Hello, €uro!

By LAURA PETELLE
Associate News Editor

As 1999 dawned, a new fiscal era began in Europe — and across the globe — when 11 nations merged their currencies to create the euro.

At the stroke of midnight, finance ministers from the so-called euro-11 popped champagne corks shaped like the euro’s symbol, celebrating as years of preparation finally came to fruition.

The euro replaces the currencies of Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain — a group of nations now called the euro zone. Though notes and coins will not be issued until 2002, some banks offer euro accounts and all exchanges on European stock markets are now in euros.

"From Lisbon to Helsinki, from Paris to Vienna, the euro is a remarkable symbol of our common identity," Tomorrow I won’t be any less French, but we will all be a little more European," said French Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn on the eve of the euro’s introduction. The euro doesn’t fly solo until July 1, 2002, when the old national currencies cease to be legal tender.

Until then, the euro will exist alongside the now-obsolete currencies it was created to replace; to cope with that transition period, the Council of Europe fixed the exchange rates of the participating currencies against each other and the euro.

Still, despite any euphoria among the euro-11, news of the switch barely sparked interest in most Americans.

"People don’t have euros in their pockets yet; until then, it’s just a little more exciting than the Federal Reserve Board — but not much," said Andrew Gould, a professor of government in the Nanovic Center for European Studies at Notre Dame.

But the euro, worth about $1.16 at yesterday’s rates, could pack a lot of punch. The dollar has traditionally been the benchmark by which the value of other currencies is measured; as 11 European currencies merge into a stronger whole, the euro could give the dollar a run for its money.

Gould said that probably will not happen “for a long time,” pointing out that the while the U.S. and euro-11 have roughly equal gross domestic products (GDP), the population of the U.S. is smaller, resulting in a higher GDP per capita in the U.S. If more nations attempt to join the euro and the EU, this gap will probably increase.

Economists estimate that about 80 percent of U.S. currency in circulation is on the black market. The U.S. government earns $28 billion a year on exchange rates of the participating currencies against each other and the euro.

Though the euro debuted just shy of the new millennium, it grew from ideas spawned more than half a century ago.

Following World War II, European leaders saw a need to heal the divisions that twice this century dragged the world into bloody wars.

In 1952, France, West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands formed the European Coal and Steel Community. By 1967, the members had agreed to economic and monetary union by 1999, which formed the European Economic Community (EEC). At the Paris summit in 1972, member states agreed to economic and monetary union by 1980. That hope collapsed by 1978. But the idea of a single currency would not die. As the EEC slowly gained members, the idea gained momentum. In 1986, the European Single Act set up a tariff-free internal trade area in member states, following German reunification in 1990, the 1991
Yale University vaccine may eliminate Lyme disease

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The lawyers of a New Haven man accused of assaulting his ex-wife and his parents want a judge to allow them to make his defense strategy obsolete.

On Dec. 26, the Food and Drug Administration approved LYMErix, the first Lyme disease vaccine ever sold. Researchers at the Yale School of Medicine developed the drug, and SmithKlineBeecham Biologics has already begun marketing the vaccine.

The clinical trials that evaluated LYMErix from 1994 to 1997 involved 10,936 individuals from 15 to 70 years of age and from 31 sites. Tests demonstrated that the drug was 78 percent effective in treating definitive Lyme disease and 100 percent effective in treating non-symptomatic Lyme disease.

NSM has been involved in combating Lyme disease since 1975 when Professor Stephen Malawista first identified the bacteria responsible for the disease. Connecticut mothers reported that their baby's first jabs should be removed from some infectious agent. At that time, Yale doctors found what has become a well-known, serious multi-staged bacterial infection.

Symptoms include joint swelling, rashes, and heart abnormalities, but none of those symptoms need appear for the disease to be present. Some psychiatrists say the disease may remove inhibitions otherwise objectionable behavior in certain sufferers. Lyme disease antibodies if diagnosed early enough, but the symptoms are characteristic of a number of different illnesses, early diagnoses are often difficult to make.

Today, SmithKline's television spots for LYMErix feature a concerned mother. But, the spokeswoman for the company promptly reveals that the ads are not about the disease itself, but about protecting people from it. In fact, the disease is often concentrated in only a geographical region, as cases have been reported in 48 states.

Over 99,000 Americans reported incidents of Lyme disease between 1982 and 1996.

Michigan State University
Fraternity resumes investigation

EAST LANSING, Mich. - MSU's Psi Upsilon fraternity is back on its feet more than a month after being forced to reorganize amid allegations of drug use, hazing and underage drinking in the house. "I was impressed with how seriously they took the process," International Office executive director Mark Williams said. "The chapter embraced the idea of a zero-tolerance policy. "The fraternity members were readmitted after signing a good conduct agreement included pledging not to allow drug use or underage drinking in the house. "I was impressed with how seriously they took the process," International Office executive director Mark Williams said. "The chapter embraced the idea of a zero-tolerance policy. Their topics included increasing community service and putting in place new rules such as off-site parties, Williams said. "It is a commitment," he said. "There's no room for error anymore."

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Thursday, Jan. 21.

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A basic investment in women will help solve international problems such as poverty and development issues, according to theology professor Maura Ryan.

Ryan, speaking to the residents of Lewis Hall Wednesday night, explained that the empowerment and education of women allows them to help overcome those problems in their own nations. Ryan explained that two international conferences, a conference on women's development in Cairo and the International Conference on Women in Beijing, affirmed that women's issues need to be addressed.

"[During the conferences] you really got the support of women's education," Ryan said. "That alone gives you an indication of the problems of poverty we're talking about here.

These conferences were the first of their kind in which all participating nations brought the document at the end of their meetings. Although not all portions of the document were ratified by all the nations, Ryan said, it was a step in the right direction.

"They were really watershed events," she said. "This represented a really hopeful and almost stunning shift."

**You had a Basic Agreement on Women's Education, That Alone Gives You Inroads into the Problems of Poverty We're Talking About Here.**

Maura Ryan
Professor of Theology

Ryan noted that cultural and religious barriers made it difficult to reach a consensus among the nations.

She gave the example of family planning, which has led to arguments between nations over whether contraception and abortion should be mandated.

Ryan said that because Islamic nations and Vatican representatives opposed contraception and abortion, the Cairo conference allowed for such differences in beliefs.

"In the Cairo document, you finally had recognition that something like family planning has to be developed in the cultural and religious settings," she said.

Ryan also said that many other nations were skeptical of American agendas at the conferences.

"One thing I've noticed is that there is a big fear and an understandable fear that when Americans enter the room, they are going to impose their ideas on everyone else," she said.

Historically, Americans have identified problems in other nations and created a solution for those problems without consulting the people involved. There is now a shift away from that, Ryan said.

Ryan also expressed concern over "quick fix" solutions, arguing that programs in the past have not addressed the root causes of poverty.

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**SPECIAL TO The Observer**

Janice Poorman has been promoted to associate dean for graduate studies and research at Notre Dame, according to James Merz, vice president for graduate studies and research.

As an assistant dean since 1993, Poorman has played a principal role in the design and implementation of the graduate school's comprehensive program of initiatives for the recruitment and retention of students from underrepresented American ethnic and racial groups.

Poorman's initiatives have led to a 240-percent increase in the number of entering minority graduate students at Notre Dame and have received recognition for excellence in minority recruitment from the Council of Graduate Schools and the National Association of Graduate-Administers.

In her new position, Poorman will continue her coordinator programs to enhance diversity while also joining with associate dean Terrence Akai in directing the graduate school's broader recruitment and marketing efforts.

"Jan's promotion is evidence both of my confidence in her proven leadership in the area of graduate recruitment and of our ongoing commitment to enhancing Notre Dame's prominence as a premier graduate institution," said Merz.

Before accepting her new role at Notre Dame in 1987 to pursue her own graduate degrees in theology, Poorman earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University and worked for 10 years as a high school teacher and administrator at Catholic schools in Illinois. At Notre Dame, she served from 1987-90 as an assistant recruiter and recruiter.

She earned her master's degree in 1988 and her doctorate in 1993, passing the national candidacy examinations with highest distinction.

Poorman, who holds a concurrent appointment in the department of religious studies, teaches an undergraduate course titled "Mysteries of Christian Faith" and is designing a new summer course that will prepare graduate students to teach diversity in high schools.

She also teaches graduate students in Notre Dame's new Master of Education Program and assisted in the design of a course to help participants in the Rev. John A. Tracy Alliance for Catholic Education integrate the professional, communal and spiritual dimensions of their lives.

Poorman contributed 20 entries to the Encyclopedia of Catholicism (HarperCollins, 1983) and has made scholarly presentations to the American Academy of Religion and the Catholic Theological Society of America.

Her article, "A Commitment to Diversity and Equity: The Story of Notre Dame's Comprehensive Program for the Recruitment and Retention of African-American Graduate Students," was published by the National Council of Graduate Schools.

Poorman serves on Notre Dame's Cultural Diversity Committee and chairs its subcommittee on recruitment and retention.

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**GRADUATE STUDY GROUP(S)**

This weekly confidential group is designed to provide for graduate students who wish to explore how their experiences, interests, and values influence their work and lives. The group focuses on the development of skills and strategies for coping with personal and professional challenges. Group members learn to identify factors that may be contributing to their stress levels and develop strategies to cope more effectively.

**MONDAYS, 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.**

**GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP(S)**

This weekly confidential group is designed to provide students with an opportunity to explore issues related to personal growth and self-awareness. The group focuses on identifying and managing stress, developing effective coping strategies, and enhancing overall personal well-being.

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**African-American Support Group**

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**PRISM: SUPPORT GROUP FOR GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND QUESTIONING STUDENTS**

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**MONDAYS, 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.**

**RACE RELATIONS: WHAT'S YOUR VIEW?**

Healing, harmony, and unity between racial groups occur as we interact with each other, become more aware about, and become better educated about one another. This session focuses on racial groups are designed for individuals of different racial backgrounds to come together and gain more sensitivity, awareness, and knowledge of the roles that race, history, politics, economy, and lifestyles of different groups play in our society. It's a place where we are willing to take risks regarding our biases and expectations and ideas about other racial groups. Join us to unlock your potential capacity for racial awareness. Everyone is up to do your part in creating a society where there is greater understanding and awareness between different racial groups.

**TUESDAYS, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.**
The symbol for the euro is a curved "€" with two horizontal parallel lines. The EU press release says that "it was inspired by the Greek letter epsilon, in reference to the currency's initial EUR designation. The symbol for the euro is a largely undemocratic institution in any case, with very little direct representation. An unaccountable ECB only makes this "democratic deficit" larger.

The euro passes another mark when coins and notes are introduced in 2002. If the currency is a success, europhiles will begin pushing for further integration. Ministers are already saying that currency union needs to be quickly followed up with closer cooperation in foreign affairs and defense. However, discussions about closer political union will fuel euro-skeptic fears in other countries, like the United Kingdom, that have stayed out of EMU because of fears of loss of national independence. "Britain must stay clear of this great fiasco," Teddy Taylor, a member of the British opposition Conservative Party, was quoted as saying in an Associated Press story. But Gould disagrees that further political integration is an inevitable outcome. "Monetary union was designed for political and economic objectives. If these objectives are met, it's not obvious that further changes must follow.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

The Future

The euro will be issued in eight coin denominations and issued in two different regions. And when there is a recession in one of these regions, residents can easily move to Indiana. A Frenchman would have a much more difficult time moving to Germany, if only because of the language gap.

Furthermore, the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) is the advent of a crucial EMU country, only 51 percent of voters support the plan. The relatively lower mobility of workers in the EU (as compared to the U.S.) could offset the benefits of a common currency, according to Gould.

While there are regional recessions in the U.S., they are not as large as they might be in the EU where there are stronger boundaries between different regions. And when there is a recession in Michigan, residents can easily move to Indiana. A Frenchman would have a much more difficult time moving to Germany, if only because of the language gap.

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former Argentine president Reynaldo Bignone arrested

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Police seize rabid dog meat

MANILA, Philippines  Police in the Philippines have seized 880 pounds of dog meat — possibly from rabid animals — that was apparently destined for restaurants in Manila. Superintendent Wesley Barayoga said the meat contained in several boxes and preserved by ice, was found late last week at a pier in Escañuela in central Bohol province, 570 miles south of Manila.

escapee pleads guilty

MARTINSVILLE, Va. Nearly 25 years after he lied in a Virginia jail work crew, Alfred Odell Martin III pleaded guilty Wednesday to escaping from his one-year drug term. Martin had served less than two days of his sentence when he left a Martinsville jail work crew. Martin, 49, who built a respectable life after being paroled from prison in 1974. He married and settled in the Detroit suburb of Livonia where he raised three children. He was lured back to Virginia in December and is currently serving out his one-year drug term.

Guatemala

Trial opens in Guatemala rape case

Reyes Guch Ventura covers his face from photographers as he arrives at the Escuintla courthouse, 50km south of Guatemala City. Wednesday for his trial on charges of rape. Guch Ventura and two other suspects are accused of raping five U.S. students Jan. 16, 1998.

Iraqi opposition group rejects U.S.

"We don't get support under this act," said Hamid al-Bayati, the council's representative in London. "We haven't asked for it, and nobody took our opinion about it.

Iraqi opposition leader Maud Abdel-Rahim, a leader of the Iraqi National Accord, said in a telephone interview from Amman that his group accepts "any support from the international community and the big powers which believe that the change of the regime should come from inside Iraq."
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social action, and a good way
to do this is with dinners."  
Student body president
Peter Cesaro asked the sena­tors to consider ideas for the
Spring semester's student
government Board of Trustees
report.  
"This is an opportunity to
get long-term policy aspects
changed," he said.

Last semester's report dealt
with the First Year of Studies
program and tutoring, and
was well-received by the
Board, according to Cesaro.
In other Senate news:
• Members rejected a pro­
posal congratulating Student
Union Board m anager Ryan
Stecz on his recent engage­
ment. There was some con­
cern that resolutions of that
nature were inappropriate for
the body to consider.
"I  really don't think this is
what we're supposed to be
doing here," said Off-Campus
senator Mickey Doyle.
Others disagreed, however,
noting that not only is this a
common practice, but it is an
act of good spirit.
"Traditionally, the Senate
has done this," said
O'Donoghue, who pointed to
Stecz's commitment to the
Student Union. "It's a way of
saying thank you and congrat­
ulations on your new life
together."
The vote on the resolution
was 11-9 with seven absten­
tions. Measures of this nature
require a two-thirds majority
for passage.

Winter eased its assault on South
Bend over the past couple days, but
the "experts" predict renewed
weather fury this weekend. Heavy
rain early this weekend could be
snow flurries on Sunday.

Above: Ducks on St. Mary's Lake
contemplate the chilly water.

Right: Maintenance workers shovel
snow off the roof of the law build­
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Labor government begins reform of House of Lords

Associated Press

Keeping its promise to modernize the 800-year-old, unelected House of Lords, Britain's Labor government on Wednesday published plans to remove the voting rights of aristocrats with inherited seats in Parliament.

The government also said it would establish a new system for appointing life peers and would set up a commission to suggest a new upper chamber of Parliament, possibly partly appointed and partly elected.

In the plan, called a white paper, the government says an independent, seven-member committee will oversee the appointment of life peers — those honored with lifetime titles for their contribution to national life — and peers are also allowed to vote in the House of Lords.

Traditionally, they have been nominated by political parties represented in the House of Commons, which is passed to Queen Elizabeth II for final approval.

There will be no change to the position of the archbishops of Canterbury and York and the 24 leading bishops who have seats in the Lords. The white paper said they "often make a valuable contribution ... because of their particular perspective and experience."

Addressing the Commons, Blair said the reforms will create a "more just and fair society."

But Lord Strathclyde, a hereditary peer and Conservative leader in the House of Lords, said he felt a "deep sense of disquiet" over the plan, which he said was not detailed enough.

"It is sheer constitutional vandalism to tear down a structure that is working well and offer no ideas on what they will build in its place," he said.

There are 633 hereditary peers and 507 life peers. They are overwhelmingly conservative-dominated by peers in the Lords, which is passed to Queen Elizabeth II for final approval.

The plan would remove the voting rights of hereditary peers — dukes, marquises, earls, viscounts and barons, some with titles going back generations — who inherited their seats in the Lords.

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IMF probes Moscow about fund misuse

Associated Press

Police are investigating claims by government sources that the Russian government misspent $10 billion in loans intended to help revi­sion its crippled econo­my, a top official said Wednesday.

First Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Maslyukov made the com­ments hours before a mission from the International Monetary Fund was expected in Moscow to assess Russia's economy before deciding whether to extend badly needed new loans.

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Associated Press

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico If Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia of San Cristobal gets to greet Pope John Paul II during his trip to Mexico City, the activist priest knows just what he will say. "Hello," Ruiz deadpans. "It's very nice to see you." But if he speaks softly, he'll carry a stick, his pastoral letter, "From Pain to Hope," a 25-page indictment of the Mexican government and plea for justice for the indigenous people of Chiapas.

Catholic bishop García condemns government

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"We want to express to Christian bishops at home and abroad suffering persecution and the consequences of low-intensity war," says Bishop Raúl Vera Lopez, who works with Ruiz and signed the letter. "Still, we don't lose our hope in the power of God."

The document echoes the letter Ruiz presented to the pope during his 1993 visit to Mexico, condemning the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party just when Mexican officials wanted to present a united front before a vote on whether to approve the North American Free Trade Agreement. Once again, Ruiz takes on the most divisive issues facing the country: the government's economic policies, drug trafficking, the 1994 uprising of leftist Indians in the south, and the 1997 massacre of 45 unarmed men, women, and children by a pro-government paramilitary group in the southern village of Acteal.

"Believing in the poor led us to strongly denounce (those) who abuse their political power, their privilege and their wealth," Ruiz wrote Ruiz, who released the letter in San Cristobal's cathedral on Christmas Eve. "We have also denounced any violence by paramilitary groups against defenseless people."

Such language endears him to Mexico's Maya Indians who call him Tatic — Great Father — the amiable bishop who in the 1960s rode to their villages on horseback, and among Catholics worldwide who follow the Second Vatican Council's mandate to help the poor fight injustice.

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I lost my words once. They were crammed into the pages of a journal with a cherry mountain view on the cover. The words tracked, as the journals of frenzied girls do. So, when I left my book on a TWA airplane last August it was a little death. Those

Mary
Margaret
Nussbaum

pages held three years of spelling: Pixies lyrics and mini manifestos, things to do and things to become, documents of days, odors to know and slip-sliding away, stories of friends and panes at my parents. Some entries read like this; aaaaahhhhhhh! That’s because I’ve lost my words before. What do you do without them? Peace came from being absent. I was a pallid, gen­
dle flight attendant (the kind who hands out extra bags of honey roasted peanuts) adopting the orphan journal. Perhaps she found the blank pages near the end. Perhaps she added her own ink lines. These words, they are a luxury, you know?

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Carl Sandberg writes it well, “Little girl, be careful what you say / When you talk with words, words — / For words are made of syllables / and syllables child, are made of air — / and air is so thin — air is the breath of God...” That breath, that breeze. Aren’t you glad that you can read? Aren’t you thrilled that there is a towering library across the way and that our newspapers don’t have articles blacked out and there is a man somewhere in Omaha making a living as a poet? Aren’t you thrilled that your job for these brief days is to learn? How entirely self­-indulgent and sweet — we are here to make our minds more interesting places. We are here to weave nets and take them to these fertile fields — catch delicious words and fearsome words and let their beating wings carry us away.

And we must learn — as chanting monks have learned: as storytellers tenting in the Tetons have learned; as storytellers monks have learned; as storytellers telling stories we find a part of relishing language). I say “like,” what way too friggin’ much. My older sister called me a “bitch” once. She got grounded. We were both lectured on the way that that explosive little syllable is used to demean, degrade and dehumanize. For a while we called my younger sister “Debbie,” which was code for “D.B.,” which stood for “Diarrhea Breath.” The poor dearr is scared for life. When we name things we give them power. When we craft sentences and tell stories we find a voice. When we slouch over a ver­
bush hunk of British philosophy, or a book by Pablo Neruda, highlighter in hand, we are well­

This week there is much talk of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His example, of living the words he so eloquently spoke, is remarkable indeed. His life was poet­

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threw threatened or uncomfortable. It went to dif­
ferent levels, cultural and ways of speak­
ing, too. "Oh no, so if someone felt threat­
ened?"

Well, it affected the way people thought. They could realize that you were different from someone, they often relate to you dif­
erently. It affected who you were friends with, who got shot at jobs, who got oppor­
tunities to do things to make themselves better.

"Why?"

Why did it look complex at the time. But it was actually kind of simple. It's kind of like when you see a car in your rear view mirror and you slow down because you think it's a car. But when the car passes you, you see that it's just a car with a lug­
gage rack and you see it clearly only as it passes you and you slowed down for nothing, you get used to it.

"What do you mean?"

People who didn't accept attempts to get

rid of these problems mostly just didn't understand. They weren't bad people, they just never took the time to think about getting fair. That was our country's thing they should just understand.

"What didn't you understand?"

I think people started talking about rights and classes and colors and I just didn't understand any of it. The part where was the black and white thing.

"The black and white thing?"

Yeah, that, my teacher tried to tell us that black and white people sometimes didn't like each other just because of the color of their skin. I just didn't un­
derstand. And it wasn't just me. None of us really understood.

That's because kids today don't notice color.

"Every time I do something wrong you start on that 'kids today' stuff."

No, it's a good thing this time. I can see how you wouldn't understand. This subject is tough for this generation.

"What do you mean?"

I think there's a difference between Tiffany and D.J."

"Duh, Tiffany's left-handed. And D.J.'s taller, I guess."

Well, a few years ago, Tiffany would have been called 'black', and D.J. 'white'.

"Why?"

Just because that's what color people thought their skin looked.

"Come to think of it, Tiffany's skin is darker than D.J.'s. But why?"

Well, nothing really. But there was a time when people didn't understand that. They thought that there were different per­
sonalities and talents that went with differ­
ent colors.

"What about someone who was tan?"

You really don't understand. That only had a little bit to do with it. See, it wasn't just skin color. It was about anything that was different which made people feel
Students exhibit accomplished work at Student Film Festival

By JULIA GILLESPIE
Scene Copy Editor

"Daring, humorous and serious," said Ted Mandell, faculty coordinator of the Notre Dame Student Film Festival, when asked to describe the films in this year's festival.

"The shows" tackle many different issues that range from the overuse of prescribed drugs, dying with dignity and to what is it like to be a student film maker," he added.

Mandell first organized the film festival in 1990 and since then it has grown in popularity; especially in the last four years. This year it shows Friday and Saturday nights, Jan. 22 and 23, at 7 and 9:45 p.m. Since all of last year's shows sold out an encore screening is also scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25. Tickets cost $3 and some of the shows are already sold out. The festival is expected to run for 98 minutes.

Mandell's classes Professional Video Production and Introduction to Film and Video Production wrote the scripts for these films and produced and edited them within about two months. Jill Goodwin also worked with students to produce the films through the classes Advanced Film Production and Immediate Film Production. Each film was produced by a team of two students from the department of Film, Television and Theatre. There are 16 films total.

Senior Tom Hartmann and Jim Blaum worked together to produce the film The Seeds. Blaum developed the idea for the film and they wrote the script together. They started shooting a month ago and spent a week of intense filming. After that they devoted more time to sessions of editing.

"We started out with a skeleton for our film and worked from there to create a film about the year 2000, where Jesus comes back and talks to a journalist to relay the message that the world is coming to an end," Blaum said.

Blaum believes his message speaks to society's obsessive concerns with technology and thinks last scene has specific symbolic significance.

"It ends in a field with electrical wires crossed over it. You hear sounds of prison doors shutting down that represent how society is restricted by technology," he said.

Hartmann recollects highlights of their filming experience and notes that there are so many people to thank. "We did one shot from the NBC studio in Chicago and even used members of the Chicago Police Department to film our picture," he said. "For example, we used a police horse to pose as the fourth horse in the Apocalypse."

"I never put more work into anything than this short, nine minute piece of work," he added. "You need to involve so many people in order to bring each film to life. The festival is important because it enables student film makers the opportunity to get student feedback. These plays are meant to be seen by a big group of people."

Andy Ankowski and Dan Chucta's film Incomplete Film About Abuse deals with issues that permeate abusive families.

"Violent scenes are taken out of the movie in order to describe the action of violence," Chucta explained. "It forces the audience to listen for an explanation of the violence and picture it graphically in their mind."

"It does not give a glamorized view of abuse and it shows instances of what really happens, such as irrational behavior of parents," he added.

Jeff Spoonhower worked with Denis Hurley to create the film Ryan Victor's Senior Thesis. He has attended the film festival for the last three years.

"Many of the films are avant-garde and their meaning is not apparent right away," Spoonhower said. "Ryan Victor's Senior Thesis' pokes fun at student film makers and their lofty goals, which sometimes distance their audiences."

"The film festival is excited about the film festival because it is the culmination of a semester of hard work. I worked really hard throughout the semester on it and lived through the films," he explained. "It is gratifying to see them played before sold out audiences and it is good for the film students to see the reaction of their audience."

The film festival also enables many students to gain national recognition for their hard work and devotion to their films. Last year's Pet Warfare, by Brian Fremeau and Denis Hurley, and Last Laugh directed by Ann Goodwin, Jen Puest and Nick Kapranos, earned awards at national festivals.

"Many students go on to graduate school or enter the film and television industry," Mandell explained. "Some students use their film work at Notre Dame as a stepping stone to get into the film industry as audio editors."

The subject matters of these plays range from black humor to serious
The "invalid's" wife pretends to love her husband because of its language, but also because of the shortage of students who come from other backgrounds, said McDowell. "I consider it a well-rounded experience in attendance."

"If you do not speak French, you will be in good company at this unique theatrical experience," said McDowell. "I guarantee you that you will laugh loud and often." The play, though done in French, is open to all students of all languages who are not French majors.

"I've only had one theatre major in eight years. I'm consistently overwhelmed by the remarkable level of acting that these students deliver. It's certainly not thanks to my directing!" said McDowell.

"Inspiring students who are learning French is great too." The small cast provides students with a chance to work together on a basically self-sufficient project. Each year's ticket sales fund the next year's production. This play also combines language and theatre in a unique and exciting way.

"I think there is a deep and fundamental connection made between a profound love of French and the chemistry of text and cast," said McDowell. "It's gotten to the point that people expect a French play in the second week of the spring term. I like that."

La Malade imaginaire will be the last production until 2002 because McDowell will be spending the next two years directing the University of Notre Dame study abroad program in Angers, France.

"Professor McDowell is an incredible director. He was so patient and encouraging to all of us throughout the many problems, memory slips and the time it took us to understand it," said Cook.

The play runs Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Washington Hall Lab Theatre. Tickets are available at the Language Resource Center in 201 O'Shaughnessy for $3.
Majestic Press

New Florida Marlins owner John Henry interrupted his news conference Tuesday to hold up a sign for the cameras that read: "CALL 930-HITS.

I don't worry about the investment," said the 49-year-old, a multimillionaire investment commodity trader from Boca Raton. "I can't take it with me."

The Miami Marlins owner seeks taxpayer-backed ballpark

"Our work will be done carefully, quickly and professionally as possible so that questions surrounding potential criminal conduct are addressed," Graham said. "Those questions need to be answered with confidence and finality."

The attorney general's office will use its own staff investigators, but Graham said they would rely heavily on the information contained in the SLOC report and in the Justice Department's ethics investigation.

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"There are a number of individuals I plan to talk to at the Senior Bowl, which tends to be a coaching convention," Billick said. "I have a very clear-cut idea on what my staff will be.

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Williams advances in Australian Open third round

Associated Press

MELBOURNE

Two days after declaring it was not her fate to fall in the first round of the Australian Open, and divining a way out of a third-set predicament, Venus Williams decided all is right again in her world.

Williams' confidence always borders on cockiness, a trait that doesn't quite endear her to fellow players. But when she's on, she's got the game to back it up.

And Williams was, indeed, on Wednesday night. Performing, not just playing. Glowing under the lights in her banana-yellow halter top and crayon-colored beads. Reaching out with those long, rubbery arms and cracking winners from every conceivable position. Drumming baseline shots and fairly pirouetting to the net for overhead smashes. Ripping serves at up to 117 mph, a tournament high for women.

The fifth-seeded Williams spotted Sweden's Asa Carlsson the first two games, then reeled off the next 11 en route to a 6-2, 6-1 romp and a berth in the third round.

"I guess I displayed the more modern Venus," Williams said. "The first round was the Venus from the '80s that disappeared a long time ago, because I really quit playing those type of matches, unless I was playing someone like the No. 1 player. I really don't want to go through that anymore."

"I was very happy tonight because I was able to have more control of my game. Everything that I had been practicing was really coming together."

"I watched Serena's example, how to put an opponent away, and wondered why I wasn't doing those things," Williams said. "Serena, what's the problem? She took care of it. She said, 'Venus, what's the problem?' I'm supposed to set a better example for her."

If the "modern Venus" sticks around and doesn't revert to the '80s version, she could be on her way to a quarterfinal duel against top seed Lindsay Davenport, who has won six of their seven matches.

"In the past I have had some trauma against her," Williams said. "Every time she played me, she has definitely had to play her best. No matter who I'm playing, they know they're going to have to play their best to beat me. Whether I'm playing good, whether I'm playing bad. And she has done that and gone ahead and defeated me."

"In the future, the very near future, I want to change that. She has made it known that she wants to be a competitor, a grand slam winner, a No. 1. I have made it known that I can be No. 6, so I have to do better."

The U.S. Open men's finalists, Australians Patrick Rafter and Mark Philippoussis, moved within a victory apiece of a fourth-round confrontation.

Rafter had little trouble dispatching compatriot Mark Woodforde 6-2, 6-4, 6-4. Philippoussis, though, had all he could handle against Michael Chang before edging out a 7-6 (11), 2-6, 6-3, 7-5 victory.

Philippoussis survived not only on the strength of his serve — he had 24 aces and only two double faults to Chang's 13 and 5 — but in the way he went for winners more often from the baseline and the net. That showed up in the statistics, with Philippoussis accounting for 95 winners to Chang's 43, and a correspondingly higher number of unforced errors, 78-31.

"It was hard sometimes to be aggressive on his serve because he would get the first serve in and start playing defensive," Chang said.
Athletes seek duplicate medals

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The White House will try to have duplicate medals awarded to Olympic athletes known to have lost to competitors using illegal drugs, the federal drug czar said Wednesday.

Barry McCaffrey, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, plans to pursue the matter at next month's world doping summit despite the IOC's recent rejection of at least two similar pleas.

"Our voice should be listened to," he said, noting two-thirds of the International Olympic Committee's revenue comes from U.S. television networks and corporate sponsors.

Last month, the IOC turned down requests from the U.S. Olympic Committee and the British Olympic Association for duplicate medals for swimmers beaten by East Germans in the 1976 and 1980 Games.

Recent testimony in Germany has shown that the winning East German athletes were helped by banned steroids administered as part of a secret government program.

McCaffrey said he had asked IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch for a second gold medal for Frank Shorter, the 1977 Olympic marathon champion who finished second to East Germany's Waldemar Cierpinski. He says evidence from files of the Stasi, the East German secret police, show that Cierpinski also was involved in the doping program, and that information will eventually wind up in court.

"This is a related issue to what is really most important, and that is trying to help the IOC know what is really going on," Shorter said by phone from his Colorado home.

He said his interest in drug issues has been heightened in recent years by the success of his 19-year-old son in distance running at the University of Colorado.

"I want to do everything I can so he feels it's not necessary to resort to illegal drugs to compete and win at a high level," Shorter said.

Last November, McCaffrey's office announced an unprecedented $1 million federal pledge toward research for drug testing in sports. He said that at the time that was a "down payment" on future government action but denied federal funding would be linked to the medals request.

"We are pursuing arguments on an emerging, universal opinion that we have to protect the beliefs of 12-year-olds that you don't have to use drugs and there will be a level playing field if you choose to compete," he said.

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday, 11:30 pm until Tuesday, 10:00pm, St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall

Freshman Retreat #21 (February 12-13) Sign-Up
103 Hesburgh Library, 112 Badin Hall or see your Rector

A Celebration in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Nomination of Greatness: Daring to Seek the Truth
Thursday, January 21, 6:00 pm, LaFortune Ballroom: Dialogue with underrepresented students on their ND experience

Freshman Retreat #20
Friday-Saturday, January 22-23, St. Joe Hall

Learning to Talk About Race Retreat
Friday-Saturday, January 22-23, Lindenwood

NDE Retreat #54
Friday-Sunday, January 22-24, Fatima

Closing Mass for Pop Farley Week
Saturday, January 24, 4:00 p.m., Farley Hall
Music by the ND Handbell Choir

NDE #55 (February 26-28) Sign-up
Monday-Friday, January 25-29, 103 Hesburgh Library

Lector Auditions for the JPW Mass
Monday-Tuesday, January 25-26, 4:00 pm, Basilica of the Sacred Heart. You need only show up one of the evenings to audition.

Tuesday, January 26, 7:00-8:30 pm, Badin Hall Chapel

Campus Bible Study
Tuesday, January 26, 7:00-8:30 pm, Badin Hall Chapel

Emmanus Kick-Off
Wednesday, January 27, 6:30-7:30 pm, LaFortune Ballroom

Africentric Spirituality: Sankofa Scholars Awards Assembly
Thursday, January 28, 5:30 pm

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend Presidents
at Sacred Heart Basilica

Saturday, January 23 Mass
5:00 p.m. Rev. Paul V. Kollman, C.S.C.

Sunday, January 24 Mass
10:00 a.m. Rev. Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C.
11:45 a.m. Rev. Patrick M. Neary, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings for this Sunday
1st Reading Isaiah 8: 23-9:3
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17
Gospel Matthew 4: 12-23

THE GRAY DAY SOUTH BEND BLUES
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

It’s not a simple matter to overcome the forces of nature, particularly when they come in the form of a successive string of cold gray days. It doesn’t help that we’re just back from a long break where we re-learned how to sleep in and how to go out. But, nonetheless, we’re back at it, back in the Bend and back to the books. So what now? How do we bring color and life to these days that might otherwise be lost in an endless morass of dreariness? How do we prevent the weather from becoming the determinative factor in our lives?

I can’t say that I know any better than you, but that doesn’t mean that I’m not going to attempt an answer. I think that we can all agree that the most important thing about life is relationships, relationships with our families, our friends, and most importantly with our God. The best of them can overcome the dreariest weather, and the worst of them can dampen even the sunniest day. It occurs to me that, in many ways, we come to know ourselves a good deal better when we interact with others in our world, and we come to know God and the stirrings of the Spirit in our lives when we take the time to attempt to articulate how we’ve experienced God in the circumstances of our lives. But oddly enough, as true as that may be, we don’t often take that time. How often do we stop to consider how God has been present to us in our day? And how might we better be about the business of that reflection?

Many students within the Notre Dame community have expressed the need for a place where young women and men can come together to share their journey of faith, to gather socially, and to reflect on the things that matter in their lives. The Office of Campus Ministry has a program called “Emmanus” that attempts to facilitate just such gatherings. Emmanus is a program which intends to bring together students who want to enter into dialogue with others about faith and relationships, about God and about life. Like the travelers on the road to Emmaus who recognized Jesus in the stranger, we want the same for you. We want all who would join us to know the same joy and hope that those original travelers experienced in meeting Jesus along the road.

Our having been at Notre Dame, regardless of the weather, won’t mean much if we don’t walk away from this place at the end of our tenure here with some significant relationships. And we believe that none of those relationships will amount to much on the long term if they are not rooted in the one and essential relationship with Jesus Christ. It is that which we should be about in these days. The danger, especially among the upper class students, is that we assume that we’ve met everyone we’re going to meet here; that somehow, all the friendships that will mean anything to us on the long term have already been formed. You need only ask someone who has spent a semester overseas to know that an experience like that can seriously shake up your friendships. And still further, there are countless Notre Dame graduates who met their spouses in their last semester here. But it means taking some chances, and it means making friendship a priority among those many things that compete for your time.

Emmanus isn’t the only way to get at this important task, but it is one of the ways. We would welcome any and all who are interested in gathering with others to share faith and Scripture to join Emmanus. There is an ongoing enrollment through the Badin Office of Campus Ministry, but the sooner you sign up, the sooner you’ll be placed with five to seven others in a group. You also have the option of signing up as a group if you wish to deepen your relationships with already existing groups of friends, such as those with whom you spent time overseas, or those with whom you live in your section, etc.

This is no small matter. Our very happiness in life is wrapped up in our efforts to deepen in faith and in relationships. I know what you’re thinking...“Hey, that’s something I could get into...but I’m too busy just now.” The next logical question is to ask yourself: “When won’t you be busy?” It would be a great shame if throughout our lives we were just too busy to be about that which could have made us most happy. Know that Campus Ministry wants to help in any way it can to get at the most important questions of life. Please contact our offices to find out more about all that we do. And if you’re interested in joining an Emmanus group, there will be an Emmanus Community Night, on Wednesday, January 27, 1999, in the LaFortune Ballroom. It will be an evening gathering for all who have been or wish to be a part of Emmanus.

And cheer up. The sun’ll come out tomorrow... er, maybe next week... well, by April anyway!
The NBA lockout was officially settled this afternoon, and teams were told they can begin signing players, making trades and opening training camps at 2 p.m. EST Thursday. "We have an agreement, and we expect to have the deal signed tonight," league spokesman Chris Brienza said.

Teams were given about a week to begin talking to their players, something that was forbidden since commissioner David Stern and union director Billy Hunter agreed two weeks ago on the terms of a new collective bargaining agreement. Opening night is less than 2 1/2 weeks away, and the NBA is expected to release a new schedule by the end of the week.

"It's just a relief to know it's behind us," new Chicago Bulls coach Tim Floyd said. "We have a chance to sit down and visit with players, talk to players, which is what this is all about." Earlier today, Day 204 of the longest and costliest work stoppage in league history, the laborious task of reducing the settlement into written form hit a few last-minute snags after lawyers for the owners and players spent the whole night meeting.

In the meantime, the rumors kept coming and the plots kept twisting as teams maneuvered to get ready for the scheduled Feb. 5 start of the season. "It'll get done. It always gets done," Mark Shapiro, David Fark said. "This just gives us more time to talk to people and refine our numbers."

The main sticking point between the sides had been whether the new middle-class exception can be used for a three-year contract (the league's contention) or a six-year contract (the union's contention). The union won that argument, but a final spig devoted over the league's insistence upon having discipline authority over agents involved in salary cap circumvention. Another snarl concerned whether bonus money would be counted in trade calculations. It was not immediately known how those issues were resolved.

Rod Strickland, meanwhile, was miffed at the offer the Washington Wizards made. The Washington Post said the Wizards offered $30 million for three years, with two additional years non-guaranteed and bad but had given Strickland a deadline of midnight tonight. "I don't think he'll be here," Fark told The Associated Press today. "We're trying to get him to New York. He loves it that they have (Latrell) Sprewell, Allan Houston and Larry Johnson there, and he thinks they can win a championship. I'd like to get him there so Patrick (Ewing) can win a championship."

Fark was exploring other options for Strickland, including several sign-and-trade deals that would send last season's NBA assist leader to another team. He said four or five teams were making bids, but refused to name anyone other than the Knicks.

Dennis Rodman added a strange subplot to Tuesday's events as his agent, Dwight Manley, announced that Rodman was retiring. Hours later, the league's leading rebounder for the past seven seasons said he was more in a state of "limbo" than retirement. And Antonio McDyess put off until today a decision on where he'll play — Denver or Phoenix — but several signs seemed to be pointing to the Nuggets.

"It defies logic, in my opinion," Suns owner Jerry Colangelo said of the deliberations concerning McDyess. "We think this is a great spot for him. He seemed very happy here. We love him as a young guy and a future star in this league. But a lot of things have happened this offseason."

The Tom Gugliotta rumors were strong, too, with the Nuggets, Suns and Lakers all interested. A source close to the Nuggets said the team was offering Elden Campbell, Eddie Jones and rookie Sam Jacobson to the Timberwolves in a sign-and-trade deal for Gugliotta.

The Nuggets were wondering whether they would be spurned by Gugliotta in the event that McDyess stays in Phoenix. If so, they were expected to look to sign free-agent center Viola Dwyer.

But no event symbolized Tuesday's craziness like the "retirement" of Rodman. "I'm not going to play this year," Rodman told Fox Sports News. "I am in limbo, but I'm not going to say I'm retired."

That's not how his former coach heard it. In a strange twist earlier in the day, Chuck Daly of the Orlando Magic said he heard Rodman was traded to the New York Knicks for Buck Williams — a rumor that was quickly shot down.

Also Tuesday, it was learned that John Starks and Chris Mills are the players who will be traded from the Knicks to the Golden State Warriors for Latrell Sprewell. Word of the Sprewell trade got out Monday night, just a few hours after another major trade was revealed — Scottie Pippen from the Chicago Bulls to the Houston Rockets.

The Bulls also have sign-and-trade deals worked out for Luc Longley and Steve Kerr.

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Walker takes helm at N'Western

Associated Press

ARRIVALS, Ill.

Nearing a Northwestern pottery tie and a wide grin, Randy Walker called himself the lucki­est guy in the world. Again.

The coach at Miami of Ohio the good nine seasons was intro­duced as the Wildcats' new coach Wednesday afternoon. He replaces Gary Barnett, who was hired as Colorado's coach earlier in the day.

"I just keep having good things happen to me," he said. "You're looking at an old farm boy from Troy, Ohio, who didn't have a whole lot of resources going for him when he came out of high school. I thank God every night. I'm alive that football is a game I could play. "It gave me a chance to do the things I want to do in life," he added. "And that's coach football." Barnett's departure and Walker's hiring puts an end to a tumultuous few weeks for the Wildcats. Barnett, who returned the Wildcats to glory in 1995 and 1996 with a trip to the Rose Bowl and consecutive Big Ten championships, has flirted with leaving almost since he arrived in Evanston in late 1991.

He was a candidate for jobs at UCLA and Notre Dame, and spent two years at Oklahoma and Texas.

"We were all sad coach Barnett left," said sophomore offensive lin­eman Lance Crickland. "But I'm excited for a fresh start."

And Walker is excited to give his new players one. The for­mer Northwestern assistant is Miami's newest coach, com­pleting a record of 59-35-5 in the past nine seasons, including a 1-1-1 record in Big Ten play. His 59 vic­tories are best in school history. It was Miami which had hand­ed Northwestern its only loss in the regular season during its 1995 Rose Bowl year, a 30-28 victory.

"We wanted someone with Division I experience who had demonstrated a record of win­ning," athletic director Rick Taylor said. "We got the perfect person we were after." Walker is the latest in a long line of coaches to come out of Miami. Sid Gillman, Woody Hayes, Bo Schenbechler and Bill Mallory all coached there, as did former Northwestern coach Ara Parseghian.

"Randy is for real, and we've said that to the people who have asked about him," said Joel Maturi, Miami's athletic director. "Northern is very fortunate to have a great character and work ethic and passion for kids. Not to mention his ability to win games."

Walker isn't walking into an easy job. After years of perma­nent residency in the Big Ten basement — just two teams won four games after 1971 — Barnett had the Wildcats in the Rose Bowl after his fourth season.

But Northwestern has fal­tered the past two seasons. The Wildcats went 7-5 in 1997 and 3-8 last season. The school was rocked by a sports betting scan­dal that saw four former foot­ball players indicted Dec. 3 for allegedly lying about their gam­bling activities.

"I, for one, don't tend to dwell on the past," Walker said. "Let's talk about going forward, where are we going tomorrow. Let's worry about getting one day better as a football team. That's kind of how I start." Walker has only two weeks before national signing day for recruits. Aside from putting together a new staff and getting familiar with his new players, he has to find a way to keep recruits who might have been scared off by Barnett's impending departure.

"I'll get my feet on the ground and hit it running," said Walker, who met with his new players for the first time after the news conference. "Trust me, once I hit it running, I'm going to go real fast."

Walker played at Miami and was the team's MVP in 1975. Drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals, he chose to stay at Miami as a graduate assistant under coach Dick Crum. He succeeded to coach North Carolina and spent 10 years there as an assistant. He then spent two years at Northwestern, where he coached the first back-to-back 1,000-yard rushers in school history — Byron Sanders and Bob Christian.

When he was named coach at Miami on Dec. 31, 1996, Walker inherited a program that had won two games over the two previous seasons and went 5-5-1 in 1990. He had a winning record just twice in his tenure there, including except 1993, when Miami went 7-5-1.

"I want to coach at the high­est level and I want to coach in the Big Ten," Walker said. "I believe Northwestern is that kind of program."
Irish, Ust place first in Big East preseason poll

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish have been selected as the preseason favorite to capture the 1999 BIG EAST Baseball Championship by the league head coaches, it was announced today.

ND junior shortstop Brant Ust was picked as the Preseason Player of the Year, while St. John's righty Kevin McGerry was selected as the Preseason Pitcher of the Year. Coaches were not permitted to vote for their own teams or players.

Notre Dame returns 16 letterwinners from a team that finished 41-17 a year ago, second in the BIG EAST with a 15-4 conference mark. The Fighting Irish are led by Ust, who was the 1998 BIG EAST Player of the Year. He topped the BIG EAST in hitting (.493) slugging percentage (.530) and on-base percentage (.550) and was named a 1998 Baseball America Freshman All-American.

Rutgers, the 1998 BIG EAST Tournament Champion, received the other two first-place votes and was picked third. The Scarlet Knights are coming off their first conference title and will look to two-time ALL-BIG EAST First Team pick Pete Zoccoli. The senior will be moving to the outfield this season after earning conference honors at first base the past two years.

West Virginia and Seton Hall were picked fourth and fifth, respectively. The Mountaineers, 37-17-1 in 1998, are led by preseason ALL-BIG EAST outfielder Lance Willians. The Pirates will be led by sophomore righty B.J. Benik, also a choice on the preseason squad. SHU has made a fifth-place pick Pete Zoccoli. The senior will be moving to the outfield this season after earning conference honors at first base the past two years.

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St. John's received three first-place votes and was picked second. The Red Storm are led by the pitching tandem of McGerry and Patrick Collins. McGerry was chosen as the Preseason Pitcher of the Year after a 6-2 record and 2.06 earned run average last season. He was second

on the team to Collins (79 K's) in strikeouts with 62 and was named a 1998 Baseball America Freshman All-American.

Senior third baseman Angelo Ciminiello leads the Friars after finishing second in the BIG EAST with 82 hits a year ago. Preseason ALL-BIG EAST choice Matt Longe heads the Villanova squad. The sophomore second baseman hit .393 in 1998 and was second on the team with 12 home runs and 47 RBI.

Pittsburgh, Boston College and Georgetown round out the preseason selections. Second-year Panther head coach Joe Jordan will look to infielders Lou Melucci and Joe Lydic to help improve their conference finish. Boston College will welcome a new head coach for the first time in 10 years as Peter Hughes takes the helm. The Hoyas are led by Preseason ALL-BIG EAST outfielder Sean Mignogna.

The Preseason ALL-BIG EAST team was also selected, with 14 players earning recognition. The top six teams in the BIG EAST will advance to the 1999 BIG EAST Championship, being held at Waterfront Park in Trenton, N.J. for the first time ever on May 19-22. The tournament champion receives the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.

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Applicants should submit a resume and five-page statement to Heather Cocks by 5 p.m. Monday, January 25. For additional information about the position or application process, contact Heather Cocks at 631-4542, or stop by the office downstairs in South Dining Hall.
Belles’ Samreta a leader both in and out of pool

By KATIE FURMAN  Sports Writer

Michelle Samreta knows as she cheers on the edge of the swimming pool, excitedly flashing lap counts for her fellow swimmers.

Her dedication is intense. She swims six times a week — and often twice per day — in order to break her own records. The NCAA rewarded her loyalty to the lanes by awarding her the No. 16 ranking in Division III for the 100-meter breaststroke.

Swim away from the pool, Samreta morphs into the MBA Saint Mary's representative, the junior class treasurer and an education major.

And all the while, she's getting ready for her next race. Samreta is in her third year of racing in the 100-meter, 200-meter and relay breaststroke, and she is in her second year of being a team captain.

"Swimming has been such an important part of my life because it has affected me in so many ways," Samreta said. "It has helped me balance my time at Saint Mary's, as well as keep me healthy."

Campus and activities and introduce her to a great group of friends.

Her teammates likewise see Samreta as an excellent captain, as well as a friend. "She becomes everyone to the team and is always on the side cheering," Samreta's teammate, senior Kelly Lesneskie, said.

"She has contributed greatly as a captain because she is always enthusiastic and always encourages us at practice and meets," Samreta's tremendous encouragement and dedication has helped her break numerous school records.

She has broken the 100 breaststroke in 1:11.36, and in the 200 breaststroke, 2.36.42.

"She is training much harder this year than ever before, and her level of enthusiasm has reached a new high," said head coach Jim Koo.

But according to Samreta, the improvement in her skill is matched by a heightened mental attitude.

"My mentality of the sport has improved the most," said Samreta. "It is great because it has permeated other facets of my life; I'm more efficient academically, as well as physically, but as long as I am able to accomplish my personal best and stay mentally strong, I am happy.""

Henning named CCHA Rookie of the Week

Notre Dame freshman center Brett Henning has been named the Central Collegiate Hockey Association rookie of the week. Henning won a key role in the Irish weekend sweep of Alaska Fairbanks (6-2, 6-1).

In the first game versus UAF on Jan. 10, Henning moved up from the third to the first line as a replacement for junior hockey baker candidate Ben Simon (who was serving a delayed-one-game CCHA suspension). Henning led the charge and registered his first career goal in sophomore wing Dan Carlson's second-period goal that held the game-winner.

The 5-10, 170-pound forward has scored one power-play goal and is matched by a heightened mental attitude.

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Irish

who finished without a point in the final 20 minutes and did not reach her average of 13.3 points per game.

Riley ended the first half with a game-leading tally of 14 points, and was followed by a strong performance from forward Kelley Siemon, who broke her average of a little over five points a game with eight in the half.

The second stanza was more of the same, as the Irish turned a 23-point lead into a 33-point impossibility for Seton Hall. Unable to score in the half's first six minutes, Notre Dame had a 67-27 lead before Rouse scored a layup to add two points.

The second-half drive came with help from the Irish backcourt, as Sheila McMillen and Sherisha Hills nailed several three-pointers to further mix up the attack. McMillen finished the game with 13 points, while Hills' 16 points tied both her personal high and Riley's game high.

Shooting just 27 percent from the field, Seton Hall was unable to have any player break into double digits in scoring.

Erika Ashmon and Moreno were the leaders for the Pirates with just nine points apiece.

Hit with 22 turnovers, they allowed Notre Dame 31 points on the takeaways. Senior Danielle Green keyed that statistic with her quickness on loose-ball pickups, which constantly converted play to the Irish half of the court. Green also finished in double digits for the Irish, scoring 15 points.

The win gives Notre Dame a 14-2 record on the season, the best ever start for an Irish team. Undefeated in their last five, which have also been conference games, the Irish maintain their No. 3 spot in the conference and a No. 9 ranking overall.

Belles

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and the Belles began to look fatigued. They played hard until the end, but Adrian pulled it out 86-76.

Freshman center Kelly Jones and sophomore guard Julie Norman led the scoring for Saint Mary’s with 18 and 12 points, respectively.

“We shot our best game of the season,” said Nikes. “Unfortunately, we made mental mistakes. It’s not physical anymore, we just need to get over those mistakes.”

Saint Mary’s plays at Hope College on Saturday and looks to start fresh with the home game tonight against Olivet.

Saint Mary’s Basketball Schedule

1/23
Hope College 3:00 p.m.
1/27
Alma College 7:30 p.m.
1/30
@Olivet College 3:00 p.m.
2/3
Kalamazoo College 7:30 p.m.
2/6
@Calvin College 3:00 p.m.
2/9
@Albion College 7:30 p.m.
2/13
Defiance College 3:00 p.m.
2/16
Anderson University 7:00 p.m.
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Summer Internship Information Meeting — The Internship Office of the Government Department invites students to attend the "Summer Internship Information Meeting" on Monday, January 25 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in room 204 O'Shaughnessy. This meeting will focus in summer internship opportunities in government, application requirements and academic credit requirements. All students are welcome.

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15. Old flames
20. What widows write on line
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30. Past-window
32. Morgan of the comic page
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The Mind of Byzantium tonight at 5 p.m. in room 222 of the Hesburgh Library. This talk will be of interest to students and faculty in History, Theology, Art History, as well as fields of Medieval Studies.

Summer Internship Information Meeting — The Internship Office of the Government Department invites students to attend the "Summer Internship Information Meeting" on Monday, January 25 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in room 204 O'Shaughnessy. This meeting will focus in summer internship opportunities in government, application requirements and academic credit requirements. All students are welcome.

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Irish rout Pirates for best start in team history

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

The attack was constant and the defense stifling — there was no question that the Irish dominated Seton Hall from start to finish last night. The Irish made the hard-wood seem more like a plank, sending the Pirates off the deep end in a 87-47 blowout.

The way that Notre Dame has outplayed Big East teams in recent games, the opposition would be lucky to escape with only a freefall to the sea — instead, teams like Seton Hall have been battered by a gameplan that is flawless when executed to perfection. First there have been glimpses of it — an almost-impenetrable zone defense, a quick transition game and a balanced offensive attack to keep the opposition guessing.

All those things usually converge to give the Irish a second-half scoring surge. But Wednesday, the Irish executed that gameplan from start to finish, upping their win streak to five-straight games.

Seton Hall was at a disadvantage from the opening tip-off, starting with three freshmen and a pair of sophomores against a Notre Dame team that has started four of the same players since last season. Sophomore center Ruth Riley got the ball rolling for the Irish right away, racking up seven points to spark a 9-0 run and later, a 13-3 Irish lead.

Yolanda Bouse tried plugging the early leak by making it a 17-10 game on two hits from the charity stripe just minutes later — but that only invited the Irish to take total control. As it embarked on a 15-0 run, the team’s defense prevented the Pirates from establishing any rhythm, allowing them scoring drives of no more than four points.

The 6-foot-5 Riley led the stifling zone defense. The two-time Big East player of the week rejected anything that managed to trickle inside, swatting away seven shots during the contest.

Sophomore Arminda Moreno, Seton Hall’s leading scorer this season, managed only a trio of treys in the first half, leading her team with nine points. The second half proved even more difficult for the Canary Islands native, falling to Adrian College 86-76.

Notre Dame Women’s Basketball

Belles’ comeback falls short in loss to Bulldogs

By MOLLY M-VOY
Sports Writer

After a night of comebacks and intense defensive play, the Saint Mary’s basketball team lost a hard-fought game against Adrian College Wednesday night. Adrian came out forcibly in the first minutes of the game, pulling out to a 9-0 lead. This caused Saint Mary’s head coach Dave Boeder to pull the entire starting five and replace them just two minutes into the game.

"They’re not just out there to play. They’ve got to get the job done," said assistant coach Darcy Nikes. "By putting five other plus in there who were going to get the job done, we really raised the level of intensity. Within seconds of this replacement, Saint Mary’s went on a 5-0 run and soon closed the gap to 11:7. But problems surfaced again, as some careless passing and missed rebounds by Saint Mary’s allowed Adrian to take a 19-9 lead. At this point in the game, it became clear that the Belles were having difficulty defending against the Bulldogs’ center, Ann Terpstra. The six-foot-plus center ended the game with 29 points.

"Size shouldn’t matter," said freshman forward Kelly Roberts of the Belles’ difficulty with Terpstra. "If we had position, we would have been okay." But led by scrappy defense from sophomore guard Julie Norman, the Belles caused turnovers and took smart shots. They pulled the score to 37-34 with 3:00 left in the first half.

With 1:55 remaining, the Belles took the lead on two foul shots by guard Amy Clark. The Belles took nearly every point they could from Adrian’s foul, shooting 90% from the line in the first half. At the end of the first half, the score was 43-40 Bulldogs.

The Belles came out and scored three points quickly to start the second half. The game continued to be aggressive and fast-paced, but the Belles’ defensive rebounding proved problematic. Terpstra registered more offensive rebounds for Adrian than the entire Saint Mary’s squad did on the defensive end; however, the Belles’ defense and accuracy from the floor was very strong early in the second half.

Saint Mary’s actually shot its best game of the season, percentage-wise, shooting 37% from the floor and 31% from behind the 3-pt. line. The Belles took the lead with 10:49 left, but could not seem to build on it. They played with the Bulldogs and the lead continued to change hands for the next few minutes of play. With 6:28 remaining, Adrian pulled out to a 72-65 lead.

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