Tickets face off at run-off debate

By JACOB McFARLEY
News Editor

In private, the two remaining tickets for Notre Dame student body president and vice president were amiable in the 10 minutes immediately prior to their debate Tuesday.

The four candidates, all acquainted, joked and laughed with each other as they probably had at student government meetings or residence hall parties in the past.

They looked and sounded more like pals than political opponents.

Then, in public, running mates Brian Moscona and Keri Oxley and Libby Bushnell and Trip Foley lined up on opposite sides of the Hesburgh Library auditorium stage and did for the first time what they had said they did since the campaign season began last month: compete.

The debate, a face-off between the tickets that emerged as the top vote-getters in Monday’s primary election, was candidates’ first chance to question directly each other’s experience and goals.

They took full advantage of the opportunity.

Vice-presidential candidate Oxley challenged several of Bishop and Foley’s platform ideas — rewaping Freshman Orientation, organizing a “Welcome Ty” tour for the new head football coach and installing detex entry systems for residence halls — as plan student leaders and University administrators have already begun.

“Many of you are aware that the projects were underway,” presidential hopeful Bishop responded. “That’s a fundamental problem of these things. But work on these issues is not finished.”

Moscona, the current student body vice president, countered, saying that his office had opened, went open and rescheduled the initiatives and looked forward to bringing them to completion.

“I just wish students knew how many hours you were putting in,” Bishop said, emphasizing the need for student government to communicate more effectively with its constituents. Bishop and Foley further contested their rivals’ ability to communicate well, asking whether Moscona and Oxley would represent student concerns to administrators.

“Absolutely,” Moscona said. “Keri [the current sophomore class president] and I have established relationship with administrators. We’ll work to improve the lines of communication with students.”

Bishop quipped with a swift barb: “I just feel like it’s a little late,” she said, apparently in reference to student displeasure with University officials’ crackdown on tailgating.

“I wish communication had been open more last semester,” Moscona pressed Bishop and Foley on the tailgating issue. He asked how they expected to interact next fall with administrators who have vowed to continue addressing the issue.

Bishop responded that Father Mark O’Malley was the last, “in,” whom the student body would present discrepancies of its own. Moscona and Oxley have campaigned on the issue of creating less programming and facilitating other club events.

“It’s contradicting to say that you’re not going to sponsor programming, as I feel it’s functioning of our platform is,” Bishop said about Foley’s proposals.

The remaining tickets, Bishop/Foley and Moscona/Oxley, make some last impressions on the student body in debate before the final run-off election on Thursday.

Voting Info
• Thursday, Feb. 14
• On-campus students vote in residence halls
• Off-campus students vote near 1st floor computer clusters in DeBartolo from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

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“Sex and the City’s” author advises aspiring writers

BY SHEILA EGTS
New Writers

Candace Bushnell, author of the popular best seller “Sex and the City,” stared blankly at the crowd in Washington Hall last night after receiving some notable information about her audience.

“I sort of don’t know what I’m doing here because I just found out that 95 percent of you are conservative and I’m not,” Bushnell said at the opening of the lecture. “I was going to read from my books, but I’ve been told maybe I’m not supposed to do that either.”

While she planned on discussing the ethics of journalism in the 21st century, Bushnell threw that plan out the window and had the audience in the palm of her hand as she told personal anecdotes from her climb to the top of her field.

Bushnell started working as a journalist because she needed to pay her rent, but she knew from age 8 that she wanted to be a famous writer. She started small, and one of her first jobs actually involved sharpening pencils for other writers in the office.

I don’t know if anyone really wants to hear about the ethics of journalism and how it has changed. But I guess that’s one way the field of journalism has changed. Twenty years ago, people used pencils,” Bushnell said.

As she advanced in the journalism field, Bushnell planned her whole career in a way that would eventually lead her to a career as a novelist. She began working on a regular column that addressed relationships between men and women among Manhattan’s elite. The columns were later combined into her first book, “Sex and the City.”

“My column started out in first person, but then I created Carrie Bradshaw because I didn’t want my parents to read it and know what I was really doing,” said Bushnell. “It was horrifying, the dating experiences that happened to me and my friends. But every date had at least to 3 or 2 good characters, so you can get some use out of those guys.”

As a writer, Bushnell said she tends to find the uncommon character that is interesting to write and read about to keep readers turning the pages. She attempts to look at human nature without being shy about discussing the “underbelly” of human nature.

Bushnell did not design her novels to encourage people to go out and have random sex. Rather, she portrayed characters that would make readers think twice about what they are getting themselves into.

“I am trying to get people to ask what they will really get out of these kinds of relationships. I don’t think Sharman has been able to write a book on relationships even if it’s just a term paper.”

Bushnell said in response to popular demand from the audience, Bushnell concluded by reading two clips from her novels featuring characters based on real-life dating disasters. Bushnell was the last speaker featured in the week long Sophomore Literary Festival.

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**BEYOND CAMPUS**

**Duke smoking ban follows national pattern**

Durham, N.C.

Although Duke University's decision to ban smoking in all undergraduate housing residences halls has elicited mixed reaction, the policy follows the lead of many schools nationwide as administrators cite the need to protect students' health.

"If the University bans smoking in academic and administrative buildings, banning it from a place where students live 24/7 is reasonable," said Larry Moneta, vice president for student affairs, adding that the policy will help foster a healthy living environment for students.

Many other universities have similar policies. The University of California at Berkeley originally banned smoking in all university- owned facilities except residence halls, but the school expanded the ban to dorms five years ago.

"I never heard any complaints or problems," said Michelle Kniffen, assistant director of assignments and cashier for UC-Berkeley Housing and Dining Services. "There are less than 200 smokers out of 5,300 undergraduates, so there's really no issue about it." Purdue University instituted a smoking ban in all undergraduate housing last semester, and in fall 2002, the policy will extend to on-campus graduate student housing and family housing.

"The overall reaction was one of great acceptance," said Bill Schnackel, Purdue's senior director for university residence life.

"I don't recall anyone being angry about it. Smokers are finding areas to smoke, and they are even requesting for non-smoking rooms because of lingering odors and so forth."

Schnackel said buildings were initially designated as either smoking or non-smoking, but separating out the smoking and non-smoking areas became too complex, he said, so Purdue decided to ban smoking entirely.

At Duke, the impetus for the ban was a Campus Council resolution in the fall, although University administrators have been discussing the issue for several years.

**SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY**

Newspaper editors apologize

SYRACUSE, N.Y.

The topic of racism dominated the debate of Syracuse University's Student Association meeting Monday night, as many members expressed anger and concern about a comic published in Monday's issue of The Daily Orange. The cartoon, "Posthumously," by Matt Cohen and Devin Tanchum, was seen as racially insensitive because of its depiction of a black man breaking into the home of a white man. The student response to the comic led assembly members Anthony Buissereit, Geri Weinstein and SA Vice President Shawn Hardie to draft a resolution asking for a formal written apology by the paper and the immediate ban of paper distribution on campus. This problem comes just one day after stricter policies regarding comic publication were instituted by the paper. Both Editor in Chief Tito Bottitta and Managing Editor Ashleigh Graf explained to the Assembly that the paper required all comic artists to attend a meeting Sunday night.

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**NATIONAL WEATHER**

Talk suggests sanctions as a measure to combat terrorism

By JOE ACKERMAN
News Writer

A dangling carrot drew a sizable crowd to room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center on Tuesday afternoon.

The carrot, in the form of the lecture, "Carrots, Sticks, and the War on Terrorism: Sharpening Economic Statecraft," was presented by Kroc Institute Fellows George Lopez and David Cortright.

The pair's presentation focused on the role of economic sanctions in the ongoing struggle against terrorists and the states that harbor them. According to Lopez, the common held view among U.S. officials is that sanctions are an effective tool for helping stop terrorism. Effective utilization of lifting sanctions in order to gain support of other countries, similar to the dangling carrot, when coupled with the issuing of new threats - the sticks - to those who believe that they have assets have come to be viewed as a viable strategy due to previous successes in combating suspected terror, such as what took place in Sudan during the 1990s. According to Lopez, shortly after the UN Security Council demanded the extraditions of terror suspects and imposed diplomatic sanctions in 1996, Sudan was freezing assets that Osama Bin Laden had been expelled from the country and al-Qaeda was closing its camps in the country. Four years later, Sudan had signed all 12 international conventions for combating terrorism.

By Tuesday, the State Department's list of countries suspected of harboring terrorists wielded considerable influence internationally. The men argued that countries on the list are greatly inclined to participate in activities that will help them get off the list and thus be relieved of the sanctions that come with being a part of the list. Cortright went on to offer the suggestion that incentives could be used to minimize the potential of terrorism developing in certain countries.

"I think the time is long passed that the U.S. cooperate more with states such as Iran, Sudan and Libya," Cortright said.

Cortright and Lopez offered the idea that countries could be removed from the State Department list for cooperating with anti-terror measures, but that a large-scale cooperative plan is unlikely because of U.S. reluctance.

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USA Today pilots readership program

By ALISON ROCHE

On Monday, Saint Mary's students may have been surprised to find complimentary copies of USA Today, The Chicago Sun-Times, The Elkhart Truth in every residence hall. The papers were donated for a four-week pilot participation in USA Today's Collegiate Readership Program.

More than 170 other colleges and universities across the country are currently a part of the readership program which aims to increase students' readership and knowledge of current events.

"People don't necessarily go out and buy papers, but if they're right in front of them on their way to class, they are more likely to read them," Traci Sexton, Senior Account Manager from USA Today, said.

Sexton, along with representatives from each of the participating newspapers, came to Saint Mary's campus Tuesday to distribute surveys to learn about students' readership and knowledge of current events.

Jerry Madsen, the assistant director of residence life, was involved in bringing the program to campus and says that the decision to keep the program will be made two to three weeks after the completion of the pilot.

"The pilot program will determine if, one, we can afford it, and two, if we can afford it, will it be worth it," said Madsen.

The College decides to continue the program after the pilot, The South Bend Tribune

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or busman has a drug or alcohol problem, which is affecting his interactions with his patients, then one must intervene for the benefit of everyone involved.

"With the fall of 1999," said Malloy in reference to the recent unethical practices of ENRON, "in honor of the spirit of the upcoming Ethics week, Malloy encourages graduate and undergraduate students to attend and live by a code of ethics in order to ensure their complete success as they venture out into the real world.

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Moscona and Oxley's platform that features several festivals and carnival-type events.

"You've never been to the CIC or other meetings," Moscona said to Bishop, who worked with last year when he was sophomore class president and she was vice president. "Having no experience with what these groups do, how will you lead them?" Bishop, who studied abroad in London last semester, said, "When you take a step back (from involvement in student government), you gain insight. Leadership is not how many hours you spend on the second floor of LaFayette."

The run-off election is Thursday. On-campus students vote in residence halls. Off-campus students vote from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. near the first-floor DeBartolo Hall computer cluster.

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Jeep Wranglers from 1990-1995 for parking

Daimler-Chrysler is also recalling cars, including the 1995 Taurus, Mustang, and Mercury Sable, because a problem in the engine cooling system can start a fire under the hood. Eight fires have been reported due to overheating.

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ININDIA NEWS BRIEFS

Ex-student takes class hostage:
A former student claiming to have a bomb held nearly two dozen students and an associate professor holding class Tuesday before releasing them unharmed, authorities said. At one point, there were 23 people inside the Fairfield University classroom. The suspect, identified only as a recent graduate, freed the hostages a few at a time throughout the evening, then taken into custody about an hour after the last student was released.

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Lecture addresses the battle of the sexes

By KATIE RAND
News Writer

Basiclly, men and women are different from each other. That's the point Saint Mary's professor drilled home in an informal lecture called "He Said, She Said" Tuesday night in the Women's Resource Center. Ella Harmeyer, a nursing professor, said the differences boil down to communication.

"We process differently, and that's what often gets us in trouble," Harmeyer said. "When there's a problem, women like to bear themselves out. We just want to vent."

That explained why women will typically go on for hours on end talking about their problems, analyzing everything and asking questions.

"On the other hand, men seem to come to terms with problems more so by retreating," Harmeyer said. "They want to think it all through, compartmentalize it and then come out with a solution."

Gray says that from the very beginning men want to fix things, while women tend to look at a problem, list all possible solutions and then mail them over.

One phrase commonly used in communication books is that "women internalize, men externalize." Harmeyer said.

This difference has the potential to cause problems between the sexes since women are more vocal about their problems than their male counterparts.

Harmeyer suggested that this comes from men's fear of appearing weak. Another common problem is the difference between listening and hearing. In this day and age listening is becoming a lost art, Harmeyer said.

"When we talk we're often looking for something else or doing two things at once, so we don't really hear what is being said," Harmeyer said. "We're wishing away today to get on to the next thing and not living in the present."

Ella Harmeyer
SMC professor

"We're wishing away today to get on to the next thing and not living in the present."

Another problem that women discuss their concerns openly with their partners before it is too late. Harmeyer also quoted Dr. Phil from Oprah in her discussion about assumptions. Dr. Phil uses the example of taking out the trash to show the difference between how men and women think.

"For the guy, it's just something on his To Do list that he'll get to later," Harmeyer said.

"For us, when he does it, this shows how much he cares. We think that if he waits until tomorrow or doesn't do it at all that he must not care anymore."

Another common problem is that women bring on themselves is that they too often resort to negative self-talk, which men do not do as frequently.

For example, if a guy has not called after three days, the female immediately assumes there is something wrong with her and blames it on herself.

They never stop to think that maybe he had a good reason or that maybe it was his fault.

The discussion was sponsored by The Community Leadership Team, a group that started appearing on the Saint Mary's campus after last year's conference.

The group is trying to make the Women's Resource Center more visible on the Saint Mary's campus.

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Trigiani relives influential roots at Saint Mary's

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

Adriana Trigiani put Saint Mary's College in her novels not just because she went to the school, but because it fits the story and the characters.

In fact, Ave Maria Mulligan's attendance is a pivotal point of "Big Stone Gap." Trigiani's bestseller, and also affects Trigiani's upcoming novel, "Milk Glass Moon," which will come out in July of this year.

"Ave Maria went there because I wanted her to go to a women's college, that was Catholic in origin," Trigiani said. In the third book, Trigiani gave it to Gluck and the rest is history. "Milk Glass Moon," the third installment of the "Big Stone Gap" novels, goes into production this Friday.

The plot of the third novel is especially important to Trigiani now that she is expecting her first child. "I'm pregnant," Trigiani announced to her audiences at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Six months into her pregnancy, Trigiani has no qualms about either finishing the third book, beginning the filming process on Big Stone Gap, or even starting a fourth book.

"My mother will babysit while I'm shooting the film," Trigiani said. Both of her parents still live in Big Stone Gap.

"I felt like I needed to be established before I had a baby. A year off now is not going to kill me. I think it all depends on how you live your life." "Milk Glass Moon" comes from an old farmer's saying: "You went off to Bigtime," Trigiani ended her visit to Saint Mary's love interest, is more established before I had a baby. A year off now is not going to kill me. I think it all depends on how you live your life.

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Paying tribute to black innovators and inventors

It’s that time of year again when walls are filled with colorful decorations in the elementary schools around the country. No, this isn’t about Valentine’s Day, but rather Black History Month. Yes, it’s that time of year, 28 days when blacks are actually recognized for having some influence in this country.

Twenty-eight days for teachers to pack all the information into their restless students’ minds that they can about blacks in the United States.

Memories of Black History Month in elementary school bring to my mind thoughts of posters with pictures of famous blacks like Martin Luther King Jr., who received most of his accolades on one day last month, Garrett Morgan, Mary McCloud Bethune, Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver and a paragraph at the bottom highlighting their most well-known accomplishments.

Maybe at your school your teacher read a book by a black author or read some book with a main black character like “To Kill A Mockingbird.” Maybe your class all got to take a field trip and see the play. Maybe in music class you learned the song “We Shall Overcome” or “Sweat, Sweet Charity.”

And maybe if you don’t know, or dare I say, don’t care, I can see how this would pose a problem. But then my problem would be realizing the irony in trying to celebrate the accomplishments of a race of people for a month whose ancestors, in reality, were from the place where life began. Don’t be shocked. I did not mean for this to come as a surprise. Yes, life began in Africa.

And no, I am not saying this because I am some militant black woman, feeling empowered by 28 or, if we’re lucky, 29 days in February. I am saying this trying to celebrate the accomplishments of blacks to show for yourself here are a couple things that a black person invented: the washing machine, the gas mask, the stop light, the folding chair, the propeller for airplanes, the folding bed, the shampoo head rest, the clothes line support, the jack, the sweeper and the apparatus for automatically transmitting messages over a telephone line.

I could go on, but I’ll spare you — all the accomplishments of the ancient Egyptians: the first surgeries, the architectural mysteries of the pyramids and how they were built.

I remember when I was little my aunt got me a T-shirt that I wore to Mr. Hallaway’s third grade class which had names of different objects all across the front and back. The sentence, “Do you know what all these have in common?” was on the front. When I turned the shirt over to see, it said at the bottom on the back, “They are all inventions and discoveries of African-Americans!”

And just to give you a brief rundown so you don’t leave this month without some extra knowledge of the accomplishments of blacks to show for yourself here are a couple things that a black person invented: the washing machine, the gas mask, the stop light, the folding chair, the propeller for airplanes, the folding bed, the shampoo head rest, the clothes line support, the jack, the release valve, the coin changer mecha- nism, the rotary engine, the letter box, dough kneaders, stainless steel scouring pads, the locomotive smoke stack, the fitted bed sheet, the spring seat for chairs, the ironing board, the street sweeper and the apparatus for automatically transmitting messages over a telephone line.

I could go on, but I’ll spare you — all these facts about Africa and blacks might be too much for one day. In 1926 Dr. Carter G. Woodson took the initiative of launching Negro History. He chose the month of February, because that’s the month when in ancient cultures in Africa. They were already doing things ahead of their time.

It’s strange that black children learn that they came from slaves when some of the greatest kingdoms of the ancient world were in Africa. In history books, our history seems to start with slavery. So while I feel saddened, on the other hand I feel vindicated because we go on learning about the same select group of blacks that history books chose to highlight.

While history books do highlight a few blacks who did great things here, we were already doing wonderful things there. I don’t need 28 days to tell me that I am important and to show me that black people were indeed intelligent enough to think great thoughts, start colleges and invent things. I know the truth.

“You What’s Your Shade?” is the Multicultural Students Programs and Services column and appears every other Wednesday. Contact MSPS at sacorg@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Valentine's Day is quickly approaching. Are you ready? Have you picked up that special gift for the one you love? Why is it that in our society we feel that is such a touchy subject, something to be guarded against? Why restrict it to one person or that special someone? How about showing a little love from Mother Teresa and doing "small things with love." If there is one thing that I have learned in my four years at this University, it's that love is all around us, but often we are so caught up in our academic lifestyles or making plans for the weekend that we forget to take a moment and appreciate the place that is Notre Dame. We are here at a very special place, a place that I dare say shines true individuality and yet we never really step to express that to anyone.

This Valentine's Day, why not wipe away the barriers that we try to place on love and just let it thrive? We have so much education and yet we lack the ability to express one of the fundamental human emotions: love. How can this be? If any of you have worked with the disabled or seen the movie "I am Sam," perhaps you can relate. Although they may lack a formal education or the "book knowledge" that we have all acquired over the years, they have something that we can only dream of — they have the ability to express love to another individual, to share that human connection. Maybe it's time that we set those books aside and take 10 minutes out of our day to learn that lesson ourselves. What do you say?

This Valentine's Day, why not let go of the fences which we put on our emotions and just love? May we never do to great things, but to do small things with great love." On Feb. 14, go out and just let go of the social barriers and reconnect with that childlike innocence and the true passion that is love. Tell your family how much they are loved. Just for one day, forget about the fences which we try to place on love and just let it thrive? Love is all around us, but often we are so caught up in our academic lifestyles or making plans for the weekend that we forget to take a moment and appreciate the place that is Notre Dame. We are here at a very special place, a place that I dare say shines true individuality and yet we never really step to express that to anyone.

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I am writing this letter in response to Seth Hiland's Feb. 11 letter entitled, "Arafat should not be tolerated." I do not think that Arafat should be tolerated and that his actions have proven that he is an ineffective leader in the peace process. However, Mr. Hiland's view on the situation is wholely different. He says that the "number of Israelis killed by Arab terrorists in the years since the Oslo Accords has been higher than in the 10 years prior."

He also describes how Israeli efforts of patience do not have anything to show over the past 20 years and describes how Israel has "taken more drastic steps toward holding the Palestinians accountable for their actions." The Palestinians have not agreed to peace and extremists have stepped up suicide bombings in the last 16 months.

This is all true and cannot be disputed. However, what Mr. Hiland's letter failed to address is that not all Palestinians are evil and not all Israelis are noble. So what about the other half of the picture? The Palestinians do not agree to peace because their land, which they believe was given to them by God himself, was not back in their possession. And let us not forget that thousands of the Israelis were forced from their land after World War II to form the state of Israel, which resulted in the refugee camps in Lebanon, Jordan and the surrounding area now home to thousands of refugees.

Don't let the media sway your objectivity of the situation. All you have to do is look at the pictures, not the biased text that is sympathetic to Israel. What do you see when you see Israelis in the Associated Press? You see soldiers with M-16s, reports of Palestinian homes being bulldozed and F-16s bombing homes in Gaza.

What do you see when you see Palestinians in the Associated Press? You see young men 15 to 30 years old throwing rocks with their faces covered to protect from tear gas. What does this tell you about who has the power in this region? It certainly isn't the Palestinians. Israel is backed by, us the United States, which is why M-16s and F-16s find their way into the control of an Israeli soldier. Yes, the number of Israelis killed is higher, but that number pale in comparison to the number of Palestinian civilians in Israel. In this conflict, Israel has lost just less than 100 soldiers in contrast to over 2,000 Palestinian civilians. At any moment, if Israel so chooses, it could annihilate the Palestinians and any combination of nations in the Middle East. The reason that Arafat's forces were caught smuggling in weapons was because they don't have any to fight with. Israel has guns, planes, bulldozers, helicopters and gunsights. Palestinians have rocks. It really isn't a fair fight.

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Sarah Zalud
Walsh Hall
Feb. 12, 2002

America can strongly influence the Middle East

It is rare to see an American give honest appraisal of Israel's strategy in the ongoing Israeli and Palestinian conflict. In his Feb. 5 letter entitled, "U.S. Middle-East policy dangerously unbalanced," Tony Lauvani gave us that, showing that Israel has done much in recent months to stoke the violence, that Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has consistently pursued a strategy designed escalate the conflict into full-scale war and that Israeli Prime Minister Sharon has lost less than Palestinian civilian casualties. In this conflict, Israel has lost just less than 100 soldiers in contrast to over 2,000 Palestinian civilians. At any moment, if Israel so chooses, it could annihilate the Palestinians and any combination of nations in the Middle East. The reason that Arafat's forces were caught smuggling in weapons was because they don't have any to fight with. Israel has guns, planes, bulldozers, helicopters and gunsights. Palestinians have rocks. It really isn't a fair fight.

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Significant changes are called for on both sides, but, as Israel's primary financial supporter, this is clearly the place where the United States has the most potential to make a difference. If we demand changes — an end to assassinations, for example, or a freeze on settlement building — then Israel will have no choice but to comply or face losing the resources that have made their military dominance possible in the first place.

Giving up control of the West Bank, in this case, such changes could only be an improvement. They would also, by the way, be in our own country's best interests. Given our current international ambitions, America has nothing to gain and everything to lose by appearing to support Israel to the detriment of all Arab interests.

Peace in the Middle East is, unfortunately, a far-off goal. Nonetheless, our country is now too deeply invested in the region to ignore the statements that we make and the checks that we write. Are the Israelis and Palestinians moving closer to a solution or is the situation deteriorating even further beyond recall? Whether we like it or not, it may be America that decides.

Rachel Smith
Law Hall
Feb. 12, 2002
4. Find your walking across South Quad, in the library, waiting for your waffie to single and free to ask any old random to your dances. If you get shot
3. Go country. The first people who ever loved you don’t even expect you to buy loneliness than a little bit of Garth and two pina coladas.
2. Get yourself a pre-emptive there are a lot of girls here. And a lot of guys. And you pass
Bottom line is, Cyrano was desperately in love and possessed great charisma, but had a nose which could be described as “a rack — a craze — a cape — a peninsula!” The moral is clear: don’t judge people just the time of year (Valentine’s Day can do
Everyone has a complaint about how difficult it is to find a good date here on campus. Ask anyone about the dating scene and you’re bound to get a roll of the eyes and the bitter comment of “it sucks” thrown back at you. Girls complain about boys. Boys complain about girls. It seems to be a vicious cycle.
“Relations between guys and girls on campus are pretty strained. Just look around the dining hall.”
Sarah Brown
freshman
When “woe is me” varies so widely based on who is describing it. Someone involved in a relationship is likely to be pretty optimistic, whereas someone who has been unlucky in that category will generalize dating as a negative experience.
According to Notre Dame freshman Sarah Brown, much of the difficulty with dating stems from the stark lines separating the genders on cam-
A majority of the tables are in fact divided by sex. There will be long rows of all girls sitting together, as well as tables of all boys. This division of course stems from the fact that Notre Dame has all single-sex dorms. Although a blessing in some cases, single sex dorms can be a hindrance for gender relations on campus. The interaction between male and female dorms is often forced, and as freshmen orientation demonstrates all too well, forced interaction with people just leads to awkward situations. It’s hard enough trying to make friends with the opposite sex, let alone meet-

When “woe is me”
Don’t despair at the ND/SMC dating scene
By JULIE BENDER
Scene Writer
We’ve all been through it. You lie uncomfortably in class, every now and then throwing a nervous glance at that cute certain someone ever in the corner. You hope to make eye contact and have that mutual explosion of fireworks and instantaneous love, but when you actually do make eye contact, it’s a different story. Caught off-guard, you quickly avert your eyes in a rather violent head swing, only to sneak a quick look back to see if your crush is still looking. Instead of focusing on the biology professor’s rant about hormones, your mind is constantly thinking of scenarios for you to “accidently” bump into your crush in the halls.
You envision a romantic encounter in which you will sweep him or her off of their feet with your dazzling charm and lovable nature.
For everyone else, it can accentuate the singleness of a night. It’s enough to make you want to scream or cry about the unfairness of it all.
However, having fun with this much-hated, much-loved holiday may be too prepared. Be creative. The next time you’re in the presence of other relatives or friends from home who don’t get to go to Notre Dame, tell them about your crush. If they’re short on time and don’t want to read the play, the Cliff’s Notes are available in the bookstore. If you’re short on time and also broke, you can stand there and read the synopsis of the play.
“Cyrano de Bergerac.” Call the type of single who swallows in sorrow on V-Day, reading this classic is the perfect remedy for putting your own neatly problems aside. Here is an exuberant love, being too shy to approach someone, falling in love with your best friend, or being too short or too shy, or whatever other obstacle you could think of to stop you from getting the love of your life. Perhaps they were lucky enough to meet each other at freshman orientation and have been together ever since. Or, maybe they somehow met in class or at a party. However, the lucky pair got together, it is an embittering experience for the rest of us to see them walking around the halls holding hands or sharing a smoothie over a table at Reckers. It’s enough to make you want to scream or cry about the unfairness of it all.
When did dating become so difficult? Where did the love and magic it once had? It always seemed so perfect on the television programs growing up. The hit show “Saved by the Bell” always portrayed teenager drama so well. Every episode produced some sort of glas-
In Cyrano and country classics can reclaim Valentine’s Day
Ah, love. Such a wonderful, mysterious phenomenon. For those of us who own stock in Hallmark or have a significant other, February snow is romantic and dreamy. For everyone else, it can accentuate embittered and single.
Scene magazine
The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
success stories prove the strong can survive

The weekends at Notre Dame don't provide a much better solution either. Although there is plenty to do on campus — sporting events, guest speakers, theatrical performances and the sort — it seems that everyone attends these events with their friends and there isn't much opportunity to talk to or meet new people.

Parties are a popular occupation on the weekends as well. However, the atmosphere of most dorm parties isn't conducive to meeting the love of your life.

Somehow gazing to our pounding dance music in a dark, sweaty room with a strobe light doesn't lend itself to formulating long-term relationships.

Freshman Shantha Gallegos summed up the situation: "Crowded dorm parties are definitely not the place to meet guys."

With the odds stacked against finding a nice, decent date here, how does one manage to find a girlfriend or boyfriend? There's also the dilemma of whether to find someone date-worthy.

Such contradictions make the dating scene quite perplexing. Despite what some may think, however, there are some fairy-tale love stories that take place right here on campus.

Notre Dame graduates marry each other. Elizabeth Emerson and her boyfriend Rudy Gallegos, Elizabeth and Rudy went to the same high school in Hammond, Indiana, and although Rudy asked Elizabeth out during their teenage days, she consistently refused. She refused that is, until they both ended up at Notre Dame.

"It happened for me, it can happen for anyone!"

Elizabeth Brown, on getting engaged during her senior year

"I have a date with the Health Services doctor."

Dan "Mono Boy" Sushinsky
sophomore, St. Edward's Hall

"Isn't that midweek?"

Shingayi Sikupa
sophomore, O'Neill Hall

"I'm picking up my boyfriend at the airport."

Katie Malch
sophomore, Mcginn Hall

"I'm spending time with friends and doing walk-throughs for Blak Koffee House."

Jourdian Sorell
sophomore, Siegfried Hall

"I will probably have a small party in my room with all the other single females in my dorm, swapping stories of the lameness of gender relations at Notre Dame."

Mary Claire Jarvis
senior, Lyons Hall

Contact Julie Bender at jbender@nd.edu.
NEW YORK
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The group of business owners approved the sale, just three days before spring training opens, and the new owners are expected to hire managers and front offices by the end of the week.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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Do it all night long one more time.

Calling all Observer alumni!

The Observer's 35th Anniversary Reunion
South Bend Marriott
April 19-20, 2002

Please send a check for $50 made out to The Observer at 024 South Dining Hall, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, 46556, by March 20, 2002.

email obsreunion@hotmail.com to register for an invitation!
Irish
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need is all three of them to have a big game on
the same day.”

That kind of an all-around performance
could come tonight. St. John’s is coming of a
12-game losing skid, as compared to Notre
Dame’s five-game winning streak. But, after
close calls against both Seton Hall and
Pittsburgh on the road, McGraw is not so ready
to call this an easy win.

“Against Pittsburgh I thought ‘This’ll be a
good chance for us to play a lot of people,’ but
we didn’t defend well,” she said. “I don’t think
you can ever look at a game and say this is
what’s going to happen.”

To play a good defensive game, the Irish post
players will have to be aware of the Red
Storm’s
offense.
St.
John’s post players hit
jumpers, looking, at times, more like perimeter
players.

“They present some problems for our post
defensively,” McGraw said.

But coming out of one of its best defensive
efforts of the season, the Irish should be able
to handle the change. On Sunday the Notre
Dame played very little zone, a defense they’ve
been able to make use of this season, because
of Boston College’s
outside shot.
But tonight they should be able to change up
their defensive style.

“I think we’ll be able to do a little bit more in
terms of switching things up [defensively] and
playing some zone,” McGraw said.

Tip-off is 7 p.m. at the Joyce
Center
where
the Irish have a 49-game winning streak.

Notes:

+ Sophomore guard Jeneka Joyce is listed as
questionable for tonight’s game. After
returning from an Achilles Heel injury against Boston
College
on
Sunday,
pain in her foot may
prevent her from playing against St. John’s.

Contact Katie McVoy at
mcvo5695@saintmarys.edu.

Notre Dame point guard Le’Tanía Severe brings the ball upcourt against Syracuse earlier this season. Severe
leads the Irish against St. John’s tonight in the Joyce Center.

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What is the Liturgy of the Hours? The Liturgy of the Hours is a series of prayers based on the Psalms said throughout the course
of the day. The tradition of the Liturgy of the Hours goes back to before the time of Christ. Christ Himself prayed it in its earlier forms. Morning
and Evening prayer lasts approximately 20 minutes each.

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Why should we pray the Liturgy of the Hours? Christ invites us, as Paul writes, to “Pray without ceasing.” The Liturgy of
the Hours expresses our mindfulness of that call and it is an act of consecration of time.

Chapel of Notre Dame Our Mother
(Coleman - Morse Center)
Monday through Friday
Morning Prayer (Lauds) 8:45 a.m.
Evening Prayer (Vespers) 5:00p.m.
Beginning Ash Wednesday
NCAA FOOTBALL

Friedgen withdraws from Bucs coaching list

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Maryland's Ralph Friedgen withdrew his name from consideration for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' head coaching opening Tuesday.

Friedgen, fresh off leading Maryland to a 10-2 record in his first season as a head coach, met with officials of the Buccaneers on Monday.

Friedgen is the latest in a series of coaches interviewed by the Buccaneers, who are seeking a replacement for Tony Dungy, fired last month after the team's first-round playoff loss in Philadelphia. The Bucs already talked to former NFL coach Bill Parcells and Marvin Lewis.

Parcells backed away from the offer and Lewis, then defensive coordinator for the Baltimore Ravens, was ultimately shunned.

Then, less than 24 hours after speaking with the sons of Bucs owner Malcolm Glazer, Friedgen announced that he was staying put.

"It's very flattering to be considered after so many years of not being considered," said Friedgen, a longtime assistant before being hired by Maryland.

"Friedgen, speaking in a news conference at the university, said he was never formally offered the Bucs job, and never discussed financial terms with the Glazers. But he said he agreed to the meeting out of curiosity."

"It's something you have to look into from a monetary standpoint," he said.

But after meeting with his players early Tuesday morning, Friedgen said he decided to stay at Maryland.

Friedgen signed a 10-year contract with Maryland in December after leading the Terrapins to their first Atlantic Coast Conference title since 1986 and a berth in the Orange Bowl. Two days after signing the extension, Friedgen was named Associated Press College Coach of the Year.

Lewis, who later accepted a job as defensive coordinator of the Washington Redskins, criticized the Bucs on Monday for their handling of the coaching search.

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FitzRandolph takes gold in 500 meters

Associated Press

As Casey FitzRandolph turned into the final curve, an orange cone suddenly ricocheted off her right hip skates. She wobbled a bit, her left hand dangling along the ice as she struggled to stay upright.

"Dan Jansen revisited," said FitzRandolph. "No way. FitzRandolph had come too far to suffer another disappointment.

Erasing his own agony from Nagano, FitzRandolph won the 500 meters Tuesday in a stirring speedskating duel with defending Olympic gold medalist Hiroyasu Shimizu.

"There are too many things going through my head and they're not sticking around long enough to grasp any of them," FitzRandolph said. "I guess I realize that I just won the gold medal."

He gave the United States its first speedskating victory of the Salt Lake City Games, and it came with an unexpected bonus — unheralded teammate Kip Carpenter took the bronze.

FitzRandolph persevered through a mistake-filled pairing with Carpenter, the most glaring glitch coming at the start of the last turn.

Carpenter cut the corner too tight as he switched to the outside lane, his left knee catching the small pylon that divides the lanes. It flew into FitzRandolph's right skate, nearly causing him to fall.

He managed to stay on his feet, though he swung wide out of the turn and sent another lane marker flying.

"I didn't have a great race," FitzRandolph said. "I knew I had to drop the hammer and just go for it."

American Casey FitzRandolph skates towards a gold medal in the 500 meters Tuesday afternoon. Teammate Kip Carpenter took the bronze.

Street finishes 16th in Olympic finale

Associated Press

SNOWBASIN, Utah

Picabo Street, her star-spangled pony-tail flapping as she sped down the Wildflower course, finished 16th in her Olympic finale Tuesday — even trailing two U.S. teammates.

"This is the last race of my career," she said. "I'm not going to have to live without skiing. I'm just going to have to live without trying to be perfect on my skis everyday, which is wonderful."

Street, who was trying to become the first American woman to win three Olympic skiing medals, had the best time at the top of the mountain, but lost speed in the middle of the course as she fought the wind.

She broke her left leg and mangled her hip in a race postponed from Monday because of high winds. The start of the race also was delayed more than two hours Tuesday by gusting winds.

Montillet's victory was salve for a French squad that has been in mourning since the October death of team leader Regine Cavagnoud, killed in a training accident.

Montillet, 28, went to San Diego for a few days before the Olympics, leaving the World Cup circuit, telling friends she needed to get away from the repeated questions about Cavagnoud.

I still think of Regine Cavagnoud and I will continue to do so. She will always be in my heart and on my mind," said Montillet, who carried the French flag at the opening ceremony Friday and was the last to cross the finish line Monday.

He needed the entire crowd to hold off the world-record holder, who had the second-best time of Day 2.

FitzRandolph crossed the line in 34.81 for a two-day total of 1 minute, 9.23 seconds, another Olympic mark. Shimizu skated the laps in 34.65, giving him a 1:09.26 total.

"I really could have done better. I feel a bit of regret," the Japanese star said. "I was not able to give it my ultimate. I didn't even come close to my own world record."
ND SOFTBALL
Myers named Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Special to The Observer
Notre Dame softball standout Jarrah Myers has been named the 2001-02 BIG EAST/Apostolic Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She will receive a $4,000 stipend which will be applied to graduate studies.

Myers, a senior catcher from Carbondale, Kan., is the fourth Notre Dame female to win the award. She was chosen for the Scholar-Athlete of the Year award from a pool of 15 candidates which may encompass athletes from any of the 12 Big East women's sports.

Myers is an environmental science major in the Notre Dame academic honors program and earned National Fastpitch Coaches Association/Louisville Slugger All-America Third Team honors as a junior in 2001. In addition, Myers was a member of the U.S. National Team last year.

Prior to the 2002 season, she was named to the Preseason All-Big East Team.

Myers was named to the All-Big East Second Team as a junior in 2001 and the first team in 2000. Last season she led the Irish in batting (.380), RBIs (41) and home runs (7). She also ranks among the top five on the Notre Dame career lists for triples, home runs and RBIs.

Smile Jen! You're Finally 21!!

Love Jen

Myers

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER
Two defenders honored

Gonzalez, Pruzinsky named Academic All-Americans

Special to The Observer

Two Notre Dame women's soccer players have been recognized as Academic All-Americans for the 2001-02 academic year, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Junior defender Vanessa Pruzinsky — who impressively has maintained her 4.0 cumulative grade-point average as a chemical engineering major — repeated as a first team Academic All-American.

Fifth-year defender Monica Gonzalez became the 38th all-time student-athlete in Notre Dame history to earn All-America and Academic All-America honors for the same season. She was a second team All-American and third team Academic All-American.

Pruzinsky joins former Irish forward, Meotis Erikson, as just the fifth ND student-athlete in Notre Dame history to earn Academic All-America honors. She closed out his career by making the first team Academic All-America team for a third time in 1969.

Notre Dame was one of just six schools that placed multiple players on the 33-member Academic All-America teams, with Notre Dame and Nebraska being the only schools from that group that we ranked in the national top 25.

Gonzalez is the fourth Notre Dame women's student-athlete to recently complete the unique All-America and Academic All-America distinction, with softball players Jarrah Myers and Jen Sharson and women's basketball standout Ruth Riley doing so in the spring of 2001.

Gonzalez joins former goalkeeper Jen Renola as Notre Dame's second women's soccer player to receive both honors in the same season. Renola is one of just seven ND student-athletes from all sports to do so in multiple seasons.

Notre Dame women's soccer players have combined for 10 Academic All-America honors during the past eight seasons, with the previous seven years of the awards coming under the fall and winter "at-large" program.

Renola and forward Amy Van Laecke earned 2nd-team honors following their junior season and were 1st-team selections as seniors, with Renola named the Academic All-American of the Year.

Pruzinsky was one of five players with 4.0 GPAs that were named to the 2001-02 Academic All-America squad, including fellow first teamers Katharina Lindner (Harford) and Liza Nowoslawski (UAB).

A two-time national defensive player of the year, Pruzinsky was named to the NCAA all-region selection, Pruzinsky also earned first team all-BIG EAST honors in 2001 and was a finalist for the Missouri Athletic Club National Player-of-the-Year Award. She has started 71 of 72 games during her ND career and registered her first goal at Notre Dame during the 2-1 loss at Rutgers before scoring again in the NCAA loss to Cincinnati.

Gonzalez — who was the 11th overall selection in Monday's player draft for the Women's United Soccer Association — capped her career with NSCAA second team Academic All-Americans before posting a 3.02 semester GPA and graduating with a 3.39 cumulative GPA, as a double major in management information systems and Spanish.

A founding member of Mexico's women's national team, Gonzalez joined Pruzinsky as a central defender in 2001, when she started all 21 games while scoring one and adding two assists. She tallied 17 goals and 17 assists in 95 career games played, with 49 starts.

Gonzalez and Pruzinsky combined with freshman Candace Chapman as just the third trio of Notre Dame defenders to be named NSCAA all-Americans in the same season. The 2001 Irish defense allowed just 18 goals in 21 games, including nine shutouts and eight other games with one goal allowed.

Runoff Election on Thursday!!!

There will be a Runoff Election for Student Body President and Vice-President between Brian Moscona/ Keri Oxley and Libby Bishop/Trip Foley

Voting will be held on Thursday, February 14 (Valentine's Day!)
Off-campus students can vote from 12:30pm-3:30pm
By the 1st floor DeBartolo Computer Cluster
On-Campus student voting times will be posted in the dorms
Seniors can vote too!!!
Sponsored by Notre Dame Judicial Council
MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thomas grabs Sports Illustrated honor

Special to The Observer

The honors continue for Notre Dame freshman Chris Thomas. The 6-1 point guard has been named Sports Illustrated's Player of the Week following his performances last week in wins over Rutgers (89-72) and a quadruple overtime victory over Georgetown (116-111).

In playing 38 minutes against the Scarlet Knights, he scored a career-high 32 points and dishled off 11 assists while hitting 10-of-14 from the field and seven-of-nine from three-point range. He played all 60 minutes against the Hoyas and finished with 22 points, 12 assists, a personal best eight rebounds and made three steals.

Thomas is currently averaging 16.2 points (second best on the team) and a team-leading 7.17 assists, 2.43 steals and 376 minutes per game.

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CBA's Talk of the Town

Recently, a.Whitaker and his wife, Raquel, were heading home from a basketball game in New Hampshire. They travelled through several deserted rural towns, including one that had evidently been severely affected by a recent hurricane. They stopped to offer help, but the only response they received was from the local radio station, which was playing music and news but had no power. The radio station was able to provide them with their contact information, and the Whitakers were able to help the radio station set up a solar-powered generator.

Sportscaster Paul Allen, who is known for his love of nature, was recently invited to a wildlife refuge in Alaska. He was excited to see the local wildlife, including bears, wolves, and moose. However, when he arrived, he was disappointed to find that the refuge was not as well-maintained as he had hoped. He spoke with the refuge manager, who explained that funding for the refuge had been cut, and the staff was struggling to keep up with the animals. Despite the challenges, the refuge manager was determined to continue providing care for the animals and educate the public about the importance of protecting the environment.

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Improved Irish ready for Red Storm

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

After dropping out of the rankings in early December, the Irish have been playing the underdog role. They’ve defeated three ranked opponents in the last three weeks and now they’ll have the top spot going into tonight’s game against St. John’s.

With the Irish ranked 23rd in Associated Press balloting and second in the Big East, tonight’s game may be more about Notre Dame’s play than the play of the 3-20 Red Storm, who are ranked last in the Big East.

“We’ve got to focus on us,” said head coach Muffet McGraw. “That’s our primary concern ... There are some things coming out of the Boston College game that we feel we can do better at.”

At this point in the season, although the Irish have made strides to 15-7, McGraw is still looking for improvement in her team. The Irish have strung together several strong offensive appearances and many solid defensive performances. However, they don’t seem to be coming in tandem.

“I want to see great defense and great offense in the same game, that’s what I really want,” McGraw said. “We’ve had a lot of games where we’ve played one or the other.”

A combined defensive and offensive effort isn’t all McGraw wants from her team. She wants a team effort — period. Post players Jacqueline Batteast, Ericka Haney and Teresa Borton have all taken their turns being the go-to player, scoring on the block and really helping the team out. But McGraw would like to see a game where all three play well on the same night.

“I think the problem is, it’s been different people and I would like it to be all of them,” McGraw said. “We’ve had some big games; Ericka’s had some big games; Jackie’s had some big games. So what we need is a combined effort on both defense and offense against St. John’s tonight.”

Belles confident heading into Adrian game

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

When Saint Mary’s faces off against Adrian tonight, it will be a battle between a team with confidence and a team that has been struggling.

The Belles are the confident team coming off a 65-61 win over Olivet College on Saturday and winners of two of their last three while Adrian has lost two straight games.

The reason for the Belles’ recent success has been defense and rebounding, according to head coach Suzanne Smith.

“The main thing is that we’ve played great defense and rebounding,” said Smith. “We’ve done a much better job the last couple of weeks of boxing out and going to get the rebound.”

While the Belles were out-rebounded last game, they feel they can improve on that against Adrian.

“In our defense we do a lot of rotating around,” said Smith. “Many times that leaves someone open and we just really talked about going back and finding your person and making sure everybody’s matched up and they box out their person and put a body on them.”

Aside from rebounding, the Belles will rely on another outstanding performance from freshman forward Emily Creachbaum. Creachbaum scored 26 points against Olivet, which included 11-15 shooting from the field.

Creachbaum’s performance was good enough to earn her an honorable mention for NCAA Player of the Week honors.

“She’s just real consistent,” said Smith. “She’s not trying to do too much but it seems like the opponent’s defense is giving her some great opportunity’s and she’s taking advantage of everything.”

The Belles are hoping to continue playing well and pick up some victories before heading into the MIAA tournament on Feb. 19.

“We’re focused on Wednesday night first,” said Smith. “We haven’t really gone to Saturday yet. But tomorrow night it’s a great opportunity. I know one of the team’s words today was revenge because it was a close game last time. So we really want this one tomorrow night.”

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