News Writer

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The Catholic Church is a racist institution, and people can't be afraid to tell the truth," said Ivers.

Speaking on the 'Call to be Church After Church in the African-American Community,' Ivers addressed the issue of diversity in the Catholic church.

'The problem is not with Catholic social teaching, but Catholic social practice,' Ivers said. He noted that at the conference itself, there had been no African-American presenters. The definition of a Catholic is universal, and the underrepresentation of minorities

BOG reacts to election, debates structure

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

As a direct result of the controversy still circling around the recent Saint Mary's student body presidential elections, amendments and the proposal of a new oversight committee for the Saint Mary's constitutional order were the orders at Tuesday's Board of Governance meeting.

The new committee, as proposed by student body vice president Angie Little, would include representatives from each of the class boards, the Election Committee, the Residence Hall Association and the Student Academic Council and would be chaired by the executive vice president.

"This committee would not be making the amendments," Little said. "They would be presenting the amendments to BOG to vote on them.

Student body president-elect Crissie Renner, also this year's elections commissioner, voiced a concern that echoed those of the student body in the week since the election.

Professor: Gender differences not as big as studies claim

By LINDSAY FRANK
News Writer

Scientific research is too often used to classify people in terms of gender, race and sexuality for political reasons, said Anne Fausto-Sterling, a professor of biology and women's studies at Brown University.

"Biological accounts of body differences are always political," she said. According to Fausto-Sterling, dividing people into groups for things like census reports in order to map group differences is pointless.

"For almost any trait there are more variations within a group than between groups," she said. Fausto-Sterling cited examples of scientific studies done in the 1980s whose data was manipulated to provide reasons for differences between the sexes and races. One such study involved research on the corpus callosum, a portion of the brain that is difficult to study unless it is completely removed from the rest of the brain.

Despite the fact that its removal alters its composition, these scientists subdivided it and took measurements of the posterior part and used these measurements as answers to racial and gender differences.

"Once freed from the body and domesticated in the lab the corpus callosum serves various masters. Then they thought it held the key to racial differences and now it is applied to gender," she said.

Other research at this time claimed that so-called internal secretions took on both female and masculine characteristics and was used to suggest that women's desire to vote came from

"There needs to be an outlet for the student body to voice their complaints," Benner said. BOG will vote on the addition of this new committee at next week's meeting, just in time for the class board elections. The board will also rule on the proposed constitutional amendments at this meeting.

"These are only clarifications of existing policies," executive secretary Bridget Heffernan said. Among the amendments is the addition of a policy detailing the proper procedures in the event that an election results in a tie.

The amendment to be discussed appendix now reads: 'In the situation that a tie occurs in the run-off election [an equal number of raw votes for both tickets], the raw votes from the primary election and the run-off election will be added. The votes for 'abstain,' all original tickets and discarded ballots will be counted. The winner is determined by the ballot with the highest number of raw votes.'

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Blessed are we

It was not my best weekend. I had to go out East to attend my mother's 80th birthday. I arrived too early and found myself waiting in a very busy restaurant. I was delighted to see Father Richard McCormick, who had died a while ago, and who was a very popular interviewee.

I arrived just wanted not to HAVE a heart anymore so it would stop hurting. My grandmother was an amazing woman. I am her namesake, and she is my role model. She taught me how to be a woman, a Catholic, a person. I feel an incredible emptiness when I think about this sudden hole in my life.

I'm sure that Richard McCormick's family and friends feel the same way. I feel that my life is pouring out of me. I first met Father McCormick when I was assigned to cover him in every interview. He mused to himself more than me, "Although the religion and ethics news for The Observer. He was always one of my toughest assignments, nothing was missing in my questions. Anticipating my responses, generally running circles around me. I both dreaded and looked forward to these interviews. I always knew my head would be spinning — and eagerly anticipated them.

Later on, I read some of his work on my theology classes, and he came to speak in some of those classes. He never had time for class, but he came to respect his academic prowess. And he became more than the companies it is supposed to monitor. He became a terrible waste to have these two wonderful people die. Like Job, I want to demand answers from God. Somehow, I don't think the answers will be forthcoming.

The sins expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Outside the Dome

Sitting ends as Penn withdraws from FLA

Philadelphia University of Pennsylvania President Judith Rodin reached a tentative agreement with the anti-sweatshop group that had occupied her office for the past six days by agreeing to withdraw Penn from the Fair Action Network.

According to a joint statement released Monday night by Penn Students Against Sweatshops — formerly known as United Students Against Slavery — and Rodin, the president will submit a letter of withdrawal to the FLA while examining the efficacy of joining another organization to monitor Penn-logo apparel.

"The important thing is that we find a solution in the best interest of Penn," Rodin said Monday night.

Rodin will meet with PSAS Tuesday to discuss the final details of the agreement. The group will remain in College Hall, continuing with the two-day hunger fast, which began Monday at noon. The agreement is finished.

"Having a tentative agreement is definitely good news," College senior and PSAS leader Marnie Joffe-Blum said last night. "But there's a lot of work still to get done.

The agreement also states that the Ad Hoc Committee on Sweatshop Labor, formed last January to create a code of conduct for Penn, will now evaluate the various monitoring organizations and present recommendations to Rodin with a recommendation by February 29.

The committee, which includes three PSAS students among its members, will meet today, chairman Howard Krummeyer said. The students launched the highly publicized sit-in last Monday demanding that Penn pull out of the FLA and join the alternate monitoring organization for sweatworkers the Worker Rights Consortium. PSAS has repeatedly argued that the WRC is more effective in sourcing workers' rights because it is run by human rights organizations, rather than the companies it is supposed to monitor.

The number of students sleeping in College Hall rose to about 30 by the end of last week, as PSAS held rallies and vigils in support of its cause and covered the campus in protest signs and banners.

Activists over take Michigan tower

Ann Arbor, Mich. A spokesman for Rev. Al Sharpton of the National Action Network met with members of the Students of Color Coalition (SCC) and interim Vice President for Student Affairs E. Roger Harper to express the group's support for the SCC and its takeover of the Michigangum meeting space on the seventh floor of the University of Michigan Union tower.

Midwest regional director for the National Action Network, said Sharpton is scheduled to arrive on campus Saturday evening and stay in Ann Arbor through Sunday. "That the former president of the United States is a member of Michigangum is an insult," said Sharpton. "This is the last academic year. A typical egg donor receives around $4,000 compensation for the procedure. Using the phrase "Give the Gift of Love and Life," the full-page advertisement offers to pay the sum of money either directly to the donor or to the charity of her choice. In response to this immensely controversial event in the evolving age of reproductive technology, some members of the Stanford community have been voicing their concerns over the large sums of money are willingly pay to have "a superior child," said professor of bioethics William R. Miller.

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In the economic aspect, black people have had their history erased by whites, he said. "Blacks may be the only people who do not have a sight line to their history," he said. "We know nothing about Africa in its glorious antiquity. But that was done on purpose, to cut people off from their own history."

The U.S. has not acknowledged blacks' presence in American history, and this is evident in Washington, D.C., said Robinson. "My daughter and I were walking on the Mall in Washington and we counted only six black people among the thousands who were there on a summer day," said Robinson. "There were only six blacks there because there is nothing there that has anything to do with them."

"You walk up the Mall and see the Holocaust museum, which is there, and rightly so, to commemorate what was done to the Jewish people during World War II, and you see the sight where a museum will be built honoring native Americans," he said. "But no where will you find a monument, brick, or word that commemorates the American Holocaust that ran for 346 years."

Robinson added that although it was slaves who helped build the U.S. Capitol building, there is no acknowledgment of their work. "The only black in the Capitol is a small bust of Martin Luther King," said Robinson. "No Douglas, no Truth, no Tubman. No blacks at all. So much of Washington was built by slaves who were never paid, nor remembered. America did all it could to bury that past."

Randall Robinson, author

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Italian architect to give Burgee lecture

Special to the Observer

Noted Italian architect Pier Carlo Bonetempi will deliver the University of Notre Dame School of Architecture's annual John Burgee Lecture at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Boyd Hall.

The Lecture is free and open to the public and will be followed by the opening of Expo Riena, an exhibition by fourth-year architecture students of work done last year in Rome. The Rome program is the third year of studies for all Notre Dame architecture students.

Bonetempi, whose talk is titled "Architettura Famiglia," specializes in urban and architectural work concerning of conservation, restoration and reconstruction.

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masculine substances in the body. Women who did not want to be seen as homemakers were seen as refusing to live in accord with their bodies.

Fausto-Sterling also discussed how our culture contradicts itself by challenging categories on the one hand and reinforcing them on the other.

"We are still trying to locate gender in the body and to our evolution so the wish to do that is still the same (as in the 1960s), but now gender is moving unstoppable out of its two boxes. Using gender as a research tool represents a thing which is lurking subsidy which is uninteresting to study," she said.

She then went on to say that too often we define people as being either part of one group or the other such as male or female.

"The problem is using dualism to divide the world," she said.

Instead she suggested that we adopt a way of thinking called the Developmental Systems Theories which says that one cannot study something without also studying the system that it is embedded into.

"We can never look for a single cause but must always examine the social-biological system. My model of studying what promotes physical group differences is based on the idea that emotional experiences become internalized. We don't know much about that interface but we know it's there," she said.

She talked about how the high incidence of hypertension in African Americans should be looked at from an environmental standpoint first and then from a genetic one.

"My hypothesis is that racism is a major contributor to hypertension. We should study life experiences and look at how racism is defined in terms of geographical regions, and the roles working conditions and daily stress play. The last thing to consider is genetic differences that affect the body's reaction to racism," she said.

The lecture, "Beyond Nature vs. Nurture: Gender, Race, Sexuality," was part of a series honoring distinguished women sponsored by the Provost's Office.

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The final proposed amendment made to the approach states: "If a further tie occurs, a course of action is at the discretion of the Elections Committee.""Consistency is important," said Nandise Midden, current student body president.

The submission of a petition, signed by 400 Saint Mary's students, converting their dissatisfaction with the election process, was also discussed in the meeting.

The three writers of the petition suggested restoring the elections, holding a series of open forums to clarify events and then holding a recount. They also asked for the creation of either some sort of review board that would maintain control over the election process, or an electoral college, comprised of resident advisors from each dorm. The fact that RA's are not elected by popular vote, as are the members of the Executive Board, was brought to Midden's attention.

Christine Arnt, an RA who was present at the meeting, spoke in her group's defense. "Even though we are not elected, we go through a rigorous selection process. We touch the lives of every single person in the student body, she said.

Midden stated that she felt she had answered the students' concerns listed in the petition in her letter that was mailed to the entire student body last Friday.

"We understand that students are concerned," Midden said. Senior class president Anne Pangilinan seconded Midden's opinion.

"As a representative, a lot of people have approached me as well," Pangilinan said. "They are pleased about the apology.

The petition was given to Midden on Friday, the same day the BOG letter went out to students.

"The Executive Board has addressed the issue and will get back to the three authors of the petition," Georgette Rosenbush, director of student activities, said.

As for the class elections to be held next month, Renner stated that the response has been good.

"Currently there are four to five tickets for the Class of 2003, three for the Class of 2002, and two for 2001," Renner said. "BOG applicants will be out tomorrow night.

Meet the Candidates Night is scheduled for Feb. 21, and the elections will be held on Feb. 23.

Other campus events discussed in the meeting included the inclusion of the Winter Carnival, planned for Feb. 24 to 27, to coincide with Little Sts. Week.

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Cyanide spill threatens Eastern Europe

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia

Serbia warned on Tuesday of dangerous metal concentrations in an East European river already contaminated by a cyanide spill. The Agriculture Ministry said laboratory tests showed considerably increased iron and copper levels in the Tisa river, where the cyanide spill has wiped out virtually all life. The cyanide pollution stems from a chemical plant at a gold mine near the Romanian town of Baia Mare Jan. 20. The World Organization for Animal Health earlier had expressed concern that lead also might have escaped into the water, posing potentially a far greater health threat. In Belgrade, Predrag Pole, head of the university's Chemistry faculty, said someone "may have abused the commission around the cyanide spill to dump excessive lead quantities into the Tisa."

Russian troops prepare for decisive strike

ALKHAZUROV, Russia

Russian troops regrouped at the base of Chechnya's craggy, snow-covered mountains Tuesday in preparation for a final offensive on rebel fighters' last remaining strongholds, officials said. Although acting President Vladimir Putin said no target date had been set for the end of the conflict, several Russian officials claimed the upcoming offensive would finish off the rebels, who abandoned the capital two weeks ago. Most of the fighters who survived the flight from Grozny are believed to have gone to the south, and officials estimate there are as many as 5,000 rebels in the mountains. Russian jets and artillery on Tuesday bombarded and shelled the strategic Argun Gorge that cuts through the mountains, but Russian troops were slow to move into the area.

House awards O'Connor, Schulz
Congressional Gold Medals

WASHINGTON

The House voted Tuesday to award an alumni Cardinal John O'Connor the Congressional Gold Medal, the body's highest civilian honor. The longtime leader of the New York Archdiocese's 2.4 million Roman Catholics recently turned 80 and had surgery last fall to remove a brain tumor. He is expected to retire as soon as Pope John O'Connor the Congressional Gold Medal. Separately, the House voted 410-1 to give a Congressional Gold Medal to "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz, who died in his sleep Saturday. The 77-year-old cartoonist's last strip was Sunday. The 77-year-old cartoonist's last strip was "decisive strike" something that "cannot and someday disarm. The outlawed group accused the British government of treachery, "ồm e of the campaign's top thinkers argue that the IRA is not a viable political force and that its military tactics are counterproductive."

Iranian students wave flags and hold portraits of reformists, president Mohammad Khatami and former mayor of Tehran Gholamhossein Karbaschi, at a Tuesday rally in Tehran. This week's parliamentary elections will determine the fate of Khatami's presidency.

If it were up to the reformists, Iranian women would be able to ride bicy­ cles freely in the streets and venture outdoors without the obligatory head-to- toe covering, or hijab — activities conservatives condemn as un-Islamic.

Speaking to reporters after the rally, Hashemi said women "have to break this taboo and start riding bicycles in public."

"I personally like the hijab, but I don't see the logic in obliging people to wear the hijab. Women should decide whether or not to wear it," she said.

IRA breaks off disarmament talks

BELFAST

Sung by the British government's decision to suspend Northern Ireland's power-sharing agreement, the IRA broke off disarmament talks Tuesday, dealing a damaging blow to hopes of rescuing Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic administration. The British and Irish governments have seen the failure of politics.

The development underscored the failure of a 3-month-old deal brokered by American diplomat George Mitchell. Mitchell had persuaded the Ulster Unionists to establish a four-party coalition alongside the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party. In exchange, the IRA was supposed to begin negotiat­ing the gradual disarming of its fold­den weapons stockpiles, a goal of the province's 1998 peace accord.

Instead, Britain suspended the 10-week-old administration's powers Friday after confirming that the IRA had made no commitments to the com­mission to disarm. The commis­sion is charged with securing the IRA's total disarmament by May in line with the Good Friday accord.

Students rally for reform candidates

TEHRAN

In a rare show of public gaiety in Islamic Iran, thousands of young Iranians clapped hands and danced to Westernized music on Tuesday at an election rally for a reformist candidate. Dancing in public places, even in sexually segregated groups as occurred Tuesday, is virtually unheard of in Iran. The event showed how many young Iranians yearn for public freedom in a country where nearly every aspect of life is dictated by Islamic laws. Social freedoms form the bedrock of the campaign by reformist candidates in Friday's elections for the 290-member parliament, or Majlis. Pitted against the reformists, who are backed by moderate President Mohammad Khatami, are conservatives who want to maintain the strict Islamic rule imposed after the 1979 Islamic revolution brought the clergy to power.

During Tuesday's election rally, a band began playing Persian-language pop songs after a brief speech by Faezeh Hashemi, a female reformist candidate. As the tempo got faster, about 5,000 young people — to separate groups of males and females — began singing and dancing, held hands, raised their arms in the air and waved them to and fro.

Some conservative voters who turned up for the rally at the Shiroudi basketball arena in central Tehran were shocked by the singing and dancing.

"This is not proper according to our Islamic culture. It is un-Islamic for young girls and boys to be dancing together. I am afraid there will be brokenfen if this liberal type of campaign continues," said Taji Ahladeh, a hard-line supporter.

Fearing the music would invite a crackdown by police, who are under the control of hard-liners, the organizers of Tuesday's rally asked the musicians to stop about 10 minutes. Although public concerts are not banned, dancing is.

I am wholeheartedly against this kind of liberalism," she said.

"And this Sinn Fein leadership has no further room to move. We have seen the failure of politics."
Professor: Pinochet instigated crisis

**By MARIBEL MOREY**

**News Writer**

Former Chilean dictator, General Augusto Pinochet, was arrested in 1998 for "crimes of genocide and terrorism that include murder" and he is currently awaiting trial from countries seeking his extradition.

"Pinochet was very insecure and suspicious of people," said Carlos Huneeus, professor in the Kellogg Institute of Visiting Fellows and the Catholic University of Chile. Pinochet can be given credit for modernizing the Chilean presidency, Huneeus explained. By creating a cabinet composed completely of army advisors, Pinochet reorganized the structure of the Chilean government, placing himself squarely at the top.

And though already supported of the majority of voters in 1978, Pinochet remained insecure, and eventually came to place an even greater dependence on military force. Despite his heavy reliance on his military, Pinochet also placed many responsibilities with civilian political leaders. "Pinochet relied more on political clians that had their own positions, and who came to their position through the procedure, instead of him wanting to be there," said Huneeus. "With the help of these supporters, Pinochet was able to create organizations and appoint more than 120 ministers within the government. However, "he led in a very disorganized way," said Huneeus. "Without a crisis, and with the control of the army, there was no need for his political style." Pinochet prioritized economic growth, but repressed the civilian population. Pinochet's theory was "change the economy, and you change the majority of preferences," said Huneeus.

And prior to problems in 1985, Pinochet was able to successfully mobilize support. But eventually, the opposition grew stronger, and internal problems rose. Because he could not break the Chilean tradition of election to power, Pinochet was forced to continue with the formality of allowing a democratic vote, and after two successful terms, Pinochet lost the election in 1988.

Critics usually concentrate on the specific weaknesses and fail-ures of Pinochet for the ultimate fall of regime, but Huneeus believes that the lasting affects of Chile's long history of authoritarian rule should also be taken into account. "Pinochet developed a strong and organized army, and depended on the army," said Huneeus. "With the army, he did not fear political question." When he lost the vote, and subsequently, the support of the army, Pinochet fell, said Huneeus.

Pinochet will not stand trial, however, as "The High Court in London today ordered the release of a medical report that found former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet mentally unfit to stand trial, ruling that Britain's top law enforcement official erred in blocking it," according to The New York Times.

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therefore makes the Church less Catholic, said Ivers.

Ivers challenged the audience to remedy this problem by referring to a passage in the book of Luke, "Put out and lower into deep water and lower your nets with a catch." He explained that "Jesus didn't just sit there; he went out. The only way to minister with people, not to them, or for them, is to truly know them." The only way to do this is for people to go out with curiosity, imagination, and the intention of discovering human beings.

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AFGHANISTAN

Hijackers’ families among captives

Associated Press

KABUL

While most passengers on the hijacked Afghan plane were in fear, dozens of others — many of them women and children — laughed, tossed aside their veils and received the choicest food and drink from their captors.

They were the relatives of the hijackers, according to some of the freed hostages who returned to Afghanistan. Seventy-three passengers returned home, 74 freed hostages stayed in Britain either seeking asylum or considering it.

Mohammed Shamsullah said the hijackers’ goal was to seek asylum for themselves and their families. He said more than 30 of the people on the plane were relatives of the hijackers. Some passengers said as many as 40 were related.

The Ariana Airlines Boeing 727 was hijacked Feb. 6, shortly before arrival at the northern airport of Mazar-e-Sharif after a flight from Kabul. Nine men jumped out of their seats, brandishing guns and knives. The hijacking ended Feb. 10 in Britain after a standoff with British police at an airport outside London.

The hijackers — 13 men have been charged in a British court — beat one man with a stick and warned others to keep their heads between their knees, the freed hostages said.

The hijackers appeared to relax after the aircraft landed in Britain.

“We didn’t know what was happening because we never knew of a hijacking. I thought maybe it is something political or there was a problem with the plane,” Shamsullah said.

His wife, Shabibi, was making her first flight. She said she was terrified. “I just kept crying and praying from the Koran.”

The first stop was in Uzbekistan. Shamsullah said the hijackers were nervous, refusing to let small children leave their seats. Then the aircraft made an emergency stop in Kazakhstan.

“The second time when we landed everyone was very afraid because there was something wrong with the plane,” he said. “When it landed everyone said ‘God is great.’”

After Kazakhstan, the plane stopped in Moscow and finally London, where the passengers were given food and drink. The hijackers gave preferential treatment to their families, giving them food and water first and even handing out Pepsis — prized because they’re so expensive in Afghanistan — to their children, Shamsullah said.

“They gave all the Pepsis to the children and we got what was left,” he said. “In our country, Pepsi is very sweet, because it costs too much money.”

Another passenger, who identified himself only as Rokhai, said there were 35 to 40 family members traveling with the hijackers. They sat throughout the aircraft, he said.

“They divided their people among us. Everyone was afraid, but their women and children were laughing, they threw off their burqa and showed their faces. I thought they were very bad,” Shamsullah said.

Afghanistan is strictly Islamic, and men and women who are not related do not interact. Shamsullah said the hijackers talked freely with several women and children “and the women were very relaxed and not worried at all.”

At the outset of the hijacking, there were reports that 36 members of the same family were aboard the plane, including a woman who was to be married in Mazar-e-Sharif.

Shamsullah said that Shabibi spoke to The Associated Press at the airport in Kabul on Tuesday before finally flying home to Mazar-e-Sharif.

Afghanistan’s ruling Taliban have requested that the asylum seekers be returned, and promise they will not be punished. Foreign Minister Wakil Ahmad Muttawakil has warned Britain that to grant asylum to people who are economic, not political refugees, would encourage hijackings.

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**Israel**

**German language offends survivors**

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Germany’s president came to Israel Tuesday speaking words of reconciliation, but the language he used to speak them — German — sparked controversy.

Johannes Rau, who assumed office last May, chose Israel as his first state visit. On Wednesday, he is also to be the first person to address the Israeli parliament, the Knesset, in German — touching a nerve in a land where once the mere idea of establishing ties with Germany set off bloody riots.

"It is the language in which we were persecuted and murdered and slandered and cursed," Dov Shilansky, a former Knesset speaker and a Holocaust survivor, said in a phone interview. "The very sound causes [Holocaust survivors] a trauma."

Rau was conscious of the burden any German state visitor bears, and was careful to recall German responsibility for the Holocaust — the murder of 6 million Jews by the Nazis and their allies in German-occupied Europe from 1939-45.

"Soon there will no longer be witnesses of our history, which is fraught with unspeakable pain," he said at a state dinner given by Israeli President Ezer Weizman. "Therefore, it is important to pass on our knowledge and our experience to those who in the future will assume positions of responsibility in our two countries."

In each of his speeches, Rau emphasized strengthening the close ties the two nations have enjoyed since 1965, when they first exchanged ambassadors.

"I would like to invite Israel’s youth to visit Germany to experience our present-day culture, to meet young Germans, to build friendships," he said.

As opposition leader in the 1950s, Menachem Begin led violent protests against accepting Holocaust reparations from the Germans — much less establishing ties. The music of Hitler favorite Richard Wagner was banned from public broadcast here until the late 1980s.

For more information, contact:
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Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — First, Meathead vanquished the Marlinho Man in a cliffhanger finish. Now, in the best Hollywood tradition, comes the sequel.

Four months after he persuaded California voters to raise cigarette taxes by 50 cents a pack to create new funds for early childhood development, actor-director Rob Reiner is back on the campaign trail. This time he's fighting Proposition 28, a March 7 ballot measure that would repeal the new taxes he championed.

"I never underestimate tobacco interests, what they will be willing to do, the lengths they will be willing to go to," said Reiner. "It's certainly unbelievable annoying that I'm having to do this, but I can't say I'm surprised."

His opponent is cigarette retailer Ned Roscoe, who says the taxes are bad fiscal and social policy.

"To take money from smokers and to waste it and to use it in a way that is actually bad for society — that's a bad thing to do. What you see here is the politics of division," said Roscoe, vice chair of the Benicia-based chain Cigarettes Cheap! that has 229 stores in California.

A recent Field Poll indicated the repeal effort has yet to catch on with voters. Twenty-nine percent of those surveyed were in favor of Proposition 28, while 57 percent were against it and 14 percent were undecided. The poll, conducted between Feb. 2 and Feb. 6 among 1,186 registered voters, had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.6 percentage points.

The tobacco taxes were created through Proposition 10, which narrowly passed in November 1998. They generate an estimated $700 million a year by raising state tobacco taxes, including a 50-cent-a-pack hike for cigarettes that brought total state cigarette taxes to 87 cents a pack.

The money goes to programs for children under five, with most of it going to locally appointed county commissions, based on birthrates. The first payments, totaling $362 million, were distributed in October.

In the Proposition 10 fight, Roscoe was up against a battery of big-moneyed tobacco interests. He had an enthusiastic campaign style and name recognition as Michael "Meathead" Stivie from TV's "All in the Family" as a director whose credits include "When Harry Met Sally."

Reiner's forces spent $10 million to defeat Big Tobacco's $30 million but squeaked out a victory by about $900,000. A finish so tight it took days before victory was officially declared.

This time around, it's not clear what role, if any, the tobacco giants will play. Campaign finance reports filed so far don't indicate any major tobacco donations, but it is not unusual for money to flow in late in the campaign.

Roscoe says he's gotten no indication the big companies will help him. Reiner says Roscoe is no small independent.

"This is a tax that's got 500 stores around the country," he says. "He can characterize himself anyway he wants to, but ultimately it's the tobacco interests that are trying to take this money away from children."

If the repeal effort does get a last-minute influx of cash, Roscoe is prepared.

"In a way we're even fighting harder this time than last time. A million to Big Tobacco's $30 million last time I want to send a message to tobacco ... Those of you who are big, I want to show that this is a way to do the right thing."

"That was one feature of the assitant that Sam could remember."
Belles' student government on the ball

Note to the incoming Notre Dame student body president and vice president: When it comes to election procedures, the on-going discontent at Saint Mary's should, I trust, keep you from following their lead. But as for the true spirit of student government, Notre Dame could certainly learn a lesson from Saint Mary's.

I must give credit where credit is due. The Belles are on the ball. To implementing change and addressing key concerns, they leave Notre Dame student leaders in the dust. And the view from back here isn’t encouraging.

Consider Saint Mary’s stance on race relations. The women continue to move forward in their strategy to increase the diversity of their campus. Their latest advance comes in the form of a new Student Diversity Board. The board, approved last week by Saint Mary’s Board of Governance, seeks to develop among Saint Mary’s students a working knowledge and understanding of the cultures of their minority and international peers.

While the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs at Notre Dame serves a similar purpose to the Notre Dame Diversity Board, it differs from the Student Diversity Board in one principal manner — GMSA wasn’t student-initiated. Saint Mary’s student activities director Georgieann Fosberg recently told The Observer, “I believe that the new [diversity] board established at this proposed level of student government will have an impact on the student and campus culture as a whole over time.”

It will. Especially if it stays committed to its educational intent. Presently, plans are underway for publications to be put out by the board and students can expect such opportunities as dramatic productions and speaker series. No more Belles.

But that’s just one matter that Saint Mary’s student government tackles. Remember the panel they convened on their campus two weeks ago? It was comprised of lesbian alumnae who spoke frankly of their homosexuality with current Saint Mary’s students. Those very same students subsequently wrote letters and offered insight in The Observer, on the whole expressing how stimulating open discussion can be.

Open discussion, huh? What a concept, not to mention something strikingly absent from the Notre Dame campus. It bears repeating that University officials “keep it in the closet” attitude toward sexual orientation may survive in the United States military as “don’t ask, don’t tell.” But it undoubtedly has no place in an academic setting where communication should be at its least encumbered. It bears repeating that where adult leaders fail to cultivate such an environment, Notre Dame student leaders should thrive.

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**Viewpoint**

*Letters to the Editor*

I sent the following message to David Haugh regarding his column in Tuesday’s South Bend Tribune...

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**Coach D applauds student enthusiasm, encourages respect**

**WOW!** I cannot thank you enough for all the support you have given our team this year. The energy and enthusiasm that you demonstrated at the UConn game was unbelievable. Without your support, we could not have beaten the defending national champions.

We were dog-tired at the end of the game, and you all gave us the energy to fight through fatigue and come away with a big-time win at the Joyce Center.

The Joyce Center was truly rocking. It was like a dream for me.

The concerns survey that will be sent to you shortly by the University encourages respect. We, the male members of the Hall Presidents’ Council, would like to encourage all male undergraduates to complete an Eating Concerns Survey that will be sent to you shortly by the University Counseling Center.

Eating concerns are often seen as “women’s issues,” but that is not the case. Many men have eating disorders and problems with body image. Additionally, there may be situations in which a female friend is having problems but you do not know how to act or to help. Your responses to the survey will be kept anonymous, and the results will help the University develop better resources for students on campus. Thank you.

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Last night, FOX hosted the most watched wedding ever, bringing home a rich husband. It’s a superficial way to enter the so-called sacred institution of marriage. The entire idea of marriage is the union of two people out of love and trust. How can two people take vows which say “I pledge you my love and devotion” when they just met?

Marriage involves an ultimate commitment to “love, honor and cherish.” The only things these people love, honor and cherish are money and companionship. These aren’t the basis for a marriage.

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**Stolen bouquet sours V-Day**

St. Valentine’s Day was marked by love and giving... That’s what I was always taught.

In today’s day and age, flowers and candles are the usual gifts that guys and even ladies, send their sweethearts, their mothers and others that are important to them.

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**HEALTH COLUMN**

**Eating Disorders Survey 2000**

Editor's Note: In conjunction with the University Counseling Center, Scene presents the results of five columns this week that highlight eating concerns in recognition of Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2000.

This week, all undergraduate Notre Dame men and women 18 years and older not studying abroad were targeted by Eating Concerns Survey 2000 from the University Counseling Center. The survey will assess the number of programs and services that Notre Dame has to address eating concerns and other familial problems; and (15) the behavioral patterns which are symptomatic of eating disorders. Of the 2,297 women surveyed, 975 responded. This 44 percent return rate differs from typically cited surveys in that the entire population of undergraduate women at Notre Dame was sampled. The results of the survey should be interpreted with knowledge that the responses were based on respondents' self-reports. Also, diagnostic criteria developed for specific mental health problems cannot be applied to questionnaire data. Both of these procedures could have resulted in an inaccurate and skewed estimate of the presence of eating disorders in the Notre Dame community. The study found seven percent of the sample were diagnosed as bulimic, while 0.6 percent were diagnosed anorexic. Nine percent had one symptom of bulimia and four percent had two symptoms of anorexia. Twenty percent of the sample had either a diagnosable eating disorder or a serious eating problem. With the above-mentioned caution, this would generalize to approximately 450 women at Notre Dame having serious eating disorders. The study also indicated that 46 percent of the respondents had some symptoms of an eating disorder and 34 percent were considered normal. Further comparison with other studies is problematic, these results are generally consistent with other studies of college women with a slightly higher rate estimate of the presence of bulimia in the Notre Dame respondents. The majority of women exhibited symptomatic behaviors with these disorders prior to entering college. However, more serious symptoms (such as self-induced vomiting and laxative abuse) seem to develop during college. The results suggest the progressive development of eating disorders in which weight control begins with strict dieting and culminates in purging and laxative abuse. Participation is completely voluntary. Responses on the survey are anonymous and will not be coded in any way. The more surveys that are returned, the more accurate the results will be. In addition, the one in 1988, assesses the impact of eating behaviors on their lives is (and will allow these individuals to (boys/ friends/griffins/teammates, etc.). The Counseling Center has found that individuals tend to distort this return. Some people believe that no problem exists, although others fear there is an epidemic. In 1988 a survey was distributed requesting information from all Notre Dame undergraduates women about their own eating behaviors. Some of the results of this study are included in this article. It is time to ask for input from the student body again so we can gain an accurate picture of how this issue impacts the lives of all students. We are purposely sending the survey to all male students this time because we know this issue impacts their lives as well. Research studies suggest that for every ten women who struggle with eating, one man is struggling with his eating as well. In addition, men have concerns about some of their friends' eating problems.

**THEATER PREVIEW**

**SMMC presents Vaginal play**

**By NELLIE WILLIAMS**

SMMC's production of "The Vagina Monologues" performed at Saint Mary's, is not to be taken lightly. The show, which is based on Essler's "Ohio Award-winning show containing collective interviews with more than 200 women, includes compassion and brutality.

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WelKOM to West Quad’s Welsh Family Hall

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By JACQUELINE OSTROWSKI
Scene Writer

A prime location paired with developing traditions in athletics and service make Welsh Family Hall an ideal home for its 257 residents. Though Welsh Family is one of Notre Dame’s newest residence halls, the women of Welsh have already established what they hope will become annual traditions.

Residents seem to agree that one of the hall’s strengths is athletics. “Varsity sports are encouraged here,” said senior Kerrie Johnson. Even those “Whirlwinds” who do not participate in sports notice the supportive atmosphere toward athletic activity. Welsh Family is home to many varsity sports members, including three basketball players. However, the athletic edge to Welsh goes beyond varsity sports and extends to dorm competition.

The women captured the women’s flag football championship this year, and earlier this month, Welsh Family, along with Keough, triumphed in the Late Night Olympics. The dorm’s basketball team also hopes to continue a strong season.

“We’re very strong, athletically,” said Sister Patrice Piennette, who serves as resident director of Welsh Family. “It’s a tradition that may continue.”

Piennette’s hesitancy to confirm that athletic strength is a definite “Whirlwind” trait reflects the fact that Welsh Family is still creating its own campus identity. In fact, Piennette commented that many people have confused Welsh Family with Welsh Hall because of the similar dorm names. Having existed for only three years, the residence hall has tough competition from other well-known dorms that boast years of opportunities to make their names known.

Still, Welsh has taken promising steps toward increasing dorm awareness. The women have already created a signature event that has received considerable campus support. The Welsh Family Feud, hosted and created by Welsh residents, is a game show similar to the popular television program. This year, the Family Feud will be held March 25 at Beekers. The night before the event, Welsh will host a ball dance.

The women of Welsh also hope to begin a tradition of service. Last year, Welsh Family sent two buses to Chicago filled with walkers for the Walkathon for Juvenile Diabetes and raised $3,000. In the future, they anticipate the event will grow and include both walkers and sponsors from all parts of campus.

Other perks to Welsh life include the amenities of a new dorm. “Physically, it’s a nice dorm,” said senior resident advisor Kristin Gerber, noting Welsh’s spacious lounges and brand-new facilities.

Those who live in other, less-superior dorms will notice the luxury of life on the West Quad. In comparison to some of Notre Dame’s older dorms, Welsh really shines. Its numerous lounges add to its list of assets. “It’s very conducive to community living (to have) section lounges on every floor,” said Johnson.

Another of Welsh’s finer qualities is that it lies within close distance of many important campus buildings. “One of the best things about Welsh is its location,” said sophomore Rachel Willcox. “We’re close to DeBartolo, the bookstore and the dining hall.”

Welsh residents also know they have the support of Robert and Kathleen Welsh, the couple for whom the hall is named. Alumni of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s, respectively, the Welshes come to every home football game and make an effort to stop by the dorm and talk with residents. They also contribute in other ways, such as purchasing T-shirts for residents and sending gifts of recognition for the championship flag football team.

Even though their hall is young when compared with dorms such as Sorin or Morrissey, Welsh Family residents have plenty to brag about. If anything, their "youthful" age serves as an advantage as the women pursue new traditions and activities. As they make themselves comfortable in their dorm lounge, the newly christened "Family" room, the "Whirlwinds" are surely contemplating the many virtues of living in Welsh Family Hall.

‘Roos of Keough Hall have lots o’ fun

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By COURTNEY KERRIGAN
Scene Writer

Many have passed it on the way to the bookstore. It’s one of the four almost identical “new dorms” on campus that everyone simultaneously hates and envies because they don’t get to live there. It’s air-conditioned, the rooms are spacious and there are plenty of lounges to brag about. If anything, their “youthful” age serves as an advantage as the women pursue new traditions and activities. As they make themselves comfortable in their dorm lounge, the newly christened "Family" room, the "Roos" are surely contemplating the many virtues of living in Welsh Family Hall.

The women are looking forward to a variety of events on campus. “It’s got a great community, the sports events are huge on campus and we hope to make our Chariot Race and White Wedding huge events on campus,” said Marilyn Keough Hall resident president, said he loves Keough because “it’s got a great community the sports teams are very good, the Masses are well-attended by girls and even guys off campus and we hope to make our Chariot Race and White Wedding huge events on campus.”

A bunch of Keough ‘Roos play a game of cards and hang out. Though one of Notre Dame’s newest dorms, Keough has already established itself as a popular dorm.

The women of Keough talk to each other about the upcoming events. “We have a real sense of tradition, and in our three-and-a-half year history we have developed a sense of community unique to Keough Hall.”

Just two years ago, Keough won the indoor sports trophy. Mass at Keough is always full — people live off-campus attend, as well as many girls and other non-residents because of the music and the welcoming attitudes, Father Doyle encourages this and is very proud of it. He is also a Notre Dame man, having graduated in the ‘80s. He was student body president and a walk-on for the football team his freshman year. He has elevated the spirit of Keough Hall to one equaling that of the older, more established dorms.

Two of the most famous Keough events are the Chariot Race, which takes place in the fall, and the White Wedding, which took place Saturday night. The White Wedding is actually a mock wedding. Keough Hall residents vote on who will be married, and the whole ordeal is really just a parody of the entire wedding ceremony, a great excuse for an SYB and a party.

This year it was especially romantic because one of the resident advisors, senior Brian Bausano, proposed to his girlfriend (who accepted), and all toasts following the ceremony were made for the happy couple rather than the mock bride and groom.

The Chariot Race is another fun activity, a great reason to hang out outside, have a barbecue and have some good old fashioned chariot-racing fun. All sections of Keough construct chariots and any dorm on campus can enter the race. It’s a great time with some great looking guys — check it out next fall.

 Marilyn Keough Hall is an all-around great dorm. Chris Clementi, hall vice president, said he loves Keough because “it’s got a great community, the sports teams are very good, the Masses are well-attended by girls and even guys off campus and we hope to make our Chariot Race and White Wedding huge events on campus.”
Raptors keep streak alive

Associated Press

Vince Carter scored 29 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as the Raptors ended the Heat's 19-game winning streak Tuesday night.

The Heat, which had won 57 of its last 58 games, got only 13 points from Anfernee Hardaway, who started in place of injured Tim Hardaway.

It was the latest in a series of losses for the Heat, which has dropped eight of its last nine games.

The Raptors, who had lost eight of their previous 12 games, have taken 30 of their last 44 games.

Heat coach Pat Riley said his team is not doing the little things right.

"The little things, it all adds up," Riley said. "It's just a matter of losing some of the close ones."

"I feel like we've been playing good basketball recently," Riley added. "But it just comes down to the little things."

"It's like we're one of those teams that's 100 miles away from the 82-mile winning streak," he said. "We've been trying to get there ever since we won the championship in '96.

Raptors guard Damon Stoudamire said his team will use Tuesday's win to build momentum.

"I think this is a great win for us," Stoudamire said. "It's a confidence builder for us."

The Heat, who entered the game with a 36-14 record and 22-game winning streak, will play the Boston Celtics on Thursday night.

Miami coach Stan Van Gundy said his team will use the loss as a wake-up call.

"We've got to make some adjustments," Van Gundy said. "We've got to take care of business from now on."
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A judge released Ray Lewis, $1 million bond Monday, saying the Baltimore Ravens linebacker could stay at his home in Maryland while awaiting trial on murder charges.

Defense attorney Max Richard said he would try to get Lewis out of jail later Monday night or early Tuesday.

Various NFL figures, including team owner Art Modell, testified for Lewis at the day-long hearing, calling him "dependable" and "good citizen."

The 24-year-old Ravens star and two companions are charged with murder in two stabbing deaths during a brawl at a post-Super Bowl party on Jan. 31.

Lewis did not speak at the hearing, but shook hands with his lawyers before he left the courtroom.

Lewis was held without bail since his arrest the day of the slayings.

One of his two codefendants turned himself in Monday, the other is at large.

Superior Court Judge Doris Downs said she found no evidence that Lewis, who had no prior felony convictions, poses a significant threat to flee the charges or to intimidate any witnesses.

The bond requires Lewis to stay in Maryland unless he is traveling to Georgia for events related to the case. She relagged that $200,000 of the bail be in cash and said Lewis cannot use alcohol or drugs of any kind while he is out.

She also said Lewis must be home every night before 9 p.m.

All parties in the case are under a gag order.

Modell testified that Lewis impressed him by spending some of his signing bonus money to buy his mother a house after he was the Ravens' No. 1 draft pick in 1996.

"He's a good citizen for the Baltimore Ravens," Modell said, citing Lewis' willingness to visit hospitals and do other charity work.

"There is no question in my mind that he would be dependable and live up to his obligations, no matter what it is."

Both sides emphasized to Downs that they were not interested in Maryland's Lewis' guilt or innocence during the bond hearing. But the issue led to several sharp exchanges between prosecutor Clifton Rucker and Lewis' mother, Sunesia Keith, and -unucle, the Rev. Clinton Stancil.

Keith said she knew her son didn't kill anyone "because I gave him life. I raised him to be good."

Modell drew laughter from the packed courtroom when, in response to a question on whether his team was better with Lewis than without him, said, "We'd be a better team with Johnny Unitas if he were still available."

"I'm worried about Ray Lewis, the person, I'm not worried about my football team," Modell said.

Ed Garland, another Lewis attorney, asked Modell whether Lewis would suffer serious financial harm if he were unable to play out the remaining years of the four-year, $26 million contract extension he signed in 1996.

"I hate to even predict that, but he'd lose his job," Modell said.

Meanwhile, Atlanta police said Joseph Sweeting, 34, of Miami surrendered to authorities Monday morning. The third suspect, Reginald "A.J.", Oakley, 31, of Baltimore, remained at large.

At the hearing, prosecutors stressed that Lewis, who played college football at Miami, was much closer to Sweeting than he admitted to police.

They showed a picture of Sweeting with his arm around Lewis on the day of the slayings.

Lewis, Sweeting and Oakley were indicted Friday in the deaths of Richard Lollar and Faron Baker, 21, who were leaving a party at a nearby Atlanta nightclub.

Lewis' lawyers say he tried to break up the fight, did not see the crime and was at least 60 feet away when Lollar and Baker, both of Decatur, Ga., were stabbed.

Police say Lewis drove away in a limousine and later Joseph Sweeting saw a cop, increasing desire to win."

They have recognized the problem and addressed it. That, I believe, is more important than taking disciplinary action."

Baseball spokesman Rich Levit confirmed that the Tigers will not be disciplined.

Larry Parrish was fired as manager on Oct. 14 and Detroit replaced him with Garner, citing the former Milwaukee manager's "burning desire to win."

General manager Randy Smith said Garner was the only person interviewed for the job.

The Brewers hired him in August in the midst of a seventh straight losing season.

NAACP president Kweisi Mfume called the hiring "essentially a slap in the face" to minorities such as Atlanta Braves coach Don Baylor, San Diego Padres coach Dave Lopes, Philadelphia Phillies coach Hal McRae and New York Yankees coach Willie Randolph.

The NAACP could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Named to Detroit's advisory board were Tom Goss, Michigan's former athletic director; S. Martin Taylor, member of the Michigan Board of Education and former director of the state's unemployment insurance agency; Carmen Monzo, chairwoman of M nonzero Machine Products; Jim Bickel, senior vice president of the Detroit Urban League; and John Ford, a board member of the NAACP's Detroit chapter.

The board will review Tigers' hiring patterns and recruiting efforts, the Tigers said.

Tigers' hiring changes satisfy commissioner

Associated Press

DETROIT - The Detroit Tigers escaped punishment for not considering minority candidates when they hired a manager, with commissioner Bud Selig saying Tuesday he was "delighted" with new efforts the team pledged to undertake.

Selig told teams last April that they must consider minority candidates, but the Tigers didn't interview any last fall before hiring Phil Garner.

The NAACP asked Selig to punish the team and the commissioner said he would investigate. Under baseball's new constitution, Selig has the power to fine teams $2 million.

Detroit said Tuesday it created a five-member community advisory board to work on minority employment and contracting issues, as well as on public relations.

"We expect the board to recommend a number of tangible steps our club can take to honor the distinguished history of African-American baseball in this community and to foster the love of baseball by our minority youth," Selig said.

Selig said the move satisfies his concerns about Detroit's hiring practices.

"I am delighted with the cooperation of (owner) Mike Ilitch, John McHale and the Detroit Tigers," Selig said in a statement.

The Tigers have a very progressive and sensitive series of programs. The Tigers have recognized the problem and addressed it. That, I believe, is more important than taking disciplinary action."
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Griffey trade cannot solve Reds’ pitching woes

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The Ken Griffey Jr. trade gave the Cincinnati Reds a superstar and surge of interest as spring training approached. So far, so good. Now, who's going to pitch?

The trade that reunited Junior with his hometown also subtracted from an already shaky starting rotation. The Seattle Mariners got right-hander Brett Tomko as part of the 4-for-1 deal.

When Griffey shows up along with the other position players next week in Sarasota, Fla., all the attention is going to be on the center fielder.

A more important chore starts in Sarasota this week, when the Reds begin weeding out who's in the rotation.

Griffey may get the headlines, but it will be the pitching that either gets the Reds to the playoffs or causes them to miss out once again.

And right now, there are at least as many questions about the pitching as there are pitchers in camp — 37, after they signed Osvaldo Fernández to a minor league deal Tuesday.

"That's not enough," general manager Jim Bowden said. "You don't get enough pitching. We've all talked about it. Pitching is going to separate how far you go.

Last season, the Reds made it to the doorstep of the playoffs, losing a wild card tiebreaker to the New York Mets.

They made it that far because their bullpen led the majors with a 3.36 ERA and Ron Villone and Steve Parris joined the rotation during the season and had career years.

The Reds also got a boost down the stretch from Juan Guzman, acquired in a July 31 trade with Baltimore. Guzman left as a free agent after the season.

The bullpen is intact, though not without questions. Can Curt Williamson repeat the success that made him the N.L. Rookie of the Year in 1999?

Will Danny Graves and the rest of the youngsters be able to come through again?

"We don't have a lot of depth in our pitching," manager Jack McKeon said. "It was evident last year when we went out and got Guzman to give us a last-minute shot.

"We have to be concerned. With the experience they got last year, can our young pitchers continue at the same pace? Or once again, do we have one slip or fall off for a year?"

There's a little margin for error in the rotation, which was full of questions even before the Griffey trade.

Left-hander Benny Neagle hopes to be free of the shoulder weakness that wiped out much of his 1999 season.

Pete Harnisch, the Reds' top starter last season, chose not to have surgery on his troublesome shoulder over the winter.

Instead, he did strengthening exercises, hoping to eliminate the pain that limited him much of the season.

If those two guys aren't healthy, the Reds are sunk.

"If we're going to win this division, we've got to have Harnisch and Neagle win 15 games," Bowden said.

The rotation was tutoring last season until Villone went from the bullpen into the rotation for the first time in his career and went a career-best 9-7 with a 4.23 ERA. Parris also had a career year, going 11-4 with a 3.50 ERA following his May 3 call-up from the minors.

The fifth starter? It could be Mark Portugal.

The 37-year-old right-hander went 7-12 with a 5.24 ERA for Boston last season, lost his final four decisions and was released.

"If he has medical problems, the only way you find out is to pitch him in the spring," McKeon said. "If he's healthy, he might be a guy who could be a sleeper because he does know how to pitch."

Regardless of who makes the rotation, McKeon is pushing for a quick start.

The Reds went 9-12 last April, their only month with a losing record, in large part because of the rotation's struggles.

The 37 pitchers and seven catchers are scheduled to report to Sarasota on Wednesday, take physicals on Thursday, and have their first workout on Friday.

"When you talk about our pitching staff, the key is getting ready so we can have a decent start," McKeon said. "Last year our starters were in trouble with Neagle, Pete and [Steve] Avery not being 100 percent. Hopefully all of our guys are 100 percent this year."
Dolan buys Jacobs' Indians

Associated Press

CLEVELAND
Larry Dolan, who grew up hoping he would someday play for the Cleveland Indians, officially owns the team.

Dolan's $323 million purchase from Richard Jacobs was completed on Tuesday when the deal closed.

"We are extremely excited that this day has arrived," Dolan said in a statement. "It is a dream come true for me and my family. Ownership of this franchise is a great honor and comes with an incredible sense of responsibility. Cleveland has the best baseball fans in America." Dolan, 69, a managing partner of a small law firm in suburban Chardon, was vacationing in California and unavailable for comment. The team said Dolan will hold a news conference when he returns at the end of the month.

The Indians' sale was approved last week by the team's public shareholders, who will receive $22.66 per share of stock.

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College basketball fans get pumped for March

It’s the middle of February which means we’re only a month away from the middle of March, and you know what that means — the year’s Observer archives, you might state and Ohio State, already in the off against Louisiana-Lafayette for the year — the year's Observer archives, you might State and Ohio State, already in the off against Louisiana-Lafayette for the year. It doesn’t matter if it’s Florida International squaring off against Louisiana-Lafayette for the Sun Belt Conference crown and an invitation to dance, or Michigan State and Ohio State, already in the postseason, but battling for pride and seedings. What time is it? Game time, prime time, NCAA tournament time. Or, more simply put, it’s just madness. March Madness. If you’ve cared about anything at least in last year’s Observer archives, you might find a story sounding suspiciously familiar so what that means was (you guessed it) me. So why, besides drawing a blank on what I wanted to write about for the second year in a row, would I once again go about hyping up the tournament to end all tournaments a month before it starts? Well, because it is the tournament to end all tournaments, when Dick Vitale goes nuts over “Dippy do dunkin’ donut” (thrown down by “dazzle dandies” and the CBS voice-over guy says “Sponsored by Pennzoil” in his unique voice. There are so many games going on at once in the first two rounds they’ll sometimes split the screen into two for a “Live Look-In” at Arizona—Santa Clara where somehow Santa Clara is still out in front even though the clock has wound below 10 minutes. You sit on your couch or La-Z-Boy and watch the never-ending stream of scores flash across the bottom of your screen, like a stockbroker on Wall Street watching the ticker. Only you probably yell louder, especially when they picked seven out of the eight games in the East Regional wrong.

Everyone has their surefire picks, their upset picks, and their “I didn’t know anything about either team so I just guessed” picks. So, in that spirit, I’ll make a few picks of my own concerning Notre Dame and some of the teams they’ve battled this year. Even though the qualifying teams haven’t even been named yet, I’m not going to let that stop me. Feel free to laugh when most of these are proven wrong. First of all, Arizona, who the Irish fell to in the preseason NIT, 76-60, currently stands fourth in the country. I haven’t seen this team play much, except through the window at an airport bar, but since they’ve overcome the previously mentioned Santa Clara nearly round jinx of the early ‘90s, they’ve been a force in the tournament each year. Send them to at least to the Elite Eight, maybe further.

I don’t like No. 10 Indiana to do much besides win a first-round game because I never really like Indiana to do much. I know, real hypocrisy here. Syracuse never got the respect I felt they deserved, only reaching the four spots despite being the lone undefeated team left when they were 19-0, less than two weeks ago. However, they did play a weak men-conference schedule and accumulated back-to-back losses to Seton Hall and Louisville last week, dropping them to ninth in the picks. I look for them to win two and make it to the Sweet 16, but the run for the Orangemen will stop there.

UConn is the defending national champion, but, as Notre Dame showed for the second time this season on Saturday, the Huskies are not the juggernaut of a year ago. Champions don’t go down easily, but that mentality only goes so far. The Huskies, like conference rival Syracuse, will go to the round of 16 before ending the title streak at one. Finally, the one team we all care about and the one pick I’m pretty sure of, the Irish. At 15-10, Notre Dame is in a tough spot right now. They still have five conference games ahead of them, none of which is easy. However, before the St. John’s game, I told my roommate that if they won that day, the Irish would be in that final group of 64 come March. They did, and I believe they will. It’s just a little more exciting now.

How do I love this time of year? Let me count the ways.

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Women’s Basketball

Ratay earns Big East honors

♦ Freshman garners fifth award

Special to The Observer

For the second consecutive week and fifth time this season, Notre Dame freshman Alicia Ratay has been named the Big East Rookie of the Week. The 5-foot-11 guard from Lake Zurich, Ill., shares the award this week with Trish Jeline of Villanova.

Ratay averaged 24.0 points and 7.8 rebounds in Notre Dame’s 2-0 week as the Irish posted wins over Pittsburgh and St. John’s. She was 11-of-17 from three-point range in the two games, shooting 64.7 percent, and had a 57.1 percent overall shooting percent, going 16-27.

Ratay, who has scored 20-plus points five times this season and led the Irish in scoring on 10 occasions, recorded her first career double-double as she scored 28 points and grabbed a personal best 12 rebounds against St. John’s. Against Pittsburgh, she scored 20 points in the victory.

Overall, Notre Dame is 21-2 and 12-0 in the Big East.

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Alicia Ratay defends a shot in Notre Dame’s win over BC. Ratay led the Irish in wins over Pitt and St. John’s last week.
Belles break seven school records

By MOLLY McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

While trying to "take it easy," the Saint Mary's indoor track team managed to break school records routinely. The Belles competed in two meets so far and have broken seven records for indoor track and field.

"We started a little earlier with our interval work and our field work," head coach Larry Szczechowski said. "It's really paid off."

Saint Mary's typically uses the indoor season as a way to prepare for the outdoor season, which begins in March. It also gives the team an opportunity to evaluate where it stands competitively.

The Belles traveled to Huntington College next Saturday for their last indoor meet. The outdoor season begins on March 25 at Goshen College and MIAA Conference competition begins on April 1 at Hope College.

"When (indoor season) is over, we'll seriously get back to work," Szczechowski said. "We'll have more than a month to prepare."

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kettle black, my friend. Yeah, and it must have been the "communication arts" majors who started the chants during the game. Communication arts? I think that's something the football players at Ball State major in. Finally, I think calling the pre-game pep rally a "hate rally" is just a little bit of an overreaction.

I'm sure the other harmless signs and comments would never happen at Indiana, Purdue or Duke — esteemed institutions who do no wrong according to Haugh. If I really wanted to get dirt on those schools' fans I'm pretty sure athletic public relations directors and sports information directors aren't the people to call. Ten years from now, I don't think Notre Dame sports information director John Heisler will be very quick to tell reporters how students used to chant "bastard children" at Khalid El-Amin back in 2000. Of course they are going to try to make the program and fans look as clean as possible. And I would never consider a program with Bobby Knight as a head coach to have a respectable moral standard.

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American shortstop Brant Ust to the Detroit Tigers in the '99 draft and senior designated hitter Jeff Wagner, they return starters at every other position. This year Mainieri also can rely on the experience of six seniors.

"Last year, we really hit the bullet and had five freshmen in our starting lineup," Mainieri said. "By the regional championship, we had freshmen making up most of our everyday lineup. Now... there's another year of experience."

Despite the wealth of experience, at least one freshman will be in the starting lineup when the Irish take the field in the Service Academies Classic on Feb. 24.

Freshman outfielder Brian Stavisky, a high school All-American selected in the 12th round of the '99 draft by the Montreal Expos, looks to set an early impression on opponents from the start of his career.

"Brian is, quite simply, one of those guys that come to college," Mainieri said, "and we're just very fortunate he came to college. I think if he had made it more clear that he would have gone into pro baseball — I think he would have been drafted in the second, third or fourth round.

Stavisky has already raised eyebrows in the Big East. Baseball America's college previews named him conference freshman of the year and the overall conference player with best raw.

The preseason awards were given with good reason. Over his four-year high school career at Port Allegany, he had a .347 batting average in 204 at bats, playing in 59 of 61 games.

"During the course of last year, Matt was right in the middle of every rally we had," Mainieri said about Nussbaurn. "He was always doing something. Those are the kind of players that endear themselves to a coach, and I just kept putting him there, and he kept doing well. And now, he's captain of the team."

Despite this new responsibility, Nussbaum doesn't feel the burden of having to hit like a senior right-hander Scott Cavey, listed as one of the top three pitching prospects in the nation by Baseball America. Last season, he compiled an 11-2 record with a 3.14 ERA, with three saves and 118 strikeouts over 109 innings.

"Aaron is one of those guys that clearly will be able to handle the expectations," Mainieri said. "He's a level headed young man that doesn't really get carried away from himself at all. He's a real competitor when he gets on the mound, and that's where his focus is.

Slightly overshadowed by Helman is senior right-hander Scott Cavey, who pitched to a 6-1 record in 11 starts despite an injury-shortened season.

"He's a guy we're really counting on to pitch well," Mainieri said about Cavey. "If he can give us that, I think Helman and Cavey give us an outstanding 1-2 combination. The key for us is going to be the 3-4-5 pitchers and middle relief. I think we've got a lot of guys who are capable of doing well out there, it's a matter of going out there and doing it."

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for 14 against the Eagles, scoring the final six points of the game to win the point. The one-point win is not the first the Wildcats have pulled a major conference upset this season. The Wildcats handed Rutgers a 66-65 loss in January, making them a force to be reckoned with.

Despite their wins, the Wildcats are stuck in the fifth spot in the Big East standings, but are looking to move up with another upset.

McGraw is confident with her squad's ability to play its type of half game instead of letting the Wildcats set the pace.

"I think we're playing with a lot of confidence and we certainly expected to be at least where we are right now if not a little bit better off. We've seen tremendous improvement," said McGraw. "I think we know how good we can play. [Villanova] is just another challenge for us. We're looking in March. We're taking these games as experience and trying to prepare for the Big East tournament. We want to win the regular season so every game is critical for us.

Nurse Dume's match up with Villanova begins the toughest week of the season for the Irish.

"We've got a big week coming up," said McGraw. After playing the Wildcats, the Irish are back on the road when they meet Rutgers in New Jersey Saturday.
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Happy Birthday: You won't have any trouble dreaming up interest in your future. Get out and in the public eye. Show off a bit and you'll get all the help you need. This is your time to take risks. The more you push toward what you want out of life, the easier it will become to attain your goals. Your numbers are 25, 19, 24, 25, 14, 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your focus should be on your domestic scene today. You may want to invite friends over or plan a party that will lend itself to meeting new people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your positive and optimistic mood will have your professional endeavors on the right track. Do not hesitate to take on free-lance jobs that will bring you extra cash.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Romantic encounters will be emotional and intense. You may meet someone new and interesting while taking care of medical or familial problems.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Secret affairs are likely. Try to keep them confined to co-workers. Your high energy does not help matters but can result in profitable ventures.

LEO (July 23-August 22): Travel will bring cultural knowledge that can't be learned in any other way. Your memory will aid you in creative projects that can't be learned in any other way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your optimism and enthusiasm will provide you with excitement and adventure where you might not have expected it. Courageous acts of love are best done at this time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can meet potential new mates through work, but be careful not to jeopardize your reputation. Your creative talents will bring added popularity and respect.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can make successful physical alterations to your looks and transfer your vocational purchases to the void. Don't fool yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your energy should go into artistic or behind-the-scenes activities at work. You can gain along with colleagues, accomplishing the most amount of work in the shortest amount of time in this part of the cycle.

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, caring and want to be involved in everything that your loved ones do. Never one to sit back, you are full of energy and have a hard time doing things that are unusual, interesting and creative.

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Sports

Fans aren't only ones out of line

Over the past few days, I have read with interest letters, e-mails and columns that surfaced in regard to Saturday’s “bastard children” chant at the Connecticut game. I’ll be the first to admit the chant was wrong from a moral standpoint and my column that appeared in The Observer on Feb. 14 didn’t intend to justify it. It simply stated that Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun needs to stop worrying about chants and foul calls and be more concerned with coaching his team. That is what he is paid for, not to be a Connecticut spokesperson.

One of the columns that caught my eye and the attention of students on campus was David Haugh’s commentary that appeared in Tuesday’s South Bend Tribune.

Apparently Haugh is so knowledgeable on the topic that he knows when coach Matt Doherty intends to write a letter to the students and what it is going to say. He must have received our faxed copy of it by accident because no letter from Coach D appeared in The Observer on Tuesday as Haugh predicted. And if you read it in today’s edition of The Observer, you’ll see that he didn’t “fire it” over. In fact, it wasn’t very fiery at all.

My favorite part of Haugh’s column was when he went on to say “imagine how many kids under 10 heard [the chant]. Imagine how many parents had to turn to their kids and explain what that horrid, slang word for illegitimate child meant.”

Well Mr. Haugh, now that you just wrote a column that appeared on the cover of the sports section of a “family” newspaper and included the chant verbatim, you exposed it to even more children under 10 than were present at the Joyce Center Saturday. That is the pot calling the kettle.

Women’s Basketball

ND defends undefeated Big East record

By KERRY SMITH Assistant Sports Editor

When Muffet McGraw thinks about the Villanova Wildcats, one word comes to her mind—dangerous.

“This game is extremely dangerous because of their style of play,” said the Irish head coach. “We really need to come out and execute and play good defense because they run a lot of great offenses.”

A quiet team in the first half of the season, the Wildcats began to show their muscle Saturday when they upset the No. 18 Boston College Eagles 66-59 at home to improve their record to 14-8 on the season. With the Big East tournament just around the corner, the Wildcats are looking for a repeat performance against the No. 5 Irish tonight.

“It’s always a struggle playing Villanova,” said McGraw. “They play the slow-down game so we’ve really got to be focused. We’re a very important team—we like to run and score 90 points and they’d like us to win 59-50.

The slow-down game is what hurt the Eagles and is just what the Irish want to avoid.

While McGraw will expect solid performances from all her players, all eyes will be focused on the matchup between first-year players Alioria Ratay and Trish Juhl.

Both shooting guards, Notre Dame’s Ratay and Villanova’s Juhl shared the limelight this week, each earning the Big East co-rookie of the week award.

The honor is Ratay’s fifth of the season and comes after top performances during Irish wins over Pittsburgh and St. John’s last week. Ratay’s 20-point outing helped the Irish salvage a win against the Panthers, while her 28 points against St. John’s led the team to a 97-84 victory.

But the 21-2 Irish will need more than Ratay to keep their 17-game winning streak alive.

Wildcat Brandi Barnes directs a tough inside game. The 6-foot-3 center shot 10-15 from the floor with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Irish center Ruth Riley shoots over a St. John’s defender in Notre Dame’s conference win Saturday. The Irish travel to Villanova to take on the Wildcats tonight.

Baseball

Irish benefit from new indoor facilities

By BILL HART Associate Sports Editor

With snow covering most of Eck Field, one would hardly think that the Notre Dame baseball season is less than two weeks away.

The No. 5 Irish, including top-ranked Stanford and Florida State, began their seasons last weekend. The inclement weather of northern Indiana, however, prevented the 20th-ranked Irish from getting an early start.

“It’s a long winter being cooped up inside,” junior pitcher and co-captain Aaron Helm said. “I think hopefully we can use that to our advantage. I think when two weeks roll around, we’ll be ready to go.”

In an attempt to prepare the Irish for the season more quickly, a new permanent indoor practice facility was built. The facility allows the Irish to practice even in inclement weather, which, as any Irish player will say, is more the norm than the exception.

“This time of year is always the worst time for the Notre Dame baseball program,” senior co-captain Matt Nussbaurn said. “Because we’re so ready to get out there and play. With this beautiful new facility, we’ve got a chance to get some good practice in outdoors. But even with a facility like this, after a while you really get itching to get out there.”

In addition to multiple batting cages, the facility also features regulation clay pitchers mounds. Using clay instead of molded plastic, the pitching staff should be able to adjust more quickly to playing outside.

“It’s been a dream of mine since I walked onto campus five-and-a-half years ago,” head coach Paul Mainieri said. “Obviously, we feel tremendously blessed to have our current baseball field. Now, to have an indoor facility like this just really completes this.”

Under the leadership of co-captain Nussbaurn, Helm and second baseman Jeff Peronick, the Irish will attempt to build on their success from last year’s 43-18 season. The Irish also set a Big East record with 20 conference victories in 1999.

While the Irish lost All-