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Cambodians remember through story, art

Survivor recalls life under the Pol Pot regime

By ERIN LARUFFA

More than 20 years have passed since Sal Nem watched two of her children die, but she vividly remembers what happened.

"My head! I can't lift it up," he yelled to me," Nem said, referring to her 1-year-old son, Sip. The boy, who was sick for only one day before he died, also lost his right over the brief course of his bout with dysentery.

Nem's 4-year-old daughter, Siet, later died after a yearling illness. Due to lack of food and medicine in her native Cambodia, Nem could do nothing but watch her children die.

Life in Cambodia was not always so tragic for Nem and her husband Wuy, who came to the United States in 1985. Wuy now works in the North Dining Hall.

Originally rice farmers in rural Cambodia, the couple was married in 1967, before the group Nem calls"the Pol Pot people" took over Cambodia. Their first child, Sip, was born in 1968.

That year, Nem first saw planes on bombing missions in her native country.

"A lot of bombs in Cambodia... We had to sit in the ground, sometimes all day," said Nem.

The U.S. backed the original Cambodian government, which ruled before the violent Khmer Rouge regime took over in 1975. The U.S. began bombing raids to support the original Cambodian government. The bombing raids,}

BY SARAH RYKOWSKI

Emily Koelsch resigned as the Board of Governance women's commissioner Tuesday afternoon after a week-long controversy surrounding student body presidential election procedures, stating that she had "lost confidence and respect" for several BOG members.

"I think this has been a really difficult three weeks," Koelsch said, holding back tears. "It has become apparent to me that my input is no longer necessary to the government at Saint Mary's. I believe in fostering fair competition among women. I resign my position as women's issues coordinator and I wish the student government the best.

Koelsch and running mate Rachele Rodarte had been declared the winners of the presidential election Friday evening. The revote, authorized by director of student activities Georgeanna Roosenbush, was nullified early Monday after a complaint filed by Crystal Renner. Renner's complaint claimed that proper voting procedures were not followed in the election, because the elections committee should have been consulted for the final decision in the event of a tie.

The Koelsch/Rodarte ticket filed an appeal on Monday afternoon, stating that the Renner complaint was not filed in a timely manner and did not take the opinion of the student body into consideration. The appeals committee rejected the appeal, stating that the decision by the elections committee was final.

Much of the debate centered on the fact that the Election Committee, after reviewing Renner's complaint and Koelsch's subsequent appeal, chose to use the results of the Jan. 31 primary election to determine the winners of the election, and did not demand a revote.

"Student body president, Nancy Midden made it clear at the onset of the discussion that the decision of the appeals committee was final. "The decisions that have been made are final," Midden said. "The elections committee has made a fair, just and respectful decision."

photography exhibit
documents terror

By ERIN LARUFFA

Holding a sleeping infant in her arms, the woman stared straight into the camera, with an almost resigned look on her face. The woman and the baby were executed soon after the picture was taken.

The woman and her baby were two of the 14,200 people the Khmer Rouge regime forcibly brought to S-21, a high school turned secret extermination site.

Seven of the 14,200 survived.

Blows to the heart killed the rest of the prisoners, whose bodies are now lying in mass graves that the prisoners dug themselves. Prior to execution, they were tortured until they confessed to their alleged crimes — usually espionage.

Pol Pot led the Khmer Rouge regime, which violently ruled Cambodia from 1975 to 1979. The regime's goal was to create an agrarian utopia.

Conservative estimates place the death toll from starvation, malnutrition or disease at more than 1 million — about 7 percent of Cambodia's population. Additionally, 200,000 people are believed to have been executed. Other estimates place the overall death toll at 30 percent of the country's population.

Before the regime killed someone at S-21, located in the city of Phnom Penh, the sol-

visitors to the Snite participate in the remembrance of victims of the Khmer Rouge regime.

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The rise of phallicentrism

Hi. My name is Mike, and I have a penis. This might be the most difficult thing I have to say for years.

I don't want to say it. But while most guys, including myself, will not shy away from admitting they have a penis, my own proclamation came at the height of several cultural celebrations of the male genitalia.

I point first to the Paul Thomas Anderson film, "Magnolia," in which Tom Cruise's character Frank T. Mackey screams to a roomful of oppressed men, "Respect the rod!" Leading a seminar on the revitalization of the dominant male within American society, Mackey perhaps stated in the most extreme words what men everywhere have wanted to say for years.

In last month's Student Film Festival, six auditoriums worth of men and women from the local community witnessed what was described as the one film bent upon upstaging the taboo that is the penis. It was bravely effective, perhaps even shocking, by virtue of the successive exhibition of 24 penises.

Indeed, the repression of the penis has ended. The next step toward universal submission to the penis could be found in the literary special of Scholastic Magazine. Inside: one could find a very entertaining ode to the penis. It was an ode to the erection, and it rightfully placed the importance of the penis in the male's life high on the long list of life priorities.

Finally, last weekend marked the coming of age for National Penis Appreciation Week. A new bill passing through Congress could effectively end gambling on all intercollegiate athletic events - at least from a legal standpoint. But, whereas are those March Madness office pools will remain as popular as ever, especially on college campuses like Pennsylvania State University. 

Senior Michael Wirick said he still plans to bet on March Madness just as he has in the past, the success which 24 penises.

I don't think any kind of government act will stop anyone from gambling on amateur sports. "I don't think any kind of government act will stop anyone from gambling," Wirick said. Online gambling and bookies are easily accessible, he added.

The bill, introduced January 31 in the senate by Patrick Leahy (D-Vermont) and Sam Brownback (R-Kansas), proposed the elimination of gambling throughout the United States on high school, collegiate, and amateur sports, including the Olympics. Known as the High School and College Gambling Prohibition Act, the bill was introduced in part from the recommendation of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, Leary said in his statement on the Senate floor.

Candle starts fire at Southern Illinois University

The smell of smoke still lingers on the 12th floor of Southern Illinois University's Schneider Hall. Black soot stains the under part of a ledge outside room 1208's window, which is now boarded up with plywood. A flame swept off the balcony and continued through the window.

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OUTSIDE THE DOME

Amateur sports gambling bill sparks controversy

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Dyson: Black history is 'crucial'

By TIM LOGAN

Blacksness, whiteness, black history and all the different shades of race in America were the topics of an energetic 80-minute discourse Tuesday by acclaimed author and educator Michael Eric Dyson.

Dyson, who has been hailed as a "street-fighter in a suit and tie," wow ed the large crowd with his speaking style, which ran the gamut from rapid fire gangsta rap to intellectual digressions that could put a philosophy professor to shame. But his message was constant. Race is much more than a simple black and white issue.

"Race is so much more complex than it used to be," he said. "Race is at the heart of the American project."

Dyson discussed the wide range of stigmas and of experiences, that fall under the moniker of "black," and the equally wide variety of types of "white," "Latino" and "Asian" that make up American society today. He contended that Americans should learn to appreciate and accept these varying racial identities.

"We should not try to force Tiger Woods to be either black or Thai, because he's both," he said. "Race is so much more complex than it used to be. Race is at the heart of American history, and our history has always been about conflicting streams and strands," he said.

Dyson also discussed the importance of an understanding of black history, both for blacks and for people of all races, saying that it is a crucial part of American history.

"African-American studies is not just for African-Americans," he said. "The reality is that this is important for all of us to learn.

"The history of black people, and other minorities, in America is one which is essential to students' understanding of this country's past and future in no small part because of the divisions among different ethnicities, he said. "Our history has always been about conflicting streams and strands," he said.

Dyson in a professor at DePaul University in Chicago and an ordained Baptist minister. He has written three books on the subject of race.

The talk was held in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. It was a part of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs lecture series "Leadership in Diversity: Recognizing Our Role Models."

SMC students to attend conventions

By NELLIE WILLIAMS

News Writer

Two Saint Mary's students have been chosen to be among the nearly 1,500 students who will be attending the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles from Aug. 6 to Aug. 8.

"I was completely shocked when I found out I was chosen to attend. This is one of the greatest opportunities," said Heather O'Donnell.

For O'Donnell and Nagle, there is a significant amount of work to do even before they enter the convention. "They need to complete administrative aspects of political science to be able to benefit from the experience. The 'facts' at a nominating convention do not speak for themselves; you need to interpret or analyze them," said Pierce.

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The program aims to help enable the young women to attend the conventions and is supported in part by academic deans Karen Ristau, along with the rest of the Board of Governance.

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On the first week of the program is mainly designed to allow students to learn the ropes and help set up for the conventions this fall.

The second week will focus on campaign issues and strategies, the keynote address, party platforms and selection of presidential and vice presidential nominees. Students will then be placed in fieldwork situations related to their primary interests, such as political committee or campaign, marketing/tide, communications, event planning and advocacy groups.

"I hope to do a double major in political science and community organizing," said O'Donnell. "I want to be a political organizer."

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however, were illegal because the U.S. was fighting a war in Vietnam, not Cambodia.

Although the bombing was a response to the Khmer Rouge's approach to the region where Nem and Wuy worked. Nem never actually saw Khmer Rouge soldiers until 1972. At first, the soldiers came in small groups, always dressed in fatigues and carrying guns and backpacks. The soldiers, men of various ages, gathered groups of local people to ask for food.

Around 1974, the Khmer Rouge took Nem and Wuy's forced labor commune.

"They wanted you to work all day, all night," Nem said.

In 1975, the Khmer Rouge gained complete control of Cambodia.

Waiting to create a utopian society based on agriculture, the regime abolished all private property. Soldiers emptied the country's cities and sent the residents to work on farms, even though the urban people had no farming skills.

At first, the laborers had sufficient food, but by 1975, supplies became scarce.

It was at this point that Nem and Wuy suffered perhaps their worst tragedy, the loss of their children.

However, their children were not the only ones to die. Starvation, disease and gunfire also claimed lives.

"Most of people died on this ground. I'm still scared. They killed a lot of people," said Nem.

South of Cambodia, a huge pig eating dead humans, a sight that prevented her from eating pork again until she came to the U.S.

During his time as a forced laborer, Wuy worked in the labor camp until 1979. The Vietnamese defeated the Khmer Rouge in 1975, and Nem and Wuy's baby eventually made it back to their rice farm.

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"When I flew in the plane and saw America, I cry all day," Nem said, explaining that she feared the family would not be able to make a living in its new country.

Steve Moriarty, curator of photography at the Snite Museum of Genocide, formerly the S-21 prison. After the Vietnamese occupied Cambodia in 1979, they converted S-21 into a museum to memorialize the victims.

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The trek to escape the Vietnamese invaders, the Khmer Rouge fled into the mountains, taking the laborers with them.

When the trucks finally stopped, the soldiers pushed the men, still tied together, out of the back of the truck, and the other prisoners, Wuy and Nem had little food and water throughout the ordeal.

Although she believed she'd be killed, Nem managed to remain strong.

"Khmer Rouge so scared (because the Vietnamese were coming); they wanted to kill everyone," she said. "Everybody cry. I not cry.

During this period of movements, Wuy had to cut branches from treetops to build houses. According to his wife, he saw so many dead bodies in his view from the tree that he nearly fell down.

Food shortages continued to be a problem. Chia suffered from dysentery, but he survived.

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The Vietnamese were coming, they said.

"I am lying here waiting to die," begins one quote from a prisoner.

"Want to live in Cambodia again, she said. "Wanted to kill everyone," she said. The couple had two daughters after escaping to that country.

"The party turned on them and accused them of being traitors," Moriarty said. "He hopes the exhibit will help raise awareness among Americans of the genocide that occurred in Cambodia.

Most of the students don't know the story," he said. "This is something they haven't learned in school. It's too bad."

As part of the exhibit, Cambodian thanks held a prayer service at the museum last week in honor of the people who died at the hands of Pol Pot's regime.

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Each prisoner was assigned a number before execution, but numbers were reassigned each day, further complicating identification of victims.

One person who visited the exhibit in Boston recognized a relative in the portraits.

"They pulled in whole families so there wouldn't be anyone left for vendetta revenge," said Steve Moriarty, curator of photography at The Snite. On special days, only women and children were executed.

Many of the victims did not know what was happening when they were photographed. Some were even smiling in the pictures, while others showed signs of severe beatings.

"Most of them were faithful members of the regime," Moriarty said. The couple reached a refugee camp in Thailand after facing landmines and gunfire during their three-day walk. Then, the family finally had enough to eat.

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Steve Moriarty, curator of photography at The Snite Museum, and his family sponsored Nem and Wuy when they came to South Bend in 1985.

The couple had two daughters after arriving in South Bend, and Nem also has a sister who lives in South Bend and works in South Dining Hall.

Nem still has family in Cambodia to whom she sends money whenever she can. Even a small amount of American money is significant to people in Cambodia, where the economy continues to struggle.

Although Nem does not want to live in Cambodia again, she would like to make the expensive trip to visit family members somehow.

An exhibit currently at the Snite Museum features photographs of other victims of the Khmer Rouge regime.

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Stolen Picassos recovered

ZURICH, Switzerland

Seven paintings by Pablo Picasso have been recovered, more than five years after they were stolen, Swiss authorities said Tuesday.

The paintings were stolen by thieves who broke into the basement of a Zurich art gallery in October 1994. Gallery owner Max K. Boissier, who discovered the loss of $44 million, with two of the paintings accounting for $40 million. Other experts disputed the figure.

Police and prosecutors said in a statement that the Picassos had been recovered with the help of an unnamed intermediary, who was rewarded by being allowed to keep two of the paintings. Police did not elaborate. A Swiss man and two Italians were jailed in 1995 for the theft, but the paintings were not recovered at the time. The stolen paintings included Picasso's "Seated Woman," a gouache on canvas painted in 1905, and "Christ of Montmartre" a watercolor painted shortly afterward. The two pictures had been stolen from the gallery once before, in 1991.

Florida 'Choose Life' license plates halted

WEST PALM BEACH

A judge blocked distribution of Florida's new "Choose Life" license plates while she decides whether they amount to a political statement against abortion. Circuit Judge Lucy Chernow Brown issued the ruling Monday after the National Organization for Women (NOW) sued. NOW argued that the state improperly approved a "religious motto, which has frequently been used to harass, intimidate and at times kill and maim those who seek to exercise their rights, including the right to choose abortion."

The state Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles had planned to begin selling the plates in March for an extra $22. The state legislature improperly approved a "religious motto, which has frequently been used to harass, intimidate and at times kill and maim those who seek to exercise their rights, including the right to choose abortion."

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Asteroid may miss Earth

LOS ANGELES

An asteroid initially thought to be on a possible collision course with Earth in 2022 will miss the planet, astronomers said today after reviewing new data collected by scientists around the world. Using the latest calculations, researchers determined that the orbiting rock will come no closer than 3.5 million miles in the next 50 years, said Andrea Milani, a mathematician professor at Penn University in Italy. The half-mile-wide asteroid, 2009 BD11, is the fifth discovered in the last two years that researchers feared could hit Earth. A rock that size could do tremendous damage but would not cause planetwide destruction.

Austria

VIENNA

Protected by 600 police, Austria's parliament opened a special session today to debate its international isolation following the entry of Joerg Haider's far-right Freedom Party into the government. A vote of no-confidence in the new Cabinet headed by Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessel was possible, but considered likely to fail. The Social Democratic Party, which has been in government for the last 30 years and is now in opposition, has 65 seats. Along with the small Greens party, which called for today's session, the opposition holds only 79 seats not enough to prevail in the 183-seat parliament.

Concern has centered on Haider's opposition to immigration and European integration, as well as his past statements lambasting the Nazi's "orderly employment policy." He also has praised former members of the Waffen SS, an elite German military unit that helped carry out Adolf Hitler's Holocaust against the Jews and others. Haider has since apologized for those comments.

In an unprecedented move to isolate Vienna for its move to the right, the European Union froze bilateral diplomatic relations with Austria, a member of the group. The political change in Austria has also alarmed Israel, which recalled its ambassador. Hoping to drive home their anger over a far-right party's inclusion in Austria's new government, some EU members said they planned to shun Vienna's representative at an informal meeting of EU social affairs ministers scheduled for Friday in Lisbon, Portugal.

The rise of Haider's Freedom Party has also alarmed Austria's own arts community, which fears an increase in intolerance and curbs on freedom of expression.

The artistic director of the Salzburg Festival, Gerard Mortier, said Monday he will cancel his contract after this year's summer program to protest the Freedom Party's role in the government.

Russia

URALS-MARTAN

Russian aircraft focused their bombing runs on Chechnya's southern mountains Tuesday, while ground troops tried to seal off routes used by rebels to move men and supplies to southern strongholds.

The Russians are looking south now that they claim to have seized the breakaway republic's capital, Grozny. But the city's skyline was punctuated by black plumes of smoke Tuesday from oil refineries hit by continued Russian shelling.

Occasional artillery fire shook the mudly ground, but was much less intense than the steady pounding Grozny has seen for much of the past six months.

Russian helicopter gunships and Su-24 and Su-25 warplanes showered bombs on the Argun and Vedeno groves leading through the southern mountains. The rebels use the gorges as supply routes and have bases along the snowy slopes.

Explosions could be heard in the foothills. Top commander Col. Gen. Viktor Kazantsev said Russian forces had sealed off rebel routes leading to the mountains, but the claim could not be confirmed.

"In the near future you will hear about the termination of the military phase of the operation and the destruction of militant gangs in the foothills and the mountains," Kazantsev said in Khankala, on Grozny's eastern outskirts.

The Russians' claims of progress have prompted discussion of Chechnya's future. Presidential aide Sergei Yastrzhembsky, in Khankala on Tuesday, told Associated Press Television News: "According to one of the scenarios, Chechnya will be given a special autonomous status within the Russian Federation."

Some Russian officials have suggested offering Chechnya autonomy but not the independence that Chechens demand.

The military has been trying to keep rebels who fled Grozny last week from reaching the south, where the military estimates about 7,000 guerrillas are based. Russia will likely have a tougher time existing militarily from there because the mountainous terrain favors their hit-and-run tactics.
Applicants should have strong editorial and journalistic skills and be comfortable in a management position. A basic understanding of newspaper production and experience with the Macintosh system is helpful. Any Notre Dame or Saint Mary's student is encouraged to apply.

Both tickets are highly qualified and exemplify the best of Saint Mary's, Midden said. "Events unfolded such that the constitution was our framework. We are all members of the same student body. There is no one to blame. It is imperative that we have faith in and support the decisions of the current student government."
Renner reacts to Elections Committee’s decision

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY

At the Board of Governance meeting Tuesday night, Saint Mary’s student body president-elect Crissie Renner said she had second thoughts about her ability to represent the student body.

"The meeting tonight was very emotional," said Renner. "Initially, at the start of the meeting, while I was sitting there looking at all the faces of members of the student body who came to the meeting and were clearly opposed to Michelle and I, people were making me second-guess my ability to represent the student body. That is initially the thought that entered my mind."

Board of Governance members fielded questions regarding the Elections Appeals Board’s Tuesday morning decision to declare the Renner/Nagle ticket victorious in the race for student body president and vice president.

The board reversed the win to Renner/Nagle because the ticket earned 43 percent of the vote in the Jan. 31 primary in which four tickets participated. That election originally thrust Renner/Nagle and the ticket of Emily Koehl and Barbele Bodarte into a runoff in accordance with University policy.

The election controversy began after results from a second runoff election, held Friday, nullified by the Elections Committee on Sunday night.

The vote was voided in response to a complaint filed by Renner stating that Friday’s election was invalid because the decision to have the runoff was made by the proper committee. Also, she stated that off-campus students were not provided an adequate place to vote.

Renner stands behind her decision to file the complaint.

"I just want people to know that what the Elections Commission and Election Appeals Board decided was not my decision," said Renner. "I filed the complaint Sunday because it was my right as a student body member to be heard. I voiced a complaint that was what I believed in my heart was the right thing to do and what I was feeling.

"I won't compromise what is in my heart.

"Renner’s running mate and student body vice president-elect, Michelle Nagle, did not file the complaint with Renner and was surprised at the outcome.

"I never thought we would assume office after the complaint was filed," said Nagle. "It makes me doubt how much I wanted this position when I hear how adamantly students are opposed to what I do."

Nagle said she will not step down as student body vice president but added at Tuesday meeting that it was easy to doubt whether she and Renner were doing the right thing by taking office.

"It’s hard under what I felt was a personal attack on our ticket tonight not to question whether this was the right thing to do," Nagle said.

Despite what she perceived as personal attacks, Renner was pleased to see members of the student body at the meeting.

"It’s a great thing that people are so passionate about Saint Mary’s and the student government," she said. "It was evident that people were not supporting us and many of my supporters weren’t there.”

Renner admits this is not the way she and Nagle had hoped to start their term in office.

"It’s unfortunate that we have to start the year this way, but in a way it is beneficial," said Renner. "There were a lot of issues raised tonight that need to be addressed. Unfortunately, it had to be under those circumstances."

Koehl’s resignation at the meeting from her post as the Board of Governance women’s issues commission chairperson convinced Renner that some students have lost trust in student government.

"I know Emily did what she thought in her heart was what she had to do," said Renner. "I can tell that she has lost faith and trust in the student government because of mistakes that have been made. She’s such an asset to student government and I hope she doesn’t completely close all doors.”

Renner and Nagle plan to work to regain the trust of the student body and won’t let circumstances surrounding the election get in the way of accomplishing their goals.

"It’s our hope that we can gain the confidence of the student body and that students will get in the way of accomplishing their goals," said Renner. "I can’t even describe how awful I feel. It seems that some people who have lost faith and trust in student government have not been fair to us."

Both Renner and Nagle said the controversy that arose over the incident has strengthened them personally.

"I hold a grudge against me, but I have come out of this a stronger person," said Renner. "I am confident that Michelle and I can serve the student body. We may not be the representatives you wanted, but we will listen to you and we won’t close the door on your opinion just because you didn’t vote for us."

Crissie Renner
student body president-elect

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Nagle acknowledged the negative impact the past days’ decisions have had at Saint Mary’s.

"I am sincerely sorry for all the hurt that has come from the decision and to everyone who was involved," she said. "I am sorry for all the disappointment this has caused for the student body."

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Admit mistake, hold another election

Since choosing Crissie Renner and Michelle Nagle as student body presi­dent and vice president, Saint Mary's Election Committee and Appeals Board members persistently have stated that the student voice resonated in their minds as they chose the representatives.

Throughout the confusing week of elections, run-off, filed appeals and complaints, however, it has become clear that they are misguided. The student voice has been loud but ignored.

Committee members were illogical in their decision to nullify the tie-breaking election that voted Emily Koelsch and Rachele Rodarte into office and to designate Renner and Nagle as heads of the 2000-01 Board of Governance.

As a result of the debacle, damage already has begun to corrode BOG. Renner has acknowledged her unpopularity among students and the obstacles that will surely cause her in her term. A visibly disgruntled Koelsch resigned Tuesday as the board’s women’s issues commission­er. As vocal students express fury, despondency and shock, and offer remedies such as a re-election, it is clear that all of the government’s integrity lies in its listening skills. Student government is not listening.
BOG failed, revote in order

The election procedures that dominated BOG's ballot box were not properly handled. BOG members proposed, but failed to ratify a revote. While the students who protested elections did receive some justice, the process was flawed.

The election was a disaster. The procedures were flawed, and the election results were questioned. Several times there was mention of an appeal, which was then rejected. Looking back on the election, it seems that nothing has been learned.

The elections committee has a duty to listen to the student body. This election was the worst decision that could have happened. Once again, the student body will have to look to the BOG to be held accountable.

It's clear students want Koelsch/Rodarte

As members of the Saint Mary's student body, we find it necessary to speak to the issues involved in this year's student body elections. We see blatant mistakes involved in the course of these elections. The appeal filed against the winners of Friday's election was late — 45 minutes late to be exact. By adding Monday and Wednesday's votes to declare a winner, 23 percent of the voting student body is not represented.

As women of Saint Mary's, we want our voices to be heard. As members of the Saint Mary's student body, we feel that this is exactly what has happened, and we believe that the elections committee has a different opinion about the outcome of the election. We believe that the elections committee is truly acting on our behalf, it will start from scratch and hold an entirely new election. In the end, we hope that the students will have a voice in their elections.
Renner defends complaint

I am writing to give a clear and accurate account of the events which led to the complaint filed concerning the election on Friday, Feb. 4. On Sunday, Feb. 6, I learned that the decision to hold a third election on Friday was made improperly.

I learned that this decision was initially suggested by Georgianne Rosenbush, director of Student Activities. Those present at the time went along with the decision and assumed that they were familiar with and following election bylaws. I did not question this decision at the time because, in the midst of a busy campaign, I was a candidate and not the Elections Commissioner.

When I learned the circumstances of the decision on Sunday, I consulted the election bylaws, which clearly state that decisions concerning elections fall under the jurisdiction of the Elections Committee, which is composed of two representatives from each residence hall, as well as an off-campus representative, who were approved by the Board of Governors for the term.

Unfortunately, the Elections Committee and the bylaws were NOT consulted Wednesday night concerning the decision to hold another election.

The bylaws also state that off-campus students must vote in a separate location other than the hall. The election on Friday did not include a separate location, which led to much confusion and irritation for off-campus students who had been able to vote in the off-campus lounge in both Monday’s and Wednesday’s elections. Although off-campus students could vote in the dining hall on Friday, the dining hall is not normally used by off-campus students and is out of their way.

Additionally, following precedents set on Monday and Wednesday, many off-campus students went to vote in the off-campus lounge where they found no voting booths and no sign directing them to the dining hall.

Many off-campus students were subsequently unaware of the existence of a third election. Based on the fact that off-campus students were not given the opportunity to vote in the off-campus lounge, it is impossible to state that the student body’s voice was heard in Friday’s election, because obviously the student body includes both on- and off-campus students. Therefore, the student body which the candidates all sought to represent was NOT represented by the election Friday.

I decided to file a complaint concerning both the neglect of the authority of the Elections Committee and the absence of off-campus voting. The election bylaws were clearly and irrefutably violated and largely ignored following Wednesday night’s election. In light of these violations, I decided to submit a complaint to the Interim Elections Commissioner, Bridget Heffernan.

As of today, I return to my office as Elections Commissioner for the current school year.

As Elections Commissioner, I am very conscious of the bylaws, but the other candidates should have been as well. Unfortunately, we all assumed that the bylaws were being followed correctly on Wednesday. When I became aware of the fact that Miss Rosenbush and Miss Heffernan suggested the third election without the consultation of the Elections Committee as dictated by bylaws and filed the complaint in a timely manner as also prescribed by the bylaws.

Following my complaint, the Elections Committee convened and realized the unfortunate yet obvious violations surrounding the third election. As within its jurisdiction, based on the bylaws, the Elections Committee declared the third election null due to the improper procedures followed.

Although the bylaws do not specifically mention the actions required in the event of a tie, the bylaws do state that such decisions are the responsibility of the Elections Committee, NOT the director of Student Activities nor the Elections Commissioner.

As a member of the Saint Mary’s student body, I felt compelled to file the complaint in order to shed light on the faulty procedures in Friday’s election.

If the election on Friday had been properly executed and the ENTIRE student body had had the opportunity to voice its opinion, I would accept the results. However, the reality of the situation reveals the unacceptable nature of the third election. Michelle and I acted in the best interest of the student body as legislated by the election bylaws. It would have been unethical for any of the violations to remain silent. Therefore, we returned to the authority of the Elections Committee, and the Elections Committee is subsequently responsible for determining the final outcome.

Also, the Elections Appeals Board has supported the decision of the Elections Committee to nullify Friday’s election and to determine me and Michelle Nagle the student body president and vice president-elect.

We regret the inconvenience of Friday’s election and assure you that we filed the complaint Sunday — immediately following our knowledge of the grievous violations in connection with it. Throughout the campaigning process, Michelle and I pledged our dedication to serving the needs of the student body, and we want to reiterate our love of Saint Mary’s and our great enthusiasm in serving as your student body president and vice president.

We, the Executive Board of Student Body, are very concerned regarding the events that led to the cancellation of the student body elections.

To the Members of the Saint Mary’s student body:

We, the Executive Board of the Saint Mary’s Board of Governance, wish to applaud the Saint Mary’s student body members who took it upon themselves to express their concerns regarding the 2000-2001 student body president and vice presidential elections.

We also wish to applaud the members of the Saint Mary’s Student Government Association who have been handling the recent events with utmost courage, responsibility, dedication and intelligence. The Executive Board has complete faith in and supports the final decisions that were made by the Elections Committee and the Elections Appeals Board. These recent events have served to solidify our confidence in the workings of the Student Government Association.

However, our constitution has been amended to solidify our confidence in the workings of the Student Government Association. As a result of this unprecedented election, proposals to amend our constitution are underway and forthcoming. We encourage anyone influenced by the decision to hold a third election to personally contact any members of the Executive Board of the Board of Governance to voice their concerns.

We also encourage all members of the Saint Mary’s community to treat all those involved with the elections process, including the candidates, with the respect and decency that they deserve. We are all members of the same student body, and we implore you to act with graciousness and maturity. There is no one to blame. It was an unfortunate occurrence; however, the strong guidelines established by the Student Government Association constitution have insured fairness.

Emily Koelsch
Rachele Rodarte
Hickey Lounge Hall
Junior
February 9, 2000

BOG applauds SMC, election decision

This has been a difficult several weeks for the two of us, and now that a final decision has been made, Emily and I would like to thank the student body of Saint Mary’s for their concern about our school. The pure fact that a large number of students expressed their interest throughout the election process shows your concern.

The frustration could have led to apathy but instead further energized the student body. As a community, you have made your opinions heard. We encourage you to make this involvement and to let your voices be heard across campus this year and next.

You have been the driving force behind us, and we thank you for showing pride and regard for your peers and school. We assure you that you are and are proud to be a part of the Saint Mary’s College student body.

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By AMBER AGUIAR
Scene Writer

The close-knit cast of this year's Pasquerilla East Musical Company production will bring new energy to an American classic as it perform its riveting rendition of "Grease" this weekend in Washington Hall.

Grease
A Pasquerilla East Musical Company production
- Where: Washington Hall
- When: Thursday through Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
- Tickets: Sold out. Cast invites guests to Wednesday night dress rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
- With issues of love and life after graduation, "Grease" slides on to Washington main stage

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"When was the last time you saw a lot of men dancing in unison?"
Betsy Kahl actress

"We spend so much time together that you might say we're not a small cult," said Ryan Cunningham, who plays Doody in the production. "But the closeness that has developed amongst the cast helps during practice and performance. "We can read each other now, so if someone misses a line, the rest of us can help. Besides, we're playing friends onstage so it works in our favor that we actually are friends offstage," says Checchia.

The actors have helped with every aspect of the production, including choreography, set construction and advertisement. "In the beginning, some of the crew dropped out, but the cast really picked up the slack," said Seaman. "There's a real sense of teamwork here. The cast is involved because they want to be." The group has been practicing five days a week, four hours a day, since conception to people who just dropped out, but the cast really picked up the slack," said Seaman. "There's a real sense of teamwork here. The cast is involved because they want to be."

Seaman and choreographer Quincy Starnes welcome the actors' input. According to Cunningham, "Our ideas are nearly always embraced and added to the show in some form or another." Even costumes were developed in part by the actors. "Our Christmas break, we went home and raided our parents' closets," said Hoffman. This weekend, the entire cast and pit orchestra will dress in fun '50s attire. The musical is packed with energy and excitement, as each student, including those in the pit orchestra, exercises influence over the show. According to saxophone player Ruth Luckas, "There's a lot of improv. There's a score there that you play from, but for almost every song there's ad lib written in. So there's a lot of freedom and opportunity to goof around."

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While actors were waiting for the set to be constructed, they practiced on tables in the Pasquerilla East chapel. "By the end we'd nearly broken all of them," said Checchia. "There isn't a table left that isn't dropping in the middle." Ceiling tiles were another P.E. casualty, as boys threw girls through them while practicing stunts for big dance numbers.

Starnes developed these dance numbers with complicated footwork and fun props for the experienced dancers that make up much of the cast. "As Brian and I've demonstrated the 'proper' way to do the stunt, he too dropped her on her head, this time twice as hard. Though the musical is full of fun, dynamic dance numbers that may look easy, as Seaman demonstrated, the cast's advice isn't to try them at home. 'This year's P.E. musical production of 'Grease' is packed with a surprising amount of energy, excitement and fun. People will think they know what to expect, but they'll definitely be blown away,' said Checchia.

According to Nicole Swartzentuber (cheerleader/ensemble), "If they enjoy it half as much as we enjoy putting it on then it's worth coming and it's worth all the work we've put in doing it. Besides, said Kahl, "When was the last time you saw a lot of men dancing in unison? You've got to see this."
Don't fear creepy-looking Morrissey Hall

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Today: The opposite sex on campus

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He said ... She said ...

Some Morrissey Hall residents sit around and chit-chat, as guys are bound to do around the Notre Dame campus.

By MOLLY McSHANE

When one stops and looks at Morrissey Hall, the Notre Dame campus, from a distance, she cannot help but notice its very nondes­dorm room. The long walkway leading up to the front entrance, the stately tower on the roof and the simple sign above the door: MORRISSEY MANOR, all lead one to believe that this is more than just a college dorm. It's an estate.

With all that variety and the common rooms, it's easy to see why the dorm's 288 occupants originally thought when they were assigned Morrissey as their future home that fateful July before freshmen year. And weren't they surprised to realize that it bears the name of "Manor," what was actually meant was "very small rooms." According to the to Lady in Residence. 

"People think that the rooms are small, but we have a great many different sizes, singles all the way up through eight-mans. We'll call it as close to boys as we can, so you guys have to get to know everyone."

"The dorms are the whole point of this," said Ginger Larson. "When you are in as close quarters as we are, you are very much."

The men of the Notre Dame family. What can I say, they're an enigma. Their personalities and attitudes cover a very wide spectrum, but generally, Doner men fall into three categories: the cool guy, the friendly guy and the shy guy. We'll start with the 'cool guy.'

The Friendly: Fun to hang out with, has similar personality as you, but for one reason or another, you will never get with her.

The Chocolate Monkey: Gave up on boys a while ago and now is after a six-pack of beer. For the most part, this young man feels like boys.

The Amazing: Something about the paintings within are watching you. Remember two things: Morrissey is just like any other dorm, and the eyes only seem to be watching you because of the technique used by the artist.

Tomorrow's topic: Can guys and gals be friends?
Hurricanes edge past Islanders

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Ron Francis scored his 15th goal with 2:31 left in the game, as the Carolina Hurricanes downed the New York Islanders 4-3.

Francis wristed the puck around the circle and roofed it over goalie Billy Smith's head for the game-winner. Luc Robitaille added a goal and an assist for the Hurricanes, whose five-game losing streak ended.

"It was fun to finally beat them," said Hurricanes coach Mike Keenan. "This is a great hockey team. It's a shame we couldn't beat them more before." He scored on a breakaway after an Islander turnover.

The Islanders got goals from Pierre Turgeon and John Tonelli, but it was too little, too late. They fell to 2-8-2-1 on the road.

"They came out with a lot more energy," said Islanders coach Al Arbour. "They got the jump on us and we didn't answer. It's only 20 minutes, it's a lot of time. We have to be better than we were today."

Coffey's perfect cross-ice pass

Associated Press

The Detroit Red Wings defeated the New York Rangers 2-1 in the second period on Friday night.

The Wings scored their first road victory in six games, snapping a four-game losing streak. Andrei Kovalenko also had a goal for the Wings, his first in six games.

New York Rangers goalie John Vanbiesbrouck made 17 saves. The goal by Kovalenko was assisted by Coffey, who deflected the puck through the Rangers' defense.

Coffey's pass found Kovalenko in the slot, where he fired a shot past Vanbiesbrouck. The goal was Coffey's 37th of the season, breaking a tie with teammate Joe Mullen for the team lead.

Zednik's pass.

Associated Press

TOKYO — Vincent Carter scored 36 points, including nine in the final 5½ minutes, to lead the Toronto Raptors over the New York Knicks 109-88 Thursday night.

The Raptors improved to 18-40 on the season and finished their road trip with a 3-1 record.

Carter, the leading vote-getter for this weekend's All-Star game, scored 10 points in the final 5½ minutes and added the go-ahead basket with 4:15 left.

"I'm just doing whatever it takes to win," said Carter. "If it means sacrificing my shot, then I'll take it."

Carter scored 12 points in the fourth quarter, including a 3-pointer that made it 73-65.

Doug Christie added 16 points for the Raptors, while督查dman added 14 points and 15 rebounds.

The Nets, who have given away the lead in each of their last nine losses, built a 23-point lead after the first quarter and never looked back. Their victory evened their series with the Knicks at 1-1.

"It was just a good night all around," said Nets coach Pat Riley. "Our defense was there and our offense was clicking."
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Goss ends rocky reign as Michigan AD

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. Michigan athletic director Tom Goss ended a rocky 2-1/2-year reign by resigning today, effective at the end of March.

"It has not been easy, but the realities outweigh the negatives," Goss said at a news conference. "I believe that while it is time for me to step down, a course has been defined to lead this department to great accomplishments.

University president Lee Bollinger accepted the resignation.

"I want to express my admiration and gratitude for the many qualities Tom has brought to this athletic department," Bollinger said. "Tom has a deep and emotional connection to the university rooted in his days here as an ROTC cadet. A source close to the situation, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bollinger had asked Goss to resign. The source said Goss considered fighting the request, but did not.

"He didn't want to go to court," the source said. Bollinger said the reasons for Goss' resignation are far too complex for any kind of simple statement.

Earlier reports had said Goss' 2-1/2 years would likely be fired if he didn't resign. Just last week, Goss refused as rumors reports that his resignation was imminent.

Goss was the university's ninth athletic director, the fourth in 10 years, and the first African American to hold the job.

The Detroit News and The Ann Arbor News reported sources said the retirement of an NCAA probe of the eligibility of Wolverines freshman basketball player Jamal Crawford. Bollinger refused to comment on those reports today.

The NCAA last week suspended the team's leading scorer, for six games for his living arrangements while in high school.

The papers reported that Bollinger learned of the Crawford investigation on television while watching a basketball game between the Wolverines and in-state rival Michigan State while was in Washington, D.C.

Within hours, the Detroit paper said. Bollinger formed a crisis team that included Provost Nancy Cantor, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Robert Kasdin and Lisa Tedesco, a university vice president whose job is to alert Bollinger and the regents to any impending negative publicity.

Their efforts quickly focused on Goss' handling of the Crawford case, according to the Detroit paper. After two days of fact-checking, they recommended Thursday that Bollinger ask Goss to resign.

Goss, however, who held Goss' job for two decades, was saddened by the news.

"I'm sick about it," Canham said. "It was an outstanding individual, a great guy. Not to have at least five years (on the job) is not the way Michigan operates.

Goss has also been criticized by some of the university's regents for a budget deficit last year. He was placed under close scrutiny by the administration after a $2.8 million budget deficit was revealed last June, sources said.

Last weekend The Ann Arbor News reported sources said as saying Bollinger would likely not pick a permanent replacement until near the end of the school year in May. But that the next athletic director would not necessarily have strong ties to the university.

"I learned a lot from him from just listening. When I was around Sid, that's the way it was. He was our captain and leader ... he was in every aspect of the game," Goss said.

Hall of Fame Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman remembered getting advice from Abel, who was a broadcaster when he joined the team in 1983.

The cause of death was heart failure, said his daughter, Joanne, who added that "you just understood each other. We knew where to go, so we consequently were efficient."

Abel was a player, general manager, coach and broadcaster in his 32 years in the Red Wings organization.

Abel began his NHL career as the team's center in 1938 in Detroit, spending nine full seasons and parts of three others with the Red Wings, with two years of military service.

He was the captain of the team in the 1942-43 season at age 24, and held that title and three Stanley Cups.

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But that was more in Abel than just offense.

People don't realize how tough he was," Howe said. Canadian Press. "I got into a fight with him once and Ted Stuck his nose in. Today, if you called someone what Sid called Rocket, you'd get called up before a judge. Sid was leaning towards Rocket andRocket hopped him in the nose. When Rocket hit him, Sid said, 'You've got to be tired,' and took him on. I couldn't help but laugh. Afterwards, Sid told me, 'Hell, if you try them out, I'll fight anybody.'"

But he was not as rough as a linemate like Howe and Lindsay, and totaled just 79 penalty minutes for his entire 14-year NHL career.

Abel left Detroit in 1952 to become the player-coach of the Chicago Blackhawks for two seasons. Then he retired as a player but returned to Detroit as coach in 1957 and remained there until 1970.

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His franchise later moved to Colorado and finally, to the New Jersey Devils.

Abel returned to the Detroit Red Wings again in 1976-77 as an analyst on the team's radio and television broadcasts.

Abel was inducted into the NHL's Hall of Fame in 1991.

NHL

Hall of Fame Barker dies at 81

Associated Press

DETOUR

Hockey's famed "Production Line" has lost its sparkplug.

Hall of Famer Sid Abel, who centered Detroit's high-scoring line between Gordie Howe and Ted Lindsay and later coached the Red Wings to the Stanley Cup Finals four times, died Tuesday at age 81.

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Abel, who had battled cancer and emphysema, and underwent hip surgery.

The Production Line was the NHL's premier offensive juggernaut that made Detroit the first of the league's great post-war dynasties. With Abel centering Howe and Lindsay, the Red Wings won the first four of their league-record seven consecutive regular-season titles and five straight world championships.

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Career Advancement for Professionals
Thomas dies of heart attack

Associated Press

MIAMI

NFL star Derrick Thomas died today in a hospital where he was being treated for injuries from a car crash that left him paralyzed from the chest down.

The Kansas City Chiefs said he died of a heart attack. Jackson Memorial Hospital called it "cardio-respiratory arrest," and doctors were expected to elaborate later in the day.

Team president Carl Peterson said he was with the 33-year-old linebacker Monday.

"He was upbeat, he was positive, he was Derrick," a tearful Peterson, wearing a button with Thomas' No. 58, said from Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City.

"He was in a wheelchair. ... I said, 'Son, you're mobile.' He said, 'Father, I am. I've got wheels.'

Thomas was injured Jan. 23 in a car crash that left him paralyzed. He sustained a severe spinal cord injury in the accident, which occurred on an icy road a few miles from the Chiefs' Arrowhead Stadium.

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NBA
Rodman proves he can get job done

Associated Press

Wednesday, February 9, 2000

DALLAS
From wrestling to acting to getting arrested, Dennis Rodman has done a lot since his last NBA game 10 months ago. Playing bas-ketball, however, wasn't high on his things-to-do list.

Yet on Tuesday Rodman showed his new Dallas Mavericks teammates that despite the layoff, he can still rebound and defend, which is exactly what he's been hired to do. "He walked into our practice and just proved that he knows how to play — when to set picks, when to move the ball," coach-general manager Don Nelson said. "He was very impressive considering he hasn't played for a year."

The currently blonde-haired forward will get his first real test Wednesday night at home against Seattle. Rodman won't start, but he's likely to play about 15 minutes. "I think it'll be a great oppor-tunity to prove the people in Dallas some excitement and it's a great opportunity to prove a lot of people wrong," said Rodman, who had to settle for upping with his hometown team after no contender was willing to take a chance on him.

Although Rodman grew up in Dallas and still has family and friends in the area, he's changed more than just his hair color since the last time he called the city home.

Back then, Rodman was a skinny teen-ager who didn't pay high school basketball and once worked as a janitor at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Now, he's a 36-year-old multi-millionaire known as much for his outrageous antics such as cross-dressing and multiple body piercings as for winning seven rebounding titles and five NBA championships.

"I don't think the hometown part has any affect on my play or anything about Dennis Rodman," he said. "I just go out there to have a good time, I work hard and I give people what they want." Rodman played 22 games for the Los Angeles Lakers last February through April, then was cut when team officials ran the Los Angeles Lakers last week.

Rodman participated in 3-on-3, 4-on-4 and 5-on-5 drills. Nelson said Rodman would continue practicing until he's comfortable with the Mavericks' offense and defense. "We've just got to hope he can help us on the court and be happy with that," All-Star swingman Michael Finley said. "There was no stationery bicycle parked alongside the practice court Tuesday as Rodman participated in 4-on-3, 4-on-4 and 5-on-5 drills. Nelson said Rodman would continue practicing until he's comfortable playing alongside his new team-mates.

The workout was closed to the media. When it opened, Rodman shot free throws at one end of the court with assistant coach Kiki Vandeweghe. He hit about 20 in a row at one point, but also had a stretch of four misses in five tries.

Because offense is so little of shooting game, the rest off should be easier than for someone who relies on touch passes or long-range jumpers.


NCAA BASKETBALL
NCAA rules St. John's Barkely ineligible

Associated Press

NEW YORK
St. John's sophomore guard Eric Barkley was ruled ineligible for three games by the NCAA on Tuesday for a rules violation.

The school is appealing.

Barkley, who sat out last Saturday's 59-58 victory over Boston College, will miss Tuesday night's game at Providence and Saturday's home game against Villanova. The next game he will be eligible for is Feb. 15, at Boston College.

The violation was switching cars with a fami-ly friend, two sources familiar with the case have told The Associated Press.

Barkley traded his late-model Jeep Cherokee for a bigger but older Ford Expedition that belongs to a family friend, said a source close to Barkley and another with knowledge of the matter, both speaking on condition they not be identified. The exchange would violate NCAA rules if Barkley received preferential treat-ment because he is an athlete or if it constituted possible payback for when he turns professional.

St. John's athletic director Ed Manetta Jr. said the school is appealing to the NCAA's Division 1 Sub-Committee on Student-Athlete Rein-state-ment and expects a rul-ing by Friday.

"We're dis時点ed and thing the ruling is unfortu-nate. We appealed immediately and that's the process we're in right now and that started Saturday," Manetta said. "We appealed immediately and that's the process we're in right now and that started Saturday. We have moved on to the next committee in the process and are hoping for a ruling from it by late Thursday or Friday morn-ing."

On Sunday, Manetta said he expected feedback from the NCAA the next day. The school was asking for more clarification regarding the case Monday and the ruling came down Tuesday.
be established that a family friend—someone like your Uncle John or your trusted next door neighbor—was helping you look out for your future after college basketball, what’s wrong with that?

If you’re not an athlete, companies come right on campus in (gasp) broad daylight and try to convince you to sign with them when you get out of college. I’ve even heard of seniors getting job offers (oh no!) during their senior year and signing to work with that company while they’re still students.

Of course, the NCAA was set up to protect the players from people hanging down their doors, trying to manipulate them and trying to manipulate amateur sports with money. Indeed, this is a noble goal and one for which the NCAA does serve a useful purpose.

However, we’re not talking about point-shaving or giving guys a sack filled with money.

Heck, I want to be a professional sports writer someday. What if, for some reason, Troy Murphy and I order a pizza, and when it comes, he realizes he doesn’t have enough cash on him to split the $10 tab? So I say, “Don’t worry about it, you can get the next one,” and pay for his pizza.

Am I a “Friend of the program” now? Am I helping to secure my sports-writing future by buying Troy Murphy pizza somehow or another?

You may laugh, but the NCAA would probably say yes and slap Murphy with a suspension for taking an “extra benefit.”

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By KATIE MVCY

Sports Writer

The Saint Mary’s basketball team hopes that injury and illness will not prevent a win against Albion College tonight.

“The injuries and illness during the last week should not be a big problem during the game,” sophomore center Kelly Roberts said. “We’re hoping we can still go out and play our best.”

During the past week of practice, the Belles have been hit hard with injury and illness. Starting forward Kristin Malka, is the Belles’ biggest worry. She left last Saturday’s game with a leg injury, but has been given the go-ahead to play.

In addition to Malka’s injury, Saint Mary’s has been short three players during this week’s practices. Roberts has been out with an injury, and sophomore guard Anne Blair and sophomore center Kelly Jones have been ill. All three seem to have recovered and the Belles hope they can play hard in tonight’s game.

“We want to go out there, suck it up and play hard for 40 minutes,” Roberts said.

Despite the problems they faced in practice this week, the Belles say they are confident that they can beat the Britons.

“We think we have a really good shot,” Jones said. “All we have to do is play hard and keep up the intensity.”

The Belles are looking for the victory to keep team motivation high.

“A win against Albion would be very big,” Roberts said. “Another victory would boost our confidence. The more wins we have the more confident the team will be.”

The win would also help the Belles in the MIAA rankings. The Britons are in sixth place in the MIAA with a league record of 5-8 and an overall record of 10-11. They are coming off of a 70-43 loss to first-ranked Hope College this past Saturday. Saint Mary’s is in eighth place in the MIAA with a league record of 2-11, two places behind Albion.

“A win tomorrow would help our MIAA rankings,” Roberts said. “We need to start winning against other conference teams, and winning against Albion would be a big step.”

Tonight’s contest should prove to be a close one. Saint Mary’s and Albion are evenly matched teams. The Belles score 54 points per game on average, while Albion scores 57, and both teams average around 37 rebounds a game.

The last time Saint Mary’s and Albion met the Britons were victorious, winning 65-52.

“The last time we played Albion it came down to the last five minutes of the game,” Jones said. “They picked up the intensity and we lost the motivation. We have been working on keeping the intensity, however, and we want to keep it up throughout all of tonight’s game.”

Belysfield will continue to be key to the Belles. During the two games that Saint Mary’s won, the team controlled the rebound and is looking to do the same against Albion.

“We are going to have to dominate the boards and keep the turnovers down,” Jones said. “We match up in size with Albion so it’s going to come down to our skill.”

The Belles face the Britons at 7:30 p.m. in Angela Athletic Facility.
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of its first 14 games, the second
best start in school history.
Since then, the Panthers have
struggled to a 4-6 Big East
record. Included in the recent
slump was an 88-36 loss to
Connecticut. Their record is
deceiving though, with five of
their losses coming against top
20 teams.

"They have some good play­
ers," Riley said. "They're a
guard oriented team with some
good shooters."

Pittsburgh is led by freshman
Mandy Wittenmyer, the Big
East co-Rookie of the Week
along with Notre Dame's Alicia
Ratay. Wittenmyer, a 6-foot-2
forward averages a team-high
11.8 points and 8.0 rebounds
per game. Her seven double-
doubles on the season lead the
conference. In the Panthers'
previous nine games, she has
six double-doubles.

"She's a good all-around
player," Riley said, referring to
Wittenmyer. "She doesn't post
up too much but she has a good
jumper from around the foul
line."

The freshman class has
sparked the Panthers, account­
ing for 49 percent of the
team's scoring. Other first year
players include reserve Brooke
Stewart, the team's third lead­
ing scorer with 7.9 points per
game, point guard Laine
Selwyn and forward Dallas
Williams.

Junior shooting guard
Monique Toney is second on
the team with 9.7 points per
game. Her 5.4 assists per game
rank her fourth in the confer­
ence.

Seven Panthers average over
15 minutes per game with
Wittenmyer's 29.3 average
leading the team. They are
averaging 64.5 points per
game, while allowing 62.3.

While their balanced scoring
attack has received most of the
attention, the Irish defense has
held 8 straight opponents
under 60 points. They held Pitt
to 37 percent shooting in their
last meeting.

Wednesday's game marks
the eighth meeting between
the teams, with the Irish own­
ing a 7-0 advantage.

M. B-ball  
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(32 percent from 3-point
land, while Villanova con­
verted 11-of-26 (42 per­
cent) shots from behind
the arc.

Notre Dame dropped
both conference games on
the road trip and now finds
itself back in the middle of
the pack in the Big East
standings.

The Irish are now 0-7
against the Wildcats since
joining the conference five
years ago. Villanova is the
only team Notre Dame has
yet to beat in conference
play.

The road will not get any
easier for the Irish as the
season winds down.

Notre Dame hosts
defending national cham­
pion Connecticut on
Saturday and then plays
the top three teams in the
conference over the next
four games. Two of those
games are on the road.

Notre Dame must break
out of its slump and make
a run down the stretch if it
has any hope of making
the NCAA Tournament.

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### Sports

**Sachire leads Irish in upset over No. 18 Wildcats**

By RACHEL BIBER

Irish captain and All-American Ryan Sachire entered an invincible zone during yesterday’s match against 18th-ranked Kentucky, and the rest of the team followed as the Irish stormed away with a 5-2 upset over one of the nation’s toughest teams.

The matchup kicked into high gear for the Irish, who took the doubles point with wins in the number two and three spots. Sachire and senior Trent Miller teamed together to defeat Kentucky’s doubles duo of Carlos Drada and Reven Stephens, while sophomores Casey Smith and James Malhame topped Ed Bawono and Johan Grunditz. With the doubles point already awarded, the Irish pair of sophomores Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico did not complete their match against Kentucky’s Johan Hesoun and Gustav Pousette. Talarico gave the Irish a quick win at number four singles, blowing away Bawono of Kentucky 6-1, 6-0. Fourteenth-ranked Sachire followed Talarico’s lead by knocking off 9th-ranked Drada 6-1, 6-3, improving his singles record to 16-6.

“Aaron Talarico was really on fire today,” Irish coach Bob Bayliss said. “And Ryan had an unbelievable match. Drada is in the top 10 in the country.”

The top match, pitting Sachire against Drada, was expected to be a close battle, but Sachire showed no weaknesses throughout the entire match and did not allow Drada to even get a foot in the door. Sachire said, “I knew [the match] was of some importance when everyone came to watch,” Farrell said. “They were swarming us.”

Farrell became aware of the importance of his match as the home crowd began to gather in the stands and show their support. After securing the first set 6-2, Farrell, who was filling in for the injured Irish junior Matt Daly, had a match point at 6-5, but was shot out and forced to go to a tiebreaker. His power centered baseline game did not desert him, but rather assisted him in running away with the tiebreaker by a score of 7-2.

“Farrell showed a lot of poise today,” Bayliss said. “He stayed calm and kept a solid face today.”

Showing the composition of an experienced collegiate player, Farrell did not crack under pressure, and his win proved to be the clincher for the Irish upset, following his victory, Farrell recognized the significance of his match and had a permanent grin on his face.

“I knew [the match] was of some importance when everyone came to watch,” Farrell said. “I’m just happy I won.”

Following the climax of Farrell’s win, the remaining singles matches were decided by tiebreakers to allow the Wildcats to get a head start on a long road trip home.

Kentucky came away with two victories in the final three matches. Grunditz defeated Taborga 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) at No. 3 singles for Kentucky’s first point. Pousette rallied for a 6-7 (10-6), 6-2, 7-6 (7-4) over sophomore Andrew Laffin at No. 5 singles. Smith defeated 48th-ranked Hesoun 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (10-8) for the 5-2 final.

With the win, the Irish proved they are national contenders and must be taken seriously. The victory also evened out the series record between the Irish and the Wildcats, making the tally 10-10.

“It was our best effort of the year,” Bayliss said.
**Crossword**

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Women's Basketball

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Men's Basketball

Wildcats hand Irish conference loss

By BRIAN KESSLER Sports Writer

The road hasn't been very kind to the Notre Dame basketball team this season.

Last night's game against Villanova at the First Union Center was no exception. The Irish 14-10, 5-5 dropped to 2-8 away from the Joyce Center after suffering a 86-69 loss to the Wildcats (13-5, 4-5). Villanova took a 37-27 lead at the break and pushed its lead to as many as 22 in the second half.

Backup point guard Jermaine Medley scored a career-high 17 points and Gary Buchanan added 16 points to help the Wildcats to their highest point total of the season. Brooks Sales finished with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Villanova's aggressive man-to-man defense forced 26 turnovers and held Notre Dame standout Troy Murphy without a field goal in the second half.

Murphy, the nation's fourth leading scorer, finished just 5-of-15 from the field and had 14 points along with 16 rebounds. Matt Carroll led the Irish with 15 points in the second half and 17 for the game. David Graves was also 5-of-15 shooting and finished with 11 points.

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