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Food Services: Flex 10 will cost more

By CHRISTINA CEPERO
News Writer

Food Services said that the Flex 10 meal proposal from Student Senate would be more expensive and decrease student unity in the dining halls.

Last week, the Student Senate passed a resolution calling for a Flex 10 meal option, a 10-meal plan with a proportional amount of Flex points.

Director of Food Services Dave Prentkowski said, "The more flexibility and the more options, the more expensive."

If Flex 10 were added to students' meal plan options, the expenses of running the dining hall and its services and variety would remain about the same due to fixed costs and the fact that students eat an average of about 10 meals a week in the dining halls, said Prentkowski.

Prentkowski said the main question is determining where the money would come from to contribute to the additional Flex points in a Flex 10 plan. He said, "It's a matter of economics."

Increasing Flex points would possibly result only in higher dining fees for students or their having to give up a significant dining hall service, such as extended hours, Grab 'n Go or the expanded menu, which the dining halls have instituted over the last 10 to 13 years in response to student input.

Trip Foley, student body vice president, said, "There are ways to eliminate excess cost in order to make this work."

Prentkowski said the retail establishments on campus lunchtime already are packed and have long lines. Offering more Flex points to students would add to the overcrowding of areas such as LaFortune, whereas the dining halls have the capacity to handle the volume.

He said Flex 10 would respond to the current situation, not aggravate it. Foley said the reality is that a lot of students are already eating at Sidway, Sharro and Burger King, which reflects the popularity of the retail outlets and testifies that students want more options in their meal plans. Students can currently purchase Doner Dollars if they run out of Flex points.

The proposed Flex 10 plan also brings into question whether the overall philosophy of encouraging students to eat in the dining halls, said Prentkowski.

Sarah Bates, Pasquerilla West Hall senator, said, "The Senate has said all along that Notre Dame's social atmosphere transcends the dining hall system."

Students can maintain their camaraderie by eating with each other in LaFortune and engaging in other campus activities together, Bates said. "The Flex 10 plan would be more adaptive to students' needs and more convenient for students who have meetings and activities."

Dave Brenner, Dillon Hall senator, said, "Our main goal as the Student Senate is to represent the interests of students."

Brenner and Bates said students have voiced their concern about the meal plan options.

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Students network with employers representing diverse companies at the 2003 Winter Career and Internship fair Tuesday night at the Joyce Center.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Legacy preference challenged in affirmative action debate

By COLLEEN GANEY
News Writer

Legacy preference, the admissions policy that favors alumni children, has recently been characterized as a form of discrimination in college admissions.

Because most alumni of prestigious institutions are white, legacy preference overwhelmingly rewards white middle-to-upper-class students, and therefore has fueled arguments in recent debates over affirmative action.

Last week, President Bush sided with white plaintiffs suing the University of Michigan for fulfilling racial quotas for minorities in undergraduate and law school admissions, claiming that "students are being selected or rejected primarily on the color of their skin."

Some claim Bush was admitted Yale University as the son of an alumnus and a grandson of a member of the Board of Trustees. Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., a candidate for the 2004 Democratic presidential ticket, criticized legacy preference in his speech at the University of Maryland in November.

He said that legacy preference "does not reward overcoming barriers based on race or adding diversity to the mix at LaFortune, who was birthright out of the 18th century British aristocracy, not 21st democratically wrong."

Affirmative action is closely scrutinized, but legacy preference is less vulnerable to legal attacks. Post-secondary institutions are required to report race/ethnicity enrollment numbers to the National Center for Education Statistics in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act, according to Notre Dame Institutional Research.

No such legislation keeps tabs on whether legacy preference favors particular races, yet it often perishes in the wake of affirmative action reforms. Both the University of Georgia and the University of California discontinued legacy preference immediately after being forced to terminate the use of racial quotas.

"Legacy preference is a strong proponent of legacy preference," said Malloy, director of operations for Notre Dame Admissions. Notre
INSIDE COLUMN

Who's policing the police?

Where are they?
I'd like to know exactly whom Notre Dame Security Police is here to protect and serve, because I'm starting to have trouble believing it's the students. Even though we are the ones who support them and pay their salaries through our tuition payments and, later, alumni donations, I honestly don't think I can say it is the students they are out to serve.

Take for example the plight of a fellow student last Sunday as we were leaving our MCAT class at the Kaplan Center just a block or two away from campus. This girl discovered that in the snow and 15-degree weather, she had locked her lights on and was left with a dead battery. After trying in vain to jump her car, we figured we could call snow and 15-degree weather, she had salaries through the raid with student phonebooks in trouble believing it's the students. Even

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mugger and hurglers on campus if not parking lot just behind the Security Building and right in front of South Dining Hall to be exactly, but yet always manages to issue dozens of driving violations on any given weekend to those dangerous Notre Dame students.

My job with The Observer often causes me to leave our office in South Dining Hall in the middle of the night for the trek across campus back to my room. In the two and a half years I've worked here, and the countless early-morning trips I've made, I've yet to see a NDSP officer out on patrol on campus. Even if they never stop anyone on patrol, the presence of officers going around campus would help keep anyone away that knows he doesn't belong there.

But of course, who poses more of a threat: the guy looking to hold me up, possibly.burglarize or steal my wallet, or those rambunctious drunk kids in Reekers at night?

In the wake of the Chad Sharon disappear­

nears that have occurred on and around campus this year, I think it's important for NDSP to analyze where the threats are really located.

Yes, it's true that minors — even Notre Dame students — should not be in a bar or against the law in that state, but is it really imperative that NDSP officers haul off to Boat Club the ride of the night with said persons? isn't there hard to issue ResLife notices?

After these were the same officers who could, instead, be back between Edison and Douglas securing the same campus they were on patrol to begin with, even to help their own students. But I guess they don't mind breaking that rule to punish their own students.

Chris Federico
Sports Writer

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

Perkinelmer Webcast; Center for Continuing Education, McKenna Hall room 200, 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Girl Culture; Lauren Greenfield Photographs, Snite Museum, all day.

Student Senate; Hammes Bookstore representatives Dan McCabe and Jim O'Connor will speak at resolution partying. CE-sub committee meal referendum will be presented; LaFortune Notre Dame room, 6 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

Semester Around the World Interviews, LeMans, 3 p.m.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting, Carroll Auditorium, 7 p.m.

SAB Event — A Capella singer, Carroll Auditorium, 7 p.m.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall
Today Lunch: Fresh corned beef, boiled cabbage, peas and carrots, beef water, crisp, cheese strata, Italian risotto, grits, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, cinnamon french toast, macadamia Chinese steamed rice, vegetable egg rolls, chicken taco, fried potato triangles, cheese french bread

Today Dinner: Penne with gorgonzola, chicken in the pot soup, cream of broccoli soup, minestrone soup, southern fried chicken, jollard green, brown sauce, apple crisp, spinach quiche, baked herb zuccinni, baked potatoes, beef chop syrup, vegetable egg rolls, chicken taco, beef wet burrito

South Dining Hall
Today Lunch: Spaghetti putanesca, western pasta sauce, boiled basi­ligril linguine, winter blend veget­able, beef chop syrup, cajun bokk­ pollo, rose top round, baked sweet potato, long grain and wild rice, pretzel, oriental vegetables, chicken tempura, California eldorado casse­role

Today Dinner: Spaghetti putanesca, southwestern pasta sauce, boiled basiligril linguine, Hawaiian pizza, potato pancakes, hot chunky applesauce, stuffed green peppers, tuna casserole, roast turkey breast, bread stuffing, baked sweet potato, sauteed chicken breast, broccoli garlic tofu

Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today Lunch: Mexican black bean, roasted cauliflower, Caribbean porto­bello wrap, sauteed fajitas, turkey stroilers, fishwich sandwich, grilled chicken, teriyaki loader, roasted turkey salad with grapes and walnuts, slice turkey breast, sliced roast beef, hum­mus, sugar cookies, New England clam chowder, tomato basil biscuit

Today Dinner: Chickpea and walnut empanada, roasted pepper quesadilla, baked jalapeno ratatouille, potato and rosemary style Greek chicken, confetti rice, home style vegetables, warm bread pudding, white cake with fudge icing

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Missing decals found in car
A victim notified NDSP that the parking decal he reported missing on Sunday was inside his vehicle.

Misplaced purse found
A student who reported losing her purse in Dillard's Hall on Monday, notified NDSP she found her purse in a friend's room Tuesday.

Vehicle vandalized in D2
There are no suspects in a reported vandalism to a student's vehicle parked in the D2 lot between 12 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. on Monday.

NDSP investigated rules violation
NDSP assisted in investigating a possible work rules violation at the Security Building on Monday.

Locksmith mistaken for thief
NDSP discovered a possible attempted motor vehicle theft. The student notified NDSP his vehicle was not broken into. A locksmith had been working on his vehicle.

Compiled from NDSP crime blaster.
Prominent activist and author visits Notre Dame

By MELISSA LOU

On Tuesday, the Notre Dame Creative Writing Program hosted a reading by author Marilyn Krysl. Described as an activist, writer and deeply engaging presence, Krysl read from several of her short stories and poems before a mixed audience of students, admirers and academicians in the Reekers Hospitality Room.

Krysl described much of her work as "a homage or love song to those women I have met throughout my life. While I wrote these stories, I felt this writing was a way of honoring these women and their suffering and loss due to war and poverty."

Krysl said her work has been heavily influenced by the service work she has done. "While I was there, a lot of commercial terminology, such as sustainable development, came to mind. These terms always seemed cold to me, this is where many of the titles of these poems come from," said the author.

Krysl volunteered with Peace Brigade International in Sri Lanka, an experience that had a profound effect on her and inspired her to write many of her "love songs" to women.

The self-described environmentalist, social justice and poverty activist, explained her feminist views, stating that she is a feminist in that she "needs not only the lives of women to improve. But ... want[s] everyone's life to improve."

Krysl described much of her work as "a feminist view." Krysl read aloud from her book of short stories titled, "One of the many reasons I was there was to learn to love these places," said Krysl. "One of the things I learned was that many hundreds of people are killed in other countries by terrorists. The kinds of violence we see as unusual are common for other people."

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Krysl read aloud from her book of short stories "How to Accommodate Men," as well as excerpts from her well-known poems. She published seven books of poetry, and three of fiction. She is the former director of the Creative Writing Program at the University of Colorado, Boulder. She continues her work as an activist, working in Boulder with Sudanese refugees.

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Dame ensures that about 1/4 of enrolled students are children of alumni.

"Our commitment to recog-
nize those family ties is higher
than normal," Mundy added.

Notably, other elite institu-
tions such as Harvard, the Uni-
versity of Pennsylvania and
Princeton have higher percent-
ages of enrolled legacies than
Notre Dame.

Far from a quota system, Notre Dame's official admissions policies could be affected by the Supreme Court's decision in the Michigan affirmative action lawsuits, depending on how the Court defines a public institution.

"They can craft (the defini-
tion) anyway they want," Mundy
said.

Because Notre Dame receives public funds, it could be labeled as a public institution, in which case preferential admissions based on anything other than academic performance may be scrutinized.

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NDH gets creative with rice

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North Dining Hall won a
$2,000 prize for its participa-
tion in activities celebrat-
ing National Rice Month. The
USA Rice Federation, the
national advocate for the
American rice industry, spon-
sored the September contest among institutional
food service departments.

The contest boosted rice consumption at NDH by 55 percent, according to gener-
al manager John Glon.

"We all worked together to put together recipes and activities that would interest
students," Glon said.

NDH chef Mike Huffer
assembled new recipes,
while service crew members
and student managers' activi-
ties included a "rice race," in
which participants raced from NDH to South Dining Hall, collected a bag of rice,
and returned to NDH. A triv-
ial contest testing students' knowledge was also held.

Glon also credited the quality of the new rice. "Very popular dishes that students
would like more freedom in
appearance halls that they
can try," Glon said.

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"Natural people..." Mundy
said. "I think that Notre Dame's
strong sense of family naturally attracts
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Bush pledges to fight with full force if necessary

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Building a case for war against Iraq, President Bush said Tuesday night he has fresh evidence that Saddam Hussein consorts with terrorists and seeks to "dominate, intimidate or attack" with weapons of mass destruction. He pledged to "fight with the full force and might of the United States military," if necessary, to disarm him.

Secretary of State Colin Powell will go to the U.N. Security Council on Feb. 5 to present the U.S. case, outlined by Bush in stark terms in his second State of the Union address.

"We will consult, but let there be no misunderstanding: If Saddam Hussein does not fully disarm for the safety of our people, and for the peace of the world, we will lead a coalition to disarm him," the president said.

Speaking to Congress and a global television audience, Bush presented a laundry list of Saddam Hussein's illicit activities, some of them newly revealed to the public. He said intelligence services have reported that thousands of Iraqi personnel are at work digging dug-in enemy positions in the Shindand area near the Afghan border. The coalition soldiers found materials from the U.N. weapons inspectors.

Specifically, Bush said Saddam has not accounted for up to 25,000 secret safes, $37 billion in precious metals, $80 billion in bullion, 500 tons of sarin, mustard gas and VX nerve agent and upwards of 10,000 metric tons capable of delivering chemical weapons.

"If this is not evil, then evil has no definition," Bush said in his annual State of the Union address.

For the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks transformed him into a wartime president, Bush faced serious questions about his leadership. Most Americans don't approve of his handling of the economy, polls show, and only a small majority support his policy on Iraq — an area where the president enjoyed support of more than 80 percent a year ago.

The speech was delivered amid intense security as lawmakers, Cabinet members, military leaders and Supreme Court justices gathered for the annual event. Several hundred people massed on the Capitol lawn to protest Bush's policies, ranging from a possible war in Iraq to his approach to health care.

The first half of Bush's address was devoted to domestic policy, a reflection of his desire not to let Iraq overshadow the 2004 re-election campaign.

The heart of Bush's domestic agenda is his $674 billion plan to reform Medicare, cut taxes and a $400 billion, 10-year plan to overhaul Medicaid.

Democrats challenged Bush's efforts both at home and abroad. Washington Gov. Gary Locke, tapped to deliver the Democratic response to Bush, said that economic recovery would not happen until states and cities receive more help from Washington — something missing from Bush's economic proposals.

"People are clearly worried about terrorism and Iraq but those concerns should not overshadow the pressing needs of the people here at home," Locke said.

He proposed spending new money for research to develop hydrogen powered cars and to tutor children of prison inmates. He also called for a new $600 million drug treatment program in which federal money could go to religious community service programs.

U.S. President George W. Bush speaks before a joint session of Congress on Tuesday, the day after his re-election. Teen murderer John Allen Muhammad's trial for the sniper attacks that terrorized the Washington area.

Teen sniper suspect's trial set for Nov.

A judge set a Nov. 10 trial date for 17-year-old Lee Boyd Malvo, who could face the death penalty for his alleged role in the sniper attacks that terrorized the Washington area.

Prosecutors had asked for a trial date in late December, while the defense had requested February 2004. Circuit Judge Jane Roush picked a date in between, saying it allowed twice the time normal for a granted under the death penalty.

Cable problem cited in N.C. plane crash

Control cables connected to the tail of the Beech 1900 turboprop plane that crashed in Charlotte, N.C., three weeks ago weren't set at the proper tension level, federal investigators said Tuesday. The crash killed all 21 people aboard US Airways Express Flight 5481. The cable problem could make a plane harder to fly because it would prevent the controls differently, aviation experts said.

Teenager saved by utility wires in crash:

A Kansas City, Mo. teenager was catapulted at least 25 feet in the air during an auto accident but grabbed on to overhead utility wires like an action hero and dangled for about 20 minutes before a rescue crew brought him down by ladder. Joe R. Thompson II, 18, was treated for bruises and scratches at a hospital and was released. "God was definitely in control," he said. Thompson lost control of his Jeep on Monday evening after another car suddenly turned in front of him. Thompson's Jeep clipped the other car and rolled over and over, positive times five, witnesses said.

United flight held at Boston Airport:

A United Airlines flight bound for San Francisco from Logan International Airport was grounded Tuesday after a first-class passenger found a box cutter in the magazine pouch in the seat in front of her.
Students discuss SMC college experiences

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's News Wire

In Tuesday's student-run discussion, Saint Mary's students had the opportunity to listen to the stories of five of their fellow Belles, each with different experiences at Saint Mary's.

The panelists, Ellen Burns, Adrienne Dorbish, Rachel Finley, Angelique Inghaer and Sarah Nestor, shared their freshman impressions of Saint Mary's, and how those impressions evolved as their college experiences grew.

They also commented on ways in which they believe the Saint Mary's experience can be improved for future students.

Finley, senior class president, admitted she was unhappy with her choice of schools as a first-year student. "I literally filled out a transfer application every single day," she said. Finley applied to a resident advisor in an effort to get more involved on campus, and then went on the run for student government.

"I truly believe that you get out of Saint Mary's what you give," Finley said.

Nestor, Saint Mary's news editor at The Observer, agreed with Finley. She credited her positive experience at Saint Mary's to her active participation in the activities available to students. This included studying abroad, as well as volunteering for The Observer.

Inghaer, and international student, had to adjust not only to a new school but to a new culture as well. She said the weather was one of the biggest differences, and said Americans were welcoming.

"Everyone is so hospitable here," she said. "They smile at you even though they don't know you." Burns, Board of Governance athletic commissioner and transfer student from Indiana University-South Bend, said she was particularly happy to be at Saint Mary's.

"At 8:03 I would go to class, and then go to my car and go home," said Burns.

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‘Chicago’ leads SAG awards with five

Kidman, who won back-to-back Golden Globes for "Moulin Rouge" and "The Hours" and scored an Academy Awards nomination for "Moulin Rouge," said a second-straight Oscar nomination is not a certainty despite all the film honors she's accumulated this season.

"Joining with Kidman, Moore and Zellweger, the best-actress contenders were Salma Hayek for "Frida," a film biography of painter Frida Kahlo, and Diane Lane for the adultery thriller "Unfaithful." Besides Gere and Cage, best-actor nominees were Adrien Brody for the Holocaust drama "The Pianist," Daniel Day-Lewis for the 1860s epic "Gangs of New York" and Jack Nicholson for the black comedy "About Schmidt."

Along with Cooper and Harris, supporting-actor nominees were Alfred Molina for "Frida," Dennis Quaid for "Far From Heaven" and Christopher Walken for the con-man romp "Catch Me If You Can."

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VIEWPOINT

The trees and the tall grass swayed in the wind as I looked up at the sun. The large, white clouds seemed like gigantic marshmallows against the radiantly blue sky. It was so bright that it hurt my eyes to look at it for more than a few seconds. At any other time, this day would have been considered perfect in my mind. But, under the circumstances, things weren't going well.

In the palm of my hand was the compass I had brought with me. Its needle was stuck halfway between the N signifying north and E signifying east. I had turned around in a circle over half a dozen times, but the needle had remained locked in the same position. My compass was broken and I had no idea where I was.

I was, unmistakably, lost. Having just finished my sophomore year in college, my buddies and I had decided to take a road trip to Montana to get away from the pressures of college life. Even after two years of school, none of us had any future ambitions. We seemed to be floating along in the portless sea of academia, not even sure where we were going. My sense of direction had been lost in the world of academia.

Looking down at the broken compass, I was ahead of me. I didn't need a set of directions, the trees and grasses of the mountains guided me step-by-step through life. The first half of the day was spent in the mountainous area, without a compass or a heading to follow. All we wanted was for someone to tell us what to do. But we soon found out that things weren't that easy.

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So, feeling adventurous, I decided to embark on a little expedition around the wilderness for a day or so. Alone and away from the companions I came with, I wanted to do something by myself for once. I didn't know why I wanted to venture forth single-handedly, but I did. But the feelings were there just the same and the more I thought about it, the more I desired to experience something new and different. And what could it hurt? I would only be gone for the better part of an afternoon, or so I thought.

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A Former's Outlook

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ND Today/Observer Poll Question

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In the attitude of silence the soul finds the path in a clearer light, and what is elusive and deceptive resolves itself into crystal clearness. Our life is a long and arduous quest after truth."

Mahatma Gandhi

Indian leader
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Alcohol policy should not reflect legal contradictions

There has been a lot of discussion recently about Notre Dame's position on homosexuality. A little known phenomenon is infecting our University's community. That phenomenon? ND has gone gay.

That's right, and I'm not just talking about the Kelly green. When I think ND, I think flamboyantly homosexual. While smoking is prohibited, sodomy on South Quad is all too common. Why? Because gay, lesbian and bisexual students are in an when underage drinking and alcoholism. It may seem like the University operates minimal support for gays and lesbians, but if you're 'in an inch, you'll probably decorate it. So clearly, beneath the façade of Dave Matthews and light beer, Notre Dame is a haven of gay, lesbian and bisexual people, and we're going to keep it.

But what else can be done? We need to instill an attitude of healthy heterosexual values among students. We need to continue the trend of alcohol responsibly and enjoy a nice shower.

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Amusing discussion on gay, lesbian and bisexual topics at The Observer November 24, 2003

Amused

Dazed and Confused

Amy Schill

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Encourage voting

On Monday, The Observer editorial staff was derisive in its duty, when it endorsed abstention in the Saint Mary's elections for the reason that there is but one part running. Voting "abstain" would be a vote of "no confidence" according to The Observer. Instead of urging "no confidence," the Observer staff should be applauding the Saint Mary's entrepreneurs to get into the act. My vote is at stake, and what the Saint Mary's students are doing is a business in itself, supported by a serious bureaucracy. Perhaps that is the catch.

Juan Bernal

freshman

Kegall Hall

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"Betty's Summer Vacation"

St. Ed's Players present a dark comedy featuring

By COLLEEN BARRETT
Scene Theatre Critic

As you head out to Washington Hall this weekend to watch the St. Ed's Players' production of "Betty's Summer Vacation," make sure you leave something behind.

"Leave your inhibitions at the door," said Lena Caligiuri. Caligiuri plays Trudy in Christopher Durang's dark satire on American sensationalism and its thirst for entertainment at the expense of others.

Trudy and her friend Betty head off to the New Jersey shore to summer in a house that is, unknown to them, already occupied by Keith, a quiet serial killer, and Buck, the stereotypical, testosterone-filled sexist. Trudy's alcoholic, emotionally abusive mother, Mrs. Siezmagraff, arrives shortly after the girls.

The situation becomes more bizarre when characters begin to hear voices coming from the ceiling. The voices monitor the characters' fears and fantasies, egging them on and mocking them. The voices react to the characters as if they are watching a sitcom or daytime television show, and the characters begin to behave with the intention of keeping the omnipresent voices laughing.

Eventually, the voices drive the characters to irrational actions, including rape, dismemberment and murder.

"The voices in the ceiling laugh and talk; they make you ask why you laugh at something. They make you ask why you think something is funny," said Bill Kalman, president of the St. Ed's Players and director of the play.

When asked why he chose the particular play, Kalman said that while browsing through plays, "Betty's" bright cover jumped out at him.

"I read it, and it was good, it was funny," he said.

In spite of the whimsical title and its classification as a comedy, "Betty" deals with the darker elements of life, including rape, murder and alcoholism. Trudy experienced sexual abuse at the hands of her father, though her mother refused to acknowledge the fact. Other sensitive and potentially offensive interactions take place throughout the play.

"You have to desensitize yourself to some of the things your character says and does," said Jessica Manske, who plays Trudy's contemptible mother. "You have to pretend that you don't know the things you are saying are completely ridiculous."

The things that Trudy's mother and the other characters say are indeed ridiculous, and will shock some, though it will leave others laughing.

"You have to be able to laugh it off and know that Durango isn't meant to be taken seriously," said Caligiuri. "If you don't, you will be offended."

St. Ed's Players

Director: Bill Kalman
Playwright: Christopher Durang
Stage Manager: Beth Colombo
Starring: Jessica Manske, Meghann Tabor, Paul Sifuentes, Tara Murphy, Lena Caligiuri, David Buckley, Tom Sutton, Jordan Kohl, and Ryan Greene

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For sensational recent obsession perfectly reflects t
dark comedy featuring murder, sex and insanity

Those who can laugh it off, or at least appreciate the theme of the play, will notice the striking similarity between the voices in the ceiling and the American public.

"It's a commentary on the television viewing public and its obsession with publicity," said Meghann Tabor, who plays Betty, the sole sane role in the play. The voices demand outrageous behavior from the characters, laughing at their plights and misery in such a way that the public clamors for sensational stories. America's recent obsession with reality shows perfectly reflects the theme of "Betty."

Director Bill Kalman attempted to recreate the feeling of watching a television show. The comedy, while humorous, addresses darker issues in life as the tension builds among characters.

"Betty's Summer Vacation" runs this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in Washington Hall. Tickets for the St. Ed's Players production are available at LaFortune Box office or at the door for $5.
Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. Oakland Raiders All-Pro cen-
ter Barbie Robbins, who spent Super Bowl Sunday in a hospital after disappearing, was involved in a history of depression.

The 6-foot-3, 320-pound linemen apparently stopped taking his medication for depression after a bender in San Francisco Chronicle reported, citing a source close to Robbins.

Robbins disappeared Friday night and didn't resurface for nearly 24 hours, after which the Raiders kicked him out of the team hotel and put him on the inactive list for the championship game.

"We're really handling this as a personal issue for Barbie," Raiders senior vice president Bruce Allen said Tuesday. "We're involved in his situation, but there's privacy involved.

"Allen said he had spoken to Robbins recently, and talked more than once to his center's wife Tuesday. Allen declined to offer more.

Robbins had been acting strangely during the week, appearing dazed during Tuesday's Media Day, and appeared disoriented when he showed up for a team meeting, the Chronicle reported, citing several unnamed teammates.

Shortly after the team told him he wouldn't be playing in the Super Bowl, he was admitted to a San Diego hospital. Robbins' agent Drew Pittman said of Robbins: "I was here 10 years and I've waited a long time to do this, so help me out — We're No. 1! We're No. 11!"

Sapp added: "Thank you, Baby, for all that's in my heart.

Long-suffering Bucs supporters waited 27 years for a Super Bowl championship. The frustration turned into elation Monday when they rushed to stores across the region to buy anything commemorating the Super Bowl triumph.

Many of the fans along the parade route were clothes-embazoned with the Super Bowl XXXVII logo.

Robbins family member A Robbins told the paper Tuesday that the team was admitting Robbins' wife did "a million things." But he said Robbins "didn't make a mistake.

"There's a lot of warning out there," Gruden said. "We've got a heck of a football team, and we're just getting started.

Tom Pitman, who said Monday he was "confident" he would be a better person in all aspects of his life, was certified as the Raiders senior vice president for football operations, Jon Gruden said.

"Because of his history of depression, he was treated by doctors associated with the NFL's emergency response team, a league source told the Chronicle.

Allen wouldn't confirm any of the reports.

"Everybody with the Raiders is still disappointed with the game," he said of the 48-21 loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. "We're trying to recover from that, including him.

Pittman, who was flying to Hawaii on Tuesday for the Super Bowl, said he didn't know which hospital Robbins was in, and was unaware of his condition. But he said Robbins' wife told him no illegal drugs were found.

"He's receiving ongoing treatment, and had some preliminary tests done that showed there were no drugs in his system," Pittman said Monday night.

Robbins told the Chronicle in 1997 that both his parents had struggled with depression and that he controlled his own illness through medication. "It's a battle within your head," he told the paper then. "It's not an easy thing to deal with.

Anybody who can overcome something like this is bound to be a better person in all aspects of life.

A Raiders spokesman said Tuesday that the team was uncertain whether Robbins remained hospitalized.

calls to Pittman and Raiders senior assistant Bruce Allen Tuesday were not immediately returned.

Robbins was replaced on the AFC Pro Bowl roster Monday by New England center Damien Woody.

Four teammates, all speaking on the condition of anonymity, told the Chronicle that Robbins spent Saturday in Tijuana, Mexico, despite warnings from team officials not to go there.

Pittman called that "speculation.

Checks with the U.S. Consulate in Tijuana, the Customs Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, San Diego police and several area hospitals yielded no further information.

Tampa celebrates city's first Super Bowl championship

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. Warren Sapp blew kisses to the cheering Tampa crowd Tuesday as Jon Gruden received the key to the city and said Tampa owed "We're No. 1," to the city.

"The city of Tampa," Sapp said. "We've been here 10 years and I've waited a long time to do this, so help me out — We're No. 1! We're No. 11!"

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Attorney General Jerry Kilgore group, which meets with the heads the Northern Virginia and District of Columbia delegations Tuesday. Virginia focused on Northern Virginia - could put Ore., Entertainment is the top priority for the community.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Committee investigates financing options for Expos

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Baseball had a loud message in its first meetings with suitors who want to lure the Expos from Montreal: Show us the money.

Financing for a new ballpark is the top priority for the committee, which wants to know how fast the areas — Portland, Ore., Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia — could put in place plans to host the Expos in 2004.

“The committee is clearly focused on funding,” said Bobby Goldwater, executive director of the DC Sports and Entertainment Commission.

Portland Mayor Vera Katz and District of Columbia Mayor Anthony A. Williams led their delegations Tuesday. Virginia Attorney General Jerry Kilgore heads the Northern Virginia group, which meets with the committee Wednesday.

Katz said she believes baseball wants to make a decision by the end of the summer and said the groups will be invited back for more formal presentations in six to eight weeks.

“This can’t be done if it involves raising income taxes, involves raising property taxes,” said David Kahn, the former Indiana Pacers general manager who is a leading figure in the Oregon Stadium Campaign.

The Expos, who report to spring training in 16 days for what could be their final season in Montreal, have drawn poorly in recent years at Olympic Stadium. The franchise was purchased before the 2002 season by the other 29 teams and is operated by the commissioner’s office. Baseball moved 22 of the Expos’ 81 home games this year to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to increase revenue.

At Tuesday’s meetings, baseball wanted to hear how quickly both areas could put financing in place for a new ballpark and the timeline for getting Portland’s PGE Park and Washington’s RFK Stadium ready for major league play.

PGE Park, the 19,500-seat ballpark of the Triple-A Portland Beavers, and RFK Stadium, the 45,000-seat home of the expansion Senators until 1971 season, would be the Expos’ temporary home until a new stadium is built.

Kahn said a bill would be introduced in the Oregon Legislature to use state income tax money from player salaries to service bonds the state would issue to raise money to construct a ballpark, which would cost $300 million or more.

“If that’s the case, then there’s no problem,” said Gene Orza, the No. 2 official of the players’ association. “But if they’re singing out baseball players for a special tax to help finance a ballpark, they would not find an ally in us.”

Several potential sites for ballparks in Portland, Washington and Northern Virginia have been discussed, but none has been selected.

“They wanted to know what our situation is in Oregon, who had authority for what revenue sources, whether we need to go to the voters,” Kahn said.

Washington, which included District Council Chairman Linda Cropp in its delegation, has not yet come up with a financing plan. It thinks a team has a better chance to succeed downtown than in the suburbs.

“We believe you build a ballpark where people live, work and come to be entertained,” Goldwater said.

Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos opposes a Washington team, which he says would cut into his team’s revenue.

Downtown Washington is about 40 miles from Camden Yards.

“It came up in a general discussion today,” Goldwater said.

“We know we’ll certainly have to discuss that in detail.”

Baseball also wanted to know if rain would be a problem in Portland, one of the wettest U.S. cities. It’s unclear if a new ballpark would have a retractable roof, such as Safeco Field, the home of the Mariners in rainy Seattle.

“It doesn’t rain any more in Portland than some East Coast cities,” Katz said.

Portland’s only professional team in the four major sports is the Trail Blazers, who began play in 1970.

“Portland is by far the most underserved professional sports market in the United States,” Kahn said.

No potential owners have been invited to speak with baseball, only government authorities. This contrasts with baseball’s meetings prior to expansion in 1993 and 1998, when ownership groups put the bids together.

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A Montreal Expos fan expresses his devotion to the team at the Expos’ last home game of the 2002 season.
A group representing female athletes asserted Tuesday it would be unthinkable to retreat on a 31-year-old law designed to ensure gender equity in educational institutions.

"To suggest that it's OK for a federal law to allow women to be treated in a manner that is inferior to men is unfathomable in this day and age," said Donna Lopiano, executive director of the Women's Sports Foundation.

Lopiano argued her case - as did representatives of organizations with contrary views - before an Education Department panel that will soon recommend changes to the law known as Title IX.

The department's 15-member Commission on Opportunity in Athletics will debate and vote on as many as 24 competing recommendations during public meetings Wednesday and Thursday. It must submit a final report to Education Secretary Rod Paige by Jan. 31.

The commissioners appear to be leaning toward recommending a more restrictive interpretation of the law's proportionality standards - a move that sits well with supporters of a Title IX lawsuit filed by the National Wrestling Coaches Association.

The commissioners contend that a "proportionality" rule that is a part of Title IX has led to the elimination of hundreds of men's sports teams.

Opponents of the existing rule stemming from that 1972 law say that many universities have struggled to comply. The standard says the male-female athlete ratio at such institutions must be "substantially proportionate" to the male-female enrollment ratio.

"It's clear that proportionality just doesn't work," said Eric Pearson of the College Sports Council, the lead plaintiff. "It's created a quota system that was never intended when Title IX was originally created."

Commissioner Julie Foudy, a member of the U.S. national women's soccer team, said she feels the majority of her fellow commissioners want to tinker with proportionality.

She said she is especially concerned about a proposal by University of Maryland athletic director Debbie Yow, which would allow schools to have a 50-50 split of male and female athletes regardless of the makeup of the student body - with a leeway of 5 to 7 percentage points.

"That scares me," Foudy said. "The reality is that the universities are going to go down the path of least resistance, which would be 43 percent."

A member of the commission speaking on condition of anonymity Monday, said the "directions they are moving toward" include a less restrictive interpretation of the law's proportionality test. It also is expected to call for new surveys to gauge sports interest among student bodies.

"The majority seem to be in favor of some form of change," the commissioner said.
Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

- New Jersey: 30-11
- Boston: 26-18
- Philadelphia: 22-22
- Orlando: 23-23
- Washington: 22-24
- New York: 19-24
- Miami: 19-24

Eastern Conference, Central Division

- Detroit: 31-12
- Milwaukee: 22-22
- New Orleans: 23-22
- Chicago: 17-24
- Atlanta: 16-24
- Toronto: 11-33

Western Conference, Midwest Division

- Dallas: 24-4
- Minnesota: 16-16
- Milwaukee: 22-22
- Chicago: 17-24
- Detroit: 21-10
- Memphis: 13-31
- Denver: 10-44

Western Conference, Pacific Division

- Sacramento: 31-13
- Portland: 27-15
- Phoenix: 28-14
- Golden State: 10-23
- LA Lakers: 19-25
- Seattle: 18-23
- LA Clippers: 16-25

Central Collegiate Hockey Association

- Ferris State: 12-4-1
- Ohio State: 11-4-1
- Michigan: 12-4-1
- Western Michigan: 11-7-0
- Michigan State: 6-1-9
- Miami: 11-5-1
- Northern Michigan: 6-7-0
- Michigan Tech: 11-5-1
- Notre Dame: 7-5-2
- Alabama-Huntsville: 10-10-4
- Bowling Green: 3-10-2
- Lake Superior: 1-10-1

Mens College Basketball Big East Conference

West Division

- Pittsburgh: 1-10-1
- Syracuse: 1-10-1
- Notre Dame: 1-10-1
- Georgetown: 1-10-1
- West Virginia: 1-10-1
- Seton Hall: 1-10-1
- Rutgers: 1-10-1

NBA

Washington Wizards guard Michael Jordan drives against the Bulls in what could be Jordan's final game in Chicago last week. Tuesday, Jordan was named as a reserve on the East All-Stars.

Jordan picked as All-Star reserve

**In Brief**

**James gets in accident with 8-year-old woman**

LeBron James hasn't completely steered clear of trouble with his Hummer.

The nation's top high school basketball player was cleared Monday after a two-week investigation by state officials determined he did not violate amateur bylaws by accepting a Hummer H2 vehicle as a gift.

Hours after James was cleared, an 8-year-old woman filed a police report claiming that he backed his sport utility vehicle into her car.

**Norman won't play in Masters**

Barring a remarkable rebound in the next two months, Greg Norman will not be returning to the Masters.

Norman, the epitome of collapse and heartache at Augusta National, said he received a letter from chairman Hootie Johnson that he will not be offered a special invitation.

“Hootie wrote explaining the decision, and I think it is the right decision,” Norman told the Sydney Morning Herald. “I support him 100 percent and respect him for that.”

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Schifino. The sophomore is the leading scorer for the Mountaineers this season with nearly 21 points a game. West Virginia also likes to find big man Kevin Pitts on the open from three-point land. The 6-foot-10, freshman center has made 31-of-57 three-pointers to lead the team in that category, counting for a large portion of his 13 points a game.

"They run in a tough offense," Carroll said. "They use a lot of screens and get a lot of easy buckets against teams. I think (West Virginia's offense) is very hard to guard, so we're going to have to be very attentive to detail."

The Mountaineers have seen a lot of turnover since last year aren't playing now, wasn't last year, Carroll said. "They last faced the Irish, with starters Schifino and Tyrone Sally, that makes for a very important part of Notre Dame's defense."

"I always knew I had those other guys to count on," he said. "So I was able to go around and play my game. I didn't play all situations back then either, like the penalty kill, so it was nice to get a chance to rest. It was a great opportunity to grow as a player."

"Schifino's growth was well noted by scouts, and after his sophomore year, as he was driving to South Bend for a summer hockey camp, he received a call from his parents that he had been drafted.

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"I think that really helped Nielsen," Poulin said. "You never really know until you've been there and can say, 'I can play with these guys.' You could just imagine the joy in the stands, a young fan in the stands."

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to both play hockey and get a good education.

"Definitely one of my goals is to play in the NHL," he said. "But I plan on playing for as long as it takes to get there."

"That's the driving force in my life," he said. "I'm looking forward to new experiences and meeting new people. It's been a great four years here, but I'm also looking forward to moving on."

"Maybe some day, in some NHL city, a young fan in the stands will see Nielsen skating around on the ice in a bright clean uniform. And maybe that kid will turn to his mom and say, 'I want to do that.'"

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MENS TENNIS

Struggling Irish face No. 2 Illinois

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After beginning the spring season with two losses, the Irish, winless in dual match play, will face No. 2 Illinois today at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Illini roster is rich with talent, with five singles players and two doubles teams ranked nationally. The Irish, on the other hand, are a relatively young and less experienced squad.

"They are, I think, the best team in the country," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

Although Bayliss recognizes the formidable challenge awaiting the Irish on the courts today, he believes Notre Dame has valuable assets that could help the Irish register their first victory of the season.

Primarily, he believes the Irish roster has players with the heart and energy to rebound after two consecutive losses.

"Sometimes our guys have played their best tennis with their backs against the wall," Bayliss said. "We're going to be ready to play and we'll be out there firing on all cylinders."

While the Irish lost six of nine lettermen to graduation, the Illini roster from last season remains intact. Last year, Illinois won two out of three matches with the Irish, but the Irish triumphed 4-3 in Champaign, Ill.

So far this spring though, the Irish, as a team, have not had much to smile about.

"To say I'm disappointed in an 0-2 start is an understatement," Bayliss said. "I think we had a chance to beat Indiana.

Nevertheless, several players have provided hope for the team.

"I am extremely happy with play of (Luis) Haddock," Bayliss said. "Even though Matt Scott has lost twice at No. 2, that's a huge jump to go from five to two in our lineup. He's done a very good job."

Additionally, sophomore Brent D'Amico, who saw little singles playing time last season, has earned two singles victories in the matches against Indiana and Ohio State.

The two freshmen in the lineup, Eric Langenkamp and Patrick Buchanan, need time to adjust to collegiate tennis, according to Bayliss.

"Both lost matches they could have won, and they're going to win as the year goes on," he said. "They're going to get pretty good. I just have to be patient and wait for them to develop and get used to the intensity of college tennis."

But if Langenkamp and Buchanan are not able to aid Notre Dame in their try to succeed with a tough schedule, the Irish have enough depth to manipulate the lineup.

In doubles play, D'Amico and junior Michael Lang have been successful against Indiana, but struggled against Ohio State Sunday. Senior Brian Farrell, who has been playing at the No. 2 doubles flight with Haddock, may not play today due to a shoulder injury.

After playing Illinois today, Notre Dame will welcome Florida State Friday. Next week, the Irish will face a challenging trio — Wisconsin, Purdue and Duke.

"We've got to remember [we are] a very young and very inexperienced team," Bayliss said. "They're going to grow, and they're going to get confidence. We're going to be heard from as the year goes on."

For now, the Irish are looking forward to the challenge ahead, the challenge that begins today against a team ranked second in the nation.

"This is an extremely exciting week," Bayliss said.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles seek home upset

By TREY WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

"The upset" has become as much a part of sports as the players and coaches who make it all possible.

Perhaps that's just one of the reasons why Saint Mary's basketball team goes into its match against the third-ranked team in the conference with a positive attitude and outlook.

The Belles (5-12) don't expect to be the favorites as they square off against the Scots (10-5) of Alma College, coming in with a five game losing streak, but that hasn't distorted their image of themselves.

"A lot of teams are going to underestimate us at this point, and I think we can use that to our advantage," said guard Katie Boyle.

"We're a stronger team than we've shown and we know that."

The Belles have had a rough past couple of weeks, losing their last three games on the road.

However, with the home-court advantage, a long standing school rivalry, and the challenge of facing the third-ranked team in the MIAA, coach Suzanne Bellina and her squad believe they can take the season in a new direction.

"I think returning to their home court will definitely motivate [the team] to play their best," said Bellina. "Alma has also been a rival of ours for a while, and I think these factors challenge the team to perform well."

Besides playing on their own turf, the Belles have yet another advantage over the Scots, and that is the depth of their bench.

Forward Emily Creachbaum, who has shot 43 percent from the field this season, and that is the depth of their bench.

"There are other girls that will step up to the challenge ahead, the challenge that begins today against a team ranked second in the nation."

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**Horoscope**

**Eugenia Last**

**Celebrities born on this day:** Tom Selleck, Ann Jillian, Oprah Winfrey, Tom Cruise

Happy Birthday: Protect your interests and remember your reputation this year and you will reach whatever goals you set for yourself. Be careful not to take on someone else's responsibilities. Self-confident and the ability to say no when necessary will be the key to getting ahead. Your numbers are 9, 12, 17, 25, 34, 44

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Family discussions will prove to be exhausting. Think before you act. Give yourself a break from everyone else's requests.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Your ability to make extra cash is evident. Lending or borrowing will be beneficial. You can take a bit of a risk if you do your research properly.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Relationships will be erratic today. Be sure to think twice before you say something that might hurt your partner's ego. Re-evaluate your personal intentions and motives.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): Don't let your personal obligations interfere with your work. An unusual environment may cause you to miss small but important details. Stay focused on the task at hand.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Make the physical and mental alterations that will raise your self-esteem and put you back on top of things. You'll do better if you feel confident to explore new areas.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Spend some quality time with children or friends. They have been neglected because your career has been all consuming. Everything should revolve smoothly without you for a little while.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Travel or educational pursuits will bring added confidence to explore new areas.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Talk to a friend who knows about marketing. You can turn your innovative ideas into money-making opportunities. This is an ideal time to launch those dreams.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let others put unrealistic demands on you. Be cautious when dealing with other people's possessions or personal papers. Get some rest so you are alert.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid being railroaded into donating money to organizations that you don't truly believe in. Be sure that you are doing the right thing before you implement your ideas.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Romantic opportunities will evolve through work-related situations. Your affairs are not at your benefit. Be careful who you trust with private information.

**Pices** (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't be too eager to give others financial help. You will be better off if you remain self-sufficient.

Happy Birthday: You will be determined, driven and quite willing to do whatever it takes to get ahead. You will be curious about many different aspects of life and will always strive to be the best.

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Hockey
Nielsen follows childhood dream

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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The day Evan Nielsen skated off of the rink in his figure skates and saw the older boys leaving their hockey practice was the day he knew he wanted to play hockey.

"It was the time I was three years old, I was in the rink for my skating lessons and saw someone younger come off with all their hockey equipment on," Nielsen said. "I looked up at my mom and said, 'I want to do that.'"

That day, Nielsen traded his chance to be the next Brian Boitano for a taste of the next Brian Sutter, and began a lifelong love of hockey that eventually brought him to Notre Dame.

Since wearing the Irish jersey, Nielsen has achieved almost every accolade one can earn in college hockey. He was named captain of the rink for his senior year, and juniors his first year at Notre Dame, and still managed to tie for the team lead in goals by a defenseman.

After his sophomore season, he was selected by the Atlanta Thrashers in the eighth round of the 2002 entry draft.

In his junior year, he achieved career highs in goals, assists, points, shots and plus-minus.

"If I could sum up Evan in a few words it's that he's an all-around player," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin. "He has improved his play in each category of the game every year he's been here. He's a mature kid and his leadership and presence are intangible."

Nielsen has always had the talent to compete at a high level of play. At the age of 16, he was picked to be the one going to play junior hockey or going to prep school. He chose to attend The Taft School, in Waterbury, Conn., hundreds of miles away from his home in Evanston, Ill.

"I knew I was going to have to leave home," he said. "But playing at Taft offered me a chance to step out of my comfort zone and learn what life's like away from home."

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Irish captain knew he wanted to play hockey since age of 3

Sportswriter

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