**Incumbent touts work in D.C. as campaign begins**

By LAURA PETELLE

Tim Roemer, Democratic representative for the Indiana Third District, announced yesterday his intention to seek a fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"I am excited and delighted and honored to be here this morning," Roemer told his supporters and the press at a news conference at the St. Joseph County Democratic Headquarters.

"This is the best job because it is an election to the people's house by the people of this great community," Roemer said. "We want to bring integrity and respect to the nation's capital."

Roemer summarized his work since he was first elected to the House in 1990, citing the strong economy, reduction in welfare rolls, elimination of tobacco ads in South Bend and the new tax breaks for families with children.

"But this election is going to be about the future; it's going to be about a new millennium," Roemer said.

His platform includes a balanced budget focused on investing in the future of America's children, using the budget surplus to preserve Social Security, and the simplification of the tax code.

Roemer's campaign will emphasize education reform; he serves on the House Education Committee and is focused on increasing the number of qualified teachers, reducing class size and ending social promotion. He also supports increased support for charter schools, helping more students attend college and improving worker training.

"We need new ways to solve old problems in America," Roemer emphasized.

Roemer—who earned master's and doctorate degrees in international affairs from Notre Dame—grew up in Mishawaka, attended Penn High School and is active in the South Bend community.

Roemer's wife, Sally, and their three children attended the press conference to show their support.

**Elections '98**

**Roemer will run for fifth term**

**Campaign Trail**

This week, The Observer will print articles on all 9 tickets running for student body president and vice president.

- Peter Cesar/Andrea Salek
- Kevin Corrigan/Brian Doherty
- Michelle Costello/Adrian Zellner
- Tim Fitzsimmons/Brayan Murphy
- Alfonso Koenard/Walker Candelario
- Mark Leon/Sarah Grunow
- Walter J. Peterson/Gregory E. Smith
- Matt Tomko/Reena Kert
- Brandon Williams/Julie Reising

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**Saint Mary's Elections**

Siefert/Midden ticket wins

The Saint Mary's College student body made its voice heard in Monday's election for the student government president and vice president and chose the ticket of Sarah Siefert and Nancy Midden.

Their platform included increasing the role of technology, working with the admissions office to increase enrollment and creating a club for varsity athletes.

After a close vote in Thursday's election in which Siefert and Midden prevailed by only one-tenth of a percent, the run-off election held Monday produced a final result.

The Siefert/Midden ticket won with 52.9 percent of the vote while the Katie Wehby and Kelly Madden ticket received 42.9 percent of the student vote. Choosing to abstain in the election were 4.2 percent of the voters. Total voter turn-out was 59.8 percent, increased significantly from the election on Thursday in which 49.1 percent of the student body came out to vote.

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**TODAY'S FEATURED CANDIDATES**

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I'm with stupid

There's some sort of saying along the lines of, "A person is smart, but the people are stupid." What you mean is that you are smart, and I am smart. But there are people at Notre Dame who are smart. We got into this school, after all.

But we are all stupid. We all want to talk about the wind whipping downtown South Quad, January, and we foolishly think every August that "this is the year" the football team will win a national title. And the people who did not get to play football, because they were stupid, and decide to stop the season in August claiming they need more money because the owners (stupid) are ripping the players off (they, the owners) can roll around in more money given to them by the stupid owners (stupid). (As an individual baseball fan, I root for the Mets.)

Each individual editor at The Observer is stupid. I root for the Mets."

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Dan Chichilnisky
Assignment Managing Editor

Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Man allegedly harassed 13 male students in 30 minutes

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Over the course of 90 minutes early Friday morning, 13 University students were the victims of attempted sexual abuse while sleeping in their rooms, according to a Champaign police report.

The report said that 13 male residents of Bromley Hall, which is student housing certified by the university, were sexually abused by a man crowding the building between 2:30 and 3:30 a.m. Friday.

Each of the victims, who were all white males between the ages of 18 and 19, were asleep in their rooms with the doors unlocked when the suspect entered, the report said.

The report added that the suspect went into each of the rooms attempting to fondle and engage in oral sex with the victims.

Only two of the victims were actually fondled or touched by the suspect before waking, while the other 11 victims woke up before any sexual activity could take place, the report said.

Champaign Police were not alerted of the incident until 14 hours after the suspect had invaded the last room.

Pat Sergent, the responding officer, said he believed the reason the incident was reported immediately was because the victims themselves did not know the scope of the incident, unaware of the potential danger.

Marilyn Best, a victim advocate at the office of Women's Programs, added that often a stigma is attached to sexual crimes, preventing victims from reporting the incident immediately.

"Most victims of sexual assaults don't immediately report the crime," said Best.

Best said it is easier to come forward when there are numerous victims, but some residents were not immediately aware of the existence of the victims or the possibility of the crimes until the following day.

The suspect was described in the report as a 19-year-old white male, about 5 feet-9 inches tall and weighs 150 pounds with black eye and hair. The report added that the suspect had a "Casanova" hair cut, which is popularly known as a George Clooney cut.

Because of the suspect's age, CPO is not ruling out that he is a University student or a Bromley resident.

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**From blind date to running mate**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN  
News Writer

Mark Leen and Sarah Grunow share several things—a passion for singing and mint-chocolate-chip ice-cream, experience in some facet of student government, and a box on the ballot for the 1998 elections at Notre Dame.

Leen is running for president and Grunow for vice president in Monday’s student government elections. Though they know each other from Student Senate meetings, their first encounter came when a mutual friend set them up on a blind date for a Walsh formal dance in their freshman year.

But the similarities end there.

Grunow has lived her whole life in Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., a suburb of Detroit. Leen was born in Miami, Fla., raised in a suburb of Seattle, Wash., and now lives in Georgia. A government and economics major, Leen is talkative and extremely forthright with his opinions. Grunow, a mechanical engineer, is also outgoing but communicates less verbally and more through her actions and expressions.

Leen is the second of four children, his father a private defense attorney and his mother a full-time homemaker. He said he of his most vivid memories is driving cross-country en route to Georgia, stuck in a truck with no air conditioning during the middle of a heat wave and arguing with his brother Craig the entire way.

He said that he and Craig, a Columbia University law student, love to debate and discuss various issues.

“I really respect his opinion,” said Leen. “I just don’t tell him that.”

He added, “I get in a lot of 3 a.m. discussions. I debated in high school, and like to discuss issues and politics. I also love to just talk with people.”

Leen spent last semester studying in London, but he is back in Stanford Hall and has returned to the Liturgical Choir. Last year, he was heavily involved in Student Senate, but stepped back because he chose to go to London.

He is a big fan of science-fiction books and movies, particularly the stand-by favorites Star Wars and Star Trek.

Candid about his ambitions, Leen said, “I love the Pacific Northwest. I’d love to be the U.S. Attorney for the western Washington district. I think I’m good at setting forth a point of view and defending it.”

“I won’t rule out politics. That’s an understate­ment. I might like to be president of the United States. I wouldn’t be honest if I didn’t say that’s occurred to me, even though it makes me look like an idiot. I believe helping people become what they want to be is one of the noblest things a government can do.”

“Mark is competitive and dedicated to what he believes in and willing to work for it even if it is unpopular,” Grunow said.

**THE RUNNING MATE**

A Walsh Hall resident, Grunow is extremely active around campus. She is a member of the women’s Liturgical Choir. Last year, she helped pass the torch to Sarah Leen, who is also running for vice president. And Andrea Selak met through mutual friend set them up on a blind date for a Walsh formal dance in their freshman year.

**After class councils, duo sets sights higher**

By COLLEEN MCDONALD  
News Writer

Running mates Peter Cesaro and Andrea Selak met through their involvement in student government councils.

But they did not realize their shared ambitions until last summer, when Cesaro, last year’s sophomore class president, helped pass the torch to the new officers for the class of 2000.

During that transition, he and Selak, the class vicepresi­dent, found out they both cov­ered the leadership positions for which they are now run­ning.

“Our ideas really gelled; a lot of our visions for the University go along so well together,” Selak said. “It’s working out...”

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**Our Slogan for the Campaign is “Putting Students First.”**

Peter Cesaro

Cesaro said.

Privatizing SafecRide entails turning the service over to a professional limousine company, which Cesaro believes will ensure reliability and a more fixed and frequent schedule of SafecRide runs.

Emphasizing that many stu­dents, includ­ing himself, do not have a car, Cesaro said that SafecRide needs to be there for the students.

“Large groups of people do go out on Thursday nights, as well as in the evening on the last day of classes before exams begin. SafecRide should be there for the students,” Cesaro said. “It should be accessible for underclassmen also in case they want to go out for dinner or to a movie,” he added, referring to the fact that SafecRide now only runs on weekends.

Cesaro, a junior, is Knott Hall’s co-president and formerly served as Planner Hall’s freshman representative. Among other duties, his sophomore running mate Selak co­chaired the student government Social Concerns Committee, served as commissioner for the Junior Parents’ Weekend lun­cheon and sits on the Council for International Business Development.

When they find free time, both Selak and Cesaro like to spend it with their friends.

“Another of my outlets is...”

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**This week: The Observer will spotlight the different pairings in the race for student body president and vice president.**
Panel discusses AIDS from Catholic perspective

A group of panelists discussed the responsibilities of the Catholic Church in ministering to and dealing with children who are AIDS infected or affected by the disease.

One panelist, Sister Rose Firkus, has worked at AIDS ministries for nearly five years. Her job involves HIV testing and education, a job she finds personally rewarding. "Before, I thought I wanted to work with children who are infected," she said. "I have come to understand that it is a greater call for me to be involved with those who are rejected by society. Children are never rejected, but many others are."

Part of Firkus' work involves educating people about how to protect themselves from contracting the HIV virus, which can effectively be done through use of condoms. According to Firkus, a Franciscan nun, recommending the use of condoms does not come into conflict with her faith.

"We have to give people information so they can make decisions about life and so they can protect their life," Firkus said.

The Catholic Church teaches us to respect life from beginning to end, and this is helping to preserve life.

Another panelist, Rob Ercoline, works as the director of Outreach Ministries at Little Flower Church. Part of his ministry involves educating people about how to preserve their life, "We have to give people information so they can make decisions about life and so they can protect their life," Firkus said.

"The diversity committee announced the possibility of having a "Learning to Talk about Race" retreat for student leaders in the spring. "This will give the leaders a chance to have this experience and bring it back to their groups," said Brandon Williams, Zahm Hall senator and committee chair. "Hopefully it will be really helpful and effective."
AIDS deaths drop in 1997

CHICAGO, ILL. — AIDS deaths across the United States dropped by 44 percent in the first half of last year, showing the power of new treatments to control the disease. Doctors have known almost since the beginning of the epidemic that people with AIDS were dying, but even the experts seemed surprised by the scope of their success. "We can't see the end of the epidemic, but it's moving," said Dr. Kevin DeCock of the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. The latest evidence of this change came Monday when CDC officials presented new data at the Fifth Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. Deaths from AIDS peaked in 1994 and 1995, then nosed downward in the first half of 1996. Last year, that fall accelerated. "Treatment is having a marked, dramatic impact on AIDS mortality," said the CDC's Dr. Patricia Fleming. According to the CDC, 12,040 Americans died of AIDS in the first half of 1997; compared with 21,460 in the first half of 1996. The total nationwide figures for last year will not be tallied until July. However, they are already in New York City, and they show an even more impressive change. Experts from the city Department of Health reported that AIDS deaths fell there 48 percent in 1997. This comes on top of a 29 percent decline in New York City in 1996.

Australia ready to cut ties to British monarchy

CANBERRA, Australia — Australia appears ready to cut its last links to the British monarchy, most developmentally, by abolishing the constitutional convention of saying they favor favor replacing Queen Elizabeth II as the nation's head of state. Prime Minister John Howard, a staunch monarchist, opened the two-week assembly Monday with a pledge to put any model for a republic to a national referendum by the end of the year. But the Australian Parliament does not head of state to open the summer Olympics in Sydney in 2000 and lead the nation into the 21st century, that second-century of independence. Australia has been independent since 1901, but like many other Commonwealth nations, still recognizes Britain's queen as its head of state. Ronald Reagan, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the nation can choose its own head of state and opinion polls show more than half of Australians agree. What the convention must do now is sort out how the nation can become a republic without upsetting the system of checks and balances on power that most Australians favor. More than 150 delegates gathered Monday at the Old Parliament House— a venue ripe with reminders of Australia's links to Britain.

A woman walks with her children in front of a sign praising Israeli president Saddam Hussein yesterday in Baghdad. AFP Photo

Albright fails to negotiate deal

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Albright is in Bahrain Monday night before going to Egypt then home on Tuesday. In Moscow, a Russian news agency reported today that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is ready to let the chief U.N. weapons inspector and name up to eight presidential sites for inspection. A spokesman for President Boris Yeltsin said Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov called Yeltsin to tell him of Saddam's offer. "But later hours, Iraq denied there was any agreement. Albright said Primakov discussed a similar proposal with her in Madrid when they met last week, but she was skeptical of the offers made in the recent round of inspections, the U.S. official said. Albright is in Bahrain Monday night before going to Egypt then home on Tuesday. Albright conferred with Saudi officials after a two-hour, five-course lunch in a royal tent 60 miles from the Saudi capital. Saudi officials said in a statement they agree with the "necessity of total and unconditional compliance by the Iraqi government" in permitting unfettered inspections. If diplomacy fails it "would lead to grave consequences whose responsibility would be exclusively on the Iraq government," the statement said.

Texas denies Tucker's clemency plea

AUSTIN, Texas — Tucker - Texas denies Tucker's clemency plea on Wednesday, leaving only the Texas Supreme Court and the governor with the power to halt the pickax's scheduled execution on Tuesday. But after plea of mercy, including from John Pop. II., the gruesome nature of her crime left the Board of Pardons and Paroles with no qualifying chairman said. They turned down Ms. Tucker 16-0, with two members abstaining. There is no question as to their vote. There is no question as to how they feel," said chairman Victor Rodriguez. "I myself, she has no mercy," said David Botsford, Ms. Tucker's lawyer. "I can't believe the process in this state is a farce." He added that Ms. Tucker was still hopeful that the Supreme Court would hear her appeal. "She's upset," he said. Rodriguez said neither her gender nor her new-found religion played a role in the board's decision. The board also rejected her request for a 60- or 90-day reprieve to allow courts time to consider her claim to the state's clemency process. Botsford said Ms. Tucker made a videotape in prison Saturday night, asking Gov. George W. Bush for a one-time, 30-day stay of execution — the only action a Texas governor may take independently in death penalty cases. Bush said he won't make a decision until after the Supreme Court has ruled. Ms. Tucker was sentenced to die for bludgeoning a man and woman to death with a pickax in 1983. The last woman executed in Texas was Chippita Rodriguez, who was hanged in 1863. The last woman executed in the United States was Velma Barfield in North Carolina in 1999. Preparations for her execution continued Monday, with Ms. Tucker being flown from the female death row at a prison in Gatesville to Huntsville, 175 miles away, where executions are carried out. "Her mood was calm and upbeat," prison spokesman David Nunnelee said. Ms. Tucker has admitted accompanying a partner, Daniel Garrett, to the Houston apartment of Jerry Lynn Davis, 27, to steal Dean's motorcycle. After Garrett, then 27, started beating Dean with a hammer, Ms. Tucker, then 18, grabbed a 5-foot-long pickax and plunged it into film.
Attention All Undergraduates!
If you ever thought about becoming a diplomat, don’t miss the following event.

“An Informal Conversation with Ambassador J.D. Birdenagle”
Acting U.S. Ambassador to Germany, 1996-1997
Director, Central European Affairs, Dept. of State, 1992-1994
Deputy Ambassador to East Germany, 1989-1990
Friday, February 13, 15 - 6:15 p.m.
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FBI suspects ‘Army of God’ in clinic bombing
Associated Press

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Grunow’s father sells radio airtime, and her mother is the head programmer at the Bonneville Association.

"Eventually, I want to go to law school and be a patent lawyer. I’ve also thought about running a particular kind of law firm," said Grunow. "My interest is in the law..."

Sarah is easy to get along with, outgoing, dedicated to what she sets out to do, and good at working with people," Leen said.

The pair is experienced in student government and Congress. The Senate — Leen was a Student Senator last year, representing one of the four districts on campus.

While in office, he worked on what he described as a "rock on this matter," all the-..."I want to make this a university where students feel more connected," he said.

She is now acting as the liaison between student government and Student Senate, a position she’s often dubbed "the loop of student government."..."What I really had been thinking about was that there was a..."

The Army of God is a name that has been circulating since the 1980s as a force for radical anti-abortion actions, including circulating a manual that contains information on how to make bombs. The letters claim to be part of it over the years.

Kathy Spillar, national coordinator for the Feminist Majority Foundation, said the..."The army is right to focus on these big-picture issues. They know as well as we do that the media give them..."

They believe that the president is right to focus on these big-picture issues. They know as well as we do that the media give them..."I am proud to call Bill Clinton a friend," the prime minister, who flies to Washington on Wednesday for a four-day visit, told U.S. correspondents during a pre-trip briefing.

Clinton clearly denied allegations that he had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky while she was a White House intern and then urged her to lie about it.

Asked why he felt Clinton was still drawing record high ratings in public opinion polls, Blair said: "Because I think the public in the end is more canny than sometimes the media give them credit for."
Rescuers discover wreckage; reports of survivors conflict

Associated Press

CLAVERIA

Rescuers found the wreckage of a passenger plane Tuesday spread out over in a mountain in the southern Philippines, but there were conflicting reports on whether any of 104 people aboard had survived.

A local mayor said villagers had been able to rescue 15 people and found 30 bodies. "Cebu Pacific has confirmed visual contact with 15 survivors," the mayor said in a statement. The whereabouts of the survivors, however, were not immediately clear.

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Prof, mystery writer discuses double role

By DAVID FREDDOSON

New Writer

Many students at Notre Dame know Professor Ralph McInerny as a senior member of the philosophy department. But few are probably aware of his pro-

cific career as a fiction and mystery writer.

"Last night, McInerny, the author of the Father Dowling Mysteries, lectured at Knights of Columbus Hall on his career as an author."

McInerny arrived at Notre Dame as a philosopher with a wife and six children. Money was tight, and he had bought a house that he could not quite afford. And so to supplement his income, he turned to fiction writing.

The key to writing, McInerny said, is "doing it, and not just thinking about doing it." And so he made a resolution in January of 1964 for the whole rest of the year to spend four hours writing each day.

McInerny, like all professors in those days, had to teach a full six days a week, and in addition to his profession-
dal duties he made it a high priority to spend time with his family. As a result, he spent the late hours of each night doing it. "And so he made a resolution in January of 1964 for the whole rest of the year to spend four hours writing each day."

"One of the advantages of starting the way that I did is that I'm disciplined now," he said. "I write every day: I don't have good days and bad days — they all seem the same."

In one year, he turned out 60 short stories, which he sent under pseudonyms to various maga-
zines, such as Redbook and Good Housekeeping. Almost all of his early works were rejected, but eventually he got the formula down right. His first very successful novel, "The Priest," was published in 1973. As he explained, it was inspired by Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter "Humani Vitae."

"All hell broke loose in the world after the pope inverted the stance of the Catholic Church on artificial contraception and abortion, and 'The Priest' was motivated by those concerns," he said.

Later on he turned to mystery writing, which, as he explained, provided a much greater degree of creativity and freedom.

"Most writers are always worry-
ing about their reputation," he said. "But mystery writers just seem to be at that stage where they're just having fun and they love to do it."

In addition, he said, the genre allows for a greater quantity of output.

"If you come out with a novel every two years, that is considered very fast," he said. "But when you write mystery, none of that matters anymore. You can publish as many as you want."

The Father Dowling Mysteries, his most famous series of books, even attracted a television contract. The product of that contract was the widely aired television show by the same name.

"At first, McInerny used pseudonyms in writing mystery in order to protect his professional reputation as a philosopher. In his early years in academia, he said, 'If people thought that you were writing mysteries, they might have thought that you weren't serious or that you weren't doing your professional work,' he said.

But today he has no shame about his second career. "Most of my colleagues are amused that I write fiction," he said.

Professor McInerny recently began a new series of mysteries set on Notre Dame's campus. "I'm trying to give some sense of the Notre Dame lore along with a mystery plot," he said.

The first book of this series, "On This Rockne," was published last year. The plot centers on an actual novel which Knute Rockne wrote entitled "The Four Winners." The solution of the mystery, he said, centers around the question of "how somebody did it." He has no such bad book.

The next book in this series, "The Lack of the Irish," is due within the next few weeks.
An Open Letter to Mr. Wadsworth

Picture this...a police officer is brought into the University of Notre Dame and its athletic department to stand, arms crossed, in front of the student section to do one job. His primary job on this particular night is not to stop our students from throwing objects on the court, it is not to control our students from rushing on the floor after a huge victory; it is not to have our gracious ushers to do that; it is not in control Monk's overflowing emotions; it is not in control of the students who hear it; it is not in control of the students sitting in these seats who do not want the game to go on but to stop a few creative basketball fans from flashing occasional signs promoting our ESPN coverage.  

I, along with a number of my fellow peers, have a few problems with this. To begin with, this upstanding patrolman never once "Blew" into the other seventeen fans in front of him, in front of numerous other banners. I caught him even throwing aside a few of my fellow loyalists to yank down a sign that read, "Sports Center Next Year!" If that is not pathetic, I'm not sure what is. In every other game I have attended, and I hope that while ESPN was focusing in on one of these inglorious signs, it was ripped from the hands of the cheering fan. Such a scene shown in front of a national television audience would prove just how infantile this University has become.

I was told by the athletic department that it is contacted daily by fans complaining of the actions of our student body. A direct result of such negative feedback was the elimination of the announcing of the starting lineups at football games. For similar reasons, the University administrators have gone on a limb to have us trimmed down to do their dirty work for them and drawn out the students' chants during the announcing of the starting lineups at basketball games. Well, I will tell this athletic department right now, forget it! Stop wasting your time! We are going to yell "sucks" every game until we graduate. I may even come back for a few games in the future and yell it again. In addition, we are going to continue to create signs and games. If the authorities fear one over another, then there is going to be another right behind it. This is our Notre Dame.

Earlier in the season, I, along with a dozen or so of our most ardent basketball fans, wrote a letter to athletic director Michael Wadsworth demanding an explanation for why the student seats at the floor level were eliminated, thus discontinuing a tradition of allowing us, the paying student body, to be as close as possible to our bench and the game action. "Unfortunately," the response letter said, "the students sitting in these seats have gone well beyond the bounds of good sportsmanship. The taunts, insults, and profane language hurled at opposing players and officials is simply something we do not want to have happen at our games.

In the meantime, ushers with whom we have spoken have said that our behavior was within limits, especially at the National Invitational Tournament last year against Michigan at the Joyce Center. Bill Scholl, assistant director of the athletic department, answered further in the letter, "Contrary to the opinion stated in your letter, the type of behavior that has been exhibited from these seats in past years not only has offended all who hear it but also, we have been told by opposing coaches, has helped motivate the visiting team. Well, Mr. Scholl, accept Mr. Bergan of Syracuse what he thinks of our chattering student body. Also, Mr. Wadsworth and Mr. Scholl, have either of you been to a basketball game at Duke or the University of Cincinnati? These two schools and numerous others are known for creating a crazy and exciting environment for their games. And you know what: it does not diminish the reputation of their respective institutions at all. In fact, fortunately, the last time I looked, Duke was near the top of the college ranking with Harvard, Yale, and Princeton by its side. For us, being stuck at the edge of top 20 schools is another issue altogether.

Mr. Garry and company are on their way to big things, and we plan to be right behind them. We have been knocked too many times as a student body about our spirit, support, and excitement. Now that we are out there cheering loudly and boisterously, all that you can do is think of ways to bring it is a screeching halt.

Jared Binnbaum

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More to 'genetic' than you think

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Of Osco and Valentine’s Day

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Bridget Rzezutko

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What are your best road-trip memories?

“We were coming back to school from Dallas, when we stopped late at a truck stop. It had a carnival-like appearance and this kiddie ride that was a clown in the back seat of a car. When we walked by, the clown said, ‘Hey, hey, hey, come ride Bozo,’ and then giggled creepy. We thought it was on a sensor so we kept walking by it. It didn’t say it again.”

Meghan McCurdy
Freshman, Badin

“We were going to an ultimate frisbee tournament in Chicago. It was early in the morning, and when we woke up the girl driving informed us that we had not only missed our exit, we missed our state; we were in Kenosha, Wisconsin.”

Caroline Pozorski
Sophomore, Pasquerilla West

“We took an RV up to Michigan for the football game. It was a great time except one of our freshmen, C.J., broke a couple of the bathroom rules and then got sick.”

Jim Bergin
Junior, Knott

“It was going down to the shore, Jersey, with my friends. We were at a pit stop and then some guys started following us. We tried to get away, but they caught up and mooned us.”

Mary Beth McLaughlin
Freshman, Farley

“Two years ago coming back for second semester, my friend Julie Lasso gave me a ride back to school from Washington, D.C. It was 10 below zero and snowing hard. She insisted that all the windows be rolled down and that we listen to ‘Fiddler on the Roof’ on full volume the whole trip.”

Kevin O'Scannlain
Law Student, St. Edward's

The Romance of Tips for Road Trips

Pack up your bags. We are going on a road-trip. Destination: somewhere warm, sunny and fun. In other words, anywhere but So... Spring is almost here, well, sort of anyway, and spring break is just around the corner. The great thing about road-trips is the freedom to go anywhere you want. Have you ever come visit and play bingo with them? Or doesn’t your cousin Fred want you to see Well, sure, all roads will surely lead to their houses, but in light of the South, I consider heading to a different school for the weekend. But wherever your intended destination may be, there are obvious necessities at hand. First of all, choose your roadside companions with care. Then remember to pack the sunscreen and the晒 tan lotion. Well, sure, all roads will surely lead to their houses, but in light of the South, I consider heading to a different school for the weekend. But wherever your intended destination may be, there are obvious necessities at hand. First of all, choose your roadside companions with care. Then remember to pack the sunscreen and the晒 tan lotion.

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By MARY MARGARET NUSBAUM
Assistant News Editor

A few summers ago I worked in a gourmet deli. But it was more than a deli, it was a temple to cheese. Every possible stripe of cheese—Emmental, Brie, Gorgonzola, and Sage White Cheddar—was proudly displayed for the pilgrims who came with a religious fervor and keenly sharpened olfactory senses. They came looking for the perfect dry Parmesan with which to seduce their spinach linguine, for some European pizzazz in an all-American existence.

What these snoopy, down-with-Velveeta patrons did not know was that the cheese castle where I worked was born in a very All-American romance. A decade earlier, Bob, the store’s owner, founder and chief lover of cheese, had left behind the conventions of his desk job, mortgage and slow commute as the dean of admissions at the University of Wisconsin and taken to the road. Bob had been called.

The smooth asphalt laid with thin white lines that curl around our fine land had beckoned him. So he left. I never really got the details of his sojourn while sharing a pastrami on rye, but this I know: Bob was on the road for a year. He marked up an old highway map with various asterisks and numbers showing the way to every cheese lover’s paradise. I imagine him driving his VW bus slowly, patiently, his eyes reborn with every new sight. He crisscrossed all 50 states and probably sang no many old Songs as the day eased into night and into another roadside campground. He had his fingers on the pulse of the cheese movement in America—the trends in import and export and the best way to arrange sidewalk cafe furniture. And the journey, in turn, quickened his pulse.

Bob was called by something that is at the very heart of America. He was called by the open road, by the promises that are only fulfilled when the windows are down, the radio is blasting and the wind is louder still. Sure, he wanted a little adventure, a tousling of the hair and the freedom and stories that come from the road. He got all of this, a fine future in cheese, and that slippery salvation that only comes to true pilgrims.

On old road maps, the two-lane highways are blue. They are that in-between shade of blue, a little like a noonday sky, but also like lonesome sea. These paths are the best way to travel. They welcome speed and are perfect for meandering. The blue highways bypass McDonald’s and take you to the finest (albeit slowest) feasts America has to offer.

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Collins joins land of unemployed

Associated Press

Detroit Coach Doug Collins received his walking papers yesterday as a result of a sluggish first half of the season by the Pistons.

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Bird among eight nominated for Hall of Fame

Associated Press

The first step was taken Monday when Bird, who retired after the 1991-92 season, was announced as one of two assistant coaches to be nominated for possible enshrinement.

The other first-time nominees were: Larry Costello, an NBA star in half of his 12 seasons; Larry Costello, a three-time NBA All-Star; Artis Gilmore, one of the stars of both the ABA and NBA; and Gus Johnson, considered one of the best power forwards who played in both the ABA and all-star in half of his 12 seasons; Larry Costello, an NBA All-Star; and Sidney Moncrief, the guard credited with making the Milwaukee Bucks one of the best NBA teams of the '80s.

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Associated Press

The Blue Devils (20-1), who stayed in first place for the third straight week, will play at North Carolina (22-1) on Thursday night in the 14th meeting of the poll’s top two teams since 1980. The last 1-2 matchup was Kentucky’s win over No. 1 Massachusetts in the 1996 Final Four. The last regular-season matchup was between Duke and North Carolina on Feb. 3, 1994, an 89-78 victory for the second-ranked Tar Heels.

Duke received five first-place votes and 1,734 points from the national media, pushing North Carolina, which was No. 1 on 16 ballots, to second.

The end of Stanford and Utah’s perfect season last week caused a shake-up in the rest of the Top Ten.

Kansas moved up two places to third, the same jump Arizona made to fourth. Utah, which had won its first 18 games until losing at New Mexico on Sunday, dropped from third to fifth. Both UCLA and Connecticut moved up two places to sixth and seventh, while Kentucky, which lost at home to Florida on Sunday, dropped one spot to eighth.

Stanford, which started the season No. 18, lost games to Arizona and Arizona State last week, and fell from fourth to ninth. Purdue again rounded out the Top Ten.

For the third straight week, Princeton led the Second Ten and was followed by New Mexico, South Carolina, Arkansas, West Virginia, Stanford, which started the season No. 1, lost three of four before beating Fordham on Sunday. The Rams, who were 21st in the preseason poll, had been ranked for all but three weeks this season, reaching as high as No. 20.

Indiana (15-4), which returned to the rankings last week at No. 25 and fell out after splitting games last week with Michigan State and Minnesota.

The week’s biggest jump was Michigan State’s rise from 25th to No. 16. The Spartans were ranked for the first time this season last week and followed it with wins over Indiana and Northwestern to stay in first place in the Big Ten.

Both Stanford and Mississippi fell five spots but the biggest drop was Iowa’s fall from No. 16 to 23. Maryland (15-4) was 10th just two weeks ago, but have lost four straight, including games last week to Penn State and Michigan.

Help save the earth. Recycle.
Belles break even over the weekend

By VICTORIA BUTCKO

The Saint Mary’s swim team added a win and a loss to its record this Saturday as the team swam against DePauw and Centre.

The team’s loss came against DePauw, 55 -73, but the ladies proved that they were still strong with a win against Centre, 104 -99. “The girls all swim very well,” said Saint Mary’s head coach Jini Cook. “We had some lifetime best times. The captains picked the line up going into the match, and the girls just had a lot of fun because there was no pressure. “We’re all really excited about the conference meet coming up in two weeks, and on the same note, somewhat glad to start winding down for the end of the season.”

The 200-medley-relay team of junior Tara Thomas, sophomore co-captain Michelle Samreta, senior co-captain Allison Smith, and senior Ann Yanda beat both DePauw and Centre with its best time yet this season.

Other highlights include Tara Thomas’ domination in the 50 freestyle against both opponents, and a first and second place win captured by Samreta and freshman Olivia Smith in the 200-individual. First and second place wins were also captured by freshman Woody Neumann and freshman Olivia Smith in the 100-breaststroke against both DePauw and Centre. Thomas also took first in the 100-free against Centre and second against DePauw.

Sophomore co-captain Michelle Samreta had a very positive outlook on the team’s performance and for upcoming matches as well. “Both teams were pretty good, but we swam well,” said Samreta. “We’re pretty broken down and tired, but I think we’re still doing a good job. We’re going to train hard for our upcoming conference meet, and we plan on finishing out the season really well.”

Concerning that we swam all events, we did very well overall,” said teammate Olivia Smith.

The Belles look ahead to their next meet, a conference meet with a big final at Hope College, the second week in February.

Grief Workshop: Loss and It’s Possibilities

Working through the Pain

LOCATION: ALUMNI OFFICE, BROWNSON HALL
(Behind Main Building-Through Courtyard)
DATES: FEBRUARY 10-11, 1998

Tues., February 10: 6:00p.m.-9:00p.m. Telling Our Stories

Wed., February 11: 6:00p.m.-9:00p.m. Going through the Maze

This workshop will address the particular concerns of those suffering the loss of a loved one and those working through the divorce of their parents.

Facilitator: Pat Reynolds is a Saint Mary’s graduate, who taught Theology, then earned Bill Reynolds, raised as children, and served as a clinical hospital chaplain. Following Bill’s death in 1984, Pat’s own grieving experience eventually led her to establish the University’s loss program. Pat is a member of the USM C Faculty of Pastoral Counseling. Pat now practices in Vero Beach, Florida where she keeps busy redoing houses, counselling, teaching, and enhancing her education in such areas as mediation.

For further information, or to let us know you are attending, call Mirella Contreras ’94 at 631-5940 or Scott Leaman ’98 at 634-1942
Netters kick off season with style

By TIM CASEY

The women's tennis team started off its season in fine fashion this past weekend with wins against Marietta College and Purdue University at the Drake Tennis Center in Iowa.

On Friday, the Irish shut out Drake, 7-0. The Irish lost only 21 total games in all six singles matches and swept the doubles. Three players who normally do not play in the matches looked especially strong. Senior Darcie Sweet had a decisive 6-2, 6-3 victory over Drake's Alekla Hunis, while freshman Kim Gay and junior Courtney Haskell pulled out a 8-4 victory at third doubles.

"Druric, Courtney, and Kim played very well," said coach Jay Louderback. "We have a deep singles lineup, and it's nice to know that we can count on contributions from everyone." 

Saturday's match was a little tougher. Purdue was more challenging, but the Irish managed to pull out an 8-6 victory at third doubles.

"That was a great win for An era will soon end in The Observer Sports Department

Jennifer against an accomplished veteran like Maggart," said Louderback.

At No. 3 singles, Maggart played in the NCAA Regionals going into the match. Senior Jennifer Hall scored an impressive 6-2, 6-1 win over Purdue's Mary Beth Maggart at first singles. Maggart placed in the NCAA singles tournament last year and was named the Big Ten Sportswoman of the Year for 1996-97.

"That was a great win for the team on the court without the injuries," said Louderback. "I think we could have played better," 6-foot-6 Sachire said of his doubles win. "We put the ball in the court. We asked them to beat us, and they couldn't.

However, in every other instance, the Irish were the team on the court without the injuries.

The Wildcats captured four of the singles victories, including the top three positions.

Sachire, playing at the No. 1 spot, lost his first match of the season to Northwestern's Wilt, 6-4, 6-4. Although Sachire defeated his rival last season in straight sets, the Northwestern powerhouse approached the net with verve to break down Sachire's game.

"He played really solid and put the pressure on," said Louderback. "I really wanted to beat him. I didn't expect him to take us out of the game like that.

Actually, nobody did, not even his coach.

"I was surprised," Bayliss said. "He really pumped up, but I think he needed to play with more perspective and poise.

Although Pietrowski has improved since last season, composure was also missing in his singles competition. With forehand and volley problems, the senior lost his first match to Silva, 7-6, 6-3.

"I played pretty well," Pietrowski said. "I certainly wasn't sulking, but there were some things I need to iron out.

However, the Irish fell banked 3-1.

"Sometimes it's hard to neutralize all of that power," Bayliss said of the visitors. "They dictated the play. However, rather than losing the loss, the Irish managed to walk away with their confidence unshaken.

"It's a very long season," Pietrowski said. "We'll keep on improving, and we'll be fine.

For Feb. 11, the Irish hope to be cool and collected for their home match against Kentucky.
The Notre Dame women's swimming team fell for the first time this season to Michigan on Saturday. The loss came on the heels of a dominating victory over Bowling Green on Friday.

Wolverines end Irish win streak

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team experienced defeat for the first time this season. Following a dominating victory over Bowling Green on Friday, the 24th-ranked Irish traveled up to Michigan where they were outswam by a talented Wolverine team.

At Bowling Green, the Irish broke out to an early lead before coasting to victory, 155-88. The Irish took first in nine of the 13 events while improving their dual-meet record to 7-8-88. The Irish took first in nine events while improving their dual-meet record to 7-8-88. The Irish took first in nine events while improving their dual-meet record to 7-8-88.

By ADA M RO YER
The smell of chlorine is incredibly strong. It's so strong it hurts to breathe, so they breathe through their mouths. The swimmers take their blocks.

And the Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team begins to dominate.

Last Friday saw the Notre Dame men's swimming and diving teamemasculating the University of Buffalo and Bowling Green University in Bowling Green, Ohio. The Irish finished ahead of Bowling Green by an extraordinary 110 points (180-61), winning every event. They anchored equally well against Buffalo, defeating them 134-97.

Scott Zumbach was in typical form, performing superbly in the 200 individual medley (1:53.84) and butterfly (51.35), finishing first in each. Zumbach's sophomore teammate Herb Huesman, who did one-meter diving record last week, won both the one-meter and three-meter diving events, scoring an impressive 277.75 and 243.90 points, respectively. Despite winning both diving events, Huesman thinks he can do better and wants to improve week-to-week, which could cause a lot of adjustments in the diving record books.

The Irish dealt with Cleveland State on Saturday no more mercifully. The Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team beat Cleveland State by a score of 143-94, marking the sixth straight win for the Irish since their narrow loss to TCU in November.

Scott Zumbach again smoked his competition, winning both the 200 individual medley (1:54.50) and the 200 butterfly (1:52.84). In the 50 freestyle, freshman Russell Preston captured first with a time of 21.91, followed by Mike Doyle (21.93) and Wimer Kuna (21.94). Ray Fitzpatrick took first in the 100 freestyle (47.69), with Preston (47.78) and Ron Royer in hot pursuit.

Sharon-Ryu Karate—This semester-long course meets in Rockne Room 219 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m., starting Jan. 29. You must register in advance at RecSports and the fee is $18. A demonstration will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27, in Rockne Room 219. Call 1-923-6 for further information.

Ballet—RecSports will be sponsoring Beginner and Advanced Ballet. Both classes are semester-long classes with a fee of $35. All classes will be held in Rockne Rm. 301.

Jazz Dance—A Jazz Dance class will be offered Saturdays and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Sat.) and 8-9 p.m. (Sun.) in Rockne Rm. 301.

Cross Country Ski Clinics—RecSports will be sponsoring three cross-country ski clinics. Registration in advance is required for all three cross-country ski clinics.
Belles pummel Lady Pilots

By JANICE WIEERS
Sports Writer

The well is prime. The Saint Mary's basketball team's nine-game winning drought ended last night with a 86-63 win over Bethel College.

The win was an important one, but not solely because of the recent losses. Bethel is a long-term rival of the Belles and this was the final time the seniors would play against the Lady Pilots. Coach David Boeder said, "This game was about as important as D-Day, Gettysburg..."

The fans were loud. The other team's coach was loud. And the team was ready to start off a new month the right way. "This was the last time we would play them. We had to get them, especially on home court," said senior Darcy Nikes, one of three seniors on the team.

The win was well-deserved, but hard-earned. "We had a tough month [January]," said Nikes after the game. "Nine games. Seven of them were ranked teams. I don't know if people realize we have a tough schedule."

The top scorers for the Belles were Hoban with 21, Nikes with 19 and Julie McGill with 16. Teri Tozkie and Melinda Striegel led the Lady Pilots with 16 each. McGill also grabbed 10 boards in the effort.

Boeder was very pleased overall with the performance of his players. "We're proud of how we played," he said. "Darcy is one of the best players to ever play here," he said. "She and McGill both."

Both teams wore blue and white, but it wasn't confusing as to which team had possession. Nine chances out of 10, the Belles were in control. Leading 49-31 at halftime, the Belles had not lost any steam when they emerged from the locker room.

The court continued to be slightly lopsided in action throughout the second half as well. The Belles scored 37 points in the second half to keep the lead and earn the victory.

Saint Mary's will host Franklin College this Sunday at 2 p.m. Saint Mary's was the victorious team last year, but the match-up is expected to be a good one.

Saint Mary's had little trouble with Bethel last night, racing to an easy 86-63 victory.
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that [Big East Tournament] bye.

On Saturday, the Irish got back into the win column with a 91-35 thrashing of conference foe Seton Hall. The 56-point margin of victory was the second-largest in the school history, just beating a 109-60 rout of Providence one week earlier.

Junior Sheila McMillen led three Irish players in double figures with a career-high 24 points. Freshman Ruth Riley finished with 14 points and six rebounds, while sophomore Julie Henderson offered up a season-high 11 points off the bench. During a 10-minute span in the second half, Notre Dame went on a 26-0 run to pull even further away. The Pirates, whose two-game winning streak skidded to a halt with the loss, shot a dismal 19.3 percent for the game and scored just 13 second half points.

"We got running, and I think the transition game is where we scored most of our points," McGraw said about the game. "I think they were trying to key on Ruth a little bit too; they were crowding around her somewhat."

The two teams met earlier in the season at the Joyce Center on Jan. 8, with the Irish prevailing 75-47. In that contest, Riley led the Irish with 19 points and 11 rebounds, setting up her first career double-double. Senior Mollie Peirick tied a Notre Dame school record as she hit six three-pointers, giving her 18 points for the game.

The Hurricanes were held to 30 percent shooting for the game, including a 8-for-25 stretch in the second half. The Irish went 47.3 percent from the field for the game.

Lately, it has been the Notre Dame bench that has risen to the occasion. Against Seton Hall, junior Diana Brandly scored nine points, including a key three-pointer in the first half, while senior Kari Hutchinson picked up a game-high seven rebounds.

The Irish and Hurricanes are set to tip off tonight at 7 p.m.
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WHY CLOWNS HATE AIR BAGS

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Men's Sports

**Wildcats hand Irish first loss of season**

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

When the Notre Dame's men's tennis team (8-6) headed to No. 21 Northwestern undefeated Sunday, it was hoping to make a strong statement. Instead, it could only utter a sigh of disappointment after the 5-3 loss. "We had high hopes going in," said Irish sophomore Ryan Sachire. "We just didn't execute as a team. They beat us straight up."

Northwestern, now 3-0, relied on a wave of confidence after terminating Clemson Friday. Self-assurance carried through the weekend for them as they took down the No. 23 Irish. The Wildcats began claying their way to victory immediately in the doubles, earning the first match point. Although the renowned duo of Jakub Pietrowski and Brian Patterson put up a tough fight, Alex Witt and Martin Bengtsson endured. The Northwestern pair came back from a 3-6 deficit to win 9-8.

"I was disappointed that we didn't control the No. 1 doubles," coach Bob Bayliss said. "I usually feel we can take care of business against any team."

**Fencers remain flawless**

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Sports Writer

Having already faced and defeated many of the toughest teams the NCAA has to offer this season, the Notre Dame fencing team faced more of the same last Sunday when it traveled to Massachusetts. The team continued its domination of the competition this past weekend with dual meet wins against Boston College, NU, Duke, MIT, and North Carolina. The wins against the league's weaker competition gives the men's and women's teams undefeated records of 16-0 and 15-0, respectively. The men's sabre squad has dominated all season, and this tournament was no exception. Led by captain Luke LaValle with a perfect 12-0 mark, the squad posted a collective 36-9 record. Adding to the squad's success was the play of Andrzej Bednarski and Steve McGurty.

"Andrzej was a bit inconsistent last week, but he and the team came together this week," commented head coach Yves Auriol. The biggest problem thus far for the Irish has been the performance of the men's foilists. That was not the case this weekend, as the top three fencers — Chaz Hayes, Stephane Auriol, and John Tejada — finished with records of 11-0, 12-2, and 11-3, respectively. "Chaz's fencing has been consistent throughout," said Auriol. "The key was the three guys fencing at their level."

The usual unpredictability of the foil squad was instead experienced by the men's epee team this weekend. Squad leaders Carl Jackson and Brian Stone led them, and Dominic Guarnaschelli turned last weekend's below .500 performance into a respectable 7-2-1 finish this week as the squad suffered a 7-6-5 loss at Rutgers. Against the Scarlet Knights, the Cane's were unable to overcome a 33-22 halftime deficit and a 48-31 IU second-half lead.

Junior Kym Hope and senior Octavia Blue combined for 31 points in that game, while sophomore Shaimin Drury added 14 points. On Saturday, Miami rebounded with an 81-74 win at Georgetown. Against the Hoyas, UM shot .615 (16-26) from the field in the second half to post the come-from-behind win.

Hope scored 27 points and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds for her league-leading eighth double-double, while Blue netted 27 points as well. Blue and Hope are the heart and soul of the Hurricane offense, as they are the second and third leading scorers in the Big East with 19.9 and 17.9 points per game respectively. Hope is also the conference leader in overall rebounding, averaging 9.9 boards a game. "We need to get on a roll, but we can't even look that far ahead yet," head coach Muffet McGraw. "We just have too much to do before that. Tuesday's going to be a huge game, especially since we're at Miami. We only won by one point last year, and they're very tough at home," she said. "We really can't afford to lose again, because we really need to get this win."