Candidate: O'Donoghue penalty

By LAURA ROMPF Associate News Editor

In an emergency meeting last night, the Senate passed an amendment 16-6 decreasing the campaign suspension on the Brian O'Donoghue/Brooke Norton campaign. The bylaw passed by the Senate Wednesday night's meeting was approved yesterday by Joe Cashidty, director of Student Affairs. This allowed the senate to reduce, increase or change the imposed penalty by the Selections Committee.

"We agreed [Wednesday] night that there was a violation," said Carroll Hall senator Patrick O'Donnell. "A penalty needed to be imposed on the O'Donoghue/Norton campaign. However, we are allowed to reduce, increase or change the other penalty. I vote to make the suspension one day because the two day punishment is entirely unfair. I do have confidence in the judicial committee, but the punishment is unjust. Enough damage has already been done to their campaign.

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Candidates: student input is crucial

By LAURA ROMPF Associate News Editor

Several candidates' platforms before the student body presidential election address the feasibility of increasing student membership on University committees.

"Students offer a unique perspective which cannot be matched by any other continuing of the University community," said presidential candidate Brian O'Donoghue. "While administrators and faculty can offer a great deal of information, they can know never exactly what is it like for a student... Students can constantly offer views which only can come from actually being a student and being on the receiving end of important decisions."

Other candidates agreed with O'Donoghue.

"Our entire platform is centered around the idea that the students should have a far more active role in the decisions made around this campus," said Jim Focht, vice presidential hopeful.

"The more students on university committees, the better off this University will be."

Jim Focht "vice presidential hopeful"

'Sister act' an option for college women

Students consider vocations with the Sisters of the Holy Cross

By NELLIE WILLIAMS News Writer

On Saturday evening, Notre Dame junior Heather Phillips will be getting ready for a dance. Unlike other young women, however, Phillips will be wondering what her date thought of this article.

The studio art major and theology minor enjoys aerobics, drawing and painting watercolors. She likes playing with kids and loves Hallmark cards. She enjoys writing and piecing together puzzles.

And, one day, she may be a nun. It's kind of a sensitive thing," she said. "I've been thinking about the sisterhood since I was 15. I would always joke around with my parents about it."

Phillips is one of only a few women studying with the Sisters of the Holy Cross in order to be a nun.

Across the country, the number of women joining convents has been decreasing. Sister Margaret Andre and Sister Margaret Mary Lavonis, both in charge of the Vocation Ministry for Holy Cross Sisters, believe that the opportunities available to women today that did not exist 50 years ago have caused a decrease in women joining the sisterhood.

"When I was graduating from college, women were like second class citizens," said Lavonis. "The only women administrators of schools and hospitals were sisters."

In the 1950s and 1960s, about 30 formation classes for joining the Holy Cross Sister's Community were offered each year. Today in the U.S., there is one a year. "A lot of people find it hard to make a permanent decision," said Lavonis.

The Holy Cross community is international and has many sisters serving in eight foreign countries, which helps bolster numbers.

"Some communities are not international like we are and are dying out," said Lavonis. The number of nuns teaching at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's has not decreased. Often, nuns do not wear traditional habits, which makes their presence on campus.

The number of nuns teaching at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's has not decreased. Often, nuns do not wear traditional habits, which makes them less identifiable. Although sisters are not very visible, the priests at Notre Dame are a part of everyday life and Old College is well-known on campus.

Andrè attributes the high percentage of young men studying to be priests at Notre Dame to the visibility and daily interactions with priests around campus.

"I think it's because Notre Dame priests always talk about vocations and religious life. The visibility helps the students think," she said.

However, some students are aware of the nun's presence on campus.

Phillips began talking to Lavonis last May and suggested the Holy Cross sisters start a vocation faith sharing group. Phillips had been attending a vocation group with men in Old College and Father Bill Wark. However, being the only woman in the group "felt strange," to Phillips.

Now, Phillips attends the vocation faith sharing group she helped create with the Sisters of the Holy Cross once a month. One reason Phillips believe she was drawn to learn more about the Sisters of the Holy Cross is because she is at Notre Dame.

Growing up in Sacramento, Calif., she attended a single-sex Catholic school. At home she would complain to her dad about the nun's habits.

"I used to say, 'Oh, dad, I could never be a nun because I hate their shoes,'" Phillips said.

Although stereotypes about nuns exist, such as they are only teachers or nurses, Heather Phillips and her mentor, Sister Margaret André, spend a moment in reflection in the Church of Our Lady of Loreto.
Beware of the swans

The last few years of student government has been an extremely impactful period for the student body, as the Associated Press has reported. We have had a Student Body President who has taken the steps to implement a senate made up of democratically elected representatives to serve the students' interests. As a result, the student body has been more active in making decisions, and the outcomes have been more reflective of the student body's desires. This has been a positive development for the student body, as it has improved the quality of life on campus and made it easier for students to have their voices heard.

The view expressed in the Inside Column is that of its author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

**This Week in Notre Dame/Mary's History**

Director discusses crowded, co-ed dorms

*Friday, Feb. 12, 1972*

Director of University Residence announced to the students that the Residence Hall Planners that Tower would be a co-ed dorm during the 1971 summer session with men and women alternating floors. The incoming class was also much larger than expected. Six men would be placed in a three-room and four-man suite until other rooms would open up on campus.

**Outside the Dome**

Ohio U. activist in court for burning gay flag

*ATHENS, Ohio*

Charles Spingola, a member of the religious activists who has preached on Ohio University's College Green, is facing charges that he broke Columbus' 10-year-old ethnic intimidation ordinance, which includes sexual orientation.

Unfortunately, none of these ideal presidents even ran for the office. Murray, '98, former chief of staff and reformer, was arrested for a cultural examination and therefore should not be used as an eligibility requirement. New students also needed to complete at least 13 core academic classes. The plaintiffs argued the SAT is culturally biased and therefore should not be used as an eligibility requirement.

Our government officials have been putting up flags on the Capitol building, it makes young people think you start to put up flags on the Capitol building, it makes young people think...
New board to focus on increasing Saint Mary’s diversity

By SARA HRYNCHAK

With the advent of the Student Diversity Board, Saint Mary’s continues to renew its pledge to increase the diversity of its campus. The Board of Governance approved the board Tuesday.

This will be a governing board that will work to address diverse student issues,” said Georgeanna Rosenbush, advisor to student government and director of student activities at Saint Mary’s. “Like the areas of academics and residence life, diversity issues are wide and deep in nature that it warrants more attention than one commissioner or individual clubs and organizations can give,” she said.

Ideas were debated, but until a year and a half ago, no one seriously considered a board.

“The topic of how to support diversity on our campus has been an issue for [Student Government Association] leaders over the past years,” Rosenbush said.

With the support of BG, this year’s Ethnic Diversity Commissioner Akmaral Omarova, provided the leadership in formulation of the current proposal. Omarova, a student from the former Soviet Union Republic of Kazakhstan, was intrigued by the project.

“The initial idea was brought up to me by [Rosenbush], but I decided to go with it only after talking to students, faculty and administration.” Omarova said.

“He talked to many students and have seen a burst of enthusiasm and excitement about it. Students have been saying that they needed something like this a long time ago. There is a definite need for this organization on the student body’s part.”

The board has a fourfold purpose. Its founders want to help students develop an awareness and respect for the history, cultures, traditions and religions of multicultural and international students.

“The number one objective of this board is to educate the SMC community on issues about diversity,” Omarova said.

The board also hopes to bring the Saint Mary’s community together in a celebration of the diversity of every woman on campus. “As we learn more about each other, we will become more understanding, and accepting,” Omarova said.

“Every woman at SMC is unique and we want to celebrate this uniqueness.”

The third goal of the board is to provide support for ethnic students and increase enrollment and retention rates of ethnic students at Saint Mary’s.

“We hope that with the formation of this board we will demonstrate that the issue of diversity is important to both the students and administration of the College,” Omarova said.

“This way, we hope to attract more prospective students from various backgrounds who will know that there will be a network of support for them at Saint Mary’s. Thus we hope to bring in more cultural diversity to student population as well.”

The fourth objective of the new Diversity Board is to provide a discussion forum.

“I have spoken to many students who have expressed the lack of support for minority students on campus,” Omarova said.

“Being a minority, said. “Being a student from Kazakhstan, was intrigued by the idea that the new board is established at this proposed term of student government will have an impact on the student and campus culture as a whole over time.” Rosenbush said.

“As with any new student government Board, there will be a period of adjustment while building their depth and role within the Saint Mary’s community. I anticipate many good things happening on our campus as a result of their good work,” she added.

At-large representatives will also have a seat on the board appointed by their respective boards, organizations and College departments.

“I have received extremely positive feedback and strong support from administration and faculty as well,” Omarova said. “With all this support and enthusiasm, I have the confidence that the board will be successful in reaching its objectives and playing a vital role on this campus.”

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Phillips said she has learned

"I thought I would wonder

Many touched my life

by example," she said.

She does not feel she would

be limited in life choices as a

Sister.

"Part of me feels limited at
times, but when I stop back
and look at it, it's such a liber­
ating life choice — there's still
so much freedom there," Phillips
said.

Cupelli noted the sisterhood,
Phillips still considers marri­
age an option.

"I think marriage is still such

a beautiful option. Sometimes I
think I would really miss out
not having a family of my own
or kids. But then I think, what
if I was working in an orphan­
age for kids caring that way?"

she said.

Also questions whether she
will be lonely.

"What if I'm truly alone?

What if you want someone to
hold you — something like that?"

For now, Phillips will just keep
praying about her choice.

Hicks, meanwhile, Phillips said,
is very supportive of her search­

ing. Her mother once consid­
ered becoming a nun and her

grandfather thought about the

prospect.

"It's something in our family,

it's a way we see the best pos­
sibilities. Sometimes I think

that's why they said they were
doing," said Quinn.

Although the three women
do not expect that the Board of
Governance said at the meeting
Tuesday that their decision
will be final, but we feel the major­
ity of the students are not
represented and that's what they
told us," said Cupelli.

Cupelli hopes the petition will
signal to the Board of
Governance that they are not
representing the majority of
the students who voted in last
Wednesday's election with their
decision.

"Board of Governance said at
the meeting Tuesday that their
decision was final, but we want
them to know that according to this petition, they are not repres­
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dents have responded to want to
make a point that students are
not being listened to."

Among the three women, do
not expect that the Board of
Governance will not listen to
their decision to render BRENN- Nage victors in the election, they
feel an apology from the Board
of Governance is in order.

"At the very least, Board of
Governance should admit they
are not representing the major­
ity of the students who voted
in last Wednesday's election,
that they are not representing
student body thinks they were
wrong," said Quinn.

Quinn added, "I don't know that
Board of Governance will change
anything after the way they reacted
at the meeting, saying their
decision was final, but if so
much of the student body wants
decision changed, can this one
board say no?" said Quinn.
WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Afghan plane hijacking crisis over

STANSTED, England

About half the hostages freed from a hijacked Afghan airliner requested asylum in Britain, but their 74 applications ran into immediate skepticism Thursday from officials who feared the four-day drama was all an elaborate bid to escape Afghanistan. Police arrested 21 people as the standoff ended peacefully before sunrise Thursday. At 3:50 a.m., about 80 captives: mostly women and children — suddenly streamed down the aircraft's rear stairs, illuminated by bright lights, their flowing garments fluttering in the wind. The plane, including the hijackers, dropped back 100 miles. and then the two hours later. Officials said the hijackers never asked for asylum, but many others on the flight did. Home Secretary Jack Straw told the House of Commons that Britain would try to deport them, subject to legal requirements.

U.S. struggles with China trade deal

WASHINGTON

The White House knows it has a struggle on its hands getting fellow Democrats to sign on to a new trade agreement with China, Cabinet secretaries and President Clinton’s top aide said Thursday. “This is going to be the toughest fight we face this year on Capitol Hill,” said White House chief of staff John Podesta, as he asked for lobbying help from agricultural interests. The Clinton administration wants a vote as early as possible, and definitely before midsummer, on trade agreements that would set China on the path toward joining the World Trade Organization. The accord would do away with the annual fight in Congress over granting China normal trading status by making that status permanent. Organized labor, environmental groups and many Democrats in Congress oppose the agreement as dangerous to U.S. workers.

Four captives freed in Sudan

LEBANON

Pro-government fighters released four people Thursday who had been held for a week in the southern Sudan with their U.N.-based plane, the United Nations said. Three of the four — an American UNIFIL staffer and two Kenyan pilots — were flown from southern Sudan to Khartoum, in northern Kenya, the base of U.N. humanitarian operations for Sudan, spokeswoman Marie Okabe said. The four, who were not identified, were exhausted and were being examined by doctors, she said. The fourth detainee, a Sudanese national, was taken to Malakal, about 100 miles north of the village of Fangak in Upper Nile Province where they were freed.

Government makes plane tests mandatory

LOS ANGELES

The government is requiring airlines to inspect the tails of MD-80 series jetliners and related planes for damage similar to what was discovered in the wreckage of Alaska Flight 261.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the airlines will have two to three days to comply. Boeing had recommend-

ed Wednesday that all 2,000 of the planes world-

wide be inspected, and all 62 in U.S. service had already begun an inspection process when the FAA decided to make it mandatory. Alaska Airlines grounded two planes Thursday after problems were found.

Passengers should expect minor delays, the FAA said. “It’s far more important that we get these airplanes inspected,” said Tom M sweeny, the FAA’s associate administrator for certification. “We want it done right, and we want it done thorough.”

Alaska, which has 34 MD-80 series planes in its fleet, grounded two of its jetliners in Seattle and Portland, Ore., because metal shavings were found around the jack screws — which drive the planes’ horizontal stabilizers and control the up-and-down direction of a plane. Shavings indicate wear on a nut that travels along the screw.

The horizontal stabilizer, the jack screw, elevator and other components that adjust the plane’s up-and-down pitch have been the focus of the Flight 261 investigation. The pilots reported troubled with the stall indicator and struggled to control the plane for at least 30 minutes before it crashed into the Pacific on Jan. 31, killing all 88 people aboard.

A 2-foot section of the jack screw was recovered from the wreckage, and metal shavings found on it were determined to have come from the nut. It is unclear whether the damage was a possible cause or effect of the crash, and the nut has not been recovered.

The National Transportation Safety Board has announced the Navy had recovered additional pieces of wreckage from Flight 261.

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LOS ANGELES

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About 1,100 jets in the United States — all MD-80s, MD-90s, DC-9s and Boeing 717s — will be covered by an order that was being drafted late Thursday by the Federal Aviation Administration. The airlines will have two to three days to comply.

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in academic and campus life. "The idealistic answer to the problem: let students play is that students have a perspective on ND that faculty never have. They offer an essential point of view," said Elizabeth Eldon, assistant professor of biological sciences and member of the University committee on women and faculty and students. Eldon cited several reasons why committees would benefit from student membership. Because students' population turns over quickly, this would help determine if change was actually occurring, she said. Also, students would gain an understanding of university governance, she added.

However, Eldon cautioned that there may be negative effects. "In any committee there has to be a level of trust among members and an acceptance of common ground rules," she said.

"Faculty and students alike need to know when a certain discussion is confidential, and need to be able to trust that confidentiality will be maintained. Some faculty are uncomfortable discussing sensitive confidential topics when students are present due to this lack of trust," Eldon said. Eldon also said that due to student attendance and participation, they may not always be present at committee meetings.

"Committees work best, though, when all members attend regularly and are prepared for each meeting. Good committees do real work on real issues. Students for faculty who attend erratically have a negative impact, since time is wasted bringing them up-to-date.

Huje also said that student attendance and other factors could result in a negative view of their membership if the wrong student is put on or elected to the committee.

"A student who doesn't show up to the meetings all the time, or who isn't informed or educated about the issues that the committee addresses is not going to help that committee," Huie said.

However, overall Huie and Eldon stressed student representation is essential. "Student membership on committees is important," Eldon said.

"I've been interviewing for jobs this semester, and I am most impressed by those places that have student representation on the search committee. It shows that they trust their students, and it acknowledges that the candidate's ability to teach and interact with students is an important component of the hiring decision." Huie agreed.

"It has been our experience that committee members truly do care about what students have to say." John Micek vice presidential candidate

William Berry, professor of electrical engineering and member of the review panel committee for appeals concerning sexual discrimination. Berry said his committee is one that does not need student representation. "I can only answer for this committee (as whether or not students representation is necessary). I don't think student membership makes sense," he said.

O'Donoghue agreed, saying that while many committees would benefit from student membership, some may not and each committee should be viewed separately. "We need to look at which committees need student members," he said. "For example, the first year of studies advisory committee already has student representation and there is not much need for a student to be on the biohazard committee."

Overall, candidates hope that their election would help increase the student voice on university committees. "It has been our experience that committees members truly do care about what students have to say," Micek said. "The only problem is that often times there are no students on these committees. We feel that students can make a difference and one of the best ways that they can is through creating professional working relationship with other members of the committee."
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Hyden: Society hinges development

Speaker says African development slowed by poor relationships

By HENRI CAPIN GALLY SANTOS
Neal Wiser

The difficulties in the economic development of African countries appear to be correlated with the deteriorating relationships among the members of society, according to Goran Hyden. The highly-regarded African lecturer discussed the turbulent social and economic scenario faced by Tanzania since the 1960s.

During the 1960s the pride of independence ran high among the people. Tanzania faced a promising outlook. During the following two decades, however, corrupt leaders used their privileged positions for their own interests, Hyden said. People of different social classes resorted in contrasting fashions to the government's abuse.

By JESSICA DAUES

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Conference addresses urban renewal

By JESSICA DAUES
Neal Wiser

Poverty is a way of life in many inner city residents. But rather than ignore the situation, many are fighting for change.

The Notre Dame community will examine the role of faith and cooperation in urban renewal in a Feb. 13-15 conference, "Reconciliation and Renewal in the Cities: Faith-based Initiatives.

The speaker answered that Africa was indeed a 'high trust' society, but that he viewed a different situation while conducting his studies during the '60s. An ideological division on development amongst different social groups seems to arise.

"Those who feel to have a mission for development are the commercial farmers," contrasting fashions to the government, which never served them, became a corrupt institution at the expense of the farmers," said Hyden.

"Village farmers have lost confidence in the government." Goran Hyden

The high regarded leaders used their privileged positions for their own interests, Hyden said. People of different social classes resorted in contrasting fashions to the government's abuse.

Most presenters are connected with Catholic community leadership in cities including Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, San Antonio and El Paso, Texas, he said.

"Students at the University often do not get the opportunity to hear and directly encounter creative leaders who are impacting communities of need throughout the country," commented McNeill. McNeill encourages students to attend the events, all free to the general public. "We tried to make it student friendly," he said.

Students look forward to the experience.

"We students all know that our large cities involve poverty and other challenges," he said. "I am interested to see what these presenters have done to address these issues, with imagination and hope," said Erika Loeve, student of urban affairs.

The conference will begin 4 p.m. Sunday with a discussion by Behir of the Catholic Church in cities. Other highlights include Elizondo, associate director of the University's Hispanic Center, a national center for Latino Studies, who will speak 5:30 p.m. Monday. McNeill will introduce Latino faith-based initiatives.

"Father Elizondo is a dynamic speaker and an expert on Latino pastoral concerns," McNeill said. "He is also the founder of the MACC, Mexican American Cultural Center, a national center for training and leadership development for those working in Latino communities."

In addition, Notre Dame students Angela Anderson and Mikolas Green will speak about their experiences in faith-based initiatives over the past summer.

"We hope the speakers will spark the students' imaginations and desire for faith-based initiatives like these in their community or in experiences they may pursue in the future," he said.

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Information Session 4:00-5:00pm in 119 O'Shaughnessy

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O'Donnell also stressed that the Judicial Council's punishment was handed out against the rules of the constitution. The committee formed to decide the punishment did not meet the constitution quotas, and thus their punishment was "null and void," O'Donnell said. However, the senate did agree that a violation did occur and they should review the situation.

Before debate began, Senator O'Donoghue left the floor. "I am removing myself from the debate for obvious reasons," he said. "However, I want everyone to know that this appeal did not come from us. It came from outside our campaign.

Overall, the senators wanted to finalize the decision. "Rules are rules," said Fisher senator Philip Dittmar. "We decided that last night. For now let's make a decision and move on." Knott senator Ed Foy added, "Let's get this over with now."

Some senators were upset the decision was reconsidered. "We made a decision," said Zahm senator Ryan Becker. "Now to go back 24 hours later and hear this again ..."

"I want everyone to know that this appeal did not come from us."

Brian O'Donoghue presidential candidate

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"I do not think that the senate is a supreme body. It was the job of the Judicial Council and I think the punishment should stand.

A f t e r d e b a t e e n d e d, O'Donnell restated that the Judicial Council did not follow the rules of the constitution and thus an amendment should be made on the punishment.

"I want to reiterate what Pat [Foy] said: Do what's just. Do what's right," O'Donnell said. "I don't think the Judicial Council made the right decision and the constitution was not followed. The punishment should stand at a one-day suspension."

Kelly Folks, Judicial Council President, was apologetic for the mistake, but stood behind her original punishment. "I did not make this decision by myself," she said. "I made it by consulting many others. I know this is not what technically should have been done, and I apologize for that. But the issue is not the ethics of my decision. Please leave the ethics out of this."

After debate, the amendment was brought to the floor and with 16 of 22 votes, it passed.

"I think with the ruling we made [Wednesday] night we were going to deal with many apathetic voters," said Walsh senator Kate McCarthy. "Not all of them have confused apathetic voters. By the amendment tonight, we decreased the confusion and allowed voters to receive the most information possible. The voters now have the choice to make the most informed, best decision."

Pat Foy agreed.

"The senate thought a candidate got on a WFIU broadcast that reaches maybe three people ... did not warrant a two day suspension," he said. "We thought one day was more appropriate for the violation."

"Overall, O'Donoghue's outlook was positive."

"We're happy with the amendment, no doubt — especially because the appeal came from outside our campaign," he said. "It's been a trial but we never lost faith. We're going to continue on to make this University better."

This week in the sub

Shannon's Turning 21!!!

Shannon's Turning 21 means mom won't be able to match on Easter anymore.

We got news?

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House passes marriage tax cut

WASHINGTON

Dispatching an election-year valentine, Republicans won House passage Thursday of legislation that would cut income taxes $182 billion over 10 years for all married taxpayers, including the 25 million couples who pay a "marriage penalty" compared with single people.

The vote, timed to coincide with Valentine's Day next week, was 268-159 to send the bill to the Senate. Although 48 Democrats joined all Republicans in favor, it was short of a veto-proof edge.

Senate passage is far from certain and President Clinton is threatening a veto over the bill's cost and timing, yet House GOP leaders trumpeted the measure as the first in a series of tax cuts that would return a portion of projected budget surpluses in taxpayers and limit the growth of government.

"We need a tax code that doesn't punish married couples," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "They need to buy baby carriages for the home and the car. They don't need the federal government picking their pocket. It was a day for politicians of every stripe to ally themselves with the popular issue, even if they opposed this particular bill. Despite his veto warning, Clinton said at a Capitol Hill appearance: "We know we should do this." However, he was worried marriage penalty tax relief targeted more toward lower- and middle-class taxpayers.

"We are united in saying," he added, "Let's do it now." Clinton told a Democratic rally. The "marriage penalty" occurs because millions of couples who file joint tax returns are forced to pay taxes at higher rates than they would if they were single and filing separately, especially if each spouse earns roughly the same income. The penalty strikes most frequently at income levels between $50,000 and $75,000 and costs couples an average of $1,400 a year, according to congressional estimates.

The GOP bill would cut taxes for those couples as well as millions of others who already get a marriage "bonus," mainly those in which one spouse earns the lion's share of family income. It would gradually expand the bottom 15 percent tax bracket to apply to more of a married couple's income. Boost the standard deduction in 2001 for married filers to twice that of singles and raise the income cap to allow more lower-income couples to claim the earned income tax credit.

About 50 million married couples filed joint income tax returns in 1997, the most recent year complete statistics are available from the Internal Revenue Service.

Democrats complained that half of the bill's total tax cut would go to couples who already receive a bonus and would consume a large chunk of the projected budget surplus before plans are laid to ensure the future solvency of Social Security and Medicare, to pay down the national debt and to guarantee adequate government spending.

"The Republicans want to have a political gimmick for Valentine's Day," said Rep. Charles Bengan, D-N.Y. "If they just want a political issue, they've got one.

Democrats also said two-thirds of the tax cuts would go to couples earning more than $75,000 a year once it is fully phased in by 2008, and would entangle some of them in the complex alternative minimum tax.

"If the government in this state doesn't protect us from the good-old-boy system, who does?"

Brenda Holt

high school teacher

House passes marriage tax cut
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13
11:45 AM
MOST REV. DALE MELCEK, DIOCESE OF GARY, INDIANA
HOMILIST, BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART

4-5:30 PM
REV. J. BRYAN HEHIR, S.J, HARVARD UNIVERSITY
"THE CHURCH, THE CENTURY, THE CITY"

7:30-8:45 PM
"LIVING IN THE CITY TODAY: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES"
SR. DONNINA CIANGIO, OP, NATIONAL PASTORAL LIFE CENTER, NEW YORK
MR. LEONARD CALABRESE, DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND
NICHOLAS GREEN, 01 AND ANGELA ANDERSON, DO, UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14
10:40-11:30 AM
TEODORA TRUJILLO, CO-CHAIR OF EPISO, EL PASO
"RENEWAL IN THE NATION'S LARGEST BORDER COMMUNITY"

11:45 AM-12:35 PM
REV. CHARLES DAHM, OP
"RESURRECTION IN A MEXICAN NEIGHBORHOOD IN CHICAGO"

12:50 -1:40 PM
ELEANOR JOSAITIS, FOCUS HOPE, DETROIT
"PASSION FOR CHANGE"

4:30-5:30 PM
DR. MONIKA HELLWIG, ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
"CURRICULAR CHALLENGES FOR RECONCILIATION AND RENEWAL"

8-9:15 PM
REV. VIRGILIO ELIZONDO, ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO
"LATINO FAITH-BASED INITIATIVE: HOPE AND IMAGINATION"

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
9:30-10:45 AM
MSGR. WILLIAM LINDER, NEW COMMUNITY CORPORATION, NEWARK
"ATTACKING POVERTY IN A CIVIL SOCIETY"

2-3:15 PM
REV. MICHAEL IVERS
"THE CALL TO BE CHURCH AFTER CHURCH IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY"

3:30-4:45 PM
LEN CALABRESE, DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND
"FROM SAFETY NET TO SPRINGBOARD: THE CHURCH AS ECONOMIC ACTOR"

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Forbes drops out of GOP race

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Ending his "swim against the tides," publisher Steve Forbes pulled out of the Republican presidential race today after spending personal millions on his second quest for the nomination.

"We have created a new, conservative agenda," Forbes told supporters, claiming influence in making the party take his ideas seriously.

"I have no regrets, and you shouldn't either," Forbes said.

Forbes exited in Washington, the place he paired against in two campaigns for the tidiness of its tax cutters and the clout of its special interest lobbyists.

Champion of a flat income tax and a conservative voice on abortion, Forbes struggled to get his voice heard in a campaign dominated from the start by Texas Gov. George W. Bush, with John McCain coming on strong after a New Hampshire victory.

"We were nosed out by a hundred dollars," Forbes said dryly.

His departure triggered a scramble among the remaining contenders for his anti-abortion, anti-tax supporters on the conservative right, and also set the stage for a two-way battle between Bush and McCain, though former Ambassador Alan Keyes is still in the race.

Declining to immediately endorse another candidate, Forbes said on CBS's "The Early Show" this morning that his campaigns in 1996 and this year "changed the political landscape" and their cost — more than $65 million — was money well spent.

"When you add it up, it's a formidable sum, but it will get you a handful of ads in the Super Bowl," he said. "I think we have changed the dialogue.

Forbes cited his focus on overheating the income tax system, ending abortion, giving parents more control over schools, and allowing people to control their Social Security savings. He said his flat tax proposal forced candidates Bush and McCain to release their own tax-cut plans.

Bush won the Delaware primary in 1996 but decided not to run this year after placing third in that state on Tuesday, behind Bush and McCain, who didn't campaign at all in Delaware.

"This was a fantastic phenomenal experience, seeing America, learning about America in a way few people get to do it." Steve Forbes

former presidential candidate

Bradley criticizes
Gore on gun control

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Bill Bradley, standing Thursday with parents of children killed by guns, accused Al Gore of coming late and ending up weak on the emotional issue of gun control.

Framing his contrast in unusual terms, Bradley said: "This is not an issue that I came to after seeing television pictures of Columbine. This is an issue that I believe as a matter of fundamental principle throughout our public life.

"I have always supported common-sense gun control. Al Gore has not always done that," Bradley said.

The Gore campaign countered that Bradley was trying to manufacture differences where none exist.

"Vice President Gore has been a strong advocate for gun safety laws," said Nathan Baskin, a spokesman for California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, co-chair of Gore's California campaign.

But spokesman Chris Lehane acknowledged that Gore's record in Congress bears little resemblance to his gun-control stance of today.

"His position changed to match the changing times," Lehane said, noting the proliferation of gun violence in the past decade. "The public looks for leaders who respond to the changing times.

Gore was campaigning in Los Angeles Thursday, too, promoting his health care proposals at a hospital. In a striking counterpoint, his motorcade was held up temporarily because of a shooting at a fast food restaurant nearby.

Speaking to youngsters at El Sereno Middle School — parents of youngsters who were killed standing with him — Bradley said Gore voted against a 1990 bill to expand a federal ban on assault weapons and only wants to register new handguns while ignoring an estimated 60 million current weapons.

Bradley said he wants to license and register all handguns but Gore has dismissed the plan as too difficult.

"The essence of leadership is to take on that which is considered too hard to do and make it happen," Bradley said. "That's what leaders do as opposed to politicians.

Bradley said.

In addition to national registration of handguns, Bradley's plan encompasses a federal ban on assault weapons dealers from residential neighborhoods, limiting the number of guns a person can buy each year, banning small, cheap "Saturday night special" guns and ordering background checks for purchases at gun shows.

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I am thankful for the ability to take advantage of the free food, free tee-shirts, free massages and free entertainment offered by S.U.B. and even for those events that do cost a little money. And I also thankful that if an event doesn't interest me, then I am in no way forced to attend.

I am thankful for the Debartolo cloaks that run a little slow, and for the fact that if I ever did need to know the time on my way to class, that at least 98 percent of the student body regularly wears watches.

I am thankful for my own beliefs about God, my life, my religion, my body and moral values.

I am thankful for our sports teams. I support them because I think they are good teams. I even support them because I think they are bad teams. I am a proud member of the Notre Dame family. I am thankful that I have a car, access to a parking permit for only $7.95, and for all of the groundkeepers I see around trying to keep up with the snow as best as they can.

I am thankful for the dining hall ladies, who let me eat the day I forgot my ID, who always have a hello and a smile, and who willingly clean up after me when I accidentally leave my mess.

I am thankful for the ability to vote. I am thankful for the ability to vote for another school. I am thankful for the ability to vote for our sports teams. I am thankful for the ability to vote for our student representatives.

I am thankful for the ability to vote, for two reasons: because it is a fundamental right that every citizen should have, and because it is a responsibility and an obligation that every citizen should exercise. I am thankful for the ability to vote, because it is a right that I, as a citizen of the United States, have been granted by our Constitution.

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Don't steal from DeBartolo

One of the most frequent complaints I hear around campus is that people feel they have more rules here at school than they do at home and it seems as if we are constantly babysat by the administration. Well, I am now getting a clear understanding of why some of these things need to take place. Before I explain, I pose this question to you, would you ever enter a friend’s home and rip down a family portrait that they have on the wall? In my four years here, I have seen many traditions ruined because of the irresponsibility of students, such as the ticket countup. Well, my fellow students, we are now in fear of losing one more privilege. Last Saturday night during the SLU movie at DeBartolo, the portrait of the donor of the building was torn of the wall. Now this act may have seemed funny at the time but it has put the SLU movies under some serious heat and we now have to face the incidents being the reason that movies are cancelled forever.

This is disappointing, especially since student affairs recently allowed us to start showing movies in DeBartolo 101 and SLU has just purchased new issues for the projectors so that the picture takes up the whole screen. Both of these things are for the benefit of the 1000 students that watch SLU movies on a weekly basis.

Ideally, I would like to see the return of these movies to DeBartolo to the wall of his building. However, more importantly, I am requesting that everybody who attends SLU movies might try to become part of the future so show some responsibility.

Please, realize that one stupid action may seem insignificant, yet it will directly affect the entire student body of today and the future. I don’t want to have to hire a security guard to sit outside the movies and create one more situation where intelligent, young adults are babysat.

Ross J. Kerr
Board of Student Government
Student Union Board
February 8, 2000
Saint Mary's: It's one heck

Saint Mary's has five residence halls in four buildings, strange as that might sound, and each one has its own character and spirit. The residence halls are the heart of St. Mary's identity, and it is from this beating heart that the college arteries pump out fresh, newly oxygenated women into a global body eager for strong and vibrant voices with pleasant pitch and timbre. For many of these women, their journey to the world begins in Regina Hall.

Regina Hall
From the outside, Regina Hall, not to be pronounced with a "long i" unless one means to be "omacked," is perhaps Saint Mary's most unremarkable residence hall. Flat and block-like in appearance. The beauty of a place is more than brick-deep, however, and once one has entered the lobby of Regina, one knows that this is a special place. The foyer of this impressive structure holds two tiny pews on each side, as if to say, "Welcome to a place of worship. Pop a kneel." It also has a tiny notched plant that looks like a palm tree, seemingly placed to complement the pews.

One is left with a sensation that this is a church both sacred and tropical. Inside the main doors, the visitor is confronted with an impressive chapel, and two expansive lounges on either side of the main lobby. The lounge on the south side is brilliantly furnished in rich sofas and easy chairs ideally arranged for worship. Pop a kneel." It also has a tiny notched plant that looks like a palm tree, seemingly placed to complement the pews. One is left with a sensation that this is a church both sacred and tropical.

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R e g ine is a building that can produce very different responses when it enters the ring of candid discussion.
Sophomore Stephanie King, a Saint Mary's woman works on a computer. A couple of Saint Mary's women take a study break. Le Mans Hall serves both as a residence hall and as an administrative building. Home is where the heart is, and the distractions. A couple of Saint Mary's women take a study break. Le Mans Hall serves both as a residence hall and as an administrative building.
Scene

Friday, February 11, 2000

of a happenin’ community

By MELISSA HERSHBERGER

great building, and it has a great spirit. 
And we have a great staff. And I'm not 
just saying that because they're all stand­
ing behind me. And that is when the 
brawl erupted. Not really, but it was 
touch-and-go for a minute there.

But the residents of McCandless know it 
as more than a location. To them, it's just 
home.

Holy Cross Hall

At the end of the tree-
lined Avenue lies a 
monument to the archi-
tecture of the past — 
Holy Cross Hall. It is a 
beautiful old building, 
the oldest of the resi-
dence halls in fact, 
and just by walking across 
its front porch and into 
its classic lobby with 
twin, curved staircases, 
one cannot help but 
feel a pang of jealousy 
that one cannot live there. 
Especially if one isn't 
even afforded the 
chance just because of 
one's gender. One can 
really feel the pang of 
that's the case. 
That's 
when the sting begins 
to burn.

Holy Cross is home to 
320 residents, mostly 
second- and third-year 
students, and it is possessed of some 
of the largest rooms ever created. No joke — 
you could squeeze a roller skating rink 
into some of these rooms and still have 
room to herd alpacas. They are immense 
and feature hardwood floors, incredibly 
high ceilings, enormous windows, but they 
only have two temperature settings — 
Hell and Eskimo Hell.

The real charm of this building is not in 
its parlor or its VendoLand. It is in its 
community. These are no hostile Amazon 
women in Holy Cross, living in gated 
seclusion bringing in men for the sole pur-
pose of breeding and then sending them to 
the place from whence they came. No, 
these are a friendly and chaste people, 
and though the author of this article was 
required to be accompanied by an escort 
as are all men in all St. Mary's residence 
halts, it was still one of the most welcom-
ing environments on campus. 
Responding to inquiries of her opinion of 
Holy Cross Hall, though, LeMans Hall resi-
dent Foley stated, "I think it's gorgeous 
and it's beautiful, but sh-t, the whole dis-
tance to class thing. It's way out there."

Annunciata Hall

The fourth floor of Holy Cross Hall is 
actually a residence hall unto itself. 
Annunciata Hall, a.k.a. "The Rockin' 
Sorority," is a special section designed for 
seniors to live in community together, 
and that is exactly what happens. They live in 
community. It looks like a normal floor, 
but Annunciata offers extra amenities 
such as a very nice break room with a big 
screen TV. It also has its own computer 
lab and kitchen, and members of the com-

munity are given a key that accesses the 
basement entrance so they do not have to 
pass the scrutiny of the front desk every 
time they want to enter and leave the 
building.

An Annunciata resident who would only 
identify herself as "Gaddy" explained, "It's 
just nice being on a floor with all seniors.

The extra door is just a little extra excite-
tive."

Fellow Annunciata Megan Bodary 
agreed: "I feel tough. I feel like a big kid. 
Finally, you know? I just like the feeling 
when you walk in the elevator and get to 
say, 'Could you press four, please?' It's a 
commanding building."

While there will always be a naysayer 
such as Foley, — who said: "I always 
thought it was so funny that they renamed 
it a whole hall when it's just the fourth 
floor. That's all it is!" — there is something 
impressive about the 
community of Annunciata. It is com-
posed entirely of women on the brink 
of leaving one stage of life and embarking on 
another journey, and 
they are all in it. They are 
all in it together.

Le Mans Hall

Opened in 1925, Le 
Mans (silent "s") Hall 
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Le Mans Hall

Opened in 1925, Le Mans (silent "s") Hall houses 520 students and numerous administrative offices, but it is also the most valuable landmark on the Saint Mary's campus. It is an enormous structure with 
a commanding bell tower as
Scene's Observer

Friday, February 11, 2000

SUB'S SLF Pulls into ND

This week's Sophomore Literary Festival brings bright writers to Notre Dame, including Pulitzer Prize winner William Kennedy.

By MARY ANNE LEWIS
Soror Writer

“Who do we want? Do you guys have any ideas?”

“I was thinking of Tori Amos or Sarah McLachlan.”

“All right — those are pretty big names. Anyone a bit more civilized?”

“How about some authors from Core?”

“Hey, good idea.”

It's coming. Momentum has been building since April of last year. Dozens of people are involved and even more are excited. The train arrives this Saturday, February 12, after a grueling journey to prepare people to hop on for the ride. The journey offers adventure, danger, romance, beauty, satire and imagination.

The conductor's name is Sara Branch. She has organized the route, helped with hard work and done a good thing — time is of ultimate importance on the way. And over there is the assistant, Mary Ellen Donahue. Well, all aboard!

First stop: Library Auditorium

The train arrives Saturday at 8 p.m. sharp to visit Bharati Mukherjee. Arrive early to ensure seating. She will read, answer questions and develop thoughts. The train departs after 10 p.m. Destination is the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune for a reception with the author.

Second stop: Notre Dame Bookstore

Departure takes place Sunday at 11 a.m. Travelers will once again be able to see Bharati in all her personal glory as she signs books for students and authors and all others interested.

The trip should grant a nice view and many new insights.

Third stop: Washington Hall

See William Kennedy at 8 p.m. on Sunday. The evening will consist of a reading performance and is anticipated to particularly delight the students taking Core classes.

Fourth stop: Library Auditorium

All day trips cancelled so that Sophomore Literary Festival Lines (SLFL) can make this spectacular offer of an afternoon with William Kennedy Monday, February 13, in the Library Auditorium for a seminar session concerning his writing and related experiences.

Fifth stop: The land of poetry

Our host will be none other than LaYoung Lee. This trip is recommended to the light of heart and to all lovers of poetry. It is this year's only voyage to this special spot, and places are going fast. So grab a place as soon as possible. Seating is limited.

Boarding time and place: Monday 8 p.m., Washington Hall.

Reception follows in the Notre Dame room of LaFortune, so make it a date before that special someone for a special evening with rhyme.

Sixth stop: Notre Dame Bookstore

If the date went well, why not bring that special someone to a follow-up date? Lee will host a workshop Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Seventh stop: Washington Hall

Now SLFL offers you a very special opportunity to follow students read their own works. Each student will have approximately 30 minutes to present his/her work, and the evening will last about 2 1/2 hours. Hear the innermost thoughts of your friends on this entertaining evening, which will take place Tuesday from 8 to 10 p.m.

Eighth stop: Washington Hall

On Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m., see author Andrew Hudgins as he presents his own work to Notre Dame students, staff, faculty and members of the community. A reception will follow for the writer in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune.

Ninth stop: Notre Dame Bookstore

Work personally with Andrew Hudgins in a workshop offered Thursday at 10 a.m. Meet the man himself, and learn from his work and experience in the literary world.

Tenth and final stop: Washington Hall

The last opportunity to board takes place Thursday evening at 8 p.m. Train leaves from a pre-party at 8:30 p.m. by John Edgar Wideman and moves on to the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune for a special thank you to Wideman for joining everyone at Notre Dame. Climb on for the grand finale before returning home.

Thank you for riding SLF Lines. We hope you have enjoyed your trip, seen interesting things, and learned a bit along the way. Thank the Student Union Board for the $20,000 funding for this event, as well as the concentrated efforts of such people as Branch and Duhaney. They have put in quite a bit of time, work and thought into this trip, and have every hope for its success.

Donahue, working on the public relations committee, has tried to ensure publicity for this occasion through the campus, radio and by word-of-mouth.

Furthermore, Branch has been working as the head of the committee since Amy Sellers stepped down from the position last year. Since April the committee in charge of the Sophomore Literary Festival has been working to find authors and other types of writers to come to Notre Dame. They have written hundreds of invitations, and Branch has been keeping in touch with the writers. "They seem very excited to come here, to see Notre Dame and to learn what Notre Dame students are like," she said.

Students have been auditioning and perhaps even performed in November's Coffeehouse in order to prepare for personal presentation in the hopes of claiming a precious half-hour in which to pursue their most intimate writings. Feb. 15. Four very talented student writers will finally have the opportunity on Tuesday.

All students working in Core classes this year are encouraged to attend the presentations and workshops held by Bharati Mukherjee and William Kennedy, both of whom were read by Core students.

The train is leaving soon. Jump on, and keep your eyes and ears wide open!

ALL ABOARD!

About the speakers...

Bharati Mukherjee, Saturday, 8 p.m.


Non-Fiction: "Days and Nights in Calcutta" and "The Sorrow and the Terror: The Legacy of the Torture Air-Graphs"

Collections: "Darkness" and "The Middleman and Other Stories"

William Kennedy, Sunday, 8 p.m.


Play: "Views and Graud"

Screenplays: "The Cotton Cubit" and "Ironwood"

Collections: "Riding the Yellow Trudy Car"

Andrew Hudgins, Wednesday, 8 p.m.


Collections: "The Glass Anvil"

Awards: Wallace Stegner fellow (Stanford University), Alfred C. Hoder fellow (Princeton), National Endowment for the Arts fellow, Ingram Merrill Foundation fellow, 1997 Frederick Bock Prize, Ohioana Poetry Award for lifetime contribution to poetry, The Fellowship of Southern Writers' Hanes Prize, American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters' Whiting Writer Prize

John Edgar Wideman, Thursday, 8 p.m.


Awards: PEN/Faulkner Award (twice), New York Times "Best book of the year," American Book Award, Lannan Literary Fellowship for fiction, member of American Academy of Arts and Sciences, MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" and Rea Award for the short story

Student readers include: Paul Camarata, Michela Costello, Andrew McDonnell, Lisa Marie Fabrega, Brian O'Donoghue and Kara Zaro.

"Hey, good idea."
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Whatever side of the millennium debate you are on, you cannot argue the fact that the digital revolution is in full swing. So much so that this new century is promising to be one that will witness the greatest advances in computer technology that the world has ever seen, or even dreamed about.

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So, what does this really mean to me. Mr. And Mrs. John Q. Public?

Naturally, it means a faster dissemination of information and access to things that were previously unavailable.

The Guy

Mike Revers

Access Denied

There are nicer places to live than South Bend, but we can make it seem better by flushing. Maybe someday we'll get a sense of what living in South Bend: the town that flushes. As for dating, there are many things to do. You just have to be a creative mastermind to find them. Going out to eat is popular on Wednesdays. And it doesn't take long to figure out what bar to go to on every night. There are always the movies. Anything can really be a date. People should just be lighthearted and accept that massage from a stranger. Or sit by that lonely person at lunch. That's a date. Invite some opposite sexes over for an episode of "The Simpsons." Climb some trees, go to the Snipe, jump off the diving board at Rolfs. Go date, it's the best time in your life to meet all sorts of people. Then when you get to know them, bring them to the toilet. And if they don't, tell them you never want to see them again.

The Gal

Jessica Needles

The concept of information am I talking about? Well, for starters, news sources like the Observer. nd.edu and ngines.com.

These two sources are virtually the only thing as a Notre Dame or Saint Mary's student need to stay on top of the current news. And the best part is that they are free! In fact, there is a whole plethora of things that you can find for free online. If you read my inside column awhile back, you already know about mrunkt.com, a free online service that will call you in the morning and wake you up for class.

But there is really so much more to talk about, like doged.com, which will allow you to call anywhere in the United States over the Internet for free. All you need is a microphone and you can talk for as long as you want, to as far away as you want — this one is my personal favorite.

That is only the beginning though. There is an array of free software and utilities that you can download from sites like isnet.com, sharemore.com or files.com. Many of the programs are shareware, but they are freeware, and really, there is nothing better than free.

Oh, but that isn't even the half of it! Do you like music? Looking for that hard-to-find picture? Looking for a movie clip?

Why not try one of the best media search engines, Censor.net? This site is fantastic for everything MP3 to JPEG, and it's very easy to use. How about some extra hard drive space? Well, why not simply use the free space at freedrive.com. They will give you up to 50 megabytes of free space when you sign up.

Need to send some letters in the mail, and can't quite scrape 23 cents together? No problem: Just surf over to postagefree.com and get 10 free envelopes with postage locked on them for nothing. The possibilities are endless!

I am sure there are more things out there on the Internet too, but I don't have enough space to probably list them all. I have tried all aforementioned services, confirming that they are all legitimate, and all follow through on their promises. But there are things that you can get right here on Notre Dame's campus for next to nothing.

For instance, educational discounts run rampant on a college campus, and in the case of software, can save the student a ton of money. If you are looking for some software from Adobe, Macromedia, or even Microsoft, look no further than the OIT's computer store.

Not only will you probably find it right away without having to pay for Best Buy, but also you will find it for much cheaper. Every company has different set discounts for educational software though, so the best advice is still to shop around. Don't forget though, the University has a signed deal with Microsoft to receive the Office Suite and many other applications at a next to nothing price of $5. Just make sure not to pay $32.50 for it at the bookstore!

The best thing to do in this age of technology is stay informed and jump at the free stuff when you can. Most of the time a company only collects some basic information like an address and phone number, which would most likely be the same next year anyway! Check out these sites which I have listed, and happy surfing.

If you have any ideas for next week, let me know at revers.m@nd.edu.
Marino voids last two years of contract

Associated Press

DAVE, Fla. — Dan Marino now has some time to think about his two years of contract with the Dolphins on Thursday. It remained unclear whether the 38-year-old quarterback will return or retire for another season.

Marino could rejoin the Dolphins or go to another team.

"I'm not going to speculate about what Dan's going to do," Dolphins president Eddie Jones said Thursday. "Dan's an athlete and he's done everything possible he can do in football."

"It's his decision to go with a younger quarterback, missing five games and going through possible procedures for his neck injury. He finished with a 1-15 record."

"Marino has completed 32 passes for 299 yards last season. I'm financially secure, but money is definitely an issue. I'm a veteran and I consider myself one of the best tight ends in the league."

"I'm just going to sit out on the field in the on the day and see if there are any takers," Marino might have some takers, too.

"At this point intime season, Marino s howed glimpses of the player who record. He led Miami to a second-round comeback during the regular season. But the Dolphins fell short of the NFC East title by 7 at Jacksonville in the second round of the playoffs. Miami trailed 14-0 before Marino completed a pass. He finished 11-of- 25 for 99 yards with three touchdowns.

"I don't think anybody wants to end his career on the kind of game that we played in Jacksonville," Braxton said. "He deserves to go out on a white sheet with a lot of fans. He's done a lot to revolutionize the quarterback position and the way the NFL as a whole."

"I can't see Dan in another uniform."

"I'm sure he's going through the thought process of, 'Do I still want to do this?' He's had the injury last year and his knees are not getting any better."

"It's OK. There are a lot of holes to play," Woods said. "I've proved that last year. You can go out there and make it up or take it on, or even tomorrow."

"Last year? What about last year?"

"It's 1999, the year for a new beginning," Woods said. "It's 1999, the year 2000."
Barkley’s suspension lifted after St. John’s appeal

Associated Press

NEW YORK
St. John's successfully appealed the suspension of sophomore guard Erick Barkley on Thursday and he will play Saturday against Villanova.

On Tuesday, Barkley, the team’s leading scorer at 16.9 points per game, was suspended by the NCAA for three games for an undisclosed rule violation. St. John’s appealed that ruling and has now served a one-game last Saturday’s victory over Boston College — and missed a second that night at Providence, another victory for the Red Storm (15-6).

The Division I Subcommittee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement upheld St. John’s appeal, reducing the suspension to two games.

Barkley is obviously very happy,” St. John’s coach Mike Jarvis said Thursday night. “He appreciates the game more than he did before. He was glad to practice today. Usually it’s a chore. ... You get a sense of how relieved he is because he was concerned about his image and perception.”

Through Jarvis, Barkley said he was going home after practice and would speak to the media after Saturday’s game at Madison Square Garden.

“Today is a time to move on,” St. John’s athletic director Ed Manetta said Thursday. “We’re not going to get into specifics of the case because that has to do with a student’s privacy and we’re going to respect that right now.”

Manetta wouldn’t give details about the process that stretched almost a week, from notification of the possible violation to the appeal hearing.

“The NCAA interpreted rules that ruling even though he had already served one game — last Saturday’s victory over Providence, another victory for the Red Storm (15-6).”

The NCAA won’t comment on specifics involving a decision without written permission from the athlete.

The violation in question concerned exchanging cars with a family friend, two sources familiar with the case have told The Associated Press.

Barkley traded his late model Ford Crown Victoria 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.

JOHN DAU/THE OBSERVER

St. John’s sophomore guard Erick Barkley, shown here in a 1999 game, is back for Saturday’s showdown.

“Here, you’d say ‘Yeah, he was home,’ ” Manetta said Thursday night. “But usually it’s a chore. ... You get a sense of how relieved he is because he was concerned about his image and perception.”

Jarvis made some strong comments about the NCAA last Saturday when the suspension was announced and he publicly apologized for using rape when describing his feelings.

“The outrage had to do with the fact that our arguments were based on fear and any time someone is wronged doesn’t make sense, then that would obviously make anyone outraged,” he said Thursday.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Griffey joins sluggers in NL Central

Associated Press

Ken Griffey Jr. swinging for the fences with the wind blowing out at Wrigley Field.

Sammy Sosa pasting Mark McGwire as he rounds first base on yet another home run trot.

McGwire launching one of his home run bombs over Griffey’s or Sosa’s head.

Just a couple of years ago, those were musty dreams. Now that could be a typical day in baseball’s most exciting division: the Home Run Central.

With Griffey’s trade Thursday from Seattle to Cincinnati, baseball’s three most prolific and exciting sluggers all play in the same division, the National League Central.

The trio combined for 368 home runs just the past two seasons — an average of just over 61 apiece, more than Roger Maris’ record that stood until McGwire and Sosa took aim at it in 1998.

This is perhaps the most exciting season ever to play in one division. They rival Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Jimmie Foxx in the Al in the 1930s, and Hank Aaron, Willie Mays and Frank Robinson — three of the top four career home run hitters — in the NL. 40 years ago.

Pitchers from Milwaukee, Pittsburgh and Houston — the three other teams in the NL Central — could be in for a long season of long ball.

But nothing will rival the head-to-head meetings of the Home Run Kings.

McGwire opens his season in St. Louis against Sosa’s Cubs on April 3.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Griffey traded to Reds for 4 players

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Ken Griffey Jr. was traded from the Seattle Mariners to the Cincinnati Reds today, according to a source close to the negotiations.

The deal sends pitcher Bret Tomko and outfielder Mike Cameron to Seattle along with minor league infielder Antonio Perez and another minor leaguer, the source said.

Cincinnati called a news conference for 6:45 p.m. EST. Seattle and Cincinnati agreed Wednesday night to a tentative trade that would end the 10-time All-Star's stay with the Mariners, and Cincinnati was given 72 hours to work out a contract extension with Griffey that would make the trade official.

The trade involved only the Reds and the Mariners. There had been speculation a three-way deal including Anaheim was in the works.

"The Angels are not included in any transaction involving the Reds and Mariners," Angels vice-president Tim Mead said today.

The terms of the contract and the other players involved in the trade were not immediately known.

Griffey, 30, had 398 career home runs in 11 seasons, along with a .299 average and 1,152 RBIs. Hank Aaron, baseball's career home-run leader with 755, thinks Griffey has the best chance to top his record.

Griffey, who will earn $8.25 million this season, the final year of an $34 million, four-year contract, told the Mariners in November that he wanted to be traded to a team closer to his home in Orlando, Fla.

Mariners general manager Pat Gillick held talks with the New York Mets the following month, but Griffey then said he would accept a trade only to Cincinnati.

Reds general manager Jim Bowden cut off negotiations at the winter meetings, saying the Mariners' demands were too steep.

But Griffey said he was given a choice.

"I think this is a real good opportunity for me to come back and one, just to see if I can do it," Bowden said. "Two, the people here are very generous and nice. They deserve a lot of credit for being able to do something to get the deal going.

But Bowden said the Reds his office.

"He's ready to lose more often than he wins.

Still, no matter what Rodman does is interesting to a lot of people. His return to the NBA after 10 months of making movies, wrestling and generally getting into trouble was truly a big event.

The game drew 18,203 fans, the second-largest home crowd in the Mavericks' 19-year history. More than 120 media credentials were issued, triple the typical amount.

Plenty of fans were watching at home, too. Fox Sports Net reported Thursday that it was the most-watched Mavericks game the regional sports network has televised since it began receiving ratings data. The viewership peaked at 111,700 from 8:15-8:30 p.m. and there were an average of 94,062 television homes tuned in throughout the game.

With so much buildup, all Rodman had to do was show up, and he did, even arriving five minutes earlier than he had to.

Rodman played 32 minutes without any problems.

He grabbed 13 rebounds and played tough defense. He committed five fouls and drew just as many. He missed his only shot, an attempted tip.

"Some old Dennis," said Sonics forward Horace Grant, "He is still the same, pushing old Dennis.

Rodman got away with one of his old tricks — locking his arms in another player's, then acting like he was the one knocked down when the other guy tries to get untangled. And he was effective at doing out of traffic; Emmanuel Davis still may not have regained his balance from one particular TD.

But Rodman will need to learn about the NBA's new rules limiting contact. While he's at it, he should consider a refreshener course in illegal defense as he was twice caught out of position.

Teammates were excited by what they saw Wednesday. They figure that as he gets into the swing of things, he'll become a force.

"He just has to get his lungs and his feet ready for basketball," teammate Cedric Ceballos said.

Rodman told The Dallas Morning News he doesn't consider his return a sideshow.

"I think this is a real good opportunity for me to come back and one, just to see if I can do it," Rodman said. "Two, the people here are very generous and nice. Three, to prove a point. If I can make this team get to the playoffs, my job is done. My job is done.

"It's a challenge, a hell of a challenge to try to turn this team around. Even though I'm not the Michael Jordan of the NBA, I can do something to make this team a little more physical, a little more hard-core minded that they can go out there and say, 'Hey, we can't be beat. If we're going to get beat, let's go out there and fight our butt off every night.'"

If it happens, the perception of Rodman being a grand disruptor could change.

If the plan doesn't work, then don't be surprised if Dennis the Menace returns.

The plan worked.
To the Saint Mary’s College Community:

As the current Board of Governance and in light of the recent elections complications, we feel it is necessary to address the members of the student body. Let us start by assuring each of you that the members of the current student government association who have been handling the recent events have done so with the utmost courage, responsibility, dedication, and intelligence. They deserve our support and encouragement. Their task is not, and has not been, an easy one.

The 2000-2001 Student Body Election began with the informational meetings that are attended by all tickets considering running. At these meetings, candidates are informed of the election bylaws, and made aware of requirements and deadlines. After these meetings four tickets declared candidacy. The primary vote was conducted on Monday, January 31st and no one ticket emerged with 50% plus one vote—the requirement established in the SGA constitution for a win in the primary election. As a result, according to the stipulations in the bylaws, a run-off election was held. The constitution states that, “The winner of the run-off will be that ticket with the highest number of raw votes.” As we are all aware, the results of Wednesday’s run-off election were a dead tie. Each ticket received the exact same number of raw votes. As this is a situation that Saint Mary’s had never before been presented with, the Elections Commissioner, at the encouragement of the Director of Student Activities, approved a third election. This decision was not made according to the bylaws established in the constitution. The constitution states that, “The only time a revote was followed.” Due process and fact that poll voting procedures were enforced for Wednesday’s election a revote was indeed uncalled for, and in fact, was a direct violation of the stipulations set forth in the Student Government Association constitution. Furthermore, decision-making at that point rested in the hands of the Elections Committee, not the Elections Commissioner nor the Director of Student Activities. We acknowledge that this oversight was a mistake.

Unfortunately, this oversight was not brought to our attention until after Friday’s election. The results of Friday’s election awarded the Koelsch/Rodarte a higher number of raw votes than the Renner/Nagle ticket. These results, however, are deemed unofficial for 48 hours according to the SGA constitution. This time period is the window of opportunity that is present in every election, giving either ticket the opportunity to file an appeal. Proper election procedure is to inform the candidates of the unofficial results. If, after having been informed of the results, no appeal is filed by either ticket, the results become official. Complaints, on the other hand, and a careful distinction must be noted between a complaint and an appeal, can be filed at any time by any member of the student body. Again, these guidelines are set forth in the bylaws of the Student Government Association.

Sunday the Renner/Nagle ticket filed such a complaint. Their complaint was based on the fact that the Elections Committee was erroneously not consulted in determining to conduct a third election. It also sighted another oversight regarding Friday’s election procedures: off-campus voting was not allowed in the Off-Campus lounge.

In light of these complaints, and according to the SGA constitution, the Elections Committee met on Sunday night to discuss the validity of the complaint and establish a course of action. A quorum of the Elections Committee the constitution states that each ticket has 24 hours to make an appeal.

In anticipation of a possible appeal from the Koelsch/Rodarte ticket, the Interim Elections Commissioner took steps to insure that the Elections Appeals board would be fully functioning. The Constitution states that the Elections Appeals Board is made up of members of the senior class who are also members of either Board of Governance, Student Academic Council, Residence Hall Association, or Student Activities Board. Furthermore, the members of the Appeals Board are asked and expected to remain unbiased and refrain from campaigning for any candidates. Unfortunately, one member was unable to serve. The SGA constitution states that, “An Elections Appeals Board will be appointed by the Elections Commissioner and approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Governance.” In light of the inability of one member to serve, the executive board voted to approve the appointment of her replacement, a senior member of Student Activities Board.

As expected, an appeal was indeed filed by the Koelsch/Rodarte ticket on the grounds that, “the decision to use the raw votes from the Monday and Wednesday elections is not a valid representation of the wishes of the student body...” and that they believe the Renner/Nagle complaint was not filed in a manner compliant with the time restrictions stated in the Student Government Association constitution. The Appeals board convened to discuss this appeal. Again, they faced a very difficult task of sorting through several case law arguments about what constitutes an appeal. However, according to the constitution, a valid appeal must be filed within 24 hours after the announcement of the results. The voters were informed of the results, and the appeal was filed with the elections commissioner. In this case, the tenor of the appeal was not filed in a timely manner. The vote was then nullified.

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The intensity of this election reflects something that we should all be very proud of. This is reflected in the narrow split of the elections. Both tickets are made up of strong students yearning to serve Saint Mary’s. Both are highly qualified and exemplify the best of Saint Mary’s. Both have struggled to stand up for their rights as students and as candidates for Student Body President/Vice President.

We regret that the unfortunate events of the past week have occurred. We always hope that elections run smoothly, and they usually do. However, these recent events have served to solidify our confidence in the workings of the Student Government Association. Events unfolded such that the Constitution was our framework. Our process was followed every step of the way. Decision-making was conducted justly and fairly. In the process, we have maintained the integrity of the elections, and the future integrity of the Student Government. In particular, Bridgette Jefferman, our interim elections commissioner, has conducted herself ethically, honestly, and has acted with the utmost concern for the interests of the student body.

This past week has not been easy for any of the parties involved: the candidates, the members of the Elections committee, the Appeals Board, or the student body. This election has served to illustrate the importance that even one vote can bear. Finally, we would like to remind everyone that we are all members of the same student body. We inspire you to act with graciousness and maturity. Keep in mind that the student body elected the officials that are currently serving their terms; it is imperative that we have faith in and support the decisions made by the current Student Government Association.

Thank you very much and good luck to everyone involved. We are sure that the talents of the four young women involved will not be wasted next year. Saint Mary’s is truly blessed to have such skilled and able women present among its student body.

With Regards,

1999-2000 Saint Mary’s College Board of Governance

The SMC student body will receive a copy of this letter in their mail tomorrow.

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Colts to keep Dilger for next five years

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Ken Dilger got the long-term commitment he wanted from the Indianapolis Colts.

The veteran tight end signed a five-year, $15 million contract on Thursday with the AFC East champions.

"I'm very happy," Dilger said. "I wanted to stay in Indiana and finish my career here." Dilger, who could have become a free agent Friday, "always felt we would get it done without having to have the franchise tag put on me. There were a couple of sticking points and we were able to work them out," Dilger's agent, Mark Bartelstein, said.

Dilger, a former Indiana high school All-State quarterback as their "franchise" player, would have given him a one-year salary equal to the average of the top five tight ends in the league — $2.383 million.

"It was a long process," Bartelstein said. "We didn't really want to be franchised, so we tried to come up with something that would work for everybody, and I think this does it."

As a "franchise" player, Dilger still could have signed an offer sheet with another team, but then the Colts would have had the option of either matching the offer or receiving two first-round picks, compensation from Dilger's new team.

"We're very happy to have Ken Dilger on board with us for the next five years," Colts president Bill Polian said. "We look forward to a great season from him."

The league's free agency period begins at 12:01 a.m. Friday.

The Colts already waived linebacker Hardy Nickerson, receiver Lake Dawson, running back Darick Holmes and quarterback Steve Walsh. Tackle Adam Meadows, running back L. A. Rainey and linebacker Kelli Holcomb received one-year contract offers as restricted free agents, meaning they may sign offer sheets with other clubs but the Colts have one week to match the offers or receive compensation through draft picks.

Dilger, a former Indiana high school All-State quarterback at Heritage Hills and a second-round draft pick out of Illinois in 1995, earned about $1.2 million last season. His wife, Heidi, is expecting their first child late this month.

"Heidi, he's expecting their first child late this month," Dilger said. "I'm very happy. I wanted to stay in Indiana and finish my career here."
Swimming

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playing to our advantage. But we're so happy we're fourth right now...I'm going to take a picture of that scoreboard and mount it on the wall. This makes a huge statement.

With Thursday's events behind them, day one's performances have set a precedent that success is to be expected in this meet. Record breaking performances proved to be the rule rather than the exception, and the team has yet to attack the events that record breaking performances were expected in.

"They've seen what they can do, and it's contagious," Hildebrandt said. "There is no stopping this team."

Coollen Sullivan set the pace for the meet early in the day, when, in her first individual event, she broke Danielle Clayton's 1999 50 freestyle record. Sullivan's mark, which undercut Clayton's by two tenths of a second to 25.73 seconds in the morning, was enough to earn her a place in the consolation finals. Stepping up again, Sullivan broke her own record, cutting it to 25.60 and an eighth place overall finish.

"I just wanted to take control of that race," Sullivan said. "I wasn't focused on my competitors. I try to focus on myself, on my race. I just wanted to give it all I could."

Sullivan also anchored the 200 medley relay team that cracked a 15-year-old record set by Rafferty, Pancrutz, Marisquía and Byrne in February of 1985. The record, set during the team's championship season, was the oldest record left on the Saint Mary's board. The team of Sullivan, Clayton, Alicia Lesnieski and Lane Herrington lowered that mark by over two seconds, updating the record books to 1 minute, 48.95 seconds.

"Breaking a 200 freestyle record by two seconds is unheard of," said athletic director Lyn Kachmar.

"It's unbelievable!" The 400 medley relay team of Michelle Sammels, Herrington, Lesnieski and Clayton also rewrote the books, resetting their own record by more than six seconds.

Aware they had to edge Alma College to finish fourth for day one, the record wasn't even a consideration. Advancing past Alma and threatening Kalamazoo College by less than a second, the team posted a surprising drop from their record posted in late January.

"I didn't expect that," said Hildebrandt. "They broke their own record by six seconds— that's amazing. I knew that everyone was going fast, but I didn't realize they broke it."

Individual performances were also strong, with Olivia Smith securing a sixth place finish in the 500 freestyle, followed by Lesnieski's 11th place finish. Freshman Lauren Smith finished 15th in the 200 individual medley, and Clayton earned 11th in the 50 freestyle. The Belles will return to Rolfs Aquatic Center tomorrow morning, to defend their fourth place position and potentially challenge more records.

"They are just mentally tough," Hildebrandt said. "It's going to be awesome."

Sullivan

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guidance, Sullivan began to realize that she could challenge what she had done before—and supercede it.

"She's a very hard worker," Hildebrandt said. "I knew right away that she could beat all of her previous records."

Sullivan did beat all of her previous records Thursday night, engraving her place in Saint Mary's swimming history by setting the 50 freestyle record twice, and anchoring the 200 freestyle relay that cracked the closest record left on the record board.

Hildebrandt was visibly moved on the side of the deck, glancing at her watch and up at the scoreboard for confirmation, holding in tears of pride.

"It brought tears to my eyes," she said. "Everything about her race was perfect— her start, her turn, her stroke. I was watching in such much anticipation that I didn't even want to look at the board, because I didn't want to be disappointed. The swim was so perfect... she deserves this so much."

But Sullivan, who prefers middle distance events, had no idea she had set the record.

"I just wanted to give it all I could," she said. "In the 50, there's really no time to think. I was just looking forward; I was thinking, 'I own this lane.' I knew that I was going to swim fast."

But she was unaware of just how fast she would swim.

"I don't train for the 50, so this was a pleasant surprise," she said. "I didn't even know I'd broken it until I walked around [to Grotten]."

Sullivan's role has been one of silent necessity throughout the season, as the junior has the ability to pull out a tight win in critical situations. As the season progressed, Hildebrandt watched the woman who came to her uncertain maturity into someone who played an integral role on the team.

"In her lane, she is the motivator," Hildebrandt said. "She works hard, and they have fun. She is someone I look to for leadership both in and out of the pool... she is an excellent role model."

Her newfound confidence was based in her mental training, an aspect of swimming she had never considered before. Sullivan said.

"I had never trained mentally before," Sullivan admitted. "Since I've gotten back from Ireland, I've had a much more laid back attitude towards the sport. Under Gearhart, I've also learned to— be mentally tough, and that mental toughness matters."

Mental focus will surely come into play for Sullivan, who is set to compete in both 200 freestyle events on her schedule for this weekend. But as far as she's concerned, for now, she just wants to take it easy.

"I'm just trying to have fun, and enjoy swimming because I know one day I'm going to miss it," she said. "As far as the next week, I'm not really sure— we're surprising some people — maybe scaring some people. I'm excited for tomorrow because everyone shocked them selves today."

Especially Sullivan.
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lar performance, Murphy personally showed the Huskies that their guard Khalid El-Amin is by no means assured the sta-
tus of Big East Player of the Year.
El-Amin ranks fifth in the conference in scoring with 17.3 points per game, but Murphy leads the league in two catego-
ries with his 23.2 points per outing and 10.9 rebounds.
"We've got to contain Khalid El-Amin from scoring and exe-
cute our offense," Murphy said.
Junior guard Albert Mouring and senior forward Kevin Freeman both average in dou-
ble digits for Connecticut.
For Notre Dame, sophomore forward David Graves and freshman guard Matt Carroll each average more than 10 points per game.
Notre Dame is looking to rebound from disappointing losses at Pittsburgh and Villanova.
"We just have to keep our focus and keep to our game-
plan," Murphy said. "We've gotten away from our game plan the past couple of games."
Doherty elaborated on Irish troubles of late.
"We needed to get our cage shook up a little bit," he said. "Maybe we started feeling too sure of ourselves. I'm going to
try to deliver a bit of a wake-up call."
Doherty points to games against Pittsburgh and Villanova.
"We have to create that for yourself,
but not a crucial figure,"
Doherty said. "Other guys need to step up at times."
Sophomore Troy Murphy moves past a West Virginia defender in a recent game. Murphy leads the Irish host defending national champion Connecticut Saturday at 12 p.m.

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Men's Tennis

Kentucky upset encourages Notre Dame for OSU game

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

After posting a huge win over 18th-ranked Kentucky on Tuesday, the 38th-ranked Irish look to keep their hot streak alive, and improve upon their 3-2 record since the 1997 Irish squad, then over Kentucky marked the Eck Pavilion.

Saturday at this Ohio State ranked 3-2 record look to keep their hot streak.

"We are pretty concerned about Ohio State because they are undefeated," coach Bob Bayliss said. "They are pretty solid from top to bottom."

Ohio State has yet to encounter rough terrain this season, blowing by former number 51 South Alabama. Toledo, Bowling Green and Robert Morris.

After posting wins, the Buckeyes received attention by being granted a national ranking for the first time in at least four years.

Chris Porter, ranked No. 62, will lead the Buckeyes into Saturday's match, and will most likely face Irish captain and All-American Ryan Sachire in the top singles battle. Including the recent win over Kentucky's ninth-ranked Carlos Drada, 14th-ranked Sachire has put together an impressive string of victories and should pose an obstacle for Porter. The rest of the Irish lineup will presumably remain the same as in the previous match, barring the return of injured 56th-ranked junior and No. 2 singles player Matt Daly, who has been hampered by a shoulder injury.

Freshman Brain Farrell stepped up in the No. 6 slot to fill in for Daly, and demonstrated his poise and power by clinching the Irish victory over Kentucky in their previous match. Sophomore Casey Smith will most likely follow Sachire in the ranks at No. 2, singles, followed by sophomores Javier Taborga, Aaron Talarico and Andrew Laflin. This established squad stands as a formidable opponent for any team, especially for a team like Ohio State who has yet to prove they are national contenders.

"It's going to be a tough match for us," OSU's assistant coach Dave Schilling said. "We were able to play well against South Alabama, the No. 51 team in the country, but this match will be a whole new level of play and we are going to be on the road as well. This will be by far the toughest test of the season to date."

The Buckeyes are under the new management of head coach Ty Tucker who brings a wealth of tennis knowledge. Tucker was Ohio State in 1992 after his junior year to become a professional tennis player, and achieved a world ranking of 232, and in 1994 he was nationally ranked No. 32.

Tucker's arrival has attracted a number of key additions to the Ohio State program, including freshman Philip Metz, who was ranked 22nd in the United States Tennis Association national rankings in the 18 and under division.

The Buckeyes also boast the 35th-ranked doubles team of Andrew Carlson and Porter, who look to take away the doubles point when they meet the Irish in dual-match play. But the Irish's 48th-ranked pair of Taborga and Talarico hopes to alter the Buckeye game plan. Notre Dame proved the importance of garnering the doubles point in dual-play, after doing so helped them secure their recent upset.

"It is important to stand up to them early," coach Bayliss said. "And let them know who we are and that we are here to play."

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**WOMEN’S TENNIS**

Terrapins serve up competition

**By KEVIN BERCHEOU**
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women’s tennis team was a big winner when it was able to look out exactly where it stands in relation to its competitors.

The Irish women will take on the talented Maryland Terrapins this afternoon at the Eck Tennis Pavilion in a showdown that should serve notice as to exactly how good they have come, or perhaps how far they need to go.

Coming off an easy 9-0 triumph of Yale, Notre Dame will be provided with a much more daunting test when they take on Maryland this afternoon and attempt to run its season record to 4-1.

“They’re very talented,” head coach Jay Louderback said. “They’re as athletic as any team we’ll play all year.”

As always, the Irish will be led by junior All-American Michelle Dasso, who will play both No. 1 singles and doubles. Dasso played exceptionally well in her last singles match and looks to have recovered from a fall shoulder injury.

Sophomore Becky Varnum and junior Kelly Zalinski will be relied upon heavily in the fifth role on offense until midway through the season.

“Maryland has been surging lately, easily winning its first three dual meets of the season. The Terps are young — almost to a fault. And their lack of experience could play into the hands of the Irish,” Louderback said.

“They haven’t had a tough test all year,” Louderback said. “With the freshmen playing in their first big match, that could be a difference.”

The Terps’ top players are extremely talented, yet inexperienced, freshmen. First-year player Delia Causevic, a native of Bosnia, will battle Dasso in No. 1 singles, while her classmate Jessica Johnson will take on Zalinski.

“Causevic has been on top of her game lately but she too will be tested as her match with Dasso will be her toughest to date,” Louderback said.

With the Irish having sent two doubles teams to the Rolex indoor last weekend, and the Terps featuring Johnsson and Causevic as their No. 1 doubles pair, the doubles matches should be interesting.

Dasso and Varnum will receive a strong challenge from Causevic and Johnson.

Junior Kimberly Guy and freshman Katie Curran will play No. 2 doubles in hopes of continuing their fine play.

Maryland, rarely tested in their previous victories over Missouri, West Virginia, and George-town, faces a difficult test in meeting on Notre Dame’s home court today.

“Since beating the Washington Huskies last month, the Irish have not taken on a quality opponent, making this match a valid indicator of the squad’s current state,” Louderback said.

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**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Irish look to improve against Red Storm

**By KERRY SMITH**
Assistant Sports Editor

When the time ran off the clock against Pittsburgh Wednesday, the Irish were able to put another notch in the win column, but their shaggy play left a mark on the fifth-ranked squad.

Faltering for the first time in conference action, the Irish allowed the Panthers hang with them too long and let the unrated 13-9 squad come too close to an upset in the 81-74 contest.

As the final stretch of the regular season brings a flurry of tough matchups for Irish head coach Muffet McGraw’s 20-2 team, tonight’s game against Big East rival St. John’s may just be what Notre Dame need to get back on track.

Defending an undefeated conference record and looking to increase an already record-breaking 16-game winning streak, the Irish play host to the Red Storm in the teams’ second meeting this season.

“I don’t think we’ll have the same performance against St. John’s,” said Irish center Ruth Riley. “We learned a lot from our game Wednesday night. You never want to say that playing bad is a good thing, but there is a lot we can take from that game.”

The Irish are all too aware NCAA that the Big East and tournaments are looming and recognize the importance of staying on top.

McGraw will look for more consistent play from her starters in the lane and an improved effort from the bench against St. John’s. The Irish have struggled recently getting the ball to the post.

“We’ve been working in practice now for weeks on throwing the ball higher,” said McGraw. “It’s not that difficult. We efficiently throw it to the defender. We’ll have to keep working on that.”

Riley scored 19 points in Wednesday’s game, but didn’t play a major role on offense until midway through the second half.

Riley knows that she and her teammates will have to stay focused to ensure a win over St. John’s.

“A lot of the players on the team weren’t ready to play on Wednesday,” said Riley. “Each time you play a team twice it’s harder to beat that team a second time. It’s a great opportunity for St. John’s to come here and gain some respect in the polls because we are ranked fifth.”

When the Irish traveled to New York in January for the teams’ first game, they handed the Red Storm a crushing 69-49 loss. Guard Danielle Green teamed up with Riley to lead the Irish with 16 points apiece.

The Red Storm’s Latasha Thompson scored a game-high 20 points and has continued to lead the St. John’s squad in their three games since last matching up with the Irish.

The Red Storm, at 8-13, has won only three conference games this season. The unranked squad is coming off an overtime loss to Syracuse Wednesday.

The Irish have never lost to the Red Storm, holding a 7-0 advantage in the series.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can put money into projects that will bring you added knowledge and enjoyment as well. Your quick wit will attract new lovers. 800.
Women's Swimming

Belles compete in second day of MIAA Championships

♦ Sullivan exceeds expectations after year-long layoff

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Colleen Sullivan stepped onto the pool deck in September convinced that she wasn’t going to live up to what she had expected. After a year abroad in Ireland, the junior sprinter was looking to return to swimming because she missed it, but after a year and a half without serious training, she knew that achieving the standards she was used to was close to impossible.

"She came in, first day, and said flat out that she didn’t know what to immediately expect from Sullivan," said Coach Gretchen Hildebrandt, who admitted that she didn’t know what to immediately expect from Sullivan.

Colleen Sullivan wasn’t sure what she could expect from herself, either.

"I was very worried," she said about her return to competitive swimming. "I had gotten in to do a 200 over the summer, and it killed. I hadn’t done anything in the water in a year and a half. It definitely affected my confidence."

So easing back into the sport, Sullivan trudged in her lane, unsure of what her capabilities would allow her to do.

"As far as training, at the beginning part of the season, I’d volunteer to go last in my lane," Sullivan said. "I had lost confidence in my training more than my races. It took me awhile before I could lead the lane."

But under Hildebrandt’s guidance, Sullivan did improve. Sullivan said: “I think the crowd will definitely help us.”

By KATHLEEN O’BRIEN
Saint Mary’s Sports Editor

The Irish are within striking distance of going 2-2 against the defending national champions, a feat never before accomplished by a men’s basketball team at Notre Dame.

“We’re going to try,” first-year head coach Matt Doherty said. “I think the crowd will definitely help us.”

Notre Dame (11-10, 5-5 Big East) scored a huge upset victory in knocking off conference rival Connecticut 73-70 Jan. 5. "When our kids feel threatened, they really bear down and play hard and execute," Doherty said. "Maybe it’s the fear factor."

That win was Notre Dame’s second of the season over a team that dented its way to the Final Four last year, adding UConn (11-7, 6-3) to Ohio State the list of teams taken down by Notre Dame.

"We just get up for those games," sophomore star forward Troy Murphy said. "We relish the fact that a top-ranked team like Connecticut can come into our court. We look forward to playing the teams like Connecticut, Syracuse, St. John’s."

The Cinderella-esque win caused Irish fans and enemies alike to realize this squad is for real. It pumped up Irish fans, drawing in hordes of people to the Joyce Center. This Saturday’s Notre Dame-UConn rematch sold out just a week after the first contest between the two teams, leaving those without tickets out in the cold, a rare occurrence during recent years of mediocrity in Notre Dame basketball.

“We've been playing pretty well," junior guard Martin Ingelsby said. "I think everyone around Notre Dame is getting more excited about basketball."

The Irish stunned the Huskies by beating them earlier in the season, handing the Huskies their second defeat of the season and the first on their home court.

Murphy opened their eyes with 33 points and 16 rebounds. With that spectacular performance, the Irish look to improve their play.