Coughlin, Winchester withdraw from race

By MYRA MCGRIFF
Saint Mary's Editor

Caroline Coughlin and Jeanna Winchester dropped out of the race for 2002 Student Body president and vice president on the early morning Wednesday, leaving only one remaining ticket, that of Kim Jenson and Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl in the election.

After an interview with The Observer Tuesday, Coughlin and Winchester said they were not seeing enough support to continue. They believed they were the only tickets that could affect the pro-life movement.

"We're working for Planned Parenthood," said Coughlin in an e-mail sent at 2 a.m. before dropping out of the race, the two campaigned for one day on the theme of "More Access, More Security, Less Wrinkles." After falling to show up for a scheduled interview Wednesday night with The Observer, the two declined to comment on specific reasons for withdrawing their candidacy, with Winchester saying only "It was a very, very hard decision.

The ticket's platform called for caller-ID, call waiting and campus deus use expansion as some initiatives to establish during the 2002 term. In withdrawing, Coughlin and Winchester hope to rely on any worry that they may hurt BOG in the long run by not being prepared to join for the job of president and vice president, stating in the e-mail that "it 'would be unfair to BOG, the student body, and ourselves.'

Crawford stated ethical reasons for dropping out of the race.

"After the interview tonight with The Observer, we realize that we do not feel it is ethical to commit to something that we might not be able to see to the very end," Coughlin wrote in an e-mail sent at 2 a.m.

ND, SMC students march for life

By ANDREW THAGARD
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One hundred fifty Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students returned from a trip Wednesday, organized by ND/SMC Right to Life Clubs, to Washington D.C. to participate in the March for Life. Thousands of pro-lifers from across the country gathered to remember the Supreme Court's 1973 ruling that legalized abortion.

The highlight of the trip was the students' rally and march near the Washington monument to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. Trip events also included a pro-life Mass at the National Shrine and a "Collegians for Life" conference at Georgetown University.

"I think it went really well," said Mandy Belmer, Right to Life club co-president. "I think everyone got a lot out of it. It was a very intense experience."

Students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's arrived at Washington on Sunday and Monday mornings after 13-hour bus rides. Father J. Steele, the club's faculty advisor, celebrated Mass on Sunday and students spent the rest of the day sightseeing around the Capitol.

On Monday, students had the option of attending the Georgetown pro-life club, featured keynote speaker Chris Smith, a New Jersey congressman. The half-day event also included interactive small group discussions and activities geared toward college pro-life clubs.

"(The conference) was very practical," said Notre Dame student Kelly Fahayra. "It was more about working than voting your opinion."

Smith lectured the attendees on UN population control policies and upcoming national legislation that could affect the pro-life movement.

"We think of the UN as being mainly involved in peacekeeping," said Stephen Merjavy, who attended Smith's address. 'In a lot of ways they're working for Planned Parenthood. They're trying to make abortion an international right.'

Among the small group events was a discussion led by Sally Winn, head of Feminists For Life, an organization geared toward making universities more open to pregnancy.

The group helps schools implement policies such as housing, flexible hours, counseling and prenatal and day care that make life easier for pregnant college students. The organization also wants to change student perceptions on college pregnancy and end viewing pregnant students as what Winn calls "exotic animals."

"Her complaint is that (college) women have no choice — they're being pressured into having abortions," said Charlie Cassidy, who participated in Winn's discussion.

Later that evening, trip participants were bused across town to the Basilica of the National Shrine to the Immaculate Conception for a special Mass for life. Although students arrived two hours prior to the Mass, most were forced to stand in the back and side aisles or watch the televised service from one of the Shrine's side chapels.

"I thought it was pretty awesome," said Notre Dame sophomore Lauren Coleman, who par-ticipated in Winn's discussion. "It was a very beautiful service from one of the Shrine's side chapels."

"I think everyone got a lot out of it," said Caroline Candler, who participated in Winn's discussion. "I thought everyone got a lot out of it and everyone was very ready to help people make sure they were not going through the same kind of thing of being pressured into abortion, or anything that doesn't work for them."

MLK chat focuses on diversity

By HELENA PAYNE
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Students and administrators revealed many unspoken issues regarding race Monday night during a fireside chat in Coleman Moore Center, one of the week's events honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Though the group consisted of less than 50 people, they came together to talk about the difficulties of developing friendships across racial lines and considered ways to break the existing barriers at Notre Dame.

The student panel consisted of seniors Charisse Candler, Kellechi Nduka and Demetra Smith; junior Shamus Robb; senior Denise de la Rosa and Joshikka Ometeotl Acosta.

"Hate doesn't make you feel powerful," said senior Ka Walsh, the coordinator of the fireside chat. Walsh said on campus she has dealt with many assumptions that people have made after looking at her fair skin without knowing that she grew up speaking Spanish in her home in Brownsville, Texas.

"It was so hard to try to prove to everyone that I don't hate," said Walsh.

In her second year as the coordinator for the Martin Luther King discussion along with junior Ken Seifert, Walsh said pre-

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Spirited Starbucks

I used to be a patron of Starbucks. I loved the caramel macchiatos and the oversized plush chairs. But one thing has changed since then: the company's attitude toward helping those in need.

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The president of the Brooklyn Community Board, Al Rapisarda later wrote a letter to Starbucks complaining on behalf of the rescue workers involved.

However, it was not until the incident leaked out to the press did the president of Starbucks actively take action.

After the press picked up the story, Starbucks apologized and reimbursed the rescue workers. For some time, several of the Starbucks near the World Trade Center and New York City hospitals stayed open 24 hours a day on Sept. 11, 2001. I visited a Starbucks downtown near Ground Zero that actually had the heartless nerve to charge emergency medical workers $130 of their own money, out of pocket, for three cases of bottled water.

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Nuestadt: Bush handles "war" well

By LAURA ROMPF
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The last time Richard Nuestadt, a Harvard professor and presidential scholar, visited Notre Dame's campus was Monday, Sept. 10, 2001. The next day, analyzing the current president George W. Bush's term in office became an unprecedented task.

In a lecture Wednesday afternoon at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, Nuestadt praised Bush's personal traits and the actions he has taken since Sept. 11, but criticized him for calling America's actions against terrorism a "war."

"Up to now, Bush has done well obtaining much of what he wants," Nuestadt said. "This is the best first year for any president since Lyndon Johnson."

Nuestadt said using a term like "crime against humanity," as the pope called the attack on the trade center, may have been more appropriate than "war." Historically Americans become frustrated with both long wars and wars that cannot be won, Nuestadt said.

"This war boggles my mind," Nuestadt said. "It could go on for 10, or even 30 years. That frames the huge predilection President Bush took on when he called this a war."

According to Nuestadt, several of Bush's personal traits could help keep him popular among the American people. Nuestadt said because Bush did not want to be president his entire adult life, the American people relate to him.

"Bush was always passionate about baseball, not politics," Nuestadt said.

Nuestadt said Americans have also related to Bush because on Sept. 11 his initial reactions were anger and shock. "This suggests his first reactions are very American — so many of us have some Texan in us," said Nuestadt.

Nuestadt also said Bush's willingness to listen and learn has helped him deal with the war on terrorism.

"From the beginning, Bush made up for a lack of Washington experience by surrounding himself with advisors who have just that," Nuestadt said. "Initially, Nuestadt noted that like other crises Bush, should be aware that the "rallying around the flag" effect does not create a constitutional dictatorship and is not forever. Nuestadt said Bush was fractures in terrorism continues, Americans might become disheartened with his length and fact that no clear winner can ever be declared. Reconciling with his leadership style, Nuestadt said, "George W. knows how to look, act and dress presidentially, but with a lot of help from his office as positives in his leadership style.

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Nuestadt said in crisis times presidents are given more power due to accumulated precedents. "Thus far the Bush administration has shown little use of these prerogative powers," Nuestadt said. "But dare I say it, the use of prerogative power will likely increase as this unprecedented war continues."

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'Innovator' to lecture on Sept. 11 response

By SHEILA EGTS
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Martha Nussbaum, Ernst Freund Professor of Law and Ethics at the University of Chicago, will speak on "Patriotism and Citizenship" tonight at 8 p.m. in the Saint Mary's O'Lahglin Auditorium. It will address the response to the events of Sept. 11.

Although Nussbaum is on leave for the 2001-2002 academic year and is not accepting visiting lecturing engagements, she is making an exception to visit Saint Mary's as the keynote speaker for the College's Play of the Mind conference.

"I've been intending to come to Saint Mary's for a number of years, and have had various invitations there that I've been unable to accept for one reason or another," said Nussbaum. "Meanwhile, I've been to Notre Dame lots of times. I thought it was high time that I focused on Saint Mary's."

Nussbaum's active work in the public arena has made her America's most prominent female philosopher. Addressing audiences at an all-women's college hits home for Nussbaum, who attended an all-women's high school and an all-women's college for two years.

"I think that single-sex education was then and still is a very important option for women. It allows women to develop all their abilities freely, without worrying about whether men will like the way they are behaving," she said.

Nussbaum was able to express her thoughts without anxiety in school and quickly gained a reputation that has stuck with her to the present day.

"My friends [in school] used to tease me by calling me Artha Marguer, meaning Artha the Arguer. It's been many years since then, but I haven't stopped talking and arguing," said Nussbaum about the early beginnings of her love of philosophical debate.

Her strong background served Nussbaum well as she was most recently acknowledged as one of the nation's premier public intellectuals. In December, Time magazine named her one of the seven Next Wave Innovators, who are significant thinkers shaping the early years of the 21st century. She continually travels and engages in projects fostering human development around the world, while keeping up a demanding schedule as teacher, scholar and writer.

Patrick White, director of the Center for Arts and Public Life, Innovation, organized the Play of the Mind with others at Saint Mary's and considers Nussbaum an ideal keynote speaker for the conference.

"She embodies an understanding of the intellectual as a leader engaged in the work of the world, while keeping up a demanding schedule as teacher, scholar and writer," said White.

Nussbaum's keynote address will kick off the Play of the Mind, which continues until Sunday.
**STUDENT SENATE**

**Groups may be liable for deficits**

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

The Financial Management Board submitted to the Student Senate Wednesday night an amendment to the Student Union constitution that would require certain student groups, such as the senate itself, to repay funds if they exceed their allotted budgets.

"Groups within the Student Union shall budget as necessary to ensure that they spend only the dollar amount allocated during each fiscal year," read the resolution, which the senate will vote on at its meeting next week.

In addition to the senate, the resolution, if passed, will apply to the office of the student body president, the Student Union Board, class councils, Judicial Council and Hall Presidents’ Council.

The amendment is necessary because all Student Union groups draw money from one account, FMB's Jennifer Wolfe told senators. Although each year, currently there is nothing in place to prevent the groups from using more money than is in its budget.

"In the past, if a group overspent, there was no punishment," said Wolfe. "We'd have a group overspend by $20,000 and never have to pay it back."

This situation is problematic, she added, because the FMB must then find a way to replace the money missing from its general fund.

Wolfe added that the Club Coordination Council already has a system in place to prevent the campus clubs it oversees from spending too much.

"We're trying to make our rules more like the clubs," Wolfe said.

Also at the senate’s meeting Wednesday night, senate diversity committee co-chairs Nikki McCord and Elizabeth Lenn told the senate about the retreat their committee held recently for dorm multicultural commissioners.

About 25 commissioners participated, according to Lenn.

"I was excited by the turnout," she said.

The commissioners who attended the retreat developed several ideas for programs to run for students.

"These ideas will lead the way to excellent events on campus," McCord said.

In other senate news:

- Next Wednesday, instead of holding its weekly meeting in LaFortune, the senate will hold its meeting at Keogh Hall, according to student body vice president Brian Moscona. The senate hopes that by holding its meeting in residence halls, more students will attend and voice their opinions.

- We want to have an interactive meeting," said Moscona, who chairs the senate. He added that next week’s senate meeting will have a more causal and informal format than usual.

- Students, professors, priests and friends gathered at the basilica of the Sacred Heart Wednesday afternoon to remember the life of Father George Minamiki, the former Jesuit associate professor of Classical and Oriental languages who died Jan. 4 of a heart attack while visiting family in Los Angeles.

- "I think what I remember most about him is that he was a good priest." Frank Robayashi, family friend

According to many at the service, these meetings helped the new families of Father George Minamiki being organized to have a network in South Bend and feel more welcome and comfortable with the Notre Dame community.

"Friends also recalled Minamiki being organized and committed to religious life. "He lived life to its fullest. I think what I remember most about him is that he was a good priest."
ITALIAN NEWS BRIEFS

Italy truckers protest tunnel closure: Thousands of trucks blocked roads at three Italian border points Wednesday to protest against delays in the reopening of the Mont Blanc tunnel and restricted access to Alpine crossings. The CUNA trucking association represents around 70,000 companies operating 200,000 trucks.

U.S. plants bugs in Chinese plane: A Pentagon spokesman offered a muted reaction today to disclosures that a presidential jet outfitted with listening devices, and his comments suggest that China would not let the incident upset plans for the first state visit by President Bush next month. The plane was delivered to China in September but has not been used.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. plans to recycle plutonium: The Bush administration intends to announce a new plan on Wednesday to dispose of surplus American nuclear weapons fuel, rejecting in part a 1996 plan by the Clinton administration as too costly. Under the new plan, 34 tons of plutonium will be converted into fuel for nuclear reactors. Under the Clinton plan, 8 tons of it was to be ruined by mixing it with the waste created when the plutonium was produced.

Court rules on sex offender case: The Supreme Court set a constitutional limit today on the growing state practice of keeping convicted sexual predators in extended civil confinement after their criminal sentences expire. The court said states must prove not only that an offender remained dangerous and was likely to repeat the crime but also that a "serious difficulty in controlling behavior" was part of the psychiatric diagnosis.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

State increases park fees: The Indiana Natural Resources Commission has raised state park fees for the second time in less than a year, citing a state fiscal crisis that also has forced cuts in the parks budget. The commission on Tuesday approved the requested increases, which take effect Feb. 1. The commission last year also raised the price of fishing and hunting licenses. The cost of admission to state parks for Indiana residents will rise from $3 to $4 per vehicle, or double the $2 charged in 2000 before last year's increase.

Taliban treatment raises concerns

The fury in Europe over the treatment of the Taliban prisoners in Cuba, European analysts and diplomats said today, stems from what appears to be another example of the United States bending international law to suit its own purposes.

The decision by the Pentagon to keep the detainees in Cuba, out of the jurisdiction of American courts, and not to classify them prisoners of war under the Geneva Convention has troubled America’s closest allies, making it look as if the United States is “making up the rules as it goes along,” said a West European ambassador here. “This is international law à la carte, like multilateralism à la carte,” the ambassador said. “It annoys your allies in the war against terrorism and it creates problems for our Muslim allies, too. It puts at stake the moral credibility of the war against terrorism.”

In the last few days, the European Union, the Dutch government and the European Union have criticized the American treatment of the 158 captured Taliban fighters, spurred by a Pentagon photograph of bound, shackled prisoners, their heads and eyes covered, kneeling before American soldiers.

These officials, like Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer of Germany and the European Union’s foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, say the Geneva Convention must be applied to these prisoners, who would not be obligated to agree to interrogations. There has also been criticism about the physical treatment of the prisoners from the United Nations commission for human rights, Mary Robinson, and other groups, like Amnesty International and Doctors Without Frontiers.

The public-relations problem of the photographs, republished around the world, caused the British Foreign Secretary, Jack Straw, to remonstrate with Washington more than a week ago, the first open criticism of the Bush administration by the British since Sept. 11. Mr. Straw is said to have been reassured by the Americans about the treatment of the prisoners, but he was appalled by the damage the photographs and the issue itself could do to the coalition against terrorism.

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Associated Press

SAN JUAN
Victor Fajardo, who served as the U.S. territory’s education secretary from 1994 to 2000, turned himself in to the FBI early Wednesday. Nine others were also arrested in the scandal.

Warrants were issued for the arrest of the remaining seven.

All were charged by U.S. prosecutors with theft from programs receiving federal funds, extortion and money laundering, prosecutors said.

Among those arrested were Richard D’Acosta, president of Puerto Rico’s Chamber of Commerce and Jose Omar Cruz, deputy education secretary under Fajardo, said acting U.S. Attorney Guillermo Gil Bonar.

D’Acosta allegedly participated in the scheme through a government contractor, World Learning Systems, which he headed along with his wife, Victoria Vargas. She also was charged.

Gil estimated the scheme involved $4.5 million in diverted federal funds and kickbacks. He could not say how much was federal money.

Some $1 million was diverted to the coffers of the pro-statehood New Progressive Party, in power at the time, Gil said.

Much of the U.S. government money was supposed to fund computers and computer training for teachers, prosecutors said.

“At the beginning of 1995, Fajardo and Jose Omar Cruz - with the aim of complying with some quotas imposed by their party - began to ask for money from some contractors,” Gil said.

Lawyers for the accused weren’t immediately available for comment. If convicted, they could face prison sentences of 10 to 20 years.
ND Thespians put on French play

By LAURA KELLY
News Writer

The dress rehearsal in Washington Hall’s Lab Theatre seems just like any other, until the actors speak their first lines. Then this play’s uniqueness becomes clear — it is entirely in French.

Brought to stage by the undergraduate cast of “Le Theatre de Notre Dame,” this production of Molière’s “Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme” marks the group’s eighth year of French theatre at Notre Dame.

Director Paul McDowell, a professor and assistant to the chair in the department of Romance languages, came up with the idea for the group when he first came to Notre Dame 10 years ago, and since then the performances have sold out every year.

“We’ve always sold out because the students are so incredible and because the spectators don’t need to understand a word of French,” said McDowell.

The actors emphasize physical humor and also offer an English synopsis to the audience to aid in their understanding.

“In any given night, 90 percent of the audience doesn’t speak French, yet they laugh in all the right places,” McDowell said. “The shows have a very broad appeal.”

Students in the cast were enrolled in a one-credit class last fall in which McDowell took them through the entire process of bringing a play to the stage. An intense period of rehearsals in the first two weeks of this semester brought the production to its final stages.

The 17th century play by Molière is a farcical love story, full of slapstick. Drawing from the talents of this year’s cast, McDowell said the addition of music and dance elements to the play also adds to the audience’s enjoyment.

“We rely on the strengths of the students, and they’re a great cast with a lot of energy,” said McDowell.

All the students in this year’s class were abroad with McDowell during his time as director of the program in Angers for the past two years.

“We knew each other well, and this helped us understand what could have been a very long process,” said McDowell.

While all the students have knowledge of French, most have never been in a play before.

“These kids are courageous and couldn’t happen without them,” said McDowell. “And my hat is off to the audience as well, for taking the chance and coming to a French play.”

Forum addresses sexuality

By JILL MAXBAUER
News Writer

Saint Mary’s forum “Contraception: Is it a safe choice?” Setting Limits: A Personal Choice,” part of the Understanding and Embracing Our Sexuality Series, left students asking the question, “when are we going to talk about contraception?”

Issues surrounding contraception were not discussed until late in the semester, and students ran out of time to have a full discussion of the issue.

The main topics discussed were sexual boundaries and decision making for couples.

“Tonight was about a time when we had a chance to have a really frank discussion about personal decisions,” Sister Betty Smoyer said. “The students who came tonight will be more informed to make important decisions from an emotional, spiritual, intellectual and personal perspective.”

Students have knowledge of French, most have never been in a play before.

“Many students appeared to enjoy the decision-making exercises, and were able to relate the questions to their personal relationships.”

Scenarios included remaining abstinent, setting personal boundaries, and talking openly with a partner.

“It’s important to know what you have decided and be able to talk about it,” said Kristina Pendley, the assistant director for the Counseling Center.

“If you decide to use contraceptives, please make sure to look at the side effects they can have on your health.”

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Forum participants also stressed concern over the effects taking artificial birth control can have on a person.

“Contraception appears to take the pressure of pregnancy off, but it is a big decision; how it affects your physical, spiritually and emotionally you are to be aware of,” said Smoyer.

A fast-paced and opinionated discussion came from the students in attendance.

They stressed wanting to discuss the merits of birth control within a marriage, the effectiveness of certain contraceptives and how to know which form to pick.

But time ran out before these students concerns could be addressed fully. The discussion leaders did say that there are many services on campus to aid the education of Saint Mary’s women about the choices surrounding contraceptives, such as the Counseling Center, Campus Ministry and Health and Wellness.

The next lecture tackles the issue of sexual abuse and will be held on Feb. 6 at 7:30 pm in Stapleton Lounge.
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our duty to educate," said de la Rosa, the co-president of the Filipino American Student Organization. "People fear what they don't understand.

The debate soon turned to getting "majority" students involved in multicultural events, which prompted sophomore Dan Murphy to add, "There are a lot of people who really want to learn," he said. Chandra Johnson, assistant to President Edward Malloy, said she has seen more majority students get involved with multicultural events, but that it has been mainly for entertainment events that are easier to attend "because you don't have to talk." Iris Outlaw, who has been at the University since 1991, said she has also seen improvement in cultural awareness, but wants to see more.

"Don't let the fact of the group sponsoring it be a deterrent for you to attend," said Outlaw. She went on to encourage students to learn about as many different cultures as possible during their years at Notre Dame.

"Why get a cheeseburger education if you're paying Big Mac dollars?" she asked.

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 Associated Press

HOUSTON

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The company filed for bankruptcy in December, leaving thousands of employees out of work and stripping much of their retirement savings after Enron temporarily barred them from selling company stock from their Enron-dominated 401(k) accounts.

Eleven House and Senate committees are investigating Enron, while the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission pursue their own less-visible probes.

Lay is expected to testify before two congressional committees on Thursday. Lay's lead outside auditor was subpoenaed to testify before Congress on Thursday about his role in the destruction of financial records, but his lawyer said he would refuse unless the House panel grants him immunity.

The Arthur Andersen auditor, David Duncan, warned Enron's chief accounting officer last October that the wording of the company's draft press release announcing huge third-quarter losses could be misleading for investors, according to a memo Duncan wrote for the files on Oct. 15 that was obtained by investigators.

The memo says his advice was made after consulting with Arthur Andersen attorneys — who ignored it.

One of the attorneys was Nancy Temple, who also was subpoenaed to testify at Thursday's hearing. According to another document, Temple asked Duncan to delete her name and any reference to having consulted with the Arthur Andersen attorneys from his memo.

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The company filed for bankruptcy in December, leaving thousands of employees out of work and stripping much of their retirement savings after Enron temporarily barred them from selling company stock from their Enron-dominated 401(k) accounts.

Eleven House and Senate committees are investigating Enron, while the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission pursue their own less-visible probes.

Lay is expected to testify before two congressional committees on Thursday. Lay's lead outside auditor was subpoenaed to testify before Congress on Thursday about his role in the destruction of financial records, but his lawyer said he would refuse unless the House panel grants him immunity.

The Arthur Andersen auditor, David Duncan, warned Enron's chief accounting officer last October that the wording of the company's draft press release announcing huge third-quarter losses could be misleading for investors, according to a memo Duncan wrote for the files on Oct. 15 that was obtained by investigators.

The memo says his advice was made after consulting with Arthur Andersen attorneys — who ignored it.

One of the attorneys was Nancy Temple, who also was subpoenaed to testify at Thursday's hearing. According to another document, Temple asked Duncan to delete her name and any reference to having consulted with the Arthur Andersen attorneys from his memo.
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Wons, who attended the two-hour service, "It was really nice to see so many people gathering together that evening to share a common belief."

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students gathered in front of the Washington Monument on Tuesday to participate in the rally and march. The noon rally featured speakers from both houses of Congress, pro-life activists from across the nation and members of the Catholic, Jewish and Eastern Orthodox clergies. President Bush also addressed the crowd via telephone from West Virginia.

"You're working and marching on behalf of a noble cause and affirming a culture of life," said Crawford. "It's the right decision, it made me think it was really good," said Winchester.

Coughlin said in the joint statement, "This is the right decision. This is the proudest course of action for EMI. We wish Mariah the best."

In a separate EMI statement, however, the company said it had "terminated its contract with Mariah Carey." EMI described the statement as a "Cautory disclosure that was required by stock exchange regulations."

Hours later, Carey's representatives angrily denied she had been terminated. "They said the break was amicable and added that EMI's statement was false and in violation of her exit terms. Carey's lawyer, Marshall Grossman, told The Associated Press: "We are appalled that EMI would deal so callously with Layered Clothing and Warm Gloves

Carey leaving Virgin records

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Whether or not the interview was the last straw, Coughlin and Winchester have left the door open for Jansen and Jablonski-Dieh, as they now run unopposed.

"It's never good to be running unopposed. That means a lack of diversity," said Crawford. Coughlin and Winchester made it clear in the Tuesday interview with The Observer that if not in office, they would not contribute to BOG.

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Carey leaving Virgin records

"Glitter," her first album for Virgin and the soundtrack for her movie of the same name, was a major disappointment. It sold 501,000 copies, according to Soundscan, a sharp drop from the multimillion success the Grammy winner delivered for her previous label, Columbia Records.

The "Glitter" disc came out in September, after the singer was hospitalized in July for a much-publicized breakdown. It was followed two weeks later by her equally disappointing movie of the same name, which failed to crack the top 10 in its first week of release and quickly disappeared from theaters.

Earlier this month, EMI released a statement denying it had agreed to buy out Carey's pricey deal.

But in Wednesday's statement, EMI's new chairman, Alain Levy, said: "We have decided that this is the most prudent course of action for EMI. We wish Mariah the best."

"It was the last straw," said Wons, who attended the rally and march. The noon rally and march was the last straw, a difference."
Germany to patrol off Horn of Africa

Associated Press

ABOARD USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Seven German warships joining the U.S.-led war on terrorism will gather intelligence and then determine a course of action to prevent another terrorist attack like the one orchestrated by Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida.

The German ships will be very important in telling us what Somalia, where al-Qaida is reforming, is up to.

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Plan aims at readiness

WASHINGTON

Wary of another bioterrorist attack, federal health officials are proposing a budget plan aimed at building new laboratories, improving hospital readiness and figuring out how to vaccinate the entire population of cities in the middle of a crisis.

The administration is focusing on the hard work of preparation at the state and local level. It's part of the administration's overall homeland security plan. Bush is expected to request nearly double the current $13 billion for the upcoming budget year. That includes "unprecedented support" for cities to pay for police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians, Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge told mayors Wednesday.

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One-ticket election still leaves room for choice

I am a junior at Saint Mary's and I want the students here to know that they do have a choice in the upcoming election which has only one option: vote. After the scandal that happened my freshman year, I learned that you can vote and abstain. A candidate, or ticket, as the case may be, needs a majority of the voting population to vote for them. In a single ticket election, this means that 50 percent of the people voting plus one more voter have to check the box for that ticket running in order for them to be elected.

Many students do not vote in a single-ticket election, because they believe that the ticket automatically wins the election. This is not true. If the ticket does not receive the above majority, and instead the majority goes to the abstinent voters, then the election process begins again. If the election process starts all over, new candidates can participate and we can have a choice in the election process, so that we can elect the best president and vice president possible to govern our student body next year.

If you are unhappy with the single ticket running in this year's election, please vote on Monday and abstain. I know I will.

Kris Robinson
Janet Bopp
Jan. 23, 2002

Be honest about King's message and its application today

It occurred to me during this year's annual fanfare, reminiscings and half-hearted applications of Martin Luther King, Jr. 's ideas to the controversies of the day, that our celebration of the man and his dream has become, perhaps even mendacious.

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Quote of the Day

"Systems political or religious or racial or national — will not just respect us because we practice freedom, they will fear us because we do."

William Faulkner
American author
Learn about and respect life

I agree with Shane Hudnall, in his Jan. 22, letter titled, "Clearing up cloning misconceptions." Although there is often too much emphasis placed on genetics, this is especially true of those who tell us we share 98 percent of our genetic material with monkeys. These "proof" monkeys are our "cousins" — but fail to tell us we share 95 percent with houseflies and 70 percent with yeasts.

The rest of what Shane wrote is utterly contemptible. According to him, what makes us human is our ability to reason, talk, laugh, cry and so on. So humanity is a set of functions and severely retarded persons, for instance, or tiny babies are not really human. Hence they do not have rights as the rest of us do. This is the kind of thing I would expect to hear from Dr. Jack Kevorkian, Peter Singer or maybe Dr. Menegol.

His discussion of the developing unborn child is misleading. This is the same tactic of describing the unborn as more or less tadpoles that abortion advocates. After all, if you can deny the humanity of those children, you are free to kill them — just as the Nazis denied the humanity of Jews. The truth is that at six weeks a child already has a heartbeat and brainwaves, as well as human features.

How Shane can claim when and whether an unborn child has a soul, I have no idea, since he did not support that assertion. His gratuitous and unfunny reference to Bob Hope betrays his own prejudices. Why not mention Al Gore instead? (Gore would seem the obvious choice for a zombielike public figure.) Gore is pro-abortion, and Shane would hate to insult someone of his own stripe — hence to insult a conservative instead. Before you close yourself, Shane, I suggest you learn what human life really is and respect it.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Teach for America**

My name is Stacy Ward and I graduated from Notre Dame in 1997. I’m currently teaching fifth grade in Baltimore as a Teach For America (TFA) corps member.

TFA is the national corps of outstanding recent college graduates of all academic majors who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools. We have two main goals: providing this country’s most disadvantaged students with excellent teachers who will go above and beyond traditional expectations to ensure that their students achieve academic and incorporating the leader direction and civic commitment of its corps members in order to build an ever-expanding force of leaders and citizens who are committed to making the changes needed to ensure that all children in this nation have an equal chance in life.

Since I’ve started teaching, I am most proud of the fact that I have five graders who can now divide without using tally marks and have learned their multiplication facts. I have also become comfortable with my students’ families and the community in which I teach. In addition, I am able to provide my students with a safe after-school experience to complete their homework, play one-on-one support and play board and computer games with their peers.

I have gained an incredible amount of insight into what long-term changes are necessary in order to ensure that ultimately, all students graduate with an equal chance in life. TFA’s mission is to develop and evolve a diverse set of skills that will be of value no matter what field we enter — skills such as the following: leadership, strategic planning, problem-solving, communication and management.

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**Become part of a force for change.**

Stacy E. Ward  
*class of ’97*  
*Baltimore, Md.*  
*Jan. 23, 2002*

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**Guest Column**

**Rebuild the towers and continue the dream**

New York

Feelings of patriotism over the past few months have been primarily superficial. In addition to waving the flag, Americans have been encouraged to fly shop, drive sport-utility vehicles and attend baseball games. These acts have more to do with avoiding a recession than glorifying a nation, and fail to embrace the courage and confidence embodied in the strong character of a patriot. Meanwhile, a veritable American tradition needs courageous individuals in order to progress: the skyscraper.

Two of the world’s 10 tallest buildings collapsed to the ground a few months ago, victims of their own popularity to residents and terrorist alike. Twin towers left behind a 16-acre plaza that, although full of green, return to the imagination as a blank artist’s canvas. Unfortunately, two competing proposals for occupying this canvas are anything but imaginative.

New York mayor Michael Bloomberg has endorsed a plan for four 50-story towers of "cheap and plentiful" office space. But several 50-story towers in close proximity surrounded by other tall structures are the white-collar corporate equivalent of a housing project, regardless of a prominent location. Former Mayor Giuliani has publicly endorsed not building at all on the site, stating that leaving it as hallowed ground in the tradition of Gettysburg would be the best possible memorial.

But while a memorial is absolutely necessary, abandoning 16 acres of Lower Manhattan as a testament to the past is also volitionally surrendering New York’s unofficial status as crossroads of the world.

One concept is mildly functional, the other mildly spiritual, but neither is inspirational on any level. Fifty-story towers in the place of taller buildings are a deliberate reluctance to build something tall and legendary, and a city losing millions in tax revenues would be moronic to leave a cornerstone of the economy undeveloped.

There is nothing fundamentally flawed about skyscrapers, no fatal weakness in tall steel structures and no buildings not to reach toward the sky. Nevertheless, there is a basic flaw in a society that rallies round the flag, propels its ability to cope with tragedy and resume a daily routine and yet fails to acknowledge it as a people — in this case, building taller structures toward the sky.

Terrorism seeks to divide and change attitudes through horrific acts; if tall people — in this case, building taller towers in Manhattan for victims of last year’s atrocities — are not actually based in the American Dream. More than any single act of terrorism, building a house on the prairie with a 10-car garage, the American Dream is the ideal of self-improvement upon which this city and country were based.

The needs to be a memorial in lower Manhattan for victims of last year’s atrocities. Perhaps all of the towers can be preserved, two of the 16 acres. But the remainder of the territory needs to be transformed from a morbid memory to the living space that it once was. Along the perimeter, a plaza of hotel and exhibition space not unlike the original can stand a new skyscraper at least as tall as one of the former towers.

Home to offices of government and international trade, much like the original World Trade Center complex, it may take a name reflecting on its history and location: Liberty Tower. While a beautiful, functional structure in its own right, one of the greatest memorials possible would be central to the design: its standing alone in the sky with a missing twin.

There must be a new beacon in the harbor to guide New York — and the nation as a whole — out of the crisis in confidence perpetuated by the symbolic loss of an architectural gem. A reluc­tance to touch the sky has not dimmed Seven Dearborn, the new skyscraper under construction in Chicago. It should not affect New York, the city credited with "laying the street on end" in skyscraper development. A highway to the heavens is a necessity to replace the boulevard of broken dreams.

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

The Notre Dame Student Film Festival high

By LIAM DACEY and MARIO BIRD

The 2002 Notre Dame Student Film Festival, now in its 13th year of existence, kicks off tonight in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Despite its new location, this year's festival promises the same unique and often eclectic mix of student short films.

Professor Ted Mandell of the Department of Film, Television and Theatre began the festival just two years after graduating from Notre Dame. In 1988, Mandell realized that showcasing student films to just parents wasn't enough.

"Films are made to be seen," Mandell said, "not just shown in class.

At first, the films were screened for 75 people in the basement of the Center for Continuing Education. However, the festival quickly increased in popularity and eventually moved to the Snite Museum of Art, where it has been held up until this year. Considering the consecutive sellout crowds in the past, approximately 2,000 tickets are being made available for this year's event.

The festival features the aspiring work of students in the four production classes offered by the University: introductory, intermediate and advanced film production, as well as a video production class. This year's show consists of 13 films, eight coming from the advanced class, two from intermediate and introductory, and one from pre-video.

Mandell chose the festival's lineup to create a "roller-coaster" effect on the audience.

"The films are kind of like watching a lot of different Saturday Night Live skits together," he said. "They're all different, and you have to process each one as a separate entity.

Students take a lot of pride in their films. After all, Mandell notes, "not too many other graded projects are showcased to the entire University." Bob Bonella knows firsthand just how much work goes into creating a short. Along with Matt Peters, Rob directed "Train Station - Day," which will appear in the festival. He describes professor Jill Godmilow's advanced film production course as the most intense class he has taken at Notre Dame.

"It's a different kind of learning," he said. "The class is very hands-on and not as traditionally academic."

Indeed, the hands-on nature of the production classes forces the students to work closely together and crew for each other's films.

"You have to be a part of three other films as well as your own," Bonella said. "You being on top of everything is essential. You really have to know what you are doing.

In the end, the students have to learn the craft of lifetime skilled professionals in just three months. Many express that more of their time is spent in the production classes than in all their other classes combined.

Chosen by Mandell based on technical merit, the films in the festival are entirely written and shot by the students.

"It's the students' films," he said. "We just help them along.

Past Notre Dame film grad students have used this guidance to progress through the film and television industry. A small sampling of the group's accomplishments is impressive to say the least.

Maggie Ruffings ('98) is now a producer at NBC Films and received an Emmy nomination in 2000 for Outstanding Editing. Jennifer Creescenzo ('97) is currently the senior producer at Video/Action, a Washington D.C.-based, not-for-profit production company focused on creating media that provides a voice for people and communities whose stories are rarely heard. In 2001, she received a local Emmy for a story about the people of Lockerbie, Scotland and their kindness after the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

Andres Kris ('94) supervised the sound and mixing of "The Laramie Project," which opened at this year's Sundance Film Festival. The film is based on the murder of Matthew Shepard, and premiered on HBO last March.

"This year will tell what distinguished careers this year's class of filmmakers will lead. But for now, here's a sneak peek of what they have produced for 2002.

"This Time You'll Watch Me On You"

Directed by: Maggie Moran

Moran's short is a film rant against rape. While it is at once terse and disjointed in its quasi-narrative structure, Moran is still able to parlay this aspect into enhancing the overall message of the film. The director explained her techniques: "I used cuts, light leaks and jump cut editing to emphasize the film as a construction. The woman [Martha] has been raped and the film is her opportunity to address a stand-in or 'abstract perpetrator' in abstract terms - to get it all out of her self, to release the pain and confusion she's held inside since the incident." Backstopping the production are the talents of veteran Notre Dame actor Matt Lee, who starred in last year's FTT production of "Oedipus". The directing is done with her subject matter. Like the photographs, which are central to the plot, the compositional beauty of "Still Life" belies the difficulty that was overcome en route to the final product.

"Since we didn't shoot the film on the same days as finding the animals, and since we couldn't depend on finding an animal the day of shooting, we had to store them in Dustin's refrigerator. Needless to say, we threw away that contraption at the end of the semester. I don't think the power of God could have taken away the rank smell," Scofield said about the unusual production hazards.

"DGM Investments"

Directed by: Andy Gregor and Dan Nowak

In this clever dark comedy by directors Andy Gregor and Dan Nowak, a multi-talented man named Gordy acts as a salesman, hit man and doctor. He performs assisted suicides then steals the person's organs and gives them to needy customers. In yet another twist, the family members of the deceased cash in on the insurance policy. "DGM" is an entertaining reprise to Gregor's "Time and Temperature," a 2000 mocku-mentary of the seedy underbelly of small-town America.

"LaFaire"

Directed by Peter Richardson and Beth Leliart

Certainly the most explicit piece of the festival, "LaFaire" delves into the pages of a sexy fashion magazine and asks the question, "Who are these female models really portraying?" As two women discuss their opinions, one still image comes to life. The result is a stylish and multi-dimensional narrative poem.

With an open ending, Leliart and Richardson leave the decision to the audience.

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"Lament"
**Directed by:** Matthew Reilly and Brent Buchman

"Lament" is a film poem presented in three repeating acts. Each act begins with a brief sexual sequence enveloped by a montage of a single character meandering about town musing on the deeper aspects of their relationship with the other. The most striking property of the film is its mellow, stream-of-consciousness voiceover, which Reilly and Buchman originally planned to be read in a jarring "slam poetry" style. "Due to the complexity of the poetry, we needed a slower, more controlled style to make sure viewers could hear and hopefully understand," Buchman said about the change.

Though their film style has a raw, retro feel that is reminiscent of 1970s Hollywood, Buchman said their cinematic inspirations lie elsewhere. "The most influential film for us was 'The Wizard' with Fred Savage. The cheerleading epic 'Bring it On!' also supplied us with great inspiration."

"Train Station - Day"
**Directed by:** Rob Bonella and Matt Peters

With "Train Station - Day," Bonella and Peters have fashioned an unconventional comedy about a suburban kid trying to leave home. In the strain of "American Beauty" and "Blue Velvet," the film largely critiques the bourgeois, middle-class lifestyle and its anesthetizing effect on the nuclear family. The protagonist, Billy, leads the audience through tripified suburbia and is met by stultifying friends and family at every turn.

"I wanted to write a film that dealt with that strange position of growing up or living in relative comfort and being dissatisfied with it," Bonella said. "You find yourself in a situation that does not suit you and despite the apparent benefits, it's completely suffocating."

"Return"
**Directed by:** Charlie Holden-Corbett and Ryan White

"Return" tells the story of a family whose father has been physically debilitated as the result of a car wreck. Due to the violently sustained trauma of the accident, the father suffers from akinetic mutism, a state in which a person is conscious of his surroundings, but is unable to communicate his cognizance to anyone else. Return covers a wide scope: perspectives range from the skepticism of the doctor to the silent condition of the father, and finally the prayerful hope of his wife and children. While the narrative seems dominated by the immobility and helplessness of film man who was once a breadwinner, Corbett is quick to point out that the faith of his family is an even stronger theme in the film.

"There is a very deeply religious aspect to this film. Akinetic mutism is a very tough condition for families to work through, and it seemed to us that faith would be the only way to keep hope, it is not a story of large and grand miracles, but of small, unexpected ones. The family's prayers are heard and answered as ours are, in ways and at times we don't expect," said..

"Oh, For the Love"
**Directed by:** Brian Skorney and Jeremy Soto

In contrast to "Return," "Oh, For the Love" unfolds from a distinctive perspective, particularly the Catholic sacrament of marriage. Perhaps intended as a postmodern myth, the film depicts the characters of Cupid, Venus and Jesus, observing a wedding and commenting on the facile and misunderstood relationship that brought about its occurrence. "Love" asserts that the affection and attraction aroused by Cupid and Eros will never completely satisfy a relationship, and that the Catholic idea of Christian love through marriage is a construct that treacherously attempts to numb man and woman from this realization.

"I feel the cynicism of the film stemmed largely from my own personal outlooks on relationships and the oftentimes bizarre ways relationships seem to take form," Skorney said.

Besides highlighting the seemingly bogus concept of Christian love, the film also portrays the Jesus figure irrevocably hanging about a dorm chapel, even posing to sit on the altar. Skorney reflects on the problem of asking permission to use a chapel from a campus rec- tor: "We convinced him that it wouldn't portray the Church in a bad light. In the end, I worried that he would be a little too cautious over what was occurring so we switched over to Alumni Hall. He was very happy to have us film there and never asked about the content."

Two silent and black and white films appear in this year's festival, as well. "Flirtations" and "Fatal Error," tells the story of two young mothers faced with the disappearance of their children. The brief narrative documents the tormented anguish of the women and projects the sort of tragedy a simple twist of fate can bring about, especially when dealing with the U.S. Postal Service.

In "Flirtations," a young man catches the eye of an attractive young woman in a small cafe. However, the chance liaison turns out to be a horse of a different color, as the short plot unfolds in a scene reminiscent of "Swingers."

Also appearing in the festival are two shorts from Introductory Production. Both were filmed on digital video and poke fun at life on campus in two very different ways. "Jack," by Jeremy Renteria, examines a mentally unstable student and his skewed world. Featuring an absurd plot line, a jagged, frenzied mise-en-scene and a shockingly bizarre narrative, "Jack" is both comical and disturbing.

I enjoy making films that have the potential to make people laugh, but not in a conventional sense. The jokes are there, but at the same time you're laughing at some thing that is a little on the dark side. In this case, things like obsessive behavior, especially between men and women, are being a bit exaggerated, or pulled in a direction that they don't typically go, but that the audience can recognize the situation, but can see it in an atypical, and hopefully humorous way," Renteria said.

Alongside "Jack," "Checkout" stands apart as the only other video to make an appearance in this year's festival. Juli Barion's tale of a slick player trying to spin some game on an unsuspecting young lady is witty and brief. Though the piece is simple dialogue and conventional shot-reverse-shot, "Checkout" is well composed and the relevance of the setting, conversation and conclusion will not be lost on Notre Dame students.

Perhaps the beauty of the Student Film Festival is the emotional vigor and originality that is present in each entry. With the number of Hollywood movies and commercialized advertisements constantly infiltrating our lives, the freshness of these pieces pulls us away from the norm, even if just for a couple hours. Robert Browning said, "It is the glory and good of Art, that Art remains the one way possible of speaking a personal truth." In order to produce these films, students have to find a way to speak their own truths.

"You have to be completely immersed in your film to make it right," Mandeli said. "It's a part of you."
Colts hire Dungy to help boost defense

Ex-Tampa Bay head coach signs five-year contract

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

On his first day on the job, Tony Dungy promised to rebuild Indianapolis' defense and lead the Colts to the playoffs - and eventually the Super Bowl.

Dungy was introduced as the Colts coach Wednesday, one day after signing a five-year, $13 million contract.

He pledged to concentrate his efforts on improving a defense that allowed a league-high 486 points last season.

"Hopefully, it's pretty simple," Dungy said of his defensive strategy. "It's not what you do, but how you do it. You have to get guys to play hard in and down out. It's attitude."

The 46-year-old Dungy is the Colts' sixth coach in 11 seasons. He replaces Jim Mora, who was fired Jan. 8 after going 6-10 this season and 32-34 in four years.

Dungy, hired by Tampa Bay on Jan. 14 after going 44-42 and leading the Buccaneers to four playoff appearances in six seasons, has a track record of quick successes.

In his first season as the Minnesota Vikings' defensive coordinator, Dungy's defense led the league in interceptions. The next season, Minnesota was ranked No. 1 in defense.

In 1996, Tampa Bay's defense, ranked 27th the previous season, finished the year rated 11th. In each of the next five years, the Bucs' defense ranked among the league's top 10.

That success is what attracted the Colts to Dungy.

"When Tony and I got together last week, the thing that struck me was his accent on fundamentals," Colts president Bill Polian said. "Tony Dungy is the right man at the right time with the right approach to take us the rest of the way."

Dungy has crafted menacing defenses that produce turnovers in the past. He hopes to do the same for a Colts defense that slid from 15th in 1999 to 21st in 2000, and to 29th in 2001.

The Colts are eager to learn.

"Me, personally, I'm excited about playing in a defense that gets up the field, that tries to create turnovers," defensive end Chuckie Nwokorie said. "I've not had that since I was in college and I'm looking forward to letting it loose and playing."

Dungy assumes a team that had six first-time starters last season and is likely to include more new starters next season.

Dungy's been here before, but he thinks the Colts can make it work.

"When I went to Tampa, we had some guys that were pretty good players already, that people didn't know about," he said. "I'm hoping we have the same thing here."

Dungy does not intend to change much on an offense that ranked second in the league last season, despite not having James for more than half its games. He might even keep some of the offensive coaches, including coordinator Tom Moore, who also hired the defensive coordinator.

But at Mannell, president of the Utah Senate, says he'll be sending his family to every event he can afford, and he's "absolutely no fear" about terrorism during the Salt Lake City Games.

"I think their fears are wildly misguided," Mannell said. "The only place that will be more secure during the Olympics will be the White House."

Mitt Romney, president of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, says he agrees with the majority, who don't forecast terror.

Thirty-two percent said terrorism was very unlikely during the Olympics and 31 percent said it was somewhat unlikely.

"I think our ticket sales are pretty strong evidence" that people are not afraid to attend the games, Romney said.

Tammy Palmer, spokeswoman for the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command, finds it encouraging that nearly two-thirds think terrorism is unlikely. Olympic security, an unprecedented operation involving about 60 different agencies and more than $300 million, is solid, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said after a tour of venues this week.

Ashcroft joins several other top law enforcement officials in saying the games are as safe as they can get.

"People must be finding some confidence in that," Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff said. Shurtleff said he would have expected a higher percentage of people to fear Olympic terrorism.

The poll found some reluctance to use tax dollars to pay for the Olympic Games, which will cost nearly $2 billion - a fifth of it from taxpayers.
Falcons’ sale recommended

Associated Press

ATLANTA

The NFL finance committee voted unanimously Wednesday to recommend the $545 million sale of the Atlanta Falcons to Arthur Blank. The committee’s decision moved Blank one step closer to becoming the second owner in the Falcons’ 36-year history. "They will make that recommendation to the 32 NFL clubs on Feb. 2," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said. "The clubs are set to vote on the sale in New Orleans, the day before the Super Bowl."

Blank, co-founder and former chairman of The Home Depot, is not expected to have difficulty getting at least 24 votes in his favor. "It’s an exciting time,” the 58-year-old Blank said. "There’s also a lot of hard work ahead.”

Blank reached an agreement Dec. 6 with team president Taylor Smith, whose family owns 88 percent of the Falcons. Since then, Blank’s accountants have been exchanging financial information with the team and the NFL in preparation for the finance committee’s meeting.

Blank has declined to take questions pointed at the Falcons’ future, including what role he envisions for head coach Dan Reeves, until the sale is completed. The team has a news conference scheduled to begin after the NFL owners’ meet Feb. 2.

"When the time is right, we will have a lot to discuss,” Blank said. Only one finance committee member, Philadelphia Eagles owner Jeff Lurie, was unable to attend the meeting in New York.

Cleveland Browns owner Art Lerner chairs the committee, which consists of six owners — New England’s Robert Kraft, New Orleans’ Tom Benson, Tennessee’s Bud Adams, Kansas City’s Lamar Hunt, Tampa Bay’s Malcolm Glazer and Denver’s Pat Bowlen — and Roberts Tinch, chairman of the New York Giants.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Twin’s appeal to Supreme Court

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn.

The Twins and major league baseball asked the Minnesota Supreme Court to hold a hearing by Feb. 11 — just three days before spring training starts — on the injunction that forces the team to play this season.

A day after the Court of Appeals voted 3–0 to uphold the injunction that compels the Twins to honor their lease at the Metrodome, the team and baseball filed papers Wednesday asking the Supreme Court to review the case and to set an expedited schedule for an appeal to the high court.

"The critical timing issues present in this case make expedited determination necessary if meaningful review is to occur,” wrote Roger Magnuson, a lawyer for the Twins and baseball commissioner Bud Selig.

Separately, Twins owner Carl Pohlad met with Alabama businessman Donald Watkins to discuss Watkins’ desire to purchase the team.

"The appellate court upheld a Nov. 16 decision by a district judge, who said only breach of the Twins contract wouldn’t be satisfied by money alone,” baseball’s lawyers argue. The injunction runs contrary to 80 years of Minnesota law and represents an "artificialization of a waiver and anomalous legal principle” that demands review by the Supreme Court.

"The Court of Appeals decision is an unprecedented intrusion into a private business’ right to cease operations,” Magnuson wrote.

Baseball owners voted Nov. 6 to eliminate two teams before this season. Baseball hasn’t officially selected the teams, but the Twins and Montreal Expos are the likely targets because of their low revenue and inability to secure government funding for new ballparks.

Magnuson asked for the speedy review because the Twins are due to start spring training in Fort Myers, Fla., on Feb. 17, three days after teams are allowed to start workouts.

"Baseball must know if it can proceed with contraction so that players can be reallocated among the remaining teams, and schedules and rosters can be finalized,” he wrote.

The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, which obtained the injunction as the Twins’ landlord, opposes quicker-than-usual consideration, lawyer Andy Flesch said.

"The calendar of contraction was established by commissioner Selig,” Flesch said. "It obviously did not allow sufficient time for any orderly legal process.”

The Twins’ Supreme Court, which on Nov. 30 refused to hear a direct appeal of the original ruling, typically takes five to seven months to decide cases after hearing arguments, though it has moved more quickly in some cases where time was an issue. For the high court to take the case, at least three of the seven justices must agree to accept an appeal.

Watkins, who wants to examine the Twins’ financial records before making a formal offer, has said he could finance a new stadium with or without public help if he buys the team. His lawyer, Kenneth Thomas, was also present at the two-hour meeting, along with Twins president Jerry Bell and Pohlad’s son, Jim, a minority owner of the team.

Watkins did not immediately return a message left at his office. The Twins said both parties signed confidentiality agreements to keep the discussion process private.

Meanwhile, the grievance by the players’ association over the contraction resumes Thursday in New York with the 11th day of testimony before arbitrator Shymax Das. Delegations from management and the players, including Yankees reliever Mike Stanton, met for about three hours Wednesday at the commissioner’s office, discussing mostly procedural issues and scheduling.
Tyson apologizes for part in brawl with Lewis

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tyson said he's not "Mr. Politically Correct," Mike Tyson made an apology of sorts Wednesday for his part in a news conference melee that could deny him a license to challenge Lennox Lewis.

"I'm a boxer, and from now on, I will let my boxing talk for me," Tyson said in a statement.

He did not comment on whether he bit Lewis' left leg in the brawl at the Hudson Theater on Tuesday. A source close to Lewis' camp, who asked not to be identified, said Tyson did bite the WBC-IBF champion.

Lewis and his advisers declined to talk about it.

"It (the melee) is under investigation by the Nevada commission," said Gary Shaw, chief operating officer of Main Events, the American promoter of the champion from Britain.

The Nevada State Athletic Commission is scheduled to consider Tyson's application for a license on Jan. 29. It was the Nevada commission that fined Tyson $3 million and revoked his license after he bit Evander Holyfield's ear in 1997.

Tyson got a license a year later, but it lapsed in 1999.

"There was obviously a miscommunication between our camps with regards to the face-off, and a demand to break it out," Tyson said, explaining how the brawl began.

Apparently, each man was to come on stage upon being introduced and stop on a small platform, which were not close to one another. They were to turn and stare at one another.

Tyson was introduced first. After Lewis got up on his platform, Tyson walked toward him, claiming he was going to engage in a stare down.

When he got close, he was pushed by Lewis' bodyguard and threw a punch at the man. Lewis threw a right hand that grazed Tyson's head and suddenly people were pushing, shoving and rolling around on stage.

"After our skirmish, I was provoked by a member of the audience who was shouting obscenities at me and I defended myself as I saw fit. In the process, things that I said may have offended members of the audience. To these people, I offer my apologies."

"I came to New York to promote a fight that I want and boxing fans want to see," Tyson concluded in his statement.

NFL

Pats start trash talk

Associated Press

TY LAW stroll stirring something up between the New England Patriots and Pittsburgh, saying the favored Steelers were acting too confident about Sunday's AFC championship game and needed to be "smacked in the face."

"They're confident, maybe even cocky — I guess I'll say that they're cocky," said Law, the Patriots cornerback who grew up in suburban Pittsburgh. "Well, that's good because I'm the same way. If they want to play rough, good, that's my game. Bring it."

"If the Baltimore Ravens had uttered such words a week ago, the Steelers likely would have answered back with some angry verbiage and bulletin board material of their own."

But, weary of trading insults with the Ravens, the Steelers would hear nothing Wednesday of getting into an exchange this week with the Patriots, a team they haven't played in three years.

Instead, the Steelers mostly brushed off Law's remarks — though receiver Plaxico Burress had a rejoinder or two — and talked respectfully of the Patriots. Even the Steelers' biggest talker, Lee Flowers, had nothing but good things to say of a team they compare to his own.

"These are the games you like to play because there's a lot of respect," Flowers said. "We don't know those guys that much, but this is not going to be a Baltimore — Ray Lewis — Shannon Sharpe trash talking week."

Flowers spoke of admiring Patriots rookie quarterback Tom Brady — a word that certainly wasn't in his vocabulary when he talked of the "hatred" between the Ravens and Steelers.

"A lot of players in this locker room admire him because we probably went through the same progression he went through, nobody gave us a chance and we finally got an opportunity," Flowers said.

Going into this season, the Steelers had missed the playoffs for three consecutive years and — like the Patriots — weren't seen as a Super Bowl team.

"New England is on the side of where we've been all year as the underdog," Flowers said. "Nobody is giving them a chance, but they're a good team and we're treating them as such."

"We'll seal the deal. They're the ones doing all the talking, and we're the ones just sitting over there getting ready for this game."

Ward said the Steelers don't talk as much as some teams — namely, the Ravens — not just because they haven't won a championship, but because it simply isn't their nature.

"We like to do our trash talking by our play," he said. "It's funny because the entire Baltimore thing, the trash talking, we still went out there and did what we had to do. Ty Law and all those guys, they won't trash talk when it boils down to a game time situation."
FENCING

More mature Viviani leads deep men's epee squad

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Jan Viviani has come a long way.

The once overly emotional freshman, who sometimes let his frustrations affect his fencing, has matured and developed into Notre Dame's top captain and a contender for the national title as a junior.

Head coach Yves Auriol believes that Viviani's greater maturity makes him a more consistent fencer.

"His father told me he saw a big change in Jan and he is more consistent," Auriol said. "He is very confident."

In the past, Viviani has won big bouts against top competition, but followed up strong wins with weak losses to club teams like Purdue. This year, Auriol expects wins out of Viviani every time he steps onto the strip.

Notre Dame's No. 1 epee fencer, who placed third in the 2000 and 2001 NCAA championships, is also in better shape than ever.

"I was training pretty hard," the junior captain said about his six-days-a-week workouts. "The workout schedule over the summer helped me get a little better and faster on my feet."

Viviani has also become, in the words of Auriol, a "super captain." He is the leader both on and off the strip. When the team is losing its focus in practice, Viviani is the one who brings the team back in line.

"Viviani has really stepped up and become a great captain," Auriol said.

Viviani isn't the only talented fencer, who placed third in the national championship.

Michal Sobieraj brings a wealth of international experience to Notre Dame from his home in Krakow, Poland.

"He is really exciting, but he is very talented," Auriol said. "I think he is going to be a force for us."

The No. 3 fencer for men's epee is one of Notre Dame's most experienced fencers. Senior Brian Carrick qualified for the NCAA championships in each of his first three seasons. He finished as a second team All-American in 1999 and 2001.

"If he can continue the way he was fencing at the end of NCAAs, he will be fine. He was fencing really well. He doesn't have too much pressure because he knows Viviani and Sobieraj are much better than he is," Auriol said. "He is a solid No. 3."

Women's Epee

One thing is certain at women's epee: Kerry Walton is a national championship contender. Walton is one of the top junior epees in the U.S. and should hold down the No. 1 Irish epee spot all year.

Beyond that, however, there are many question marks for the Irish.

Junior captain Anna Carnick, who earned All-American honors in her freshman year, struggled with injury last year. Although she qualified for the NCAA Championship, she finished 13th — well below expectations.

With Carnick struggling, classmate Meagan Call excelled. The then-sophomore from Oregon put together a strong finish to take fifth overall — just missing a spot in the top-four fence-off.

This year, however, Call is struggling while Carnick is regaining her All-American form.

"Carnick is not fencing too bad right now. She is fencing better than last year," Auriol said. "Meagan hasn't been fencing well. Her head hasn't been functioning well. She fenced better last weekend but she still isn't where she needs to be."

If Call recovers her old form, however, there could be a three-horse race for just two spots at the NCAA tournament.

"No matter who gets the slots, there aren't going to be any hard feelings," Walton said. "On the whole, everyone understands there are only two spots and not everyone can be on the team."

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Men's, women's foilists look to dominate nationals

By MATT LOZAR AND MIKE CONNOLLY

Boasting one of Notre Dame's top fencers, an impressive freshman and a solid senior, the Irish men's fencing foil squad will start its drive to the national championship this weekend at the New York University Duals.

Senior captain Oren Debel finished fifth in the country last year and compiled a 42-3 record in earning second team All-American honors. His 84-5 career record gives him the third-highest winning percentage in Irish history.

Debel looks to rebound from last season's nagging foot injury and regain the form that earned him a second place finish at the national championships as a freshman.

"The injury is fine," said Debel. "It was over three weeks after the NCAA (last season) and isn't a problem."

Auriol, however, suggests that his men's foil captain may not be at the top of his game right now.

"Ozren is where he is supposed to be," said Auriol. "He used to win this thing (the North American Cup Tournament in South Bend this weekend). He didn't make the finals here. He is not fencing well and needs to step it up a bit."

Derek Snyder, the promising freshman from Chatsworth, Calif., brings high expectations to help lessen the loss of Walton.

"Our freshmen have a lot of high expectations," said Snyder. "(Snyder) has been in a couple of tournaments in Europe and he is ready."

The No. 2 spot on the team has not been handed to Snyder, according to his coach.

"He is going to have to prove that he is as good as Forest," Auriol said. "He (Snyder) has been competing in individual competitions, but it's different fencing at the college level. I am waiting for him to see what he is made of."

Senior Steve Mauzone brings three years of experience to the foil squad and will also attempt to help lessen the loss of Walton. Mauzone, one of eight Irish fencers from New Jersey, earned a 30-13 record last season that provides more depth to this talented part of the team.

Mauzone is a great team fencer. Last year he fenced very tough," said Auriol. "He can compete with Snyder for second place. He is going to be a great No. 1 for us."

Women's foil

It may have taken Auriol two years to replace the All-American tandem of Sara Walsh and Myriah Brown, but the 2002 women's foil squad may finally have a pair of athletes that can match the talents of the 1999 graduates.

Freshmen Andrea Ament and Allegra Kryzcalo have the talent and experience to give the Irish a top foil squad for the first time since Walsh and Brown graduated.

"They are as good as the team (we had) when we had Sarah Walsh and Myriah Brown," Auriol said. "I think they are the two best at the college level."

Kryzcalo comes to Notre Dame from Gdansk, Poland, where she was part of the Polish junior foil team that won the World Championship each year from 1998-2000. She combines height, quickness and experience to become an instant force for the Irish.

"She is good. She is an NCAA champion contender," Auriol said.

Auriol believes that Ament is almost as talented as Kryzcalo. If not for her talented teammate, she might be the best collegiate foilist in America.

"I am sure that Andrea would like to be No. 1," Auriol said. "She is pretty good."

While Kryzcalo has the edge in international titles, Ament has a greater familiarity with the top American fencers they will face in competition.

"I am pretty prepared I know who I am going to face," she said. "I am ready for the competition."

The addition of the top two freshmen has shifted last year's No. 1, junior Liza Boutsikaris, down to No. 3. Auriol believes that Boutsikaris will thrive at the No. 3 role without the pressure she faced at No. 1 last year.

"I feel that Boutsikaris will fence good this year because she is No. 3. She has nothing to lose. She can relax and fence well."

Auriol said.

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by Chandra Johnson,
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You probably expect me to use this column to write about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For the past three days, his life and legacy have been celebrated on campus, and for me not to jump on the bandwagon would be quite uncharacteristic. However, as much as I welcome this opportunity to exalt his lasting memory and impact on the world just one more time, Dr. King is not my focus today. You are.

From my perspective, there has been an awakening of sorts in our community. Young adults seem to have come out of the woodwork eager to participate in an effort which would help us collectively rise above the vapor of Operation Enduring Freedom and Enron. I liken the past few days to a mountaintop, Emmanuel-type experience as we watched you sing, recite, reflect, report, comment and tout on and about issues that matter to you. Dr. King would be proud. After all this time, his message still makes sense to those who reach daily for new and enduring ways to love. But be careful. This openness to infuse the darkness of the human condition with the light of human compassion, tolerance and justice gives God free reign to do what God does best: Revolutionize.

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Every year at this time I find myself asking, "Was Saul's (Paul's) conversion a real conversion?" Think about it. If I was riding along on my horse one day, doing my job as a staunch defender of God and prosecuting this new way to the point of death (Acts 22:3-16), and a light from the sky suddenly flashed, blinded me, and I heard a voice say, "Chandra, Chandra, why do you persecute me?", I guarantee you I would stop persecuting! Convert...when, where and what time! Yet, there's something more to this story than Saul being frightened into doing God's will.

It's always when you think you're minding your own business and trying to live a socially-acceptable lifestyle when God enters in and says, "Where am I in this picture?" In my mind, this is what happened to Saul. One encounter with the risen Jesus changed his entire psyche. Everything he believed to be right and good and politically correct was revolutionized by the very God he thought he was defending. His old way of thinking was changed into a new way of living. Saul's personal conversion had a rippling effect which sparked a cultural revolution.

What does it take to change the heart of an entire nation? If you were to ask Saul, Dr. King, and any one of the students who actively participated in this week's activities, they would probably say, "the willingness to examine yourself and the world around you, and then ask, "Where is God in this?"" It takes people like you and me to find the words and way to revolutionize our often sedated notions of what it means to be people of faith — people who believe that through faith, clarity converts confusion, honor converts dishonor, acceptance converts isolation, and conviction converts complacency. This week we have examined how best to be a community which faces the challenges of our inherited human condition, yet strives, day by day, to welcome those conversion experiences which bring us closer to God and to each other. Just as Saul becomes Paul, we too are renamed and presented with a new pair of eyes from which to see ourselves in the other. How liberating!

My heartfelt thanks to those who entered into our Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration this year. From the Peace Quilt to prayer cards, we have once again recommitted ourselves to facing the challenges which lie ahead. Operation Love was our way of responding to our changing world and our Notre Dame community. Special thanks to Ken, Habibah, Jourdan, Kat, and Santiago. Through your consistent and steadfast efforts, we have been brought to a renewed and proactive level of living. On behalf of the entire Notre Dame community, thank you for your offering of this conversion experience which will, in the end, revolutionize how we live together in this single garment of destiny. It is in our hope in you and your vision that we are sure to make a difference — piece by piece.

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FENCING

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Sports Writer

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Although the women's sabre squad hasn't produced a first or second team All-American in its two years of existence, head coach Yves Auriol believes this is his best sabre squad yet.

"The squad is captained by McCullough, a walk-on who started fencing as a freshman in physical education class. After starting out in foil, she switched weapons to sabre as a sophomore. She and several other walk-ons spent the entire year training to prepare for 2000, when women's sabre would be contested at the NCAA championships for the first time. As a junior she qualified for the NCAA championships and finished 19th. Last year she improved to 15th as a senior. Her fifth-year campaign has so far been her best. She won the prestigious Penn State Open in the fall, and may have improved enough to win All-American honors in 2002."

"That is probably the most rewarding thing (about coaching)," Auriol said. "A girl coming from PE class as a foil, making the switch to sabre, works hard with (assistant coach) Janusz Bednarski and keeps getting better." Auriol said, "She is not a super athlete. She is not real fast, but when you see where she is now, that is very nice."

Milo, who finished 17th at the 2002 championships, has returned for her sophomore year more confident. That confidence has translated into better results on the strip, as she opened the season 11-0.

"With maturity comes experience," Milo said. "Once you gain experience, it makes it a lot easier to fence very competitive fencers." The No. 3 sabrewoman is Maggie Jordan. Jordan fenced foil last year and qualified for the NCAA Championships. With the addition of Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament to the foil squad, Jordan switched back to her more natural sabre position for the 2002 championships. With Ament and Kryczalo out of action for the Northwestern meet two weeks ago, Jordan switched back to foil.

"Her flexibility and team attitude are two of her greatest assets, according to Auriol. "The best thing is that she accepted it," he said. "You never know what you are going to get from Maggie. We love Maggie but she is very unpredictable."

She is a good athlete, good legs, fast and talented, and she can do great things for us." Auriol's recipe for success at women's sabre is certainly exotic. Whether it is a success will be decided on the strip.

Men's Sabre

The men's sabre squad has always prided itself on being the best in the country. This year, it may be difficult to retain that title. Gabor Szelle, the 2000 National Champion, has transferred out of school, and the 2002 competition may be the toughest Notre Dame has seen in a while.

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"Matt has been fencing pretty well nationally, except for those last few meets," Crompton said. "(Bednarski and Fabricant) are both at the same skill level. It's kind of good in a way that you have teammates you can depend on."

Both Ohio State and Penn State have significantly improved their squads this year, but the Irish are confident they can remain on top.

"I still think we have the best squad in the country," Auriol said. "They just have to start fencing like it."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Slow start hinders Belles in 74-51 road loss

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

After the first half of an MIAA match-up against Kalamazoo Wednesday night, the Saint Mary’s basketball team had made as many shots as they had players in the game—five. Luckily for the Belles, their shooting warmed up in the second half but it was too little, too late as they fell to Kalamazoo 74-51.

With the loss, the Belles dropped to 6-12 and 2-5 in MIAA conference play with seven regular season games remaining on the schedule.

Kalamazoo players Niki Grubb and Vanessa Larkin were too much for the Belles as they scored 21 points and 15 points, respectively. Sara Kellogg also added 10 points and 12 rebounds for Kalamazoo who improved to 14-4 and 5-2 in conference play.

Only two Belles tallied double figures in points—Anne Blair had 11 while Katie Miller paced the team with 13 points. Miller also had three assists and a steal and led the team by logging 34 minutes at point guard.

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Georgetown’s Mike Sweetney — a player nearly 40 pounds heavier than the 221-pound freshman. Despite taking a pounding from Sweetney, Cornette scored 11 points and grabbed three rebounds.

“I’m really proud of Jordan Cornette,” Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey said. “To ask what we asked him to do is probably the best player in the league and get physical with him, I’m really proud of him.”

“I’m confident that whoever I guard, I can give him a tough time,” said Cornette.

It doesn’t take long to see that the freshman is one of the most confident players on Notre Dame’s basketball team. He’s not afraid to talk about his role, coming off the bench, and he’s not afraid to talk about his game of his college career.

“I’m pretty mellow, a pretty calm kid,” said Matt Carroll. “We try to get him more excited than he usually is. That’s just the type of kid he is. He’s one of the nicest kids, and he’s got a lot of talent.”

It doesn’t matter if he starts in front of a national television audience or comes off the bench — Cornette knows his role on the team very well. He’s a tough player, and even drew a technical foul Monday night when he exchanged words with Georgetown’s Harvey Thomas.

“I think the fact that I’m playing so much gives me confidence,” he said. “I’ve gotten confidence throughout showing I can play and I’ve proven to people that I can do things and contribute.”

Coach Muffet McGraw. “After watching the film we said, ‘Hey, she’s pretty good.’ ”

And with that, Wicks found herself on the way to Indiana. Following the Irish loss to Connecticut on Monday, however, Wicks went from a small town Wyoming girl to an integral part of a growing Irish team. The forward stepped into her own with a season-high 16 points, leading the Notre Dame effort.

Coming in with five other talented freshmen, the role Wicks would play on the team was unclear. With eyes turned first to South Bend native Jackie Butleas, and then Teresa Burton and Katy Flecky, Wicks seemed to be a solid bench player.

“Kelsey saw as a player that would be coming off the bench,” McGraw said. “We really weren’t sure what spot she was going to play because she and Jackie are kind of similar in the roles that they play.”

But after the Connecticut game, McGraw saw that Wicks brought with her something she hadn’t seen since Beth Morgan hit the court — a real spark.

“Kelsey’s willing to be the one that steps up to say, ‘Give me the ball. I want to win this game and I’m going to take over to try to do it,’” McGraw said. And although Wicks has found her 3-point shot and stepped up for the Irish on the court, it’s not her skills that set her apart. Although she played all five positions in high school, she’s not as versatile in college, but she still makes her presence known.

“At this level, I wouldn’t say she’s a versatile player,” McGraw said. “I think the biggest thing with Kelsey is that she’s fearless. She’s so determined. She doesn’t really care. There was a game where she knocked somebody over off the ball and she kind of smiled as she slathered her up.”

Those kinds of stories seem to fit with the Wyoming native who makes it quite clear that she’s not from nowhere, but makes it quite clear that she’s not from anywhere near South Bend. She’s the only player, and probably the only Notre Dame student, to laugh that the best part about being a student at Notre Dame is the gorgeous weather.

“She’s the kind of person that the team kind of laughs with and at,” McGraw said. “I think she responds well to that because she’s from Wyoming, which is such a whole different place than anywhere else.”

That laid-back personality brings with it an ability to stay cool on the court. Even though the Irish were facing off against the top-ranked team in the country on Monday, Wicks looked like she was back at home playing in front of her high school fans.

“I think if you say to yourself, ‘Oh my gosh, we’re playing the No. 1 team in the country,’ they become an entity and that’s always harder to beat than a person,” Wicks said. “I think the point of every game is to say, ‘I’m coming in, I’m matched up against this person. I’m going to help my team do this and ultimately it comes down to how well you play for your team.’ ”

And for Wicks, what team that is has taken on all kinds of forms. In addition to the one-a-semester “Vacation Wicks family shoot-out” in the driveway of their home, Wicks found a spot as a high jumper on Campbell County High School’s track team (she was a four-time state champi­ on) and the school’s first state championship golf team. Although she was a multiple sport star, basketball is still her first love.

“I love basketball,” she said. “At basketball, I worked hardest.”

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BAKETBALL
Freshmen players prove themselves

Meet Jordan Cornette, Notre Dame's "odor" freshman. While his classmate, Chris Thomas, entered Notre Dame with the highest expectations of any freshman in Notre Dame's recent history, few people knew what the lanky forward from Cincinnati, Ohio could do. That's just fine with him, anyway.

"I knew Chris would come with a lot of fanfare, and that's been good for me," Cornette said. "A lot of people slept on me and didn't know what I could do.

Now, people know what Cornette can do. When he comes into games, he knows he's in there to do three things: grab rebounds, make the occasional 15-foot jump shot and play superb defense.

In Notre Dame's 72-65 loss to Kentucky, Cornette came off the bench to defend last year's SEC Player of the Year, Tayshaun Prince. The Kentucky forward only scored three points during the 10 minutes Cornette was in the game.

And with Harold Swangang sidelined by an ankle injury last Monday, Cornette started the game and played a career-high 31 minutes against the Wildcats.
Many Saint Mary's students were shocked to find out Wednesday that they would face yet another single-ticket election this year.

The ticket of Caroline Coughlin and Jeanna Winchester, one of two tickets registered for the 2002 Board of Governance election, dropped out of the race early Wednesday morning.

"I think that's bad," junior Adrienne Potoma said. "It's kind of a monopoly. You have one opinion that is going to survive and no one to represent the views of everyone else. It shows a lack of self-esteem running in the other students that they are afraid to run."

The second single-ticket election in a row has driven students to question whether or not students outside of student government are even interested in BOG.

"Maybe somebody who would take the challenge would be able to overcome being an outsider," freshman Alison Nickerson said. "I would just think that they were going to win anyway so why vote," Nickerson said. "Now that I have heard of the abstention option, I still may."

Students may vote for the single ticket, or they may choose to abstain and mark that on their ballot.

"I plan on voting," Sonia Hernandez, a senior resident advisor in Le Mans said. "I have friends in other classes. I want to make sure I leave them with a good government. Even though there is only one ticket I will still vote."

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Campaigning for more than a win

Running a campaign is not an easy thing to do. Candidates have to identify initiatives that students want on platforms, put themselves on the line in front of the student body at Meet the Candidates night, subject themselves to an interrogation by The Observer's editorial board and try to convince 1,500 women they are the best choice to lead the College.

During the middle of last week, Board of Governance Elections Commissioner Mary Crawford told The Observer there were four potential tickets running for office. That meant only eight women candidly were willing to take that risk. By Monday at 5 p.m., only two tickets had turned in platforms — and by early Wednesday morning, the Coughlin/Winchester ticket bailed, leaving the student body at Saint Mary's with only one choice for their leaders for the coming year.

There is no clear answer why for the second year in a row, the student body will not choose its leaders. There is no clear answer why, for the second year in a row, leaders will be elected by default. (Of course, students could exercise the option to abstain. But it's not realistic to expect enough abstentions to keep the remaining ticket out of office.)

Perhaps outsiders to student government — "dark horse candidates" — are intimidated by the whole experience. Perhaps that's why they won't put themselves on the line. Perhaps students in a small community have simply cared their leadership roles elsewhere, thinking they can be more effective in other venues.

But there is more to a campaign — to an election — than winning.

Campaigns are an opportunity to pose ideas to the student body. They are an opportunity to bring up issues of concern at Saint Mary's, whether they be student safety, academic freedom, race and diversity issues, curriculum or general education issues, ideas for improvement of student life or a vision of what a Saint Mary's student should be in the coming century.

Even if their ticket is not elected, for a week each candidate is the edge of student government. They realize they must incorporate the ideas of other students, speak from about the issues that matter most to them, and an opportunity to tell the college what needs to be changed and what they are passionate about.

With one ticket left on the ballot for the second consecutive year, that debate is harshly silenced. There can't ever be a one-sided debate. As a community, we suffer and lose the best opportunity we have to change the College we love by not providing this debate.

The best campaigns are those that make tickets realize they must incorporate the ideas of other tickets in order to run a successful administration. If this happens as a result of debate in an election, there is never truly a loser.

There is still time left. While the deadline has passed for the student body president and vice president elections, RHA, Diversity Board, SAC and class elections are still around the corner. Take the opportunity to suggest ideas on how to change your College. Take the opportunity to make a stand.

Don't be quiet.

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Lone candidates meet, greet student body

Ticket encourages students to vote in single-ticket election

By MARY CAMPE

Saint Mary's students had a chance to meet the remaining candidates running for student body president and vice-president Wednesday night during the "Meet the Candidates" session.

Student body president candidate Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and vice-president candidate Kim Jensen were present to answer questions posed by the Board of Governance and attending students.

When asked if they were concerned with how students were going to react to their opposing ticket dropping out, handing over the almost automatic win to them, they responded that they were concerned with other issues.

"Our only concern with that issue is the hope that students will still vote. We hope that they will feel they do not have to vote with only one ticket running," said Jablonski-Diehl. Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl's slogan is "Getting the Job Done." They emphasized the importance of continuing key issues and concerns left to them by their predecessors, Michelle Nagle and Kristen Matha. Some of these continuing issues include pursuing a study day for Saint Mary's students and increasing student government awareness on campus.

Some new issues they hope to carry out consist of implementing a more extensive Detex program. They explained that they would like to have Detex capabilities such as purchasing power in the bookstore and laundry machines. Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl were unsure of what students wanted as far as Detex usage, but they both agreed there was a need for such a thing.

"We will research what students want and see if there is even a need for such a program," said Jensen.

They made it clear that although they may not be able to completely carry through with the Detex ideas, research and an depth look into the possibilities can be promised.

"We can't make any promises," said Jensen. "Our main focus is to get the ball rolling on issues important to the students."

Another concern both candidates emphasized was the knowledge of student government among students. Both hope to educate students about who and what the student government is about.

They also held as a high priority the strengthening the relationship between the three campuses.

"We have a group of students living on our campus who go to Holy Cross and many of us do not know what goes on over there," Jablonski-Diehl said.

They also said they wanted to continue to support Student Diversity Board.

Thus far, Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl explained that student government has helped fund this young branch of government until they can support themselves. Until then, they hope to increase student diversity on campus through the financial support of this board.

Other issues on their platform included improving dining hall food and continuing the fight for a study day for Saint Mary's.

"We feel like we are almost there," Jensen said regarding the study day. "We will just have to continue what Kristen and Michelle have already started."

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The ticket of Kim Jensen and Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl talked to students at "Meet the Candidates" night at Haggar College Center. The pair is the only ticket in the 2002 election, after the ticket of Caroline Coughlin and Jeanna Winchester withdrew Wednesday morning.
CANDIDATE PLATFORM
Who they are and what they're proposing

KIM JENSEN AND ELIZABETH JABLONSKI-DIEHL
Ticket aims to 'get the job done'

By MIKE CONNOLLY
New Writer

Kim Jensen and Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl say they have the experience and know-how to accomplish realistic goals that will benefit students in 2002-03.

"We know where to begin," Jensen said about the pair's past Board of Governance experience which they say will be an asset if they are elected.

While they have some original ideas such as increasing the uses for student Detex cards and making students more aware of the Student Academic Council, Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl mostly rely on continuing the policies of Nagle/Matha.

"They've taken things so far," Jablonski-Diehl said. "We need to pick it up and follow through."

The biggest project Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl plan to continue is the addition of a study day into a class day to open up a day at the end of the semester for studying.

"It's something that students really want and I think the faculty understand that this is important," Jablonski-Diehl said about her ticket's plan to work closely with faculty and administrators to accomplish their goals.

The Board of Governance spent most of this year's term trying to make themselves more known to the student body. As part of her duties as student body vice president, Jablonski-Diehl will bring the same strategies she learned in BOG to help student recognize and understand the Student Academic Council.

"It's a wonderful tool we have and I don't think students know how to use it," she said.

Jensen/Jablonski-Diehl's most ambitious project is expanding the usefulness of the Detex cards. Currently students can use the cards to enter and exit their dorms but this ticket thinks they can do more.

"I think the Detex could go a lot of different places it would be a great service for students," Jensen said.

They plan to investigate the possibility of using the cards to pay for laundry, items at the bookstore and vending machines. They caution, however, that this project will take a lot of time and money. They don't expect to finish it in one term but do hope that they can get the ball rolling.

Jensen and Jablonski-Diehl certainly have the experience to understand how student government works.

Jensen, a junior from Momence, Ill., worked on the executive board of Michelle Nagle and Kristin Matha's administration this year as executive treasurer. The political science and psychology double major has also been a member of judicial board and was a representative to the Diversity Board.

Jablonski-Diehl, a sophomore from Atlanta, Ga., was elected sophomore class president this year. The psychology and communications double major has worked on the freshman class board and as an orientation counselor.

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Untying the hands of power

This year’s Board of Governance finds mixed success in using its power to make policy changes; gives advice to future leaders

By KATIE RAND

At the end of the 2001-2002 Board of Governance term, student body president Michelle Nagle and student body vice president Kristen Matha attempted to make two major policy changes. One, the revamping of how Board of Governance advisor Kristen Matha attempted to make two major policy changes. Another, adding a study day to the academic calendar, failed.

But why did one succeed and the other fail?

Part of the reason is that budget changes fall completely under Board of Governance’s jurisdiction, a unique power granted to the Board. With the ability to control funding falling completely under their power, there is very little red tape to cut through.

The student government budget, made entirely of funds from an annual fee added to students’ tuition, is completely at the discretion of BOG.

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But enacting the study day proposal proved to be a more difficult challenge, and provided more channels and red tape to cut through. Because changing the academic calendar is outside the jurisdiction of student government, the board needs the approval of the registrar, academic affairs council and faculty assembly.

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