-7, 235-pound sophomore led the Irish to a 23-21 win the next weekend against Purdue. His numbers (14-of-25 for 158 yards with one interception) were decent but by early October, Godsey had been relegated to a back-up role.

One week later, Godsey completed only 4-of-15 passes for 20 yards in a 27-21 loss at Michigan State, and alternated in the second half with freshman Matt LoVecchio. LoVecchio, one of three freshmen quarterbacks, took over the reins for good starting with the Oct. 7 Stanford tilt.

"I had no idea I would play so soon," LoVecchio said on Oct. 4, the day he was announced as the starter. "I still don't know what's going to happen."

Neither did anyone else. But it became apparent that LoVecchio was not your typical 18-year-old. Against the Cardinal, the Franklin Lakes, N.J. native passed for two touchdowns and 100 yards and helped Notre Dame (5-2 on the season) to a 20-14 victory. Only one of the six remaining games was decided by less than 12 points — a 34-31 near-defeat to the Air Force. With two seconds remaining, Dave Adams, the Falcons place kicker, lined up for a potential game-winning 26-yard field goal. But Notre Dame sophomore Glenn Earl blocked Adams' attempt, forcing overtime. Joey Gethers' nine-yard touchdown run on a "Z-reverse" sealed the Irish's sixth victory and kept their BCS chances alive.

On Dec. 2, after November victories against Boston College, Rutgers and USC, the Irish were officially announced as Fiesta Bowl participants. And within three days Davie received the contract extension.

"The head coaching position at Notre Dame is the most visible, and from that perspective, the most demanding in the country," White said in a prepared statement. "Bob has grown and learned a great deal during his four years in the job and has demonstrated to me not only that he is a very good football coach, but also that he has the respect and confidence of his players and staff."

Freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio (above) filled the role of signal caller and helped lead the Irish to the Fiesta Bowl. The Irish fell to Oregon State in the bowl game, ending a successful season.

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By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN  
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Every year during the last decade, the Notre Dame men’s basketball program found itself on the outside looking in at an exclusive party — March Madness. This year, the Irish earned themselves an invitation to the NCAA Tournament.

Sparked to success by senior point guard Martin Ingelsby and junior All-American Troy Murphy, the 20-10 Irish advanced to the second round of the tournament for the first time since 1989, where they lost to the Ole Miss Rebels 59-56.

Notre Dame also won its first league championship since joining the Big East, with an 11-5 conference record good enough for the West Division title. Murphy repeated as a first-team All-American and Big East Player of the Year. The 6-foot-11 forward scored 21.8 points per game and pulled down 9.2 rebounds.

Murphy started his first two seasons before sliding into a reserve role for Doherty. Brey took over, he went 10-27 in his first season. Murphy understood and learned to adjust to any role the team needed him in, be it starter or reserve.

That was our goal from day one this year," Murphy said.

The next question for the Irish is whether they can match this year’s success in 2001-02, having lost Ingelsby and reserve Hans Pedhirney to the upcoming NBA Draft. Murphy and Ingelsby helped lead the Irish to their first playoff berth in the last 10 years.

Ingelsby, Murphy spark Irish to regular season success

Senior Martin Ingelsby dribbles down the court in an Irish victory against St. John’s. Ingelsby helped lead the Irish to their first playoff berth in the last 10 years.

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**Saint Mary's Cross Country**

McKnight said. "I think the fact that we competed this fall will benefit each athlete."

"I think a good mark of a team and how they deal with adversity," McKnight said. "We had to deal with a lot of adversity and a lot of things maybe a lot of people outside of our program don't even know about."

For former Stanford head coach Bobby Clark was hired to replace Apple in early February.

**Saint Mary's Golf**

"We were excited to see it turn out the way it did," Veitri said. "This was the best year we have had in my seven years with the program," head coach Ross Smith said. "To win three tournaments was great. Shane Smith has been a very good year starter and our No. 1 player for two years."

She had a very good career and will continue with golf playing futures next year. Danielle Villarosa's performance in that last tournament was great. I hate to say one performance won it all, but she put us over the edge to win the last one at Illinois."

**Saint Mary's Men's Golf**

The men's golf team finished fifth at the Big East Championships, while junior Steve Ratay finished in a three-way tie for first place with a 54-hole total of 215. This was a goal of ours this year. I expect the freshmen and sophomore's to step up with the freshmen who was a goal of ours this year again, since it was the first time since my freshman year we won both the regular season and tournament in the same year."

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Winter sports wins, losses on Irish, Belles

Irish senior captain Ryan Dolder skates during a fast break in a Feb. 9 game against Bowling Green. Freshman center Aaron Gill looks on. The Irish missed the CHA playoffs.

Notre Dame Hockey

After making its first trip to the CHA quarterfinals at Joe Lewis Arena in Detroit after the 1999-2000 season, this year’s Notre Dame hockey team looked to build on that momentum and get their first ever bid to the NCAA tournament.

But after stumbling to last place in the CHA in the first few months of the season, not even a late season surge was enough for the Irish to claim a spot in the CCHA playoffs.

The low point for the team came on the first weekend of February when Notre Dame traveled to Ohio State and were swept by the young Buckeyes. By this point, the Irish were at the bottom of the CHA standings with little hope of making the CCHA playoffs.

Notre Dame needed to sweep the next two series against Bowling Green and Alaska-Fairbanks to have enough points to make the playoffs.

First, the Irish swept Bowling Green. Then came an improbable tie with Alaska-Fairbanks to make Notre Dame’s first non-loss at Michigan since 1982. Then, the Irish traveled to Alaska, where they took a tie and a win against the Nanooks.

With tiebreakers against the two teams ahead of them in the CHA, Notre Dame looked to be in the playoffs. All they needed was a win and a Bowling Green loss in the final two games of the regular season to assure a spot in the playoffs. The Irish got their win on Friday against Western Michigan, but so did Bowling Green.

But it wasn’t meant to be. While the Irish lost their last home game to Western Michigan 7-2, Bowling Green won in overtime to take over the last playoff spot, keeping the Irish out of the CCHA playoffs.

- Matt Orenchuk

Notre Dame Fencing

A strong showing by the men and a breakthrough performance by sophomore epeeist Sean McCall were not enough for the Irish in 2001 as Notre Dame finished third at the NCAA Fencing Championships.

Sophomore Jon Viviani repeated as a first team All-American with his second straight second place finish in epee. Viviani was the only first team All-American for the Irish but all five men earned All-American honors while Anna Cascarini and Call were named All-Americans on the women’s side.

Brian Casas and Forrest Walton both used strong second-day performances to move up the rankings into All-American status. Walton finished ninth and was the team’s only All-American while Casas finished 23rd in foil. Walton finished ninth and was also the team’s only All-American honor for the second team. Casas finished eighth as a freshman in 1999.

Andrezzi Bednarski and Andre Crompton each finished with All-American honors in sabre.

Sophomore second team All-American Greg Drabick just barely missed out on his second straight first team All-American award with a fifth place finish in foil.

With the exception of Cascarini and Call in epee, the women struggled at the championships. Liza Rietveldkirk and Maggi Jordan finished 16th and 17th respectively in foil. Cari McCullough and Destanie Milo took home 15th and 17th place finishes respectively in foil.

Viviani still has some competition ahead of him, as he will be heading to two Senior World Cup events and the U.S. National Championships.

- Mike Connolly

Notre Dame Men’s Swimming

Call it a season of four. All season long, the men’s swimming and diving team was led by four swimmers. Their greatest strength was their diving - Notre Dame had four of them. And at the Big East championship, the men finished - surprise - fourth.

“I think we were capable of doing,” Irish head coach Tim Welsh said. “Do we wish we were capable of more? Sure we do.

On a thin squad that finished 7-2, the focus was more on individual performances rather than what the team could do.

Among the bright points for the Irish was their diving tandem of junior Herb Humes and sophomore Matt Maggio.

“I’ve been here for 16 years and there’s probably one other diver who would compete with Herbie and Andy,” Walsh said.

Maggio holds the school record - set earlier this season against Georgia Tech - for second longest in the 1-meter springboard. In second. At the Big East Championships, Maggio took second on both the three-meter springboard and the one-meter springboard.

Meanwhile, Humes finished fourth on the one-meter and fifth on the three-meter springboards.

"It’s a new generation of kids. To be able to win again is really important,” Bailey Weathers said.

- Andrew Soukap

Saint Mary’s Basketball

The Belles were able to sweep both the Belles and last for the Saint Mary’s basketball team this year.

After a first for new head coach Suzanne Smith and assistant coach Dave Roeder resigned and was replaced by new sports information. Without the help of their leading scorer Kristen Matha a damper on the team’s season. Until her injury, Matha had been named MVP of the 2000-2001 season and claimed the most rebounds in an NCAA game.

With the loss of their leading post player, the Belles struggled to claim victory. They went 13-17 on the season and eventually recovering to defeat the Belles in their last victory of the season.

Three disappointing losses at the end of the season meant that Saint Mary’s would not be able to face off against league leader Hope in round 1 of NCAA tournament play.

- Kate McVay
Women win national championship

April 2, 2001

With 5.8 seconds remaining and the NCAA Championship game tied at 66, Kelley Siemon found Ruth Riley open under the basket. Riley missed the shot, but collected the foul. The 2000-01 Naismith Player of the Year sank both free throws, putting the Irish up 68-66. Purdue inbounds the ball. All-American Kate Douglas missed a prayer shot from just inside the key. Notre Dame's Afica Batay grabbed the rebound and the Irish were champions. Monk Malloy embraced Irish coach Muffet McGraw, 1,500 fans showed up to welcome the Irish back to campus and, two weeks later, the Irish were on the North Lawn of the White House receiving honors from President Bush.

But the Irish could not have achieved what they did without their three senior starters — Riley, Siemon and point guard Niele Ivey. The championship was especially sweet for Ivey, playing in front of her hometown fans in St. Louis. The 5-7 point guard overcame two torn knee ligaments in her career to emerge as a third-team All-American.

Riley — a three-time Big East Defensive Player of the Year — improved her game as a senior, limiting her fouls and increasing her assists. She was a unanimous first-team All-America. Vorster's Women's Academic All-American of the Year and Notre Dame's leading scorer.

Sermon, the Big East's Most Improved Player, played half of her season with her left hand in a brace after breaking bones in the hand Jan. 13. The Irish were in scoring their final regular season game at Pittsburg only 24 hours after a stay in the infirmary with a stomach virus.

Riley now plays in the WNBA with the Miami Sol, while Ivey is a member of the Indiana Fever.  

4 Saint Mary's cuts track program

Under the recommendation of second year athletic director Lynn Kachmar, Saint Mary's President Marliou Eldred made the decision to discontinue the track and men's swimming teams following the 2001 season.

Kachmar, who was hired in 1999, made the decision in the hopes of rebuilding a struggling athletic program.}

5 Murphy leaves early for pros

After spending three years at Notre Dame and leading the Irish to the NCAA tournament, junior Troy Murphy announced his decision to leave Notre Dame early for the NBA draft.

The two time All-American led the Irish in scoring and was named the Big East player of the year in 2000 and 2001.

6 Brey's squad makes NCAA tourney

Under the direction of first-year head coach Mike Brey, the men's basketball team made the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1992. After earning a share of the Big East regular season title, the Irish lost to Pitt in the first round of the Big East Tournament. In the NCAA Tournament, the Irish beat Xavier before falling to Ole Miss.

7 Berticelli dies of heart attack

Irish men's soccer head coach Mike Berticelli died suddenly of a heart attack.

Berticelli, 48, coached the team for 10 of his 23 years as head coach and compiled an overall record of 104-80-19. Berticelli led the team to the 1996 Big East Championship title and three NCAA tournament appearances.

8 Tennis wins first MIAA crown

Only two years after Saint Mary's joined the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the Belles tennis team brought home an MIAA title. Led by Natalie Cook and Ani Knish, the team claimed four singles championships, two doubles championships and a Mid-States title.

9 Brey takes over men's program

After only one year of coaching, Matt Doherty abandoned Notre Dame to return to his alma mater, North Carolina.

One month later, Notre Dame hired former Duke assistant coach Mike Brey as its 11th head coach. Brey left his head coaching position at Delaware to take the Irish to an NCAA playoff berth.

10 Wadsworth resigns as AD

When Michael Wadsworth resigned as athletic director, President Edward Marilou Eldred made the decision to discontinue the track and men's swimming teams following the 2001 season.

Later that year, Malloy announced that Kevin White would become the new athletic director. With White's first major decision was to give interim coach Bob Davis a five-year extension.
Huskies end Irish tournament run

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

The Irish men’s tennis team ended its 2000-01 campaign in the second round of the tournament with a 4-1 loss to Washington-ton, ending a path that started past expectations.

The Irish defeated No. 47 Harvard decisively 4-0 to advance to the second round in their 11th consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance.

The 19th-ranked doubles team of juniors Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico defeated Harvard’s Barker and Turner 8-3, and Matt Daly and Luis Haddock-Morales defeated Chiu and Snyder at No. 3 doubles 8-5 to take the doubles point. Junior Aaron Talarico won 6-3, 6-3 over Harvard’s Anthony Barker at No. 4 singles, sophomore Brian Farrell took No. 5 6-2, defeating Harvard’s George Turner, 6-2, and senior Matt Daly won at No. 6 6-2, 6-3 over Mark Hilditch to clinch the victory. The last three singles matches were abandoned.

The Irish headed into the second round of NCAA’s looking for their first trip to the final 16 since 1994, knowing what the 19th-ranked Washington Huskies were capable of doing.

"Washington has had an up and down year, but when they get it together, they’re pretty talented. They’ve only had one loss all year, to No. 1 Georgia," said head coach Bob Bayliss.

Washington took Nos. 1 and 3 doubles, clinching the singles point to make the score 1-0, then Haddock-Morales defeated Jeremy Berman 6-2, 6-3 at No. 3 singles. The Huskies then took Nos. 1, 4 and 5 singles, winning the match 4-1, and advancing to play second-seeded UCLA.

"It was a little mis-leading," said Bayliss. "Matt Daly and Javier Taborga were winning their matches. We missed a lot of very good opportunities, and in that process lost some momentum. That was the beginning of a collapse for us. There were a lot of ifs, but if wishes were horses, then beg-ging, riding, ride!"

Senior Matt Daly was defeating Washington’s Dillon Ruby 7-6, 2-1 when the match ended. Daly finishes his last season for the Irish having won eight of nine dual singles matches.

"Matt Daly had as big a turn-around this year around as anyone we’ve had in a while," said Bayliss. "He’s been a real bea-con and a real example this year. He’s very team-oriented."

"If we play together and play as a team, if we’re on the same page we can do some great things," said Talarico.

"Last year, we were kind of in awe of being at NCAA’s," said Talarico. "If we play together and we play as a team, if we’re on the same page we can do some great things on the court. I think our games compliment each other. I was really proud of all the guys this year, I wish we could have brought the whole team down to Athens."

The Irish finished the season 17-7, most of their losses, including heartbreakers to Indiana State, Miami and SMU, could have easily ended in Irish victories.

Entering the 2001 season, Notre Dame lost its best player, senior Ryan Sachire, and were ranked 34th.

The season evolved into a mix of exceeding expectations by winning the Blue Gray Invitational and flaming with an elite top 10 ranking, thanks to the reliable, consistent performance from the bottom of the Irish lineup. "This year we had a lot of different characters from each guy on the team," said Talarico. "A lot of times we just clicked. Coming off of the Blue Gray, I felt like we could have beat any team, but as the season lagged on, we kind of hit a lower point and didn’t perform as well as we should have."

WOMEN’S SOCCER

Top-ranked season ends in semifinals

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

For 24 straight games, the Irish women’s soccer team never found itself trailing when time ticked off the clock. For 17 straight games they held on to the No. 1 ranking in the country. For 45 minutes, they dominated defending champion North Carolina in the semifinals of the Women’s College Cup.

But then 24 games of injury, 24 games of fatigue and North Carolina’s quick strike offense caught up with the Irish. "It was really proud of the effort, due in a lot of things we fought through all season due to injury," head coach Randy Waldrum said after the Tar Heels scored two second half goals to end Notre Dame’s perfect season.

The Irish battled to a 23-0-1 record in Waldrum’s second season leading the Irish but knee injuries to key players like Ashley Dryer, Kelly Lindsey and Amy Wanner finally ended their run to a title.

But what a run it was. Notre Dame opened the season with dominating wins against Detroit (6-0), Tulsa (2-0) and Providence (5-1) before facing its first real challenge of the season - the Santa Clara Broncos.

The Broncos soaked the previously undefeated Broncos out of the 1999 NCAA tournament. The Broncos entered Alumni Field with revenge on their minds but Anne Makinen sent them home with a 6-1 blowout loss. The senior from Finland, who was later named the Hermann Trophy winner as top women’s college soccer player, assisted on two goals and converted a penalty kick for another goal as the Irish completed dominated the Broncos.

Our team is just not ready for this type of competition," Santa Clara head coach Jerry Smith said after the game.

Three wins against west coast soccer powers Stanford, Washington and Stanford propelled Notre Dame to its first No. 1 ranking in women’s soccer since 1996. "It’s certainly a special moment but we hope there are many more to come for us," Waldrum said in a prepared statement.

There were nine more special moments for Notre Dame before it hit the blemish on its regular season record. After winning 16 games in a row, the Irish had their first set back against the Connecticut Huskies. Connecticut played strong defense against the Irish and settled for a 0-0 tie.

Four games later, however, Notre Dame would have its revenge with a 1-0 win against the Huskies in the finals of the Big East Championships at Alumni Field.

The win gave the Irish their sixth straight Big East women’s soccer championship. The Irish have won five straight Big East tournaments, and six of their seven Big East titles.

The Irish entered NCAA play undefeated for just the second time in the history of the program. The Irish entered the 1997 tournament undefeated as well.

The Irish easily advanced to the semifinals of the Women’s College Cup for the second straight year. They outscored their opponents 16-1 including a 2-1 win against Santa Clara in the quarterfinals.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish make second consecutive trip to NCAA tournament

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Sixteen teams arrived in Georgia last Monday night to begin preparations for the NCAA Championships, and Irish head coach Jay Louderback feels the Irish are poised to make a strong run through the tournament.

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Cancer (June 21-July 22): You mustn't make hasty decisions.

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Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you're prepared to face opposition,

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You must always be aware of your intentions unless you are prepared to face opposition.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your partner will be much happier to deal with if you are prepared to face opposition.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A new hobby. Do things you enjoy for relaxation. You need to be away from your work. Social events will lead to a new relationship.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You and your partner have not been completely honest with yourselves or one another. Back up and see if you can salvage your relationship. Your honesty is here to serve you well.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Resolution will not be pleased with you today. Don't be too pushy about your intentions unless you are prepared to face opposition.

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How sweet it is: The women's tennis team looks to advance past the Sweet 16 for the first time in school history when it competes in this weekend's NCAA Championships.

For senior year, sparks Notre Dame baseball resurgence

By ANDREW SOURKUP
Associate Sports Editor

One inning. Just one inning.
That's how long it took Notre Dame baseball coach Paul Mainieri to realize just how good Aaron Heilman was going to be.
Notre Dame was in the process of dismantling Florida State 10-1 in the 1998 season opener when Mainieri decided to have an unknown freshman pitch the final inning.
"I wanted to bring him along slowly to get his feet wet," Mainieri said. "I didn't want him to get shellacked his first time out."
It turns out that Mainieri didn't have anything to worry about. In his first collegiate outing, he threw the ball so hard and so fast that he shocked the entire Irish coaching staff.
"He threw that ball so good, I turned to [pitching coach] Brian O'Connor and said, "I think we may have something here,"" Mainieri said. "And that was after, the first inning of a freshman year in a game that had already been decided."
"I'll never forget that game as long as I live."
"Coach gave me the opportunity the first game of the season and I just ran with it," said Heilman. The Observer's 2000-01 Notre Dame Male Athlete of the Year. "I looked at it as my opportunity to prove that I belonged at this level and that I could be successful."
Little did Heilman know just how successful he was going to be. As a closer, Heilman led the nation in ERA, recorded nine saves, won seven games and was named All-Saint Mary's.

Aaron Heilman returns for senior year, sparks Irish baseball resurgence

SAINT MARY'S ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Cook ends two successful years with championship

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Sad circumstances brought her to Saint Mary's, but senior Natalie Cook will leave with a smile.
Cook, who came to Saint Mary's after the death of her tennis coach, wrapped up two years of personal and athletic success last Saturday with a team conference tennis championship, an individual tennis championship and public recognition for an attitude her teammates have been aware of all along.
"[Natalie] is a tremendous leader and a great role model," doubles partner Annie Knish said. "That's probably why she won the sportsmanship award. There is no athlete more deserving."
Cook received the Sue Little sportsmanship award from the MIAA Saturday, the same day the Belles tennis team won Saint Mary's first league championship in any sport.
"[Natalie's] not give up attitude, her cheering on her other teammates when they were still playing and giving them words of encouragement have been a great help to the team," head coach Dee Stevenson said.
Cook transferred to Saint Mary's from Taylor University after her sophomore year, following the death of her tennis coach at that university.
"After he died I started thinking about family, and my parents gave me an hour from [Saint Mary's] and I wanted to be closer," she said.
The year Cook transferred to Saint Mary's, hers was not the only new face in the athletic department. That same year Saint Mary's welcomed new golf coach Theresa Pockrass and new head tennis coach Stevenson. As the coaches adjusted to the teams, so did Natalie.
The results of this past tennis season prove Cook made the adjustment well. As the only senior on the squad, Cook faced her share of difficulties, but left feeling like a success.
"It was good because I felt like people respected me," Cook said.
"But at the same time, I felt people couldn't relate to what I was going through."
Cook teamed with Knish to take home the No. 1 doubles championship in the MIAA tournament last weekend. Despite early season losses, the pair came together as teammates and friends to bring home the victory.
"At the beginning of the season we were losing together," Cook said.
"Then our chemistry picked up. We're both really fired up and aggressive and we attack the net."
Sharing that honor for winning the championship with Natalie was wonderful, especially since we're really good friends," Knish added.
In addition to finishing with a doubles championship, Cook placed third in No. 2 singles at the MIAA championship, defeating Kalamazoo's Jodi Pekarek and earning a place on first team All-MIAA. Cook and the Saint Mary's tennis team's journey to the top did not come without struggle. When Cook arrived at Saint Mary's last year, the tennis-was in its second season.
The coach who began the 1999 season was fired. The players now faced the challenge of learning how to play under Stevenson, as well as making an impact. Cook had been playing tennis at another school.
The Belles rose to the occasion. A second place finish in the MIAA was aided by Cook who teamed up with senior Becky Kremer to claim a No. 2 doubles championship and a place on second team All-MIAA.
Cook's MIAA honors, however, are not limited to tennis. Cook also earned All-MIAA honors in golf in 1999. As a junior, she placed in the top 10 of the MIAA and was named second team All-