Committee favors Renner/Nagle after balked ballot

* Renner appeals Koelsch/Rodarte win after ‘improper’ election
By NOREEN GILLESPIE

Krispie Renner’s Sunday-night appeal of Friday’s presidential vote allayed election results and left the Renner/Nagle ticket victorious, according to reports from Renner and the President of Governance Election Committee. Emily Koelsch and Rachelle Rodarte originally secured victory in Friday’s election, carrying 51 percent of Saint Mary’s ballots. Friday’s vote, the third in the 2000 campaign, was authorized by Student Activities director Georgeanna Rosenbush after Wednesday’s runoff ended in a tie.

After more than three hours of debate Sunday night, the Elections Committee tallied raw votes from Monday and Wednesday’s elections. The Renner/Nagle ticket, having secured 43 percent of the raw vote on Monday, emerged ahead of Koelsch/Rodarte, with 46.5 percent of the total vote. Koelsch/Rodarte fell behind with 43.7 percent of the vote. The Koelsch/Rodarte ticket could not be reached for comment early Monday morning.

Renner’s appeal states that Rosenbush unduly relinquished responsibility for the election from the proper BOG committee.

“Rosenbush unduly relinquished responsibility for the election from the proper BOG committee,” Renner said in the appeal. “Those present at ballot counting assumed that Georgeanna was familiar with election bylaws, yet the Elections Committee was not notified that it was their ultimate authority to make the final decision.”

She went on to say that Friday’s third vote should have allowed off-campus students to vote in the off-campus lounge as they had Monday and Wednesday. While they were allowed to vote in the dining hall based on the precedent set in the

SafeRide undergoes revisions
By LAURA ROMPF

As the program continued, it faced increased difficulty. The coordinator, who worked for student government, also had to find volunteers, make sure the vans were ready, have people to work the phones, Mamak said. “This was a big responsibility over the course of the semester. The program became inconsistent, so we decided to reevaluate and think about it again. We wanted to find a way to improve SafeRide,” he added.

Mamak estimated that on peak nights, 60 to 70 calls were received. However, on off nights, only about 10 to 15 calls were received. Other complications added to SafeRide’s problems. It was expanded last year to three nights and incentives were offered to volunteers.

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So usually I walk by the old lady that sits low, hiding in the brush, waiting for the evil ones who seek to destroy "not only" by stealing a chair or table from the dining hall. Legend has it that the day they figure out how to get a table through that side door, off to Dillon, that Catholicism itself will meet its doom.

These predators of truth and justice stand ever vigilantly, waiting and watching, and then belting a hearty "Come back here!" every time I run out the side door. While running like mad, I realize that I left a quality newspaper, such as "The Observer," feeble for a second, but then I realize I just paid to eat there. That lady can pick up my paper. Besides she's bored. You can tell by the way her shifty eyes move around."

Here's another thing that's been bothering me: those people that play in the snow. It's snow. It's cold. I hate it. Snow is God's way of saying, "Look what we can do with a snowstorm."

I actually, just make a big pile and make sure you whap your rector upside the head with the snow. And then I realize "I can't do that."

Remember, anybody that can't see the fun in snow is a boring person.

The future of Stanford's prestigious pool of faculty and students since its inception in 1891, the university has been concerned with housing for faculty and students. The present housing problem, especially for faculty members, has become so acute that associate provost Jeff Wachtel said "it has become a crisis situation in the last two to three years." "Housing has always been an issue for incoming faculty here and also for the retention of faculty because everyone is looking at housing in other parts of the country. It used to be that we could neutralize housing as a factor by using special programs to help faculty members cover their housing costs," Wachtel said. These programs, which impact the purchase of homes both on and off campus, have included a housing allowance available for a fixed period of time, a down payment assistance loan and a mortgage assistance loan that is set at a low interest rate.

Grand jury indict LSU student for stabbing of dean

BATON ROUGE, La. A grand jury indicted a Louisiana State University student Wednesday for attempted second degree murder in connection with the Jan. 24 stabbing of interim dean of student John Baker.

Marques Smith, a philosophy junior, was also formally charged with impersonating a peace officer and two counts of forgery, said prosecutor Aaron Brooks.

The forgery charges stem from Smith allegedly signing his professors' names on grade change sheets in December, and the other charges refer to him allegedly impersonating an FFI officer at Baker's home.

Brooks said Smith allegedly changed the grades in two of his classes: Chemistry 1001 and French 1501.

Smith allegedly changed his "F" in chemistry to an "A" and his "D" in French to a "B," Brooks said. Smith, 20, is currently booked in East Baton Rouge Parish Prison, and bail is set at $250,000.

The District Attorney's Office has set Smith's tentative trial date as July 17, Brooks said.

Smith could face a maximum of 50 years jail time or a minimum of 10 if he is found guilty of these charges, Brooks said.

Local weather

This Week at Notre Dame/Saint Mary's

Monday
- Film: "Blade Runner," 7 p.m., Snite Museum
- Lecture: "History of Gospel Music," noon, Haggard Park, Saint Mary's College

Tuesday
- Lecture: Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, author "Race Rules: Navigating the Color Line," 7:30 p.m.
- Auditorium
- Film: "Bagdad Cafe," 7 p.m., Snite Museum

Wednesday
- International Film Festival: "Private Life," 7 p.m., Montgomery
- Theatres, LaFortune
- Prayer service: Christian prayer and praise service, 9 p.m.
- Chapel, Saint Mary's

Thursday
- Blood Drives: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Rollins Sports Rec Center
- Performance: "Grease," 7:30 p.m., Pasquerella East Music Company, Washington Hall

Outside the Dome

High housing costs concern Stanford

The Stanford of future's prestigious pool of faculty could be in danger because of the escalating price of housing in the Silicon Valley, according to faculty and staff who are working on the issue. While the university has been concerned with housing for faculty and students since its inception in 1891, the housing problem, especially for faculty members, has become so acute that associate provost Jeff Wachtel said "it has become a crisis situation in the last two to three years." "Housing has always been an issue for incoming faculty here and also for the retention of faculty because everyone is looking at housing in other parts of the country. It used to be that we could neutralize housing as a factor by using special programs to help faculty members cover their housing costs," Wachtel said. These programs, which impact the purchase of homes both on and off campus, have included a housing allowance available for a fixed period of time, a down payment assistance loan and a mortgage assistance loan that is set at a low interest rate.

National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Monday, Feb. 7.

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A Quinas’ journey similar to ours

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

Father Thomas O’Meara brought Thomas Aquinas into the new millennium in his lecture, “Real People and Real Presence: Thomas Aquinas on the Sacraments,” held on Saturday as part of the daylong Third Annual Thomas Aquinas Symposium. “The issue for us is to go on a journey,” O’Meara said. “We go on this journey not by steps but by the actions of our lives. The sacraments mark special events on the journey of life.”

O’Meara opened his lecture with remarks about journeys in life. Thomas Aquinas’ journey through life is similar to our own, O’Meara said.

“The sacraments are for real persons. They are not for dead people,” O’Meara said. “Sacraments contact people through their senses and emotions.”

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O’Meara then tackled the concept of the Eucharist and its accidental and divine components. The risen Christ is in the Eucharist, O’Meara said. “The substance was the underlying reality of the thing. All of the accidents remain. What we perceive still remains: the bread and the wine. Our faith sees something deeper,” he continued. “Our faith says that the underlying reality is that of Christ.”

With his final thoughts, O’Meara related Aquinas’ concerns about the different views of the Eucharist. One theory, still prevalent today, is that the Eucharist is merely a symbol. “This is heretical because it is contrary to the words of Christ,” O’Meara said. “Aquinas prefers to call them signs, [because] the sacraments are not only symbols.”

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previous two votes, "it is obvious that this election was improperly conducted."

Renner stressed early Monday morning that established regulations were not followed in this case.

"Bottom line, my main concern was that the Elections Committee was not given the jurisdiction to make that decision Wednesday night," Renner said early Monday morning.

"This was not a personal attack on Emily Koelsch and Rachel Rodarte. It was a faulty election on Friday and I was very concerned about that."

Results may not remain final, however.

According to Board of Governance bylaws, parties have 48 hours after the final vote to appeal results before they become final. The latest decision will become official shortly after midnight Tuesday.

"We realize this is an emotional strain for everyone involved," said Allison Wade, an Elections Committee spokesperson.

"As the Elections Committee, we represent the student body and think this was the best decision. We're sticking to it."

Renner said she, Michelle Nagle, Koelsch and Rodarte will meet this morning to discuss possible combination of their tickets in positions of president and vice president.

"Right now we are under discussion about what would be best for the student body," Renner said.

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Friday and Saturday. Also in addition, dorms and clubs could sponsor a night and earn $50," said Michael Palumbo, student body vice president.

"It was the first year there was incentive to work, the first two years the program depended completely on volunteers," Palumbo added.

All these complications persuaded student leaders to reevaluate the program.

"I was a skeptic at first, and wondered whether we really need the program because we did not receive phone calls complaining that the program didn't exist," Mamak said.

"However, after sitting on the committee and talking to students, I saw a definite need for the program. From there we worked on improvements to make SafeRide successful again."

"At the beginning of this year we didn't feel many of the problems were resolved, so the Student Union on Transportation committee was formed," Palumbo said.

The committee — made up of senators, hall presidents, student government and treasury office members — compiled a report and presented it to Senate in November.

After reviewing the report, the Senate concluded that the service was still in demand, Palumbo said.

"A new plan was devised to address the problem that there was no central coordinator," he said.

"The new proposal called for a coordinator who would be employed through the security office."

The coordinator would be paid $7.10 an hour, the highest rate a student can earn, Palumbo said.

Their responsibilities would include publicity, getting volunteers or employees, and also training these employees.

In addition to hiring an outside coordinator, the new plan cut SafeRide to two nights of operation.

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The 24th annual Keenan Revue cast entertained audiences this weekend at O'Laughlin Auditorium with musicians, comedians and magicians.
Prostitutes paid to quit

A STUDENT protester confronts police at the National Autonomous University of Mexico Sunday. Police arrested 632 students who had been protesting the University's plans to raise tuition since April.

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"We were all here to get a 'M.esh' degree," Carol said.

After leaving Saint Mary's, Vivian decided to pursue a career in interior design, Carol lost contact with her, and that upset the children, who learned of their mother's sexual orientation after her death.

"It was difficult for the youngest, especially," said Carol. "But since then, they have matured.

Since her collegiate experience, Carol was still struggling to find acceptance among society, or at the least, an escape from unwelcoming attitudes. She found that escape in the Michigan Women's Music Festival.

"There are straight women and lesbian women there together, and nobody cares," she said. "But once you leave, and come back to the real world, that different, unwelcoming environment-smacks you in the face. You have to go back to that perception of society-they should be.

While Carol does say things have improved, she still is still in conflict with friends from school who have been unable to fully come out, she said.

Because of the silent attitude towards sexuality as a topic, finding women struggling with their own sexual identity was, and still is, difficult. Befriending one woman who was coming out at the same time, at the time, they are the only two that were homosexual in their class.

"As far as I know, we are the only two in our whole school who could be more, but we don't know. My oldest friend is still very quiet about it. She was afraid to come out then because of job opportunities, and she is still quiet now.

Vivian

Vivian Ostroski knew she had to escape because of who she was. With vivid memories of Saint Mary's, she didn't want to start at the campus level, and that is why she got out of there. "I want a space for lesbians to meet at Saint Mary's that is safe," Vivian said, who currently works at the University of Massachusetts in the provost's office. "I want a speaker's bureau of people who are willing to come out and tell their stories. I want someone in the mental health departments, administration, and security that has a clue. I want a class in queer culture, so that gay and lesbian issues are at the heart of the experience here.

"I want gay and lesbian language in the liturgies," she said. "I want there to be safe zones on campus where students know they can go and be free.

I want a plan for dealing with gay violence before it happens. I want the part of the mission statement that deals with diversity to be at the bottom of the college's stationery so that everyone is welcome.

Many women also expressed the need to reach out to lesbian alumni.

"I see articles in the Courier about gay and lesbian issues, to reach out to women who are willing to be reached," Carol said.

The push for any change, however, needs to come from students. "I want there to be safe zones on campus where students know they can go and be free.

"But the initiative has to rest with students. If these are upstart administrators, they have to go out and get them. This is a student issue — you can change the environment tremendously.

The women agreed that they wanted to graduate women who had been educated about sexual orientation and diversity issues.

"I want women who leave this college to be informed about diversity issues," Vivian said. "It's not just about sexual orientation — it's about racism and classicism, too. I thought being gay was about fighting discrimination. It wasn't until I left here that I realized it was about culture.
Indian Housing Council estimates that U.S. reservations need 200,000 houses to alleviate overcrowding and replace inadequate dwellings. More than half of the Navajo Reservation’s 56,372 homes lack complete plumbing and a large percentage still use wood as the primary heating source, according to 1990 census figures.

"The country is moving so rapidly, we’re losing the chance to catch up," said Navajo community development director Benjamin Jones. What keeps many American Indians from being able to buy or live in adequate homes is a head-spinning host of problems: high unemployment, few willing lenders, almost no private land and bureaucratic red tape.

Even basic knowledge about establishing good credit and applying for mortgages can trip would-be buyers, said Earnest Goatson, director of theNavajo Housing Service Department. The federal housing program is more of a subsidy program than a home ownership program," he said. "They see a house more as a giveaway."

Tradition can also prove a major obstacle to modern housing. Jones said.

Navajos have historically lived far apart, with the rugged northern Arizona hills separating their own crops and sheep from their neighbors. "The way they saw their homes was spiritual, more of a cathedral, not property," Jones said. Building a home, he said, was a measure of manhood.

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Even Navajos with steady jobs face obstacles to home ownership. Jones holds a position inNavajo government roughly equivalent to a Cabinet post, yet he lives in government housing he calls a "stall."

"I’d be happy to buy a place if there was a place to buy, but there’s not," he said. Indian reservations are generally made up of trust land controlled by the federal government or family allotments, which can have dozens or even hundreds of owners. Such allotments create so much red tape and uncertainty for lending institutions that conventional mortgages are rarely granted.

Between 1992 and 1996, just 90 conventional loans were made in Indian country, and half of those came from a tribe’s own bank, said Christopher Boesen, executive director of the National American Indian Housing Council in Washington.

Reservations sorely lack private financing because many lenders don’t see reservations as viable home loan markets, he said, forcing many Indians to live in substandard housing. "This is the land America has forgotten," said Scott Bray, who works with the Navajo community development division in Window Rock and is not a tribal member. "America has forgotten about these people."

Wanda Segina
Navajo mother

"It's a living hell. It's a disaster for me as a mom," said Segina, whose children attend the local elementary school. Segina’s living conditions are shared by thousands more on the 4.8 million-acre Navajo Reservation, which sprawls across portions of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, and throughout America’s Indian reservations, where housing is desperately short supply and often substandard.

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King Abdullah speeds up reforms
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King Abdullah II had a little advice for ministers and business leaders disagreeing over how to bring about educational reforms in his country.

"Roll up your sleeves and get down to work," the 38-year-old king roared as he presided over a meeting on upgrading the school system. "Unless we move fast on this track within a year or two, we risk losing the opportunity.

Since Abdullah became the surprise choice to succeed his father, King Hussein, a year ago, the energetic and often impatient new leader's preoccupation has been speeding up reforms in his destitute country.

Hussein, who died Feb 7, was credited with transforming his country from a land of nomad Bedouins into a largely cosmopolitan nation that exports doctors and engineers to the Arab world.

Challenges at least as great face his son.

Jordan is saddled with foreign debt of $7 billion and unemployment that officially stands at 14 percent but is said to be near 40 percent. Poverty is rampant, its 4.8 million people live in twice that. About 20 percent of the year's budget is for education. The energy sector is unorganized and bureaucracy hampers foreign and local investment. The king has cleared two cabinet ministers and placed other officials on notice to fix state institutions to inspect the services citizens receive.

He personally fired two doctors in charge of the public al-Bashir Hospital three months ago when they ignored his instructions to fix two elevators. Abdullah sometimes posed as an old man, a television reporter or a taxi driver — a ploy that allowed him to freely listen to complaints from his countrymen.

"After my first several visits, it was like Elvis," a chortling Abdullah told foreign media correspondents recently. "There were sightings all over the country, but when it did it, it created fear in the civil service.

"They started treating everybody as a king because they didn't know whether the next guy standing in line was the (real) king," he said. "Now people are on their toes."

Such moves have sent Abdullah's popularity soaring among younger Jordanians, who have revered Hussein for his liberal outlook but see in the new king a determination to make changes that would improve their lives.

"King Hussein was the father of all Jordanians, but King Abdullah is the brother of the Jordanians," said 39-year-old Samer Abed al-Hadi, a civil engineer.

Until his father's deathbed decision, Abdullah was a tank company commander with little experience in affairs of state. He was considered a long shot to assume the Hashemite Throne — one of the Middle East's key political posts — since his uncle, Prince Hassan, had been crown prince from 1965. But Hussein deposed Hassan just days before he died.

Abdullah was labeled a political novice, but has shown himself capable of setting his own agenda.

He has forged crucial strategic alliances to ensure the survival of a country that had been estranged by the Arab-Israeli conflict over the past 25 years. Abdullah's hands-on approach has earned him the nickname "Jordan's chief executive officer," and his calls for greater public freedoms, civil rights, social justice and equality have raised blood pressures in a government and parliament dominated by conservative politicians.

The new king also has staged raids on state institutions to inspect the services citizens receive. He personally fired two doctors in charge of the public al-Bashir Hospital three months ago when they ignored his instructions to fix two elevators.

"Roll up your sleeves and get down to work. Unless we move fast on this track within a year or two, we risk losing the opportunity."

Abdullah II
King of Jordan

GERMANY

Nine passengers die in train derailment
Associated Press

BRUEHL

An overnight express train filled with Alpine ski vacationers was racing far over the posted speed limit when it derailed Sunday south of Cologne, killing at least nine passengers and injuring almost 100, authorities said.

The sleeper train heading from Amsterdam to Basel, Switzerland, derailed shortly after midnight at a switch, said German railways spokesman Manfred Ziegeruth. Several cars were crushed.

Rescue workers using heavy equipment and search dogs broke open mangled blue coaches at the debris-strewn site throughout the day. Medics had to amputate limbs in five injured people.

More bodies might be buried under wreacked coaches that were still being cleared late Sunday, lead police investigator Winrich Granitzka said. Sixteen Germans, four Americans and two Dutch passengers were unaccounted for, he said, adding that they may have been thrown into the scene on their own.

Authorities were unable to immediately identify the dead or even determine their nationalities because their bodies were so badly mutilated. Granitzka said 32 passengers suffered serious injuries and 44 others had minor injuries.

Granitzka said the nine-car Amsterdam-Based train, carrying about 300 people from as far away as Mexico and Japan, was traveling 76 mph in a 25 mph zone when it hit the switch and derailed.

The train left Amsterdam at 8 p.m. Saturday and had barely pulled out of Cologne heading south when it derailed. Many of the travelers were on their way to ski vacations in the Alps, officials said.

As the train left the tracks, one car flipped on its side and another was crushed against a steel post. The engine lurched down an embankment along with several of the front cars and hit a house, ripping off the balcony before coming to rest just inside the living room, police said. The couple who lived there was not hurt.

George Kellermann, a German radio reporter who happened to be aboard, said the train had slowed down just before the derailment and only started up again when it crashed. He said he and his wife were thrown out of their compartment and back in again as the train lurched off the tracks.

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Austria

Holocaust compensation approved

He told his interviewers that the previous government of Austria's Social Democrats had not really dealt with the Nazi past, including issues like the compensation of forced laborers. He said the new government would seek to redress their grievances and those of Holocaust victims.

"Where we have inflicted great injustice on our Jewish fellow citizens or wiped out our memories of defeats in two wars," he said. "We must take permanent measures, he said.

Haider won international notoriety for statements praising Adolf Hitler's 'orderly employment' policies and lauding veterans of the SS as "decent people of good character"—comments for which he has since apologized. The rise to power of his party has polarized a society with memories of defeats in two wars.

Referring to his past vitriolic attacks on other Austrian leaders, Haider said his party would refrain from "oppositional reflexes and unnecessary sharpness ... and prove that, factually, we can reason very well."

Elsewhere Sunday, Israeli Interior Minister Natan Sharansky announced that Haider is banned from entering Israel.

The ban is the latest formal expression of anti-Israeli sentiment in Austria. Israel recalled its ambassador from Vienna as soon as the Austrian coalition was approved.

"It is a very important symbolic act to know that he is not desired in our country. We hope that other countries follow our example," Sharansky said.

Haider has expressed an interest in visiting Israel, and that his party tried unsuccessfully to hire a local public relations firm to spruce up his image there.

The Freedom Party's inclusion in government has drawn public protests both inside and outside Austria. On Sunday, about 300 demonstrators gathered outside the Austrian embassy in Paris, shouting "Haider, fascist, collaborator." And on Saturday, a Haider demonstrator scuffled with police in downtown Vienna for a second night, despite appeals for calm from Klestil.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Suspected IRA dissidents山县omb hotel

Associated Press

BELFAST

Suspected Irish Republican Army dissidents bombed a rural hotel Sunday -- an attack that caused no reported injuries but gave Northern Ireland a bitter reminder of the days the province is struggling to leave behind.

It was the first such attack here since 1998. A caller claiming to be from the Continuity IRA, a small dissident group opposed to the IRA's 1997 truce, told the BBC in Belfast that bombs had been left at two hotels in rural County Fermanagh.

Police evacuated both hotels shortly before a bomb, apparently inside a car, went off at the rear of Mahon's Hotel in the village of Irvinestown. Police said they couldn't find any suspicious devices at the other threatened hotel.

"There will always be people who try to undermine the peace process," a spokesperson for Prime Minister Tony Blair's Downing Street office said. "We will do what we can to make sure they do not succeed."

Earlier Sunday, Protestants and Catholics prayed for the salvation of Northern Ireland's peace process and for an unprecedented leap of faith from the IRA.

The IRA's refusal to say whether it will disarm has brought the province's new government to the brink of collapse.

"Even if until this moment you never intended to decommission weapons, it is possible for you to change your mind," the leader of the Methodist Church in Ireland, Kenneth Wilson, said in an appeal to the IRA. "It is possible for you to make a magnificent gesture -- not in the march in time to the British tune or the (Protestant) unionist tune but, if I may say, to God's tune."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair emphasized Sunday that he wants to gain a disarmament commitment from the IRA this week. Otherwise, Britain intends to take back the powers it transferred in December to the province's new Protestant-Liberal coalition Cabinet in Belfast.

That transfer of power was a key part of the Good Friday peace accord. It ended 27 years of direct rule of the province from London.

Rendering the four-party coalition powerless would decrease the risk that its major partners, the Ulster Unionists, would collapse the Cabinet outright by resigning.

In November, the Ulster Unionists accepted the IRA's linked Sinn Fein party as Cabinet colleagues on condition that IRA disarmament follow. But the province's disarmament commission reported Jan. 31 that its two months of secret discussions with IRA figures had produced no concrete progress.

On Saturday, IRA command­ers said British and Ulster unionist pressure might spurn them to disarm -- but hinted they might be in a disarming someday, saying for the first time that "the issue of arms needs to be dealt with in an acceptable way."

Sinn Fein said the IRA's statement represented a significant change in policy. But Blair said it did not answer the question of whether the IRA will disarm.

"This is the moment when we simply need to know," Blair told a conference of his governing Labor Party in Blackpool. "Until now, we discussed about Ireland. Because this issue of decommissioning is not going to change, it's not going to disappear, it's not going to alter in its essentials. It's just got to be confronted and resolved now.

Responding to Sinn Fein complaints that his government's blunt approach "would only make the IRA dig in its heels," Blair said: I'm not speaking in anger. I'm not standing here as the British prime minister making demands. I can't make any­one do this, I can only say that now when it is needed to know whether it's going to happen, or it's not."
MINORITIES NOT REPRESENTED ON TV

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Ever since the networks announced their fall lineups last year, the Big Four have been scrambling to deal with accusations of racial bias in their programming.

The NAACP and other minority rights organizations felt that the fall season would be a virtual "wrecking ball" almost completely void of blacks. Hispanics or other ethnicities beyond the traditional white European.

While the NAACP cited shows like "Friends." "Dave Carey" and the new drama "Once and Again" for their lack of color, networks throw out feeble excuses and l carousel attempts to prove their devotion to equality in programming — i.e. NBC's attempt to pass off "West Wing" Martin Sheen as a Hispanic-American. Now that all the backpedaling is over and the fall season has already seen its winners and losers come to the forefront, we can take the time to examine whether all the complaints, threatened boycotts and network cow-towing really made a difference at all.

Here is the black-and-white truth about television: It is a for-profit venture. FOX, CBS and all the others can claim they want to put forth quality programming. But if "quality inspiration" doesn't entertain people of all backgrounds, then it's time to replace quality with profit. If you own a lineups or inserted series just for their skin color, they have, in essence, become a one-line joke.

The solution? Color-blind casting, for one. Instead of writing shows where parts are defined from the get-go by racial status, create characters who are people, and then see who best fits the part. Obviously if you are writing a sitcom about four Jewish friends in New York, you might have to be a little more specific in your casting, but we'll allow that.)

If shows are going to be judged on their color make-up or forced to add characters just to attain a perfect ratio, quality will suffer. And given the sad state of television today, that's something we couldn't have.

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Sidewalk cleaning is unsatisfactory

I have been attending this University now for two years and have loved almost every second of it. I truly appreciate the lengths to which the University goes to beautify the campus. The ability to pick up every leaf on campus during a football game weekend not only makes the campus aesthetically pleasing but mind-boggling.

For this, I thank you. But now for the problem I've encountered, and I would guess others have also.

I just spent 25 minutes trying to get my car out of D-2000. If I remember correctly it has been at least a week since the last snowfall, which was not very hard. I know it might be a chore to plow the lot with all the cars in it, but some effort would be nice. D-2000 has not been touched once since the initial snowfall of the season, and just because it has not snowed does not mean that snow has disappeared. There are now new parking spots being created and this has created further problems, especially for those who don't know how to drive in this weather.

I went to a junior college for two years before transferring into this University. There I spent $2,000 per year for my education. However, there was always a clean parking lot along with clean sidewalks. The effort given to the sidewalks is extremely unsatisfactory. The big sweep machine that they use to brush the sidewalks is ridiculous. Get some garbage snow plows out and clear the sidewalks and parking lots. I think we can dip into the small bag of money that is allocated to sidewalks and parking lots. We can think of it as a small bag of money that this University has and clean this place up during the winter. It is not like this is the first snow in the University's history. So do something about it, please.

Eric Amato
Senior
St. Edward's Hall
February 2, 2000

President of the AFL-CIO and Iona College graduate, John Sweeney, has extolled the Catholic Social Teaching in his efforts to re-invigorate the labor movement to its early commitment to social justice.

Several years ago, a worldwide conference was held in the Vatican for directors of national social justice offices — analogous to the U.S. Catholic Conference. The gathering of these well informed people was that, given the control of so many governments by exploitative multinational-als, the only way to monitor and curb abuses is by implementation of a strong coalition of local religious groups, national union confederations, the United Nations International Labor Organization in Geneva and national activist groups.

Many of these religious, union and activist groups already have ties to each other and investigate and decry abuses of workers' rights. In some areas of the world, local and missionary personnel are already cooperating with local unions and activist groups to improve the conditions for workers. However, they need more financial, moral and political assistance from outside groups.

Bailing more of that assistance could usher in better results.

Eric Amato
VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

‘Vigilante 8: Second Offense’ ignites the screen

By GEOFF HIPLE
Scene Writer

If you're looking to enjoy a relaxing Sunday drive, go visit Amish country. The picturesque scenery and peaceful atmosphere creates a calming environment that allows you to unwind and appreciate the simple pleasures of life.

For those seeking a more intense experience, ‘Vigilante 8: Second Offense’ offers a thrilling ride through a world of vehicular combat and action. This sequel to the popular original game continues the mission to save the roadways of America and prove that in fact, they are the most diesel troop.

The new PlayStation thriller ‘Vigilante 8: Second Offense’ is packed full of options to suit any gamers’ interests. A mix of settings, characters and vehicles makes the game a hit with any video game action enthusiast.

Almost every video game player’s dream, ‘Second Offense’ is a must-play for those who enjoy high-speed car chases, intense battles and the thrill of driving into the heart of enemy territory.

‘Wu-Tang’ is just like other fighting games

By MICHAEL KERR
Scene Writer

What do you get when you cross a legendary rap group with modern technology? An all-out fighting simulation game that certainly doesn’t leave much to the imagination.

If you aren’t familiar with Wu-Tang Clan, this fighting video game starring the group is a must-play. The game offers a diverse mix of settings, characters and vehicles that produce a tremendous product that can appeal to almost any video game player’s interests. Despite masterful graphics, substantial character development and full-throttle devastation, a superior quality to ‘Wu-Tang’ is something that the new V8 really allows the game to be controlled by the video game players. Tons “Second Offense” in your PlayStation and buckle-up your adrenaline because the intense action will drive you to pure pandemonium.

The original V8 featured a myriad of playing options (both one and two players), “Second Offense” develops upon that solid foundation yet adds some new playing perspectives. The Quest Mode, made popular by the “First Offense,” consists of eight levels for each character. To win each level, one must complete the mission objectives and destroy all enemy vehicles. Throughout this mode, potential rock-of-dry-dirt have the ability to learn the secrets of the Wu-Tang master. He has been kidnapped by bandits who are desperate to learn the secrets of the Wu-Tang words fighting style. Set up in a "street fighter" format, you are forced to face numerous foes in a quest to save your host.

As far as graphics go, “Wu-Tang: Shaolin Style” is very tough to beat, and 3-D graphics and lifelike movements make each battle eerily realistic. It is not a game where “just hitting the buttons” will get you very far. Each of the characters you can choose from has more than 20 signature moves that must be mastered in order to complete the quest. A very nice feature of this game is that it provides a practice mode where you can spar and learn all of the secret moves. The menu in this mode allows you to button by button instruction for the more difficult moves. Wu-Tang definitely makes this practice necessary as the difficulty of competition is elevated very quickly.

Among other assorted bonuses associated with this game include a great soundtrack personally laid down by the Wu-Tang Clan. It is also a plus to be able to choose from the entire cast of the original Wu-Tang. From O’Dwyer to Method Man, each character takes on its distinct personality with lifelike voice-overs well dispersed throughout the game.

On the downside, the violence associated with this game makes “Mortal Kombat” seem like a game for sissies. The fatalities involved in each fight are graphic and leave you sometimes sick to your stomach. A parental lock feature at the beginning of “Wu-Tang: Shaolin Style” serves well to keep impressionable minds from getting into the really gory scenes.

Another downside lies in the actual difficulty involved in the game itself. Some levels are literally impossible to conquer without incredible amounts of patience and practice. Although countless hours of work have obviously gone into developing this game, it does little to truly set itself apart from the fighting games of the past. Even though the addition of the overall popularity of the Wu-Tang Clan to this game does a lot, it fails to impress as a truly unique game. The die-hard Wu-Tang Clan fans will love this game, but those who have no idea about this group will leave this game much in taste and substance, but it is not a game that this group leaves this game undisputedly disappointed.

Overall, “Wu-Tang: Shaolin Style” is an entertaining game. It may lack much in taste and substance, but it is definitely something worth trying out. Although not recommended for anyone young, most Wu-Tang fans will find that this game is exactly what they expect from them: a cutting edge endeavor that definitely sets them apart from everyone else in the rap industry.
SHOW REVIEW

‘Best yet’ Revue scores with audiences

By MOLLY McSHANE
Scene Writer

If there is one thing college students cannot get enough of, it’s, er, inappropriate, perverted humor. If there are two things, it’s that and cheesy television theme songs.

The young men from Keenan Hall came through with plenty of those popular items this weekend in their 24th annual Keenan Review. During their opening speech, director Mike Romanelli and producer Matt Johnson stated more than once that this year’s review was the “best yet.” Maybe it was the fact that it was the last show of the year, or maybe it was the hundreds of girls in the audience all waiting to dance the night away, but this Saturday’s performance of the Keenan Review was a spectacular event.

The show opened with the unveiling of “Keenan, the Barbarian” (a short, skinny kid trying to lift a large sword), and, of course, his 250-pound “sidekick.” The music and narration created a certain amount of excitement and anticipation for the rest of the night, but what first got the audience cheering was the word “bung” when describing the barbarian. And thus, the mood was set.

Gratuitous, the show was not all puns and fart noises. There were also some impressive musical acts, like the All Night Long,” complete with a fog machine and matching dance act from the cast of magic. These acts were not only extraordinary, but also a nice break between the usual and half-heartedly performed skits.

Some outstanding individual performances emerged from the Keenan Knights this Saturday as well. Ryan Cunningham entertained the masses with a short stand-up routine. He discussed, among other things, the overwhelming amounts of pornography found on the Internet these days. It seems that even his innocent research on the topic of “sweet, sweet donkey loving” led him to sites based on popular cartoons. Sometimes you could forget Mike McKegney’s touching song, “Captain Willy Finger Puppet?” His childhood memories are now also our own.

The Revue also included acts that were not meant to offend or cause nervous laughter. There was the amazing piano playing by Kevin Dowdell, who (even without back-up dancers) captivated the crowd with his remarkable talent.

Christopher Welch wowed the audience with his impressive magic tricks and a piece of rope (or many pieces). These tricks were not only extraordinary, but also a nice break between the usual and half-heartedly performed skits.

Naturally, campus issues were a main focus of the sarcastic wit provided by the men of Keenan. Stealing from the history of the Coneman Hall, the consistent squirrels and, of course, gender relations were subjects that got big reactions from the audience. Particularly amusing was the skit involving the relationship between computer clusters and their solution for every problem – including a disemboweled hard drive – to “reboot your computer system.”

The outstanding success in Saturday’s performance was the one entitled “First Phone Call,” in which four guys attempted to explain where exactly gender relations were wrong at Notre Dame. The problem apparently started with the inability of the “genre” to “call” between future roommates before they were roommates. Two young men enacted the female call, and two others enacted the male call. The women were naturally very high-pitched and awkward, and the men were cool and laid back. The female roommates were calling each other soul mates, while the men were being careful not to sound too excited about a video game the other had. One of the women said that she wasn’t planning on taking her “skanky” dress to school, because she “couldn’t think of any reason why she would want to look attractive at Notre Dame.” That line got an immense reaction from both sexes in the audience, although perhaps for different reasons.

And, of course, there were jokes about religion. Piusius Plate’s guide to getting out of awkward situations, Jesus getting hammered at the ‘Backer and DARTing into the afterlife are all subjects not touched upon in the theology courses provided at Notre Dame. But the risqué nature was not all just sexual. For the success they were. However, inappropriate, the line “Thank you Mr. Plate, but no thank you for killing Jesus Christ!” got big laughs from the many practicing Catholics in the audience.

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threw down the gauntlet to Reese in the first round. "I'll round victory Sunday, then Smokin' Joe Frazier's daughter."

Murphy in, holding him to 20 points. Of Notre Dame's nine boards, outrebounding the Irish with 17, Seabrooks' ble digits — Greer and crucial moments against St. John's.

Freshman Donatas Zavackas was a key addition to the Panther's game, after freezing the first match against the Irish. Zavackas, despite scoring two points and four rebounds, managed to keep Murphy from holding him to 20 points of Notre Dame's nine losses. Murphy has been kept below his scoring average in all but one.

**Boxing**

**Frazier wins, challenges Ali**

Associated Press

SCRAMTON, Pa. — Frazier-Lyde, Smokin' Joe Frazier's daughter, turned pro with a first-round victory Sunday, then threw down the gauntlet to Muhammad Ali's daughter, LaLisa.

"LaLisa Ali, you wanted to know if I was a professional fighter, you don't know what you're asking," said Frazier Lyde said after stopping Teena Reese in the first round. "I'll kick your butt LaLisa Ali."

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NFL

NFC defeats AFC in highest-scoring Pro Bowl

Associated Press

HONOLULU

Randy Moss set records with nine catches for 212 yards, and Mike Alstott scored three touchdowns in the NFC's 51-31 victory over the AFC on Sunday in the highest-scoring Pro Bowl ever.

Arizona's Aeneas Williams and Tampa Bay's Derrick Brooks returned interceptions for touchdowns as the NFC dominated the game from the start in snapping a three-game AFC win streak. The 92 points broke the record of 64 set in 1980.

Moss, the 6-foot-4 Minnesota star selected the MVP, used his height advantage to outleap the AFC defensive backs, particularly 5-11 Sam Madison of Miami and 6-foot-1 James Hasty of Kansas City. Moss' last catch was a 25-yard TD reception from Carolina's Steve Beuerlein with 1:05 to play that closed the scoring.

Abbott, the Tampa Bay fullback, scored on runs of 1, 3 and 1 yards. He finished with 13 carries for 67 yards.

Brooks picked off a pass from Jacksonville quarterback Mark Brunell and raced untouched 20 yards to make it 44-24 with 11:12 left.

Jaguars receiver Jimmy Smith caught three touchdown passes, and finished with eight catches for 119 yards. His last score, a 52-yarder from Indianapolis' Peyton Manning, made it 44-31 with 6:30 to play.

Manning had two touchdown passes and two interceptions, including the 62-yard return by Williams that gave the NFC a 27-0 lead less than three minutes into the game.

Williams had an open field after Colts receiver Marvin Harrison fell down, and he raced down the left sideline for the score.

The next time the NFC had the ball, St. Louis quarterback Kurt Warner connected with Moss for 48 yards to put the ball on the AFC 5. Warner, the Super Bowl MVP, was 8-of-11 for 123 yards.

Detroit's Jason Hanson kicked a 51-yarder at the end of the half.

The NFC pushed its lead to 51-24 just 1:05 into the third quarter when Kansas City tight end Tony Gonzalez caught a 10-yard pass with 1:05 to play that closed out the first half.

The AFC got on the board after Brunell teamed with Smith on a 5-yard touchdown pass from 20 seconds left in the half.

Manning then led the AFC on an 87-yard drive that ended with a 21-yard TD pass to Smith with 20 seconds left in the half.

A 56-yard return by Mike Bates of the Carolina Panthers set up Hanson's 51-yarder as time expired.

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The Irish survived a last-second Buckeye penalty shot to remain in fifth place in the CCHA standings. The close victory gave the Notre Dame hockey team (12-14-6, 9-8-5) a split in the weekend series in Columbus, Ohio.

The Irish came back from a 3-1 loss to the Buckeyes on Friday night to pull out a 2-1 overtime win on Ian Carlson's goal with 56 seconds remaining in overtime. Senior Ben Simon set up the play with a pass from the left side of the crease, where freshman Michael Chin slapped it toward the net. Carlson gathered the rebound and put it past the OSU goalie for his fourth game-winning goal of the season and team-high 12th goal.

Karl Malone and a jumper off the left wing from 20 feet away. A loose puck off a shot by Jaren Jackson gave Bryan Russell a pair of free throws which put Utah ahead 93-90.

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Hockey
Icers split CCHA weekend series against Buckeyes
By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Irish nearly lost the game with time running out in regulation. UOS's Eric Meloche came into the Notre Dame zone on a breakaway. Tyson Fraser tried to cut the forward off. Meloche beat Fraser to the shot and managed to get a shot off that was denied by Irish goaltender Tony Zasowski.

The referee, however, called for a penalty shot and had swung at the puck as he was sliding forward behind the crease. With argument from the Irish bench, UOS's leading scorer took the penalty shot and fired wide, with only 16 seconds remaining. The missed shot left the game tied at 1 at the end of regulation.

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bale," said Irish defensemen Sean Molina. "It was huge for us to come back and win, es­pecially Dan Carlson scoring that goal. We were playing well and came from behind in the series to get the win in the second game." The Irish scored first in the game. Chin put the Irish up 1-0 in the first period, converting on the rebound off of Ryan Duncan's shot. The goal gave Chin six points in the last five games.

The Irish went on to domi­nate the game, scoring on the power play midway through the first period. Irish freshman go­altender Tony Zasowski had stopped the pass through the puck but it squirmed loose next to McCormick's easy goal. OSU then added a goal later on the second period on freshman right wing Bill Gaudet. Still, the Irish were in the lead, 2-1, going into the third period.

Carlson scored on a feed from Simon early in the third period to put the Irish in the driver's seat. They were not able to tie the game in the remainder of the period, as Notre Dame put an empty-netter as the Buckeyes put the game away.

"Friday was not an indication of Notre Dame hockey," Molina said. "We had to concentrate on coming together as a team and talk about it on Saturday. We did a bet­ter job of coming together and putting the game out of their hands to defeat the Buckeyes. Notre Dame fell behind 1-0 as truck baskets helped the Utah Jazz break a 3-3 tie with a driving layup. Stockton's driving layup to put Utah ahead 89-88. After

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failed to add to their lead. They turned a three-point deficit into a 3-1 win. Senior goalie Ray Aho made 26 saves and Ohio State's offense made the most out of their chances to defeat the Irish.

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"We knew he was going to take the last shot," Malone said. "We just wanted to make sure it was a tough shot." Duncan led the Spurs with 32 points, 24 coming in the first half. He managed just two points in the final period.

"He's been a great player," said Malone, who led Utah with 25 points. "It's a tough game for him. We were going to let him get into a rhythm in the second half, but I made him stop.

They started doubling in the second half," Duncan said. "They started coming in a little quicker.

Duncan has totaled 172 points in his last 15 games against Utah. The last time San Antonio scored at least 120 points and posted a winning percentage of .800 was during the 1984-85 season.

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though, went to Kidd. Payton added 13 points and six assists for the Suns, who lost in Seattle after a 16-2 run, scoring 13 points in 13 minutes, pulling down a team-leading eight rebounds and making a mockery of his injured right leg. The Suns were ready to come back from a 30-point deficit in the fourth quarter to put the game out of their hands to defeat the Buckeyes.

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didn't take long to show the Detroit Pistons that he was ready to come back from a bruised left knee.

"I chuckle at the way he's been measured," Miami coach Pat Riley said of Ewing, whose game is rounding back into form after missing the first 20 games recovering from a partially torn Achilles' tendon. "You only have to coach a guy like Patrick to know what kind of heart he has. I think he's just beginning to show it."
FENCING

Notre Dame posts 11-1 record at Northwestern

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Assistant Sports Editor

EVANSTON, Ill.
The men's and women's fencing teams combined for an 11-1 record Saturday at a Midwest Conference dual meet at Northwestern.

Led by perfect records from epeeist Brian Casas, foilists Ozren Debic and Forest Walton, and sabreurs Andrea Bednarski and Gabby Szelle, the men won all six of their matches by a combined score of 146-16.

The women posted the most impressive win of the day with a 27-0 shut out against Lawrence but dropped a close bout to Northwestern, 15-12, to finish the day 5-1.

"Obviously we were disappointed about the women losing to Northwestern," men's foil captain Jim Harris said. "But they fenced well. They fenced better than they did against Penn State. I am really happy about where the team is in right now and we are going to be ready for the Midwest Championships in March."

Epee captain Kim DeMaio was also disappointed with the women losing to Northwestern but stressed the improvement shown after last weekend's loss to Penn State. While the women improved in the close bouts, the Irish were hoping to deal the Wildcats a loss after several derogatory comments against Notre Dame surfaced in The Daily "derogatory comments against Notre Dame surfaced in The Daily Northwestern.

"They have some tough fencers but we showed some improvement over last week especially in the close bouts," she said. "We were 6-1 in the 4-4 bouts. It was so arrogant in their paper."

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While the foil team got strong performances by the 4-0 Harris and Jeremy Beau who went 4-1, epee reserves Dominic Guarnacelli and Scott Gabler went 5-1 and 4-1, respectively.

In addition to the undefeated records of Casas, Debic, Szelle, Walton and Bednarski, the Irish starters posted strong weekends. Epee captain James Krol's place, Kelly Orsi fenced a strong weekend and finished with an 11-2 record. Freshman Liza Boutsikaris continued to shine with an 11-0 record while Freshman Ana Canick's 3-0 record, however, threatened to rout the Irish. Led by fresh­man Anna Canick's 3-0 record, however, the Irish battled back.

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Irish sabre squad routs Midwest competition

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Assistant Sports Editor

EVANSTON, Ill.

The most pressing concern for the men’s sabre squad weren’t strategy or style Saturday against the Minnesota Gophers, but instead the identity of a first baseman.

“Who’s on first?” Freshman Matt Fabricant asked his fellow sabre fencers before the match.

While the Irish never determined if “I don’t know” played second or third base, they were the top sabre squad in the Midwest with convincing wins over Northwestern, Purdue, Chicago, Lawrence, Minnesota and Case-Western.

The biggest challenge for the Irish this weekend wasn’t the tough competition but the lack of competition.

“It’s harder fencing the guys that aren’t very good competition because it’s a lot easier,” said Fabricant who posted an 11-1 record on Saturday. “It’s hard to get around certain things.”

Senior captain Clay Morton had the difficult task of trying to get his team focused on the meet when it was obvious that the Irish would win easily.

“If I was as good as they are, they are used to this loose win,” Morton said. “They just go out there and do what they need to and then go cheer for the other squads.”

Setting individual goals and expectations was important at a meet where the team was practically guaranteed six wins.

“Everyday you are out there you are competing against yourself,” said junior sabreman Andrej Bednarski, who led the Irish with a 15-0 record.

“So you have to keep yourself amused by finding things and keeping everyone amused.”

Bednarski found a way to keep himself amused against the Gophers. With the team’s lead cut to 7-5, Bednarski remained focused when he gave up a touch.

Bednarski quickly tuned the disappointment of giving up a touch into laughter when he jumped in the air and slashed his opponent’s head for a 5-1 win.

Bednarski is clearly the joker of the squad with his antics on the strip.

“I don’t take anything too seriously — opponents, myself, coaches, other teammates as well as everything else,” he said.

Bednarski and sophomore Gabor Szelle have both earned All-America honors in the past while Fabricant and sophomore Andre Crompton are both capable of All-American status this year.

With four talented sabre fencers on the team and only three starting spots, Morton has a tough job finding them all a chance to fence.

“First you just let them duke it out and then see who comes out on top,” Morton said. “Then you give the fourth person shots to see if he can do it.”

With Crompton fencing internationally Saturday, Fabricant got the chance to step into the starting lineup.

“Matt has shown he can do it,” Morton said. “Crompton didn’t come to practice but Matt stepped up and won every bout because it’s fun that your second best guy leaves and you don’t lose a thing.”

Fabricant admits that it’s tough to wait behind such strong teamates but said that team goals are more important than individual accolades.

“It’s definitely tough to wait for your turn but I am just here to support the team,” Fabricant said. “It’s all about the team and not one individual.”

Even beyond the top four, the sabre team dominated. Morton finished the day with an 8-0 record while Tony Rizzuti also posted a perfect record at 5-0.

With so much talent, practices are often more intense than the meets. The Irish go head-to-head every day in practice to figure out starting positions and respect among teammates.

“Practice is much more difficult,” Fabricant said. “Fencing with Gabor and Andrej and Arne — it is much easier to fence (other teams)”

On a squad with so much talent, one fencer still distinguishes himself as the best — Szelle.

“He makes it look easy,” Morton said. “He’s smooth and fast as lightning. It’s a great asset to have him as part of the team. When he fences on the spring floor, he makes us better and uplifts the whole squad.”

Szelle even finished second at the NCAA’s last year, won an ACC championship with the Irish. Szelle also finished second at the Junior World Cup Championships in 1998.

In 2000, he has set his sights on his first NCAA sabre individual championship.

“That’s my goal for this year,” he said. “I know I have the ability and I want to be at the NCAA championships.”

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faces. This unselfishness off the court transcends to their success on the floor. There are no looks of disgust when they are taken out of a game; no smug demeanor when their teammates miss a shot.

Glance at the season statistics and you’ll see four players averaging between 10.8 and 15 points per game. No player averages more than 10 field goal attempts per game. The Irish average more than 20 assists per game. Eight players average more than 10 minutes per game. Five different players have led the team in scoring in a game with eight different players leading in rebounding.

Every night there seems to be a new face in the spotlight. For the past two games it’s been Kelley Siemons’ turn to shine. One game after scoring a career-high 23 points against Providence, the junior forward contributed 11 points and 14 rebounds on Saturday. Playing the entire second half, Siemons dominated the boards against the Eagles, on both ends of the floor. A starter last year, Siemons has adjusted well to her new role.

“I was hard for me (coming off the bench),” Siemons said. “But now later in the season it’s really a role that I’ve come to like. I can get a feel for the game so when I come in, I can be ready to play.”

“She’s really done a great job with her attitude in terms of acceptance of her role (coming off the bench),” Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. “With Danielle Green (coming off the bench) in the starting lineup we need a spark off the bench and Kelley has been that spark.”

Siemons’ acceptance of her role coming off the bench is a microcosm of what makes this team special.

The main role is played by junior Ruth Riley — the team leader in both scoring and rebounding. The 6-foot-5 All-American center, among the nation’s best players turned in one of her best performances of the season against Boston College with 23 points on 7-for-11 shooting and 9-for-10 from the line.

Her dominance was never more apparent than in the first 12:17 of the second half on Saturday. In that span, Riley scored 15 of her team’s 21 points, helping expand the lead from three to 12. At one point, Riley had 11 points in a row, including a perfect five for five from the foul line.

And on defense, Riley limited Eagles center Jamie Haney, Amanda Barksdale and Meghan Leahy. The quartet provides rebounding and defensive help for the Irish, who have six players taller than 6-foot.

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Yet even Riley only shoots nine times per game, far below what a star player usually attempts. With her size, repertoire of post moves and 64 percent mark from the foul line, Riley could be easily be a 20-point, 10-rebound performer every night.

But it’s Riley’s unselfishness, her willingness to be patient on offense and get her teammates involved that has helped this team to a 19-2 record.

“When you look at her statistics, you’ve got to realize who she’s playing with,” said one WNMAA scout at Saturday’s game.

The supporting cast includes freshman Alicia Ratay, whose sweet jumper reminded Irish fans of a past great, former All-American Beth Morgan.

There’s the point guard and team leader, Niele Ivey. She has the unique talent of being able to dominate a game without scoring. On Saturday, Ivey shot just 1-for-11 from the field, but hauled down nine rebounds, dished out nine assists and had three steals in 38 minutes.

Her backcourt mate Green’s speed and quickness helps the Irish in transition. The 5-foot-8 senior scored 19 points on Saturday, with none of her field goals coming from further than eight feet away. When the Irish needed her most, Green delivered with nine points in the final 6:18 of the game.

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the lead, the Eagles tied the
game twice and kept the Irish
scrambling.

Bourhard was a menace on
the perimeter, hitting 4-7 from
3-point range and leading the
Eagles with 17 points.

“I think they [BCG] are an
excellent team,” said Irish
head coach Muffet McGraw.
“Their guard play is outstanding.
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best in the conference. They
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By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish tipped the scales of America's track and field athletes, running to tight finishes against every team in the 1999 NCAA championships in this weekend's Meyo Invitational in the Loftus Center.

Notre Dame's distance medley relay took second in 1:32.02. Coach Tim Cochrane, Tim Koher and Luke Watson nerved in a second-place finish in Friday night's competition. Finishing in nine minutes, 43.78 seconds, Notre Dame was less than a second behind Alabama, a team which placed fourth in the NCAA championships a season ago and set a new meet record this weekend.

"That distance medley was terrific," head track and field coach Joe Piane said. "That was a great race."

Notre Dame posted the third-fastest distance medley time in the nation this year, recording provisional qualifying marks for nationals.

With the relay, we all went out and ran really well," Cochrane said. "We're third in the nation right now. Hopefully that will allow us to get into the NCAA championship.

Mishka added a top-notch indoor throwing record, throwing 165 feet against Saturday, placing second in the 800-meter run to return champion Derrick Peterson of Missouri. Both ran NCAA qualifying times, with Peterson finishing in 1:48.86 and Mishka in 1:48.27.

"I've got to say, I was pretty excited about it," Mishka said. "It was 1.78 seconds under an individual personal record, but a record overall.

"I thought I was going to get him until he went by me with about 80 meters to go," Mishka added. "I tried to throw in another surge at the end, but he's just too good."

Mishka's time was a career-best.

"He ran a marvelous race," Plane said. "And that time would allow us to get into the NCAA championships."}

The Irish women took home one victory coming from Brian DeBartolo said, "Because that was the biggest thing I can concentrate on for scoring at the Big East." Junior Carri Lenz placed second in the women's 500 in a time of 1:15.5.

Sophomore Liz Grew took second in the 400 in 54.68 earning her a provisional spot in the NCAA championships.

Tom Gilbert performed well for the men in the 200. "Tom Gilbert in the 200 is just improving every week," sprints coach John Millar said.

Freshmen Tammy Love King and Kymia Love are coming on strong in the hurdles.

"I think Tameisha King is starting to come around a little bit in the hurdles and show what she's capable of," Millar said. "Kymia Love — she's starting to show the promise that we're hoping to see out of her."

King qualified for the finals in the 60-meter hurdles, but did not run after a hamstring injury.

The Irish did not fare as well in the distance events, with one victory coming from Brian DeBartolo who established a new Notre Dame record, winning the 5000 meters.

"That distance medley was very consistent right around 19:2, 19:3.\) Winsor said. "She's capable of doing much better than just scoring in the Big East."

Irish pole-vaulters Janise Volkmar and Natalie Hallett earned first and second in their events. Both tied the school record of 11-0, but Volkmar cleared the bar with fewer attempts to win.

Senior All-American Jen Engelhardt won the meet in the high jump, despite a lower-than-normal mark. "Jenni was a little under the weather for this meet, and we also worked hard in bounding and plyometrics this week," Winsor said. "So I wasn't really surprised that she didn't jump as well as normal. But she still won the meet." Notable performances were still not the strong point, as they did not win a single event.

The Irish could not get a top finish in the throwing events. "We've got a lot of work to do on the throws," Winsor said. "Our throws quite honestly are not where I think they should be."

For the men, the field events were not the strong point, as they did not win a single event. Kiff Redwine did double duty with the high jump and triple jump, while Gilbert competed well in the long jump.

"In the long jump — again Tom Gilbert did a fine job," Winsor said. "He's doing a great job. I think he's getting ready to bust a big one."

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"We've got a lot of work to do on the throws," Winsor said. "Our throws quite honestly are not where I think they should be."

In the shot put, we've got to work on our technique." The track and field team will send a limited number of sprinters and field events specialists to the Butler Invitational this weekend. The remainder of the squad will sit out in preparation for the Big East Invitational.

The men did not fare well in the field events, such as the pole vault shown here at a January meet, in the Meyo Invitational; they did not win a single event.

"I was a little under the weather for this meet, and we also worked hard in bounding and plyometrics this week," Winsor said. "So I wasn't really surprised that she didn't jump as well as normal. But she still won the meet."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 5 Irish dominate paint, ground No. 18 Eagles

♦ Leahy, Riley lead Irish to win

By KERRY SMITH
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When the No. 18 Boston College Eagles stepped on the court Saturday to face the No. 5 Irish, they had a simple game plan: contain the paint. Unfortunately for the Eagles, the game plan didn’t work. After 46 minutes ticked off the clock, the Irish were on top 72-59 and reviving Riley and forward Kelley Siemon combined under the basket for almost half of Notre Dame’s points and rebounds.

Riley scored a game-high 32 points and Siemon came off the bench to record a double-double with 12 points and a career-high 14 rebounds to lead the Irish. “We knew that [the Irish] were strong and that they were a great team,” Eagle captain Cal Bouchard said. “One of our goals was to contain the paint, contain penetration and we didn’t do that in the first five minutes of the game and we slowly realized we needed to double down a little bit more.”

The Irish stepped on the court ready to defend their undefeated conference record, and opened the game with five points from Riley in the lane and a 7-0 run. By the time the Eagles realized they needed more pressure down low, the Irish had already ignited the spark that they needed more pressure down low. The Irish had already ignited the spark that they needed in order to ground the Eagles.

Irish take time out from dream season for fans

Tim Casey

Men’s Basketball

Pittsburgh gets revenge at home against Notre Dame

By KATHLEEN O’BRIEN
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Notre Dame’s NCAA tournament hopes took a hit Sunday as their men’s basketball team stumbled with a 72-59 loss to Big East East at the Joyce Center on the road. The blue and gold’s defeat came at the hands of a team it had beaten only two weeks before at home — a team hovering near the bottom of the conference standings. But the Panthers weren’t about to let this win slip away from them like it did in narrow losses to unbeaten Syracuse and Miami — the second place Big East team. A 3-pointer by senior guard Jarrett Lockhart narrowed the gap to five.

The Irish dropped 12 of their first 15 games against teams in the top half of the conference. The Irish led through much of the first half, and went ahead by as many as 11 early in the second period. But the Panthers weren’t about to let this win slip away from them like it did in narrow losses to unbeaten Syracuse and Miami — the second place Big East team. A 3-pointer by senior guard Jarrett Lockhart narrowed the gap to five.

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The Irish fought back, the Panthers retained their lead the rest of the game. The closest the Irish could get was within one at 54-55, after Notre Dame had beaten Boston College 72-59 at the Joyce Center on Saturday afternoon, their 15th victory in a row. The television cameras were turned away, the bright lights had been turned off, no reporters were asking questions. This was not a made-for-TV piece about how nice and caring the women are in the area residents. It didn’t have to be scripted.

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