Panel: Diversity at ND presents challenges

By KATE STEER
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The Notre Dame community has its work cut out for it when it comes to diversity. According to the eight panelists in the "Colors of the World" presentation Wednesday, Notre Dame presents a myriad of challenges for minority and majority students alike.

As part of the weeklong Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, the panel brought together students of various cultural and racial backgrounds to offer their personal insights of Notre Dame and diversity.

Mike Brown, a junior, chose Notre Dame without visiting the campus. His expectations for life on campus were based on the statistics he read in college guides.

"I went based on the magazine," he said, "and I didn't expect too many minorities to be on campus."

Other students visited campus as part of recruitment programs and had opposite impressions of the University.

"I came on recruit weekend, and I saw more minorities than I have ever seen. Then when I came back for the first week of school, I was like 'Where'd they all go? '" said Sharon Watson, a sophomore from Tulsa, Okla. Watson's parents, whom she called mixed, came to the United States in the 1970s and settled in a predominantly white area of Tulsa. Watson's experiences as a minority began early, and the recruitment weekend gave her the impression that Notre Dame offered a more diverse environment.

Meghan Healy, a junior biology major, grew up with experiences in the white minority of Brazil and West Africa. "When I was applying to colleges, I didn't think race was going to be a big deal, and I expected normal interaction among different groups," she said.

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
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Bidding his campaign bus, the "Straight Talk Express," across the country, Republican presidential candidate John McCain has made it clear he doesn't play within political party lines.

Known for arguing with Republican colleagues in Congress, the Arizona senator holds many characteristics of traditional conservatives but has bucked the GOP on various issues. This hasn't earned him many points among the Republican party faithful, and could hurt his chances to win the Republican presidential nomination.

Leading the fight for campaign finance reform, which most Republicans bitterly oppose has distanced him from some conservative voters, said Patricia Fava, communications director of the Alexandria, Va.-based American Conservative Union.

"Although his changes in the New Hampshire primary are fairly strong, conservatives have taken issue with McCain over his support of rights related to campaign finance reform," Fava said. "He is, in effect, alienating conservatives with his stance on same issue."

McCain, who co-sponsored a campaign finance reform bill with Sen. Russ Feingold (D-Wisc.) addressed the issue in a Dec. 7 Republican debate. The McCain-Feingold bill called for banning unlimited contributions that corporations, lobbyists and unions can give to national parties. In the debate, McCain argued that campaign finance reform is the only way to clean up the political system and make sure American citizens' best interests are represented over those of special interest groups.

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By ERIN PIBORTEK
Assistant News Editor

With college tuition rapidly outpacing the rate of inflation, financial worries rank with chemistry tests as major sources of stress for many students. Especially at private institutions like Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, students and their families often make great sacrifices to afford education.

Help may be on the way. In a press conference last week, President Bill Clinton unveiled plans to help students pay for higher education.

"When we make college more affordable, we make the American dream more achievable," Clinton said.

The plan's central component is the "College Opportunity Tax Cut." Phased in over 10 years, the $30 billion program would provide an average of $10,000 in tax deductions per middle class family as well as a possible $2,800 in tax credits for each student.

The plan also removes the 60-month limit for deducting

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McCain disputes old politics

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

* Tumbling Down

I fell down the stairs in DeBartolo. There’s nothing quite so embarrassing as falling down stairs. It’s like screaming, “Look! I don’t even know how to walk!” In inescapable putting one foot in front of the other! I don’t know how light switches work either. I felt like I was back in high school, freshman, falling on the senior stairs.

But in my defense, the stairs were slippery with all the melted snow carried in on people’s boots. Anyway, it was at 3:15 on a Tuesday afternoon, when the halls were full of masses of students rushing to get out of DeBartolo. I slipped, my feet went out under me, and I took a beautiful fall — an arms-in-the-air, limbs-flying, hip-banging, arm-arched sort of fall. It hurt. It startled me. Why was I suddenly on my butt when seconds ago I was walking down the stairs like a normal person?

The stairs were packed with people, a veritable sea of humanity. I took a moment to get reoriented, to regain my feet (and my dignity) and then proceed to class.

A couple of my fellow students snickered at my plight. But everyone else hurried on to their next class. Not that anyone offered me a hand. Not a single person asked, “Are you okay?” Not a single PELOPE THAT MY FELLOW DOMERS COULD BE BOTHERED TO TAKE A SECOND MINUTE OUT OF HIS BUSY DAY AND OFFER ME A HAND. I was just another obstacle in the day, just one more thing to be hurried past and stepped around. Most people didn’t even bother to look at me.

Now, granted, this is a small incident. If I had seen me fall, I probably would have laughed. It was funny. It’s a natural human reaction to laugh when someone fails. But it’s also a natur­al human reaction to ask, “Are you all right?”

There’s this story of a class of divinity students who had the room assignment changed for their final exam. As they rushed to the other side of campus to make the final on time, they were stopped by a homeless person asking for change. Not a single person stopped. They all rushed past the man, all of them, to get to their final. That WAS their final, and none of them had passed. I’m told the story’s apocryphal. But it makes a good point.

Most of the students who passed me on the stairs were likely deeply involved in volunteer service — 77 percent of Dominers are. Lots of them were probably hurrying off to the CSC or to tutoring projects or similar service activities. Yet not one of them had the time to offer a hand to me when I fell. Not a single person could turn from their mindless following of the crowd to consider that that WAS their final, and none of them had passed. I’m told the story’s apocryphal. But it makes a good point.

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**Baton Rouge, La.**

A Louisiana State University student allegedly stabbed the University’s dean of students Monday morning, after the student found out he was being investigated for grade tampering, according to Baton Rouge Police.

Interim dean of students John Baker sent a letter to Marques Smith, 21, informing Smith he was being investigated on the charge, said Capt. Don Kelly.

The student then allegedly went to Baker’s residence at approximately 7:10 a.m. Monday morning and posed as an FBI agent, Kelly said.

Baker was backing out of his car in­side the residence when police said Smith stopped Baker and told him to get out of his car, Kelly said.

“When [Baker] saw this guy, he realized he was not an FBI agent,” Kelly said.

Smith stepped between the car and the door, and the two men began to argue, Kelly said.

When Baker tried to exit his car, the student allegedly pulled out a large kitchen knife, Kelly said.

Baker and Smith then allegedly fought over the knife, and in the process Baker sustained a stab wound to his neck and Smith received a wound to his arm, Kelly said.

After the incident, Smith attempted to run away, but one of Baker’s neighbors detained him until police arrived, Kelly said.

Smith, who was taken to Earl K. Long Hospital and treated for a wound on his arm, was later released and booked into East Baton Rouge Parish Prison, Kelly said.

Smith, a junior in philosophy, is charged with attempted second degree murder, Kelly said.

Baker was admitted to Our Lady of the Lake Medical Center and treated for a stab wound and several cuts to his face and ears, Kelly said.

Baker was released from the hos­pital Monday morning, according to OLED.

Baker has served as the interim dean of students for the university since August 1998.

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**THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/ MARY S’S COLLEGE**

**Thursday**

- Lecture: “Chinese Women’s Art and Values,” Liang Wen, 4 p.m., Hesburgh Auditorium
- Film Festival: Student Competition: “The Mind,” 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., O’Laughlin Forum with candidates, 7 p.m., Haggar Parlor, Saint Mary’s College

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**Friday**

- Discussion and book signings: Ralph Mcenery, philosopher, 2 p.m., Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore
- Film Festival: Student Competition: “Play of the Mind,” 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., O’Laughlin

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**Saturday**

- Concert: Darline Catello and Dylan Westman, 2:30 p.m., Haggar Center, Saint Mary’s College
- Life Choices Program: “I Am Woman: Is Feminism Dead?” 6:30 a.m., WNDU, channel 16

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**OUTSIDE THE DOME**

**LSU dean stabbed at home; student charged**

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**Freshman beer-drinking declines**

**Tucson, Ariz.**

Freshmen may be less drunk than ever before — at least according to a recent research. Alcohol consumption has decreased among freshmen college students, according to a study by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California Los Angeles.

This year, the annual study shows the lowest level of freshmen beer drinking in the 34-year history of the survey. Additional findings of the survey were an increase in stress among college freshmen and a high percentage of freshmen who reported being bored in high school.

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**Breakers spring for cash in rip-off**

**Boston**

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Senators reacted varied regarding the proposal.

"My personal opinion is that if people want to sit around and type without each individual address, they should be told," said Welsh. Marcum. "People then have the option to click on it, delete it, or type in each individual address because e-mail simply hasn't happened," said Foy. "It is the senate's responsibility to ensure that abusing e-mail does not happen." Folks said. "I back Kelly," said Brian O'Donoghue, Keough Hall senator. "This is abusing people and thus this issue should be made black and white. It must be clear because even eliminated all e-mails, there will still be issues. We have a committee assigned to this issue, and I support this opinion." Overall, almost all senators agreed with Foy and O'Donoghue and the resolution was passed.

The senate also discussed Saint Mary's reaction to The Observer's role as an independent publication.

"Since this is not a black-and-white issue, the Saint Mary's student government was hesitant to comment until we had some clarification as to how the College's administration viewed our position on this issue," said Saint Mary's Notre Dame liaison Maureen Donovan in a prepared statement.

The College administration perceives Saint Mary's role as a secondary one of subscriber and contributor to the newspaper. Donovan explained. "But The Observer's declared independent newspaper is never totally independent because it exists because the University is there. A college newspaper is more of a laboratory of those who wish to practice the craft of journalism. Therefore, it is not without the need for supervision to some extent." Donovan explained that Notre Dame has a different relationship with The Observer than Saint Mary's, whose role will remain secondary because it does not provide the same resources as Notre Dame.

"In response to the restrictions being placed on The Observer's advertising policy, the Saint Mary's College administration told our student government that they would not discourage the student body to exercise their personal rights to express their views, as subscribers on this issue in the form of editorials, etc. Donovan explained that Notre Dame's administration did not feel that it was their responsibility to comment on an issue that defines The Observer's relationship with the University of Notre Dame."

In other senate news:

- Vice president Michael Palumbo noted that student government lacks a SafeRide coordinator. As soon as one is hired, SafeRide will be up and running, he said.
- "If we could get a coordinator and get drivers trained, we could be up and running next week, but that is ideal," Palumbo said. "To give you our honest opinion, it's really in the preliminary stage."
- Palumbo also said the online book sale is awaiting help from the Office of Information Technologies. "It is a little stale," he said, "but we're trying to get it started up again."
- Emily Todd, Hall President's Council liaison to the senate, announced that HPC's date week will be Feb. 21 through 27. "This semester we have extra money and we are asking dorms to sponsor separate events," she explained. "Thus, these will be held on campus and more students will be able to attend."
Latin American program creates new understanding

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

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Annan's first nominee, Rolf Ekeus, who headed the first inspection agency in Iraq until he became Sweden's U.S. ambassador in 1997, was approved by the Security Council. "Let those who stand in the way of consensus know that I am speaking now on behalf of a united, unanimous Security Council," said Holbrooke, the current council president. Russian, French and China last week rejected Annan's first nominee, Rolf Ekeus, who headed the first inspection agency in Iraq until he became Sweden's U.S. ambassador in 1997. France proposed Blix in a bid to compromise and the United Nations lukewarmly went along for the sake of romance, diplomats said.

Mexico receives upbeat drug evaluation

Citing improvements in technology, strategy and coordination, top Mexican officials gave an upbeat evaluation Wednesday of their fight against drug traffickers and said they had more than doubled their spending on the battle. But it was unclear what effect their struggle has had on the availability of drugs. For the first time in years, Mexico doesn't have to worry much about winning "certification" in the United States' annual evaluation of countries' cooperation in combatting drugs. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said this month that cooperation has been "as a very good level." So in the Mexican government's annual report on the progress of anti-drug efforts, officials delivered a barrage of figures and graphs they said showed they have come far in 1999.

British lawmaker dies at age 82

Former lawmaker Willie Hamilton, a Drury republican who missed few opportunities to lambast the royal family, has died at 82, funeral organizers said Wednesday. Hamilton died at a hospital in Lincoln, eastern England, early on Sunday, funeral director Danny Docherty said. The cause of death was not announced. Hamilton represented the Scottish districts of West Fife, and then Fife Central, for the Labor Party in the House of Commons and the Scottish National Party from 1951 until his retirement in 1987.

Holocaust memory stays alive

Sweden

Stockholm

In the first such international gathering of its kind, world leaders and activists came together Wednesday to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive in the face of rising neo-Nazi activity. Prompted by a lack of awareness among youth, the Swedish government organized the forum as part of a Holocaust education campaign in its own country. Six million Jews and 5 million others — including Gypsies and homosexuals — were killed during World War II at the hands of Nazi Germany and its supporters.

In another few years, the generation of the Holocaust, the living witnesses, will be gone," Israel's Prime Minister Ehud Barak told some 600 delegates. "Even now, Holocaust deniers and neo-Nazis... are operating in the open." As he spoke, three neo-Nazis were on trial in the southern Swedish city of Helsingborg, charged with distributing racist videos and compact discs.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said that education was imperative "so that ordinary people shall never again... turn ordinary places into execution chambers." Schroeder, speaking in German, warned against the spread of Neo-Nazism in Europe and said increased international cooperation and the use of police and the judiciary were needed to fight racism.

The three-day conference opened with Holocaust survivor Tana Ross, who read a poem about the need to speak out. The meeting was the first of its kind to bring together world leaders and activists to discuss the Holocaust, and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel suggested Sweden make it an annual event.

"Why not declare that times from the past be forgotten," Schroeder said. "From now on have an annual Stockholm conference on humanity and conscience."

Gonzalez reunites with grandmothers

Miami Beach, Fla.

Elian Gonzalez was finally reunited with his grandmothers Wednesday at a "neutral site" that had to be arranged by the U.S. government because of the personal and political passions swirling around the 6-year-old Cuban boy. Elian was driven to a nun's house in Miami Beach to see his grandmothers, who had flown in from Washington and were then brought to the home in a helicopter.

The grandmothers came to the United States last week to appeal to the American people and Congress to send the boy back to his father in Cuba. Elian's relatives in Miami want him to stay and are fighting a U.S. government order sending him back.

The grandmothers were to see Elian privately, with the boy's relatives nearby in the house. Elian's father, in a letter printed in the Communist Party newspaper Gramma, asked to be included in the reunion by telephone.

Justice Department spokeswoman Carole Flormann said the women would not be allowed to take the boy home with them afterward. A lawyer for Elian's relatives, Spencer Eig, said the visit was expected to last two hours.

A few people tossed flowers at the car that the women left in a helicopter to the house, where about 200 demonstrators waited outside.

Some cheered and others booed as the grandmothers were driven by.

The grandmothers had also flown to Miami on Monday but left town without seeing Elian. The Miami relatives insisted that any reunion take place at their home in the Little Havana neighborhood, but the grandmothers said they were uncomfortable going there. Anti-Castro Cuban immigrants have been holding protests around the house.

After long negotiations, the Justice Department ordered Elian's relatives to bring him to the nun's house. The agency said it had the authority to do so under the arrangement letting the boy stay in this country pending further immigration proceedings.

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French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, professor Elie Wiesel, Swedish Prime Minister Goran Persson, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and Austrian Chancellor Viktor Klima pose for the traditional family photo at the International Forum on the Holocaust in Stockholm, Sweden, Wednesday.

Some of the leaders and activists in attendance at the forum included Iceland Prime Minister Vilmundur Gudnason, US Holocaust Memorial Commission Chairman Sally Goldwasser, Slovakian Prime Minister Vladimir Malina and Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda.
Koelsch/Rodarte fight to find delicate balance

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Crissie Renner and Michelle Nagle say that, as candidates for the Board of Governance, they hope to challenge the status quo of Saint Mary's by tackling issues that have long been neglected.

"We want to have a way for students to go into the community and recruit," Nagle said. "We need to get more student buy-in for the programming community, so that students see it as their own, and not just something given by the university."

Renner noticed a lack of consistent communication between governing boards during her three-year tenure on the Board of Governance.

"It seems right now that people are busy and a little busy about what's going on around campus," Renner said. "Often, among BOG, Student Activities Board, Student Academic Council, and Residence Hall Association, I feel like we're competing for that same audience."

As a solution, Renner and Nagle have proposed bi-weekly meetings of representatives from all campus governing boards, forming "synergy" between governing boards.

"It seems that we come together for orientation, and then we graduate, and there's nothing in between," Renner said.

While the platform is dominated by smaller ideas, they also have big plans, one of which is a cable TV station.

"We have the satellites and the programming and all over campus for a cable TV station," Renner said. "This is something we can do."

But while the pair came up short with specifics or funding proposals for the project, they did express hope of integrating it into the College curriculum through the communications department.

Overall, concern for combining spiritual, academic, and community to bring Saint Mary's into the millennium and to the next level are their goals. Koelsch and Rodarte said.

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Simplicity is key for Renner/Nagle campaign

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
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Presidential candidate Emily Koelsch and vice presidential candidate Rachele Rodarte want to stay away from big ideas.

"(Board of Governance) has done a great job doing new things this year," said Koelsch, who has served as the commissioner for women's issues the past two years. "The big ideas have really come out. Pride Week was bigger and better, we're planning a new Winter Carnival. What we want to do now is take things that are already on this campus and take them to the next level."

The duo seeks to improve the Women's Resource Center, currently located in the basement of Le Mans Hall. The Koelsch/Rodarte platform contains a proposal that would redefine the center, potentially integrating it into the ongoing Campus Master Plan.

"As a women's college, something is missing if you don't have a place where you can go, as a woman, and ask for help," Rodarte said. "It seems like we need an area to promote that."

The ticket also hopes to expand the alumni-endorsed application process, extending the idea of a student-endorsed application.

"We want to have a way for students to go into the community and recruit," Koelsch said. "When you have a student who has endorsed your application on campus, that's a powerful connection."

Returning students were also a campus concern for the ticket, who looks to spin off September's Senior Celebration and formulate class traditions to create a more cohesive experience during a student's four years, including a junior ring blessing, sophomore abroad care package program and a first-year wrap-up event.

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Working on enhancing existing strengths on campus.

Platform Highlights

Most feasible idea
- adding programming commissioner to BOG

Least feasible idea
- adding more Marco Money to meal plan

The final word

While not as ambitious as other candidates, Nagle and Renner have attainable, practical, and relevant goals for the SMC community.
Koepke/Hollis tackle needs of average student

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Jill Koepke and Desiree Hollis focus on the little things.

Assembling their leadership experience from smaller leadership organizations, such as Le Mans Hall council, the Pride Week committee and junior class board, the Koepke/Hollis ticket pride itself on having a perspective that only the every day student can have.

"I am, a normal, every day student," said Hollis. "I work in the dining hall. I don't have a car. I feel like it's an advantage to be in the perspective of the average student."

Not having any previous experience in Board of Governance, Koepke said that new faces with knowledge of every day life at Saint Mary's is an advantage.

"It's not that we haven't been involved at all," Koepke said. "We are two new faces that aren't the typical BOG faces. While having BOG experience would be nice, it doesn't necessarily make us unqualified." One of the key initiatives Koepke/Hollis look to continue is to build on the tradition of Pride Week, which they said is symbolic of one of the key points of their campaign.

"One of the most important things is to be proud of the school you go to," Koepke said. "We want to do things to bring the campus together, to improve spirit.

The ticket plans to support Saint Mary's enhanced intramural program and foster more inter-hall competition to increase pride, they said.

The ticket also targets increased communication, through e-mail access to BOG and more information distribution through the Web. The ticket strongly emphasizes fundraising activities that will continue to foster spirit, but will also allow petty funds for BOG to use in the event funding is needed.

One of those proposals is an "Inner Beauty" Pageant, which raises money but also seeks to recognize involved students on campus.

"A Pageant, a construction, or dorm could nominate some­one who wasn't recognized on campus, academics or in activities," Koepke said. "They would have to demon­strate their inner beauty, ... some funny talent or something else. We want to recognize students on campus who aren't recognized," she said.

Among fundraising activities such as capture the flag competitions, snowball fights and a dating game to replace the discontinued date auction, the ticket also proposes a formal auction to raise money.

"Basically, seniors would donate their formal dresses when they were leaving and by silent auction, students could bid on them," Hollis said. "A lot of students don't have the money to buy new dresses, and no one wants to wear the same one twice." The ticket also prides itself on activities that would bring the campus together, such as more twilight tailgates, picnics, on-campus movies and more programs with Notre Dame and Holy Cross.

"Our biggest concern is really bringing this campus together," Koepke said.

Bittner/Banahan illuminate with ideas

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

While typical candidates for student body president and vice president can boast years of Board of Governance experience, neither Missy Bittner nor Molly Banahan can include such credentials on their résumé.

But that, Banahan said, is their advantage.

"It's when you bring new peo­ple in that the greatest ideas come about," Banahan said. Bittner and Banahan, who each hold positions on junior class board and Le Mans Hall council, have assembled a platform that includes more than 20 goals for the year, in areas stemming from Pride Week, multicultural development, spirituality and service and communications and improvement, don't believe that the volume of proposals will hinder any of them from being accomplished.

"You could say that it's only a year, but you could also say that we have a year to get this done. A year is a long time," Bittner said. Bittner and Banahan have already set the ball in motion for several of their initiatives, one of which is enhancing Pride Week activities that have become central to celebrating Saint Mary's spirit.

"Banahan met with the Oprah Winfrey show late in the semes­ter to investigate the possibility of bringing the talk-show host in as a special speaker.

"Bringing Oprah, a woman who has clearly struggled in life and enjoys celebrating women, would be wonderful because she is a very powerful role model," Bittner said.

Winfrey, who has a summer home 10 minutes from South Bend, was interested in speak­ing at a women's campus, Banahan said.

"They said that we had about a 70 percent chance of getting her here," she said. "And that's incredible. Right now, we're just waiting to hear." Other initiatives central to the ticket's campaign are to work to increase communication on campus, which the ticket said is central to keeping students involved.

Part of their communication package includes initiating a proposal for a campus cable network.

Other communication propos­als include investigating a call waiting/integrated messaging option that would allow stu­dents to check voice mail, e-mail and faxes on any campus computer.

"There is a telecommunic­ations switch that has to be replaced within a year," Bittner said. "We can replace it, or we can integrate a new system. Call waiting/integrated messag­ing could be that new system."
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Senior Joline Cruz, whose family is of the San Juan Pueblo tribe of New Mexico said students need to proactively seek experiences with various cultures and races. "If you want to consider this a diverse university, you have to go out and find it, but it's there," she said. The panelists spoke about the progress that they have seen in their college experiences.

"I think I've seen a lot of people learning from each other. People have different opinions about how things are on campus, but I'm starting to recognize the issue as an important one to people," said Jesse Dang, a junior MIS major, who is first-generation American born to Vietnamese parents.

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Kelley was born in Korea and came to the United States at age 8 to live with adoptive parents after his father died. Despite the limited time that he has spent here, Kelley is aware of the problems that the community faces.

"When people learn about each other, it's easier to overcome the barriers. Communication was the main element that the panelists pointed to as necessary and lacking in racial and ethnic relations.

Diversity is a valued quality of any setting and can be successful if there is an effort. Brown, the University's first black Incumben, said he faced potential problems in this role.

He was encouraged to prepare for stereotypes that he might encounter, but he feels confident that he is prepared for other people's images of the way things should be. "What I'm doing now to deal with stereotypes is what I've done in the past, to be myself," said Brown.

Student body president Micah Murphy responded to challenges from the audience to take note of the major stereotypes in the majority, to recognize the issue as an important one to people.

"The most important thing is that is applicable for any student body president. The challenge is to meet each other in the middle. If we don't do that, we'll never get anywhere."

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interest paid on student loans and increases Work-Study funding by $77 million. Additionally the maximum Pell Grant, aimed to aid low-income families, would increase from $3,300 to $3,500.

Sue Brandt, assistant director of Financial Aid at Notre Dame, applauded this move. "They're increasing grant money to the neediest of students," she said.

The GEAR UP program, which targets middle school students from low-income families, would receive an additional $125 million.

The program enlists the support of colleges to provide students with opportunities to eventually receive post-secondary education.

Brandt noted that the proposals cover all phases of college education. The Pell Grants help students while they attend school. Tax credits benefit students' parents, who often shoulder a large portion of educational costs.

Making interest tax-deductible helps students repay loans after graduation. But students shouldn't rely on The measure, which will be appended to the administration's fiscal 2001 budget proposal, need Congressional approval — a formidable hurdle in this election year.

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Where is the money going?

When President Clinton's "College Opportunity Tax Cut" plan becomes operational in 2003, the money will be divided as follows:

- $716 Pell Grants
- $400 Initiative Programs
- $40 Minority Programs
- $35 College Completion Challenge

*The program gives a $10,000 tax cut to middle-income families with children in college.

Elections!!

Are you interested in running for Student Body President/Vice President for the 2000-2001 school year?

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Thursday, January 27, 2000
"Play" fosters intellect, leadership

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

"Our mission at Saint Mary's is a role of leadership and connection to the rest of the world. How can you students, as intellectuals, as thinking women, make a difference for good?"

Patrick White, director, Play of the Mind

"I think it helps give our students an opportunity to meet students from other women's colleges — there are only about 80 left," said Georganna Rosenbush, conference director since 1994. "It also gives them an opportunity to see what happens on other campuses."

Intellectual cooperation

Play of the Mind has always been about intellectual life and leadership.

"When it was started it was to help students practice ways to be leaders and have an affect on this institution," White said. "I think in the United States we're still nervous about the term intellectual and what it might mean. We accuse intellectuals of being dry and not fun, but we're trying to break out of that here."

The interactions throughout the weekend are especially important.

"There is a great deal of energy and sense of flow from the participants," White explained. "Play of the Mind helps give people a sense of encouragement and new ideas to plant on their campuses."

Rosenbush remembers a shy student who attended the conference.

"She came as a shy girl, but Play of the Mind gave her confidence to get up and out and do things," Rosenbush said. The girl later got a job for CNN and was "introducing all kinds of people." White believes everyone can benefit from Play of the Mind.

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"Guests from other colleges arrive today, and the conference kicks off tonight with the keynote presentation, "Re-imagining the Intellectual: Facing the Future, Saving the World," in O'Taughlin Auditorium at 7:30."
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- **Valentine's Date Match: Registration**
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- **Banner Signing for Jeff Goett**
  - Date: 2/1-2/2

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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  - Location: Student Government Office (2nd floor LaFortune)

**Anyone interested in the position of Student Union Calendar Coordinator or Safe Ride Coordinator please contact Matt Mamak at 631-7668.**
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Associated Press

JERUSALEM

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According to the report in Haaretz, the proposal cedes some West Bank territory in exchange for parts of Israel. It was welcomed the ruling, despite the show of support for returning and murdering Muslim and Croat prisoners.

U.N. judges concluded Dusan Tadic's case by shaving five years off a 25-year sentence given to the Bosnian Serb police reservist for torturing and murdering Muslim and Croat prisoners.

Tadic's case, which began May 7, 1996, was a war crimes trial since the post-World War II prosecutions at Nuremberg and Tokyo came to an end Wednesday after nearly four years of hearings, appeals and cross-appeals.

U.N. Chief Prosecutor Carla Del Ponte welcomed the ruling, despite the show of support for returning and murdering Muslim and Croat prisoners.

Tadic was given credit for nearly six years spent in pretrial custody. The defendant gazed ahead indifferently during the half-hour session.

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In 1993, the world was horrified by photographs of massacred men behind burred wire at those camps, evoking images of Jewish prisoners at Nazi death camps. But the Bosnian case of ethnic cleansing, was low," Shahabuddeen said.

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According to Haaretz, the new Palestinian proposal has Israel recognizing the right of Palestinian refugees whose forebears left Israel during its independence war to return — but not actually allowing such a return in practice.

The issue of refugees' right to return to Israel proper is largely symbolic because Israel is not expected to allow it in practice. However, the refugees are expected to be allowed to return to territories of an eventual Palestinian state as part of a final peace deal.

Palestinian officials said there was no basis to the report, insisting their bottom line remains the same: a return of all Palestinian-inhabited land captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast War, a capital in East Jerusalem, and the unconditional right of Palestinians to return.

"It's not true at all," said Yasser Abu Sabbo, one of the two lead Palestinian negotiators. "We didn't submit such a plan to the Americans, nor to others, we didn't even discuss these proposals with the Israelis. This looks like an Israeli trial balloon."

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Pope should retire to save Church in China

With our recent leap into the 21st century comes news that China and the Vatican are at odds over the installation of Catholic bishops. China, without Vatican approval or consultations, ordained bishops of their political liking into the Catholic Church. In an obvious and blatant disregard of the Holy See, politics is driving the Asian country's agenda. Yet the Vatican has remained paralyzed in this outrageously disrespectful assault on the Church.

Such blatant actions against the Church have historically triggered more than just a lukewarm condemnation as in this instance. Some wonder if the lehagric inaction is a indication that John Paul II is unable to keep pace with the rigors necessary to lead the Church against major assaults from powerful government officials.

Critics often see paradox that immediately comes to mind as a slowing down of the pope. While the Vatican has not forcefully acted against China, last year the Holy See took swift and heavy-handed action against Sister Jeanine Gramick, a school sister of Notre Dame, and declared them "ineligible, for any office in the Catholic Church ranks. Yet the seriousness of the bishops' elevations in China is met with silence. Not since the days when popes sold cardinalships to raise huge funds has such perplexing behavior come from the Vatican. Pope John Paul II was the right man at the right time when elected pope. His roots in oppressed Poland tied into a global movement to crush communism and eliminate the Iron Curtain. He energized oppressed peoples around the world and greatly contributed to the new world order steeped in freedom. In light of the pope's failing health, some question why cardinals are required to retire while a pope is ineligible for life. Is the policy another of those "corrected" details, like establishing Christmas in late December to coincide with the pagan holidays, that were done during the early days of the Church? Does anyone really believe that the next pope miraculously somehow changes on the day of his election, or is he, as some contend, the same today — mere years, months or maybe just weeks before he ascends as pope?

Many wonder why the current pope cannot retire. Modern demands of 21st century society upon the Church, like the current China situation, the AIDS crisis in Africa or starvation in overpopulated Third World countries, dictate that the pope be more responsive. Was it Jesus or a pope who decreed that popes serve until death? Wouldn't it strengthen the Church to have a pope emeritus to advise a sitting pope?

We need not abandon our values while moving towards bold, imaginative responses to world problems. A vast majority of Catholics in the 1970s, along with political leaders like Ronald Reagan, opposed both abortion as well as the use of fetal tissue research. Yet today, through fetal tissue experimentation, scientific research, without intrinsically supporting abortion, is close to curing the very disease that will soon claim Reagan's life. Fetal tissue research is now seen by many Catholics as a valuable tool in the fight of disease. Each journey into a new millennium carries with it a new set of demands along with a new set of opportunities. It is easy to rewrite scripture so the congregation may better understand it. However, increasing the ranks of our religious may depend upon relaxing the rule of celibacy. Thwarting AIDS, hunger and overpopulation in underdeveloped nations may demand the use of contraception.

The Catholic Church's survival in Asia may rely on the retirement of a pope. What some view as words of a heretic may just be bold, successful answers in a difficult, fast-paced global society.

Gary J. Carson
Notre Dame '73, is serving in President Clinton's administration as a Congressional and public affairs director and is currently assisting Vice President Gore's Empowerment Commission.
Do you really belong here?

I came to the University of Notre Dame to continue to learn about God. I'm here to listen and pray, to be a better person for having been here. Isn't that everyone's ultimate goal? Believing this, I was a bit surprised today to hear a fellow freshman, Jeff Eyerman, write a letter endorsing the view that marriage is an out-dated and unnecessary institution. According to him, marriage is not necessary to legitimize sex as long as two people are "in love." For the moment, let's set aside the question of what constitutes being "in love," because frankly, that whole line of reasoning has never heard that particular phrase used before and maybe even find it true. That's because you haven't thought it through. Sex is the act by which ordinary human beings become co-creators of new life with God. As a result of the importance of this act, God has created a safe, nurturing environment for sex within marriage. Sex unites two people in the act of creating a new human soul and body from two individual people.

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Remember that verse? Genesis 2:24, "Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." Also, Mark 10:6-8, "But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." Black-and-white, clear as crystal. Sex is reserved for the holy union of marriage with the blessing of God. God intends marriage for the procreation of children, the formation of a family and the strengthening of the relationship between husband and wife. This is the only act originally designed by God to mirror the relationship of Christ to His church: Christ is the Head, the Church is His bride. Starting a family is not something to be taken lightly, therefore, neither is sex. If one does choose to have sex outside of marriage, there are serious consequences. The first is that the two individuals have sinned against God and against His laws for man. The second consequence is that the two individuals have cheapened something very sacred. And no amount of "love" can erase that sin, only the sacrament of Penance can do that. But sex in marriage isn't just for the procreation of children, for strengthening the bond of love between the man and woman committed to the marriage.

Sex, as Mr. Eyerman doesn't seem to understand, makes each partner extremely vulnerable. It's supposed to: that is the way God created it, so that the husband and wife may truly become one. The vulnerability that sex creates is filled by knowing that your spouse is dedicated to you for life. Just like the vows said, "For richer or poorer, in sickness and in health" and all the rest of it. Without the commitment of marriage, sex will leave you totally exposed and emotionally deserted, no matter how much "love" you have.

Within marriage, however, it raises you, your partner and your love to believable heights and actually moves you closer to the love of God. Mature Christians recognize that true love requires commitment. Otherwise it's just a child-like infatuation, one that will someday fade.

Most people don't want a one night, one month or even a one year intense relationship with the fear that someday the one you love will break up with you, leaving you alone again! Commitment is hard, that's why many people marry, and it's a hard kind of love to pretend that you don't need for sex. But they still are, God designed our species that way. The solid commitment of marriage is also worth it. People have been making mistakes could have been prevented, loving families, all the while being deeply in love. And that kind of love can be learned and practiced with you when you don't feel like it when it isn't convenient. Marriage is right with it is the grace and TRUE love to withstand anything, forever. Love, true God-intended love between a man and a woman. It's also God's love also, and the two becomes one.
Movie Review

‘Girl, Interrupted’ delivers it all

By JILLIAN DePAUL
Scene Magazine

When Susanna Kaysen spent a year in a mental institution during the 1970s for attempting suicide, she was diagnosed with a borderline personality. Even after reading “Girl, Interrupted,” the memoir Susanna wrote during her time in the infamous McLean Hospital (it’s the same hospital in which Sylvia Plath spent a few of her teenage years), and seeing its movie representation, it is still unclear what is actually wrong with someone who suffers from a borderline personality. What borderlinesh is she crossing exactly? Is it madness and sanity, or is it merely adolescence and adulthood? This is the question at the heart of “Girl, Interrupted.”

Making “Girl, Interrupted” was a labor of love for its star and executive producer, Winona Ryder, who said she read the brilliantly poignant and coneille memoir by Susanna Kaysen and was inspired not only to see it adapted into a film, but to see it done right. The project was several years in the making, since Ryder stopped it around to several different screenwriters and directors before finally settling on James Mangold, an unlikely choice, who also wrote and directed the 1997 police drama “Cop Land,” and “Heavy” in 1995. The film version of “Girl, Interrupted” succeeds because it does not adhere to the unspoken and often incorrect rule that a good adaptation is an exact adaptation. The book is simply a collection of the author’s memories and thoughts of that time in her life, which despite being extremely provocative, does not translate well directly into film. Therefore, the film injects the necessary elements of plot and direction into the bare-bones story, while maintaining the essence of the book. This essence is the desperation, confusion, and eventual strength of the main character, conveyed in an honest and compassionate voice.

In the tradition of the rather specific mental institution genre of filmmaking, including “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest,” “Girl, Interrupted” is a terrific cast ensemble. The other patients, nurses, doctors and even orderlies collectively give the film a sense of place. And consequently, the hospital itself becomes a touching funny character at times and a frightening one at others. Whoopi Goldberg is as solid as ever playing Valerie, the tough but caring head nurse of their ward: as an antithesis of Nurse Ratched, Valerie understands the girls better than their doctors. Vanessa Redgrave is radiant but underused as the only one of Susanna’s doctors who has a clue, challenging her to re-engage with society on her own terms instead of withdrawing from it completely.

But the real prize of the film is a group of patients who form a camaraderie that is in some way demented, but mostly genuine. There is Georgina, Susanna’s roommate and a pathological liar, played by Clea Duvall. There is Polly (Elizabeth Moss), a sweet, young woman who happened to be born off half of her face, who was a girl and is affectionately called “Toochy” by her ward mates. You cannot forget Daisy, played by Brittany Murphy, who you may recognize from “Clueless,” the ideal member of the ward because whole chickens which are supplied by her father and stores the carcasses under her bed.

Finally, Angelina Jolie is in a class by herself as Lisa, the heartless, sociopathic ringleader of the group. Jolie gives one of those rare electrifying performances that absolutely initiates the screen. She has already won a Golden Globe for her performance, which is without a doubt worthy of an Academy Award. The success of the film hinges on the validity of her portrayal of Lisa, the alternative to re-assimilation into society for Susanna. Lisa tells the truth, that when society lies. Susanna is both drawn to her truth but anchored in the reality external to the hospital walls, even if it is false. Jolie captures simultaneously the seductive and the destructive qualities of her character. The chemistry between Jolie and Ryder is a marvel to watch and “Girl, Interrupted” is definitely worth your extra holiday cash, if you still have any. It covers all the bases; it’s a smart, powerful film with a clever sense of humor, and it even has a good soundtrack.

Video Pick of the Week

A romantic Woody Allen musical?

By JEFFREY Q. IRISH
Scene Movie Critic

Does everyone say “I love you?" Woody Allen thinks so. He wrote, directed and starred in this 1990s style musical about an extended family and its pets with the most wonderful feeling in the world.

“Everyone says I love you” opens with Ed Norton (“Fight Club”) singing “Just you. Just me” to Drew Barrymore (“Ever After”) next to a fountain in Central Park. It brings an immediate grin to your face as you remember what it’s like to be young and in love; as these two must certainly are. The grin rarely leaves your face as you get into the lyrics of Lisa, the aloof member of the ward who eats two out of five shamrocks when society lies. Susanna is both drawn to her truth but anchored in the reality external to the hospital walls, even if it is false. Jolie captures simultaneously the seductive and the destructive qualities of her character. The chemistry between Jolie and Ryder is a marvel to watch and “Girl, Interrupted” is definitely worth your extra holiday cash, if you still have any. It covers all the bases; it’s a smart, powerful film with a clever sense of humor, and it even has a good soundtrack.

Woody Allen’s musical hosts a star-studded cast, including Drew Barrymore, presenting a confusing-as-ever story of romance, heartache and woe.

“Everyone says I love you” is a characteristic Woody Allen film: intelligent, funny, romantic, leftist and set in New York. As an artist, Allen has tried to do films in different genres to challenge his talent; it was only fitting that he attempt a musical. Few modern films employ the classic musical format, only "Little Shop of Horrors" and “Evita” come to mind. "Everyone says” surpasses them in both comedy and romance. All romantic comedies play on the belief that there is that “special someone for you.” We watch the boy meet the girl; and then they split up for 60 minutes, and then the resolution is solved usually by the two falling in love. There is something about Allen’s humbling character that makes you connect with him. We feel his frustrations — because everyone says "I love you."
Succeeds.

or the big green, into the conflicts and struggles of the hero's personal life. See "Raging Bull." "North Dallas Forty." "Rocky" or "Slap-shot" for classic examples where this tactic succeeds.

Formulas, however, are fickle things. The modern manifestation of this convention, while adding depth to typically thin plotlines, is used primarily to sell sports movie tickets to women who could care less how many rounds Rocky Balboa lasted in his first fight against Apollo Creed.

By trying to form a well rounded story, film-makers will often make two entirely different movies which end up squared off somewhere near the last quarter of the film. See "Gladiator." "Blue Chips." "Rocky V" for prime examples where this tactic fails. And for further reference on this disturbing trend, please see "Play It to the Bone." "Raging Bull." "North Dallas Forty," these two warriors swallow their pride and remember how to behave like adults to step into the ring and pummel each other with their fists. Who wins the fight? Do they get their title shot? Will you care at this point in the movie? Yes.

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Woody Harrelson and Antonio Banderas are boxing buddies in "Play It to the Bone." The thematic and formal schizophrenia in "Play It to the Bone" is ultimately confusing and unattractive. It will take its place with the other sports movie failures collecting dust on a video store shelf, while the more convincing titles will remain classics.

The three park their bags and head out into the desert. Why two fighters given a dream-shot at the title would drive to Las Vegas instead of flying is beyond me, and never explained at all in the movie. Everyone knows that all road trips will inevitably result in unforeseen disaster and conflict between the travelers. Not surprisingly, this is exactly what happens with our three crusaders as they travel to fortune's Mecca via automobile. Everything from dust sightings to boisterous familiarity threaten to end Vince and Cesar's friendship and their trip eastward. But that's mostly due to the fiery attitude of Grace, these two warriors swallow their pride and remember how to behave like adults to step into the ring and pummel each other with their fists. Who wins the fight? Do they get their title shot? Will you care at this point in the movie? Yes.

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Box Office

Ice Cube stars as Craig in this weekend's No. 1 movie, "Next Friday," more than expected success as sequel to the 1995 box office hit "Friday." Craig's trip in the suburbs proves to be a big hit with movie fans across the country, who find the 'burb even funnier than the 'hood.

Ice Cube

"Next Friday"

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Dorsets become first father-son duo to start Super Bowl

Associated Press

ATLANTA
He looks a lot like his dad, built like him, too.
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The father was 5-11, 190 when he played in his first Super Bowl with the Dallas Cowboys.
Anthony Dorsett will play in his first Super Bowl on Sunday, trying to win the same kind of championship ring Tony Dorsett has worn since 1978.
But unlike his Hall of Fame father, the younger Dorsett isn’t one of the biggest names on the field. He’s one of the Tennessee Titans’ special teamers, and
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Associated Press

DALLAS

Ed Belfour made 36 saves as the Dallas Stars ran their franchise-record unbeaten streak against the Los Angeles Kings in 22 games with a 3-1 victory Wednesday night. Dallas, 4-0 against Los Angeles this season, is 16-0-6 against the franchise — the Associated Press never against the Kings since April 6, 1990. The Minnesota North Stars had a 21-game streak (17-0-4) against the Kings from 1970-73.

Sergei Zubov scored a power-play goal early in the second period, Zubov’s slap shot from the right point beat goalie Jamie Storr.

Mike Modano had a goal and two assists, and Brett Hull added an empty-net goal with 1:12 seconds left for the injury-plagued Stars. Dallas is missing several of its top players, including defensemen Derian Hatcher, center Joe Nieuwendyk and left wing Jere Lehtinen.

The Stars’ penalty killers kept the Kings scoreless in six power-play chances as Dallas improved to 9-3 in its last 12 games.

The Stars took a 1-0 lead at 11:10 of the first period on Modano’s rebound goal. Modano’s 19th goal of the season one second after the Kings killed a power play.

The Kings tied it at 18:24 of the opening period when Craig Johnson scored his sixth of the season on a wrist shot from the right circle.

Devis 3, Panthers 2

Patrik Elias scored with 1.7 seconds left in overtime to give New Jersey a victory over Florida, extending his Devils-record point streak to 14 games.

Martin Brodeur made 21 saves to extend his winning streak to 10 games and tie his franchise record of 14 straight games without a loss. He’s 12-0-2 in his last 14. In 1997, he went 8-0-6.

The Devils, first in the NHL with 70 points, have won five straight; six in a row on the road and are 12-1-2 in their last 15 games. The Devils’ only loss, 3-2 to Washington on Jan. 14, came in overtime and they netted them a point. Elias intercepted Robert Svehla’s clearing pass to the right of goalie Mike Vernon. The Czech star skated in, faked, and slipped the puck past Vernon’s glove side for a dramatic victory.

Elias has 20 goals in his last 21 games, and 15 goals and eight assists during the streak.

Only one penalty — a late second-period tripping call on New Jersey’s Brad Bombardier — was called in the game. It was the first time Florida has not been called for a penalty.

Florida opened the scoring on Viktor Kozlov’s first-period goal. Randy McKay tied it at 5:21 of the third period, but Mark Patrick put Florida back in front with a breakaway goal at 5:50.

Jason Arnott tied it with 9:13 left, deflecting Sheldon Souray’s shot from the point past Vernon.

The Stars dropped to 17-5-2 at home, and are 6-2-1 in their last nine games.

Blues 4, Senators 1

Stephane Richer scored his 400th career point as St. Louis Young added two goals as the St. Louis Blues beat the Ottawa Senators.

Richer beat goalie Patrick Lalime on a power play at 8:42 of the first period. Richer has eight goals this season for Tampa Bay and St. Louis.

Young scored the winner at 3:07 of the second.

Chris Pronger also scored and Pierre Turgeon had three assists for St. Louis, 11-0-2 against Canadian teams this season.

Ruman Turek made 29 saves for the victory, allowing only Patrick Traverse’s third-period power-play goal.

The Senators are 1-3-2 in their last six games without a loss. He’s 12-0-6 in his last 18 games.

Young one-timed Turgeon’s pass from behind the net past Lalime at 8:57 of the second period. and made it 3-1 with 3:08 left in the period with a shot from the top of the right faceoff circle.

Pronger closed the scoring with a power-play goal midway through the third period.

Capitals 2, Flames 1

Ken Kleo scored the winning goal on a breakaway with 4:15 remaining in the third period, as Washington beat Calgary, extending the Caps’ unbeaten streak to a season-high nine games.

Brendan Witt also scored and Olaf Kolzig made 26 saves for Washington, 8-0-1 during the stretch and 10-1-3 since dropping three consecutive road games in December. The nine-game streak is Washington’s longest since late in the 1986-87 season.

(On the decisive goal, Ulf Dahlén directed the puck to Richard Zednik off a faceoff. Zednik backhanded before sliding a pass to Kleo near the blue line. There he fired a sliding slap shot that beat Fred Brathwaite with 0:29 left in the second period.

Witt opened the scoring with a 3-1 lead in the first period and Holt Domenichelli tied it at 5:50 of the second.

Souray’s shot from the left point for his ninth career tally. His last goal was March 13, 1999, against the Flames.

Domenichelli skated unchecked through the slot to convert a centering pass from Benoit Gratton. Domenichelli’s high eight-game unbeaten run.

Washington, 2-7-5 against Western Conference teams has won the last two games of a four-game homestand. Calgary has won two games in a row, winning streak broken. The Flames have lost four of five on the road.

Red Wings 4, Maple Leafs 2

Sergei Fedorov scored his first goal since Dec. 20 and Chris Osgood made 30 saves as the Detroit Red Wings beat the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Fedorov, who hadn’t scored in 9-3-2 against Toronto, scored his second in the Eastern Conference.

Nicklas Lidstrom and Kirk Malby also scored for the Red Wings, who’ve won two straight after an 0-3-2 skid. The victory also snapped a four-game winless streak (0-3-1) against Toronto and gave Detroit a 269-268-92 edge in the series.

The Red Wings lead the Western Conference with 63 points, while Toronto is tied for second in the Eastern Conference with 58 points.

Malby’s goal, on a breakaway with 4:15 remaining in the third period, was his first of the season. He’s missed most of the season after hernia surgery in October.

Fedorov, who hadn’t scored in his last 11 games, gave Detroit a 3-1 lead in the second period. Fedorov missed Detroit’s last three games of a one-game injury.

Steve Thomas and Mats Sundin scored for Toronto.

Osgood, who played his best game in 10 since returning from a broken hand with a broken hand. He made close-range saves on Bryan Berard and Sundin.

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The St. Louis Rams and Tennessee Titans just started creating excitement in their own cities this season. They sure haven’t built a national following yet.

That’s the challenge facing ABC this week, getting the entire country interested about two teams most people haven’t seen play until the last couple of weeks.

“This game is perfect for the fans tired of seeing the Packers, 49ers and Broncos every year,” ABC announcer Al Michaels said, trying to put a positive spin on this matchup. “This is probably the most improbable Super Bowl matchup of all time. Looking at it in the preseason, this would have been an almost inconceivable pairing.”

While the networks were pumping up Miami, Green Bay, Denver and Dallas throughout the season, St. Louis and Tennessee played in the relative obscurity of regional TV coverage.

The Titans, who played twice on ESPN, were beamed, on average, to about 12 percent of the nation on CBS — less than one-quarter of the coverage area of the Dolphins. There hasn’t been a Super Bowl between two outsiders like this since Cincinnati played San Francisco in 1982 — the only other matchup of teams that didn’t have winning records the previous year.

The silver lining for ABC is that the Bengals-49ers Super Bowl was the highest-rated ever, having been watched in 49.1 percent of American households. “This is a very challenging matchup for us,” ABC director John Filippelli said.

That’s why the NFL is considering a proposal for next year to hold off deciding which late-season games will be shown on Monday nights and nationally on Sunday afternoons until a few weeks before, instead of a few months.

“Clearly as our schedule evolved this year, it didn’t turn out great,” ABC producer Ken Wolfe said. “San Francisco, the Jets and Denver falling apart makes for a difficult time for all of us. I don’t think the league was entirely happy. If this comes to pass, it would be a great thing for the us and the fans.”

That won’t help ABC this week.

So instead, the four-hour pregame show will mix in an emotional feature on Walter Payton with a national introduction to the two teams playing this week.

“We can’t take for granted that everyone watching is totally familiar with these two teams,” said John Filippelli, the vice president of production for ABC Sports. “It’s incumbent on us to find the right balance between letting people know the players and doing what’s emotional.”

ABC also isn’t helped by the fact that St. Louis and Nashville are the 21st- and 30th-largest markets, respectively. That means there aren’t enough fans in those cities to offset any lack of interest in the rest of the country.

“Because there aren’t big markets involved, there’s bound to be some fall off. How much is anyone’s guess,” said Ron Frederick, an advertising executive at J. Walter Thompson.

The small-market effect wasn’t that dramatic in the league championship games. Fox’s coverage of St. Louis-Tampa Bay was 2 percent higher than last year’s late game between Denver and the Jets, while CBS’ telecast of Tennessee-Jacksonville was 6 percent lower than the Atlanta-Minnesota game a year ago.

Frederick predicts that the small markets, the lack of exposure, and even the elimination of the bye week all could contribute to ABC falling short of its goal of a 42 rating.

However, even if that happens, enough people will still gather around their TV sets Sunday night to make the Super Bowl the highest-rated show of the year.

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BOXING

Tyson awaits Francis in England

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MANCHESTER, England

Mike Tyson hit town Wednesday night, three days before he'll hit Julius Francis. A crowd of about 700 people greeted the former heavyweight champion when he arrived by bus at his Manchester hotel. Tyson was hustled through a back door, but later waved to the crowd from a hotel window.

"I think it's a good thing for him to come to the area because it bonds people and it is bringing everyone together," said Aslan Vasi, 27, who lives in the city's tough Moss Side district.

Francis, the British heavyweight champion, is not expected to get hit very hard.

The last time Tyson fought outside the United States, he lost the undisputed heavyweight title. He was knocked out in the 10th round by James "Buster" Douglas in 1990 in one of the biggest upsets in boxing history.

But Francis is 35 years old and does not possess the boxing skill or punching power of Douglas. And while Tyson has slipped at 33, he's still a dangerous fighter.

Certainly against Francis, who has a record of 21-7, Tyson carries a record of 46-3, with 1 no contest and 40 knockouts, into the bout at MEN Arena.

Tyson worked out in London on Wednesday before being driven three hours north to Manchester.

Tickets for the 10-round fight at the 20,000-seat arena went on sale in December and were gone within two days.

If the purpose of this journey to England was an ego trip for Tyson, the mission has succeeded.

Despite the controversy over allowing Tyson into Britain because of his three-year prison term on a rape conviction and the protests of a women's organization, Tyson has received star treatment from the public and much of the media.

It seems almost every utterance by Tyson is reported, often in headlines.

Consider his statement, "I think I'm going to kill Julius Francis," in which he was merely trying to say that he was going to knock out Francis. But the British tabloids regarded the remark as if Tyson were speaking with criminal intent.

Since arriving 10 days ago, Tyson has mounted a public relations campaign to soften his image. He recounted how he had been humiliated recently in California.

"My wife and I were in Hollywood and we went to a wax museum," he said. "We went into the Chamber of Horrors and there was a wax dummy of me in a cage. It devastated my wife. They humiliated and degraded me in front of my wife. All my life I have been humiliated."

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PHOENIX OPEN

Duval is favorite in field without Tiger

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — David Duval won’t have to think about Tiger Woods at the Phoenix Open.

Woods, the only golfer hotter than Duval the last three years, is skipping the raucous event. Last year, a fan heckling Woods was found to have had a loaded pistol in a fast-food pack.

Organizers have tightened restrictions on drinking, but the commotion from last year did not deter Woods’ decision.

He simply does not like to play more than four consecutive tournaments, and is expected to enter four next month.

That leaves Duval to deal with the rest of a deep field — and the TPC of Scottsdale course itself. He has had 31 top 10 finishes since 1996, but none at Phoenix.

“I like playing here, and I’m surprised I haven’t contended a little more seriously than I have,” Duval said about the 7,083-yard layout. His final rounds have ruined his chances. In 1997, when he was teeing up this week.

He has no quarrel with those three tournaments.

“The field features Davis Love III, Vijay Singh, Chris Perry, Hal Sutton, Justin Leonard and Jeff Maggert, who all won more than $2 million last season. There’s also Jesper Parnevik, the Hope champion and 2000 money leader with $808,700 earned in three tournaments,” Duval said about the rest of his field.

Duvall wishes Woods — who has never won in Phoenix — was teeing up this week.

“When I win a golf tournament, I want everybody there to think they have played as well as they can. I want him to walk away from a tournament that we played, and I want him to think he played the best he can and I got him. That’s kind of my attitude about it.”

NCAA BASKETBALL

NCAA reduces Purdue penalties

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Purdue will pay about $80,000 in penalties rather than $800,000 for violating rules on recruiting, extra benefits and ethical conduct in its men’s basketball program, the NCAA ruled Wednesday.

The NCAA’s decision leaves unsettled the fate of former assistant Frank Kendrick and Purdue’s 1995-96 Big Ten championship. Purdue officials said Wednesday it’s too early to tell what will happen in either case.

“It’s been a long haul. A lot of different people have been involved,” Purdue athletic director Morgan Burke said.

Purdue had challenged the NCAA’s committee on infractions, which said in June that Kendrick arranged the contacts leading to a $4,000 bank loan made to Purdue player Luther Clay in August 1995. The committee also said Kendrick arranged contacts for financial assistance provided by Indianapolis businessman Gene McFadden to the mother of former Purdue player Porter Roberts.

The appeals committee on Wednesday vacated one finding against Kendrick, saying evidence the assistant arranged for the mother of a prospect to move to Indianapolis wasn’t reliable. Kendrick has been reassigned to another university

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he was protected from the masses by tinted windows and locked doors. Not all sports offered these luxuries though. The king enjoyed basketball very much, stemming from his days as a player. If he was to enjoy a basketball game, though, he would have to grace his subjects with his presence. And so he attended his beloved game sitting near the court in the finest seats in the building. His loyal subjects sat behind him with his jester by his side. And so the king and his jester came faithfully to nearly every game.

One would think that this sort of enthusiasm and support would be appreciated by his subjects for it isn’t often that a king would lower himself to being that close in proximity to the proletariat. But there was something wrong with the king and there was something wrong with the jester. At least it appeared as if there was something wrong. For the king and his jester simply sat and stared, arms folded, eyes glazed, looking as if they didn’t want to be at the game. Looking as if they didn’t want to be near their subjects. The team competed, occasionally looking incompetent, occasionally looking unbeatable, occasionally looking incompetent. The subjects cheered, celebrating the good times and roaring their encouragement through the bad times. But the king and his jester refrained and simply stared ahead.

After the game, the loyal subjects filed out of the arena, some days smiling, some days shaking their heads in disapproval. But the king and his jester didn’t change their expressions, they just picked up their coats and left. They didn’t even clap.

OK, so storytelling isn’t my cup of tea. I’ll spare you the sequel.

The results of the game didn’t matter. They just sat there. It baffles me that two such admirable for the two of them to enjoy them, not endure them. We can all agree that it’s admirable for the two of them to enjoy them, not endure them. We can all agree that it’s admirable for the two of them to enjoy them, not endure them. We can all agree that it’s healthy to have fun, to smile and laugh, to have fun.

As a player for Notre Dame from 1961-1963, Malloy should have an idea what the players are enduring on the court and how beneficial a loud crowd is to creating a tough atmosphere for opponents to play in. He should also know what it’s like to play before a crowd that looks as bored as he and his executive vice president have looked this year.

Beauchamp, on the other hand, should know the importance of success of our teams.

His primary responsibility is to act as a link between Malloy and the athletic department. Their successes reflect upon the quality of his job. Why would he act so catatonically at the game?

At what point in becoming important did these two men forget how to have fun? The games are played so that spectators can enjoy them, not endure them. We can all agree that it’s healthy to have fun, to smile and laugh, to have fun. It’s OK for important people to smile and have fun. As acting like you’re enjoying the game is too much of a chore, then I urge you to stay home. Leave those seats open for the kids behind you. At least they look like they’re alive.
Langhi’s last-second free throws give win to Vandy

Associated Press

Dan Langhi’s two free throws with one second remaining in the closest lifted the 20th-ranked Vanderbilt Commodores past the South Carolina Gamecocks, 61-60, in an SEC clash at Frank McGuire Arena. Langhi finished with 21 points and 11 boards for the Commodores, who moved to 13-3 on the season and 4-2 in the conference. The Gamecocks (9-10, 3-5 SEC) have lost five straight.

With Vanderbilt leading 57-56, Chuck Eidson drilled a jumper to give the hosts a one-point edge with just under three minutes to play. The Gamecocks would up their lead to 60-57 on an Aaron Lucas basket with 39 seconds remaining, but the Commodores scored the final four points of the game to steal the win.

Anthony Williams’ putback with 23 ticks on the clock pulled Vandy within one, 60-59. South Carolina then turned the ball over to give the Commodores one last chance. Williams attempted a shot that was blocked by Herbert Lee Davis, but Langhi picked up the loose ball and was fouled by Lucas with just one second left. The senior forward calmly drilled both free throws to help the Commodores snap a four-game slide in South Carolina.

Cowboys 71, Wildcats 56

Desmond Mason had 23 points and 10 rebounds, leading the 15th-ranked Oklahoma State Cowboys to a 71-56 win over Kansas State in a Big 12 battle at Bramlage Coliseum. The Cowboys (12-2, 4-1 in the conference) also received 14 points and nine boards from Brian Montonati in beating the Wildcats (8-9, 1-5 Big 12) for the fourth consecutive time.

Oklahoma State had a seven-point edge with just under 12 minutes to go in the opening half, but Galen Morrison scored seven straight points and later hit two free throws to give Kansas State a 21-20 advantage with 6 1/2 minutes left. The Cowboys then went on an 18-5 run to close the half with a 38-26 lead. Mason had 13 of his points at the break.

The Wildcats got as close as seven in the second half with 10:48 remaining, but the Cowboys would not let the hosts get any closer. Langhi finished with 21 points, then led an 11-5 spurt over the rest of the game. Prince put the Wildcats ahead 57-56, Chuck Eidson drilled a 3-point shot, and Magloire made it 68-64 55 seconds later. Georgia got within two points twice more, but Prince’s basket with 1:49 left made it 70-66.

Wildcats 75, Bulldogs 69

Tayshaun Prince scored six of his 14 points down the stretch Wednesday night and No. 16 Kentucky continued its domination of Georgia with a 75-69 victory, the Wildcats’ 13th straight over the Bulldogs.

Kentucky (14-5, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) won its fourth straight overall and 10th in 11 games. Georgia (9-10, 2-5) last beat the Wildcats on Jan. 8, 1994, a 94-93 overtime victory.

Saul Smith’s 3-pointer 3:42 into the second half gave Kentucky a 52-43 lead. Georgia tied it 64-64 with 3:47 to play on a basket by Anthony Evans. But Prince and Jamaal Magloire, who led Kentucky with 19 points, then led an 11-5 spurt over the rest of the game. Prince put the Wildcats ahead to stay at 66-64 with a basket with 3:35 left and Magloire made it 68-64 55 seconds later. Georgia got within two points twice more, but Prince’s basket with 1:49 left made it 70-66.

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**ARIZONA BASKETBALL**

Arizona wins cross-state rivalry over ASU

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz.

Fifth-ranked Arizona, led by freshmen guards Gilbert Arenas and Jason Gardner, routed Arizona State 82-55 Wednesday night, one point short of the most one-sided road victory ever for the Wildcats against their arch-rivals.

Arenas scored a career-high 24 points on 10-for-13 shooting and Gardner added 16 as the six minutes of the first half, then broke the game open in the final 24 points on 10-for-13 shooting.

State prevented the Wildcats eight rebounds seven turnovers, one point short of the most in the second.

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This one was much, much easier.

Arenas also had a game-high eight rebounds seven turnovers, five in the first half.

Only a late spurt by Arizona State prevented the Wildcats from recording their most one-sided road victory ever in the series. The biggest win for Arizona in Tempe was 101-73 in 1988. The largest margin in the series is 40, a 99-59 Arizona victory in Tucson that same season.

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The Sun Devils, who haven’t beaten the Wildcats since 1995, shot 28 percent in the first half (9-for-32); compared with 57 percent (17-for-30) for Arizona.

Arenas and Gardner each scored 10 points for Arizona, which bounced back from Saturday’s loss at Southern California.

Walton’s total was a career high.

The lead reached 70-33 when Anderson, one of two reserves in coach Lute Olson’s seven-man rotation, made a free throw, missed the second, then grabbed the rebound and scored with 8:12 to play.

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Tanner Shell and Tommy Smith each scored 10 points for Arizona, which came to Tempe, the Wildcats’ leading scorer, had his third straight Grand Slam finals since Rod Laver swept them all in 1969. For Sampras, history awaits as he tries to win his 15th major title and surpass Roy Emerson.

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Yet there is a fear that Sampras senses against Agassi and no one else.

“Once stands on the baseline and is basically looking you in the eye and saying, ‘Ace me!’ And if you don’t ace him, he is going to pounce on that second serve,” Sampras said.

Similarly, Agassi is undaunted by everyone else, but he knows that Sampras is capable of breaking down his baseline game with relentless net attacks.

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**AUSTRALIAN OPEN**

**Agassi, Sampras to face off today**

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia

At a moment when Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras are playing arguably the best tennis of their lives, they will meet a round too soon in the Australian Open semifinals.

It is the final before the final, a match that could set up the tournament for an anticlimactic finish.

The women final would be infused with greater drama if Jennifer Capriati and Lindsay Davenport, Olympic champions who took different paths to their careers, were to meet for the title. Instead, they will face each other in the semifinals.

Reaching the semis on the other side of the women’s draw Wednesday were three-time defending champion Martina Hingis and 1998 runner-up Conchita Martinez.

Hingis crushed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario 6-1, 6-1, and Martinez emerged a 6-3, 4-6, 9-7 winner over Elena Likhovtseva, who had previously knocked out Serena Williams.

Defending men’s champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov reached the semis, beating Younes El Aynaoui 6-0, 6-3, 7-6 (4), and will face the winner of Wednesday night’s match between No. 4 Nicolas Kiefer and No. 12 Magnus Norman.

Agassi and Sampras both anticipate the high voltage that courses through all their matches, a charge that emanates from their days in the juniors and intensifies year by year as the stakes rise and they edge closer to the end of their careers.

On this occasion, Agassi will be seeking to become the first player to reach four straight Grand Slam finals since Rod Laver swept them all in 1969.

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Women's Basketball
Ivey up for St. Louis honor

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame senior guard Niele Ivey has been named a finalist for the College Sportswoman of the Year award.

Nominees for the award are those from the St. Louis area who have distinguished themselves in the community and the athletic arena.

Ivey is a co-captain on this year's 1999-2000 Notre Dame team which has a 15-2 record.

She is a three-year starter on the Irish team, currently is one of three players averaging double figures with an 11.4 scoring average. She leads the team in assists and steals and currently ranks ninth nationally with a 7.0 assist average. Ivey was a third-team all-Big East selection in her final scholastic season.

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Irish extend win streak to 12

By KERRY SMITH  Assistant Sports Editor

History repeated itself Wednesday.

Two years ago, the Irish traveled to New York to take on the Red Storm and won by a decisive 20-point margin.

Last night, they did it again, keeping their perfect record against the Red Storm alive at 6-0, the No. 5 Irish extended their winning streak to 12 with a 69-49 victory.

The win gives head coach Muffet McGraw and the Irish their longest winning streak since the 1990-1991 season.

Improving to 16-2 overall and remaining undefeated in the Big East conference, the Irish are in prime form heading into the final stretch of the regular season.

Irish guard Danielle Green and center Ruth Riley paced the squad with 16 points apiece. Green took control of the court in the first half, registering 11 points and putting on a solid offensive performance.

With tight Irish defense on the floor, the Red Storm had trouble finding the basket in the first half, connecting on just six of 32 for a season-low shooting rate of just 19 percent.

Despite poor shooting, the Red Storm stepped onto the court ready to play in the opening minutes of the game. Latasha Thompson's two-pointer put the Red Storm on top 14-13 midway through the first half.

The Irish defense refused to let the Red Storm extend the lead. Instead, McGraw's squad went on a 12-1 run to lead 25-15 with eight minutes remaining in the half and extended the margin to 33-19 by the buzzer.

That type of stifling defense has been typical for the Irish in conference games this season. Solid play has resulted in an opponents' scoring average of just less than 50 points per game.

From the opening tip of the second half, Riley picked up where Green left off on offense. Scoring 12 of her 16 points in the second half, Riley secured the win for the Irish.

The Red Storm came within 10 with less than seven minutes remaining in regulation, but could not close the gap. The Irish distanced themselves with a 15-0 run to take a 67-44 lead with less than two minutes remaining on the clock.

Riley secured the win for the Irish. The Red Storm  extend the lead.

Last night was just getting a feel for it but I always had in mind this year — knowing that I would be competing.

Five days ago, the women's sabre team made its debut at New York University. The squad compiled a 4-0 record against top competitors St. John's, Stanford and Columbia to become the only Irish squad to start the season undefeated.

The strong showing was surprising even to sabre captain McCullough.

"I think we thought we were going to do OK," she said. "I think we had a little bit of a shock when we beat St. John's. They were supposed to be one of our toughest matches and we beat them 5-4."

McCullough and Flanagan were on the strip by freshman Natalie Mazur in the first competition of the season. Mazur led the squad in wins with 10 while McCullough and Flanagan were not far behind with nine and eight wins, respectively. Flanagan fenced especially well against St. John's — compiling a 3-0 record.

Head coach Yves Auriol was very pleased with the sabre team's results.

"Most of the fencers came from the physical education program," he said. "And it is really amazing how much progress they have made in the year and a half that they have been train-