Hanover rejects appeal; O'Donoghue victorious

By TIM LOGAN

In a surprise move Monday, Hunt Hanover and John Miek said they would not appeal the Election Committee's forfeiture of their candidacy for student body president and vice president, ending an election that has been marked with controversy from the start.

The decision was made Sunday evening, according to Miek, after the pair and some of supporters met and agreed that to file an appeal, dragging out what has already been a long and arduous election, would only further alienate students from student government. Miek expressed hope that the newly elected ticket — Brian O'Donoghue and Brooke Norton — would work to repair that damage.

"When you're elected," he said, "You represent the attitudes of the student body, and this election has pushed the student body out of student government."

O'Donoghue said, "We're really happy now that we have the opportunity to go full steam straight ahead and work to make Our Lady's a better place."

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By NICOLE HADDAD

Friday afternoons mark a celebration like "Cinco de Mayo" in Manuela Hernandez’s Le Mans Hall dorm room each week. With her Latin music blaring, Hernandez usually relaxes, relieved to have finished another week of classes.

During her time at Saint Mary’s, the meaning of being a Latina student has changed significantly. The number of Latinos has increased, and the College has been recognized for efforts to accommodate these students.

The Hispanic Outlook, a publication dedicated to exploring issues related to Hispanics in higher education, recently listed Saint Mary’s College in its 4th annual “Publisher’s Picks” issue as a college offering outstanding opportunities for Hispanic students.

Selections were based on factors such as financial aid, scholarships and representation of Hispanics in faculty and administration.

"Saint Mary’s College offers many opportunities for our Latina students to become involved and grow," said Maria Oropeza, director for the Office of Multicultural Affairs. "Our financial aid here is very strong, which enables students to look at us seriously as a choice for them."

The progressive financial aid programs at Saint Mary’s contribute to the inclusion of many minority and Latinas are the group most represented on campus.

Recent studies performed by the Educational Testing Service and Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities show that Hispanics, more than any other single group, believe a college education is important for everyone. The curriculum at Saint Mary’s has evolved to reflect a more diverse population, and now includes courses on Chicana literature, Latin American politics and international business.

"Our Chicana Lit class discusses the struggles of being a Chicana woman," said junior Mariunuez Segura. "Students become close because we feel we can relate to one another. We tell stories, going further than the text, and by opening up and finding examples, we become a very personal class."

For some students, it is important to feel part of a larger community before they can learn. Such a feeling is especially difficult to achieve when they are in the minority and miles from home.

"When you leave home, you leave behind your support — your family," Hernandez said. "In college my friends became my family and support, since sometimes only other Latinos can understand what you feel and see around you. It is only understandable that you look for a network of support similar to your own family."

However, like many

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Students provide tax assistance

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY

For more than 25 years, Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame students have reached out to members of the South Bend community by applying classroom learning to assist low-income individuals file their taxes.

Beginning by a Notre Dame law student and MBA student in 1972, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College Tax Assistance Program recruits mainly accounting and finance students to volunteer during February, March and April to provide free tax preparation for community residents who make less than $30,000 per year.

All students who choose to be involved in the program must take an income tax course as a pre-requisite, said Ken Milani, faculty coordinator of the program and a professor in the College of Business at Notre Dame. At the start of second semester, the students are also required to have additional training outside of the class.

"The extra 10 hours of training the students take focuses on situations they may encounter most often," said Milani. "We emphasize the child tax credit and dependent care credit among others, that may not be emphasized in their text books on income tax.

"However, these are important to be aware of with our clients. Also, because many of the students participating are not from Indiana, we spend about three hours on the Indiana tax return form itself."

Claude Renshaw, coordinator of the program for Saint Mary’s
Jubilee justice, ND style

We are already six weeks into the Great Jubilee Year 2000. 1,250 million Catholics in every single day of the Jubilee is that a part of this historical year. A tradition in the history of the Hebrew Scriptures and its beginning for Christians in AD 1300, the Jubilee is a year in which debts both spiritual and material are forgiven. In the ancient Hebrew tradition, land debts were cancelled and everyone's debts of land or money were cancelled. Since the 14th century, especially indulgences have been granted to pilgrims visiting sacred sites and forgiving their debures. Originally once a century, the Jubilee now occurs every 50 years. This year is no exception.

Pope John Paul II asked the leaders of the world's nations to participate in this ancient tradition by forgiving international debts and cancelled immediately. Even the champion of capitalism and usury, the United States, agreed to forgive billions of dollars in debt to the poorest of the world's nations to participate in this ancient tradition by forgiving international debts and cancelled immediately. Even the champion of capitalism and usury, the United States, agreed to forgive billions of dollars in debt to the poorest of the nations. The Holy Father and the bishops of our Church have asked that everyone adopt the same penitential and charitable actions.

Which brings us to Notre Dame. Most demanding curriculum of any undergraduate school in the world; renowned in theology, philosophy, science, law and athletics; third largest university endowment in the country (15th largest in the world); and an annual operating budget more than 220 percent that of the Vatican City. There is no question that Notre Dame is one of the premier institutions of Catholic education in the world. It is also the wealthiest.

Every year approximately 65 percent of the student body receives financial aid in the form of scholarships, loans and work-study. It normally takes 10 years to pay off these debts, which typically amount to between $20,000 and $25,000. Many of our students don't need the maximum allowance for loans, but assuming that everyone who relieved financial aid were indebted to the student body would be able to forgive their students' debts entirely from its annual surplus in less than three years.

I stress that this debt forgiveness that I suggest would come from reserves and not from scholarships or actual endowment or actual budget of the University. Christian writers of the Gospels that the poor widow's mite was worth all the more because it was all she had, while the rich man who gave out of his surplus never entered the kingdom of heaven. So what I am asking is hardly anything...if the University's administrators really wanted to show their wealth, it would be a reduction of overhead expenses to increase free grant aid to all students who have the need.

Forget Ex Corde Ecclesiae. If the University wants to be true to its Catholic character, it shouldn't even question bending over backwards to ensure that all of its current students and indebted alumni are forgiven their trespasses so that they might go about forgiving the debts and trespasses of others.

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

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Police storm U. Wisconsin anti-sweatshop sit-in

The University of Wisconsin Madison's latest round of anti-sweatshop labor protests culminated in an 89-hour sit-in at Chancellor David Ward's Bascom Hall office that was forcibly disbanded early Sunday morning.

At 5:30 a.m. over 40 University police officers, Dane County Sheriff deputies and Madison police officers began massing in the parking lot behind Bascom Hall. The officers wore gas masks and dressed in full riot gear, some carrying tear gas canisters and pepper spray. Neither agents nor protesters used over the course of the morning.

"I authorized this action," Ward said in a statement Sunday. "I did so because it is my responsibility to ensure that students, faculty and staff do not face intimidation, interference or personal danger as they go about their business...these problems did develop. They had to end."

Sleeping protesters were jolted awake by officers who had stayed up to serve as guards. Within minutes, while police officers assembled, the protesters had moved themselves into Ward's office. Seven of the demonstrators closest to the office front door chained themselves together with U-locks around their necks.

By the time police entered the building, nearly 70 protesters were waiting for them in Ward's office singing "We Shall Overcome." While six officers secured the adjacent lecture hall, two others entered the office and the remainder secured the rest of the wing.

At that point, police gave the demonstrators five minutes to evacuate before they would start arresting people.

With less than one minute left in their ultimatum, the protesters began rhythmically hopping. One protest shouted, "We are beautiful, and we are right!"

At 4:13 a.m. on the officers called out, "The time period has expired. Everyone remaining in the building is now under arrest."

Dartmouth profl quits class over scandal

In the wake of the cheating scandal in a computer science course, visiting professor Rex Dwyer announced Friday he will no longer be teaching the class after students reported that he stormed out of class on Friday afternoon. Dwyer also wrote in an email message to the class that he has identified approximately 40 alleged cheaters.

Dwyer wrote that he had accepted an offer by the chair of the computer science department to stop teaching the class, citing personal difficulty in acting fairly to the majority of the class that did not allegedly cheat. "I apologize for the difficulty it has lately kept in mind the interests of the 75-90 percent of you who have behaved honestly during the course of the term," he wrote. In the message that he would be turning in "slightly more than 40 names" to the administration, the computer science chair said that he discussed with Dwyer the possibility of Dwyer leaving the class on Friday afternoon. This is the second class that Dwyer has ceased to teach. For the most part, students contacted by Dartmouth's student newspaper were critical of Dwyer's handling of the course from the beginning.

"The workload is so demanding that it's difficult to form social relationships," Tim Dysart, sophomore on the social scene at Notre Dame, said of the class.

Jubilee justice, ND style

"Father Richard McCormick was a gracious gentleman who seemed comfortable with his humanity."

Monika Hellwig executive director, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities

"This is going to be one of the goofiest elections of all time. Just watch, something is going to happen."

James Jesse Student Union treasurer on the student body presidential election

"The work load is so demanding that it's difficult to form social relationships."
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CLC

Murphy demands increased Council productivity

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

Student body president Mike Murphy called for more productivity from the Campus Life Council during its meeting Monday.

Addressing what Murphy called "housekeeping items," he suggested that members ask the question, "What are we really doing here?"

According to the CLC's mission, the council is comprised of student leaders, faculty, administration and rectors who meet collectively every other week and have committee meetings during the week to discuss specific University matters. Murphy challenged the CLC not to limit its meetings to discussion, but to continue to act through committee work and by passing resolutions.

"A bunch of words without action isn't really doing anything," said Murphy. "I don't want to see us slow down."

Murphy reviewed some of the CLC's top issues for the year including binge drinking, eating disorders, diversity, 24-hour space and a clarification of the student appeal process. Murphy introduced additional issues that dealt with "improving daily life on campus." He mentioned upper class tutor, bike racks and making more use of campus technology.

Assistant vice president of Residence Life William Kirk added, "We've had some good efforts from this group, but we can do a whole lot more."

The CLC specifically discussed problems with its attendance policy. Because members serve on other University committees and organizations, perfect CLC attendance is not possible for all members. Murphy and others also stressed the need for members to be present at CLC meetings.

"Let's just kind of get back to the heart of why we're here," Murphy said.

In other CLC news

- CLC members approved a resolution requesting that a student member be on the University Senate. Although in the past, students have been on the committee, the CLC wants to make a permanent student position.

"I really support their idea to have student representation," said professor Edward Manier.

- Because of recent problems with the student body presidential elections, Murphy and Judicial Council president Kelly Folks want to form a sub-committee to address problems in the election bylaws.

"My goal is to clarify the bylaws so that we won't have some of the problems that we had during this election," said Folks, adding that the new committee will meet during the next two weeks. The current Senate will still be in session to approve any new bylaws.

- The Academic Committee will suggest professors be allowed to scan the NDAccess drives for copies of old texts. Professors should be aware of test files and decide whether to permit the use of tests, the committee reported.

- Murphy suggested the CLC look into a past resolution about the consistency of part-time across campus during Junior Parents' Weekend.

- The Finance Committee was recently enforced last weekend, he said.

- The Gender Relations Committee will bring its 24-hour plans to the floor after it receives feedback from rectors and hall monitors.

Trustees approve SMC renovations

By MOLLY MCVOY
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees approved plans for renovations to Dalloways Coffeehouse, the Welcome Center and Regina Hall at last weekend's meeting.

"I'm very excited about the prospect of moving forward with Dalloways," said Keith Dennis, vice president of Finance and Administration.

The board approved using money from the College's Plant fund to finance Regina renovations. The fund was begun years ago, and money has been put aside for building renovations and improvements. As part of the approval of the Dalloways Coffeehouse, the board said the proposed cost of $600,000 must decrease before construction will begin. The College could not release the amount suggested by board members.

Dennis explained that although it is a significant amount, the College has already begun discussions with Ziolkowski Construction about how to lower the cost. "I think we'll have it nailed down by the end of the week," Dennis said.

"When we get it down to a reasonable budget, the board has authorized us to go ahead." The Welcome Center was approved as presented.

A student panel also addressed the board about student life and whom members asked questions of current students. "The board was really open-minded," said Penelope Kistka, a senior and member of the panel. "You go to school here so long and are involved, but you never get to meet the people who are behind the scenes."

The student panel examined positive and negative aspects of life at Saint Mary's. It covered improvements in technology and the athletic program. Members also figured the need for more meal plan options, a big sister/brother program and more on campus study spots.

"I walked out of there with a very good feeling," senior class president Anne Pangilinan said. "We thought the board was very attentive. They took us very seriously.

Elired was very pleased with the outcome of the student group as a whole.

"It really turned out to be a dialogue between the students and the board," she said.

The board also was presented with a preliminary budget for next year as well as information about the changes to the Saint Mary's education will affect the school next year.

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SMC meets candidates for class councils, diversity board

By NICOLE HADDA
News Writer

Members of the Saint Mary’s community were given the opportunity to interview each class’s presidential candidates as well as candidates for the Diversity Board during the Meet the Candidates session Monday night.

Before opening the floor to questions, candidates answered questions generated by the Board of Governors.

Diversity Board

Monday night’s session started with the candidates for the Student Diversity Board, which was approved by the Board of Governors two weeks ago. This will be the diversity board’s inaugural election.

Not everyone who attends Saint Mary’s is Catholic, working with campus ministry we hope to work with people and make more people feel at home, said JesuSta Delgado, who is running for vice-president of the board with Akmalar Oamarov. Oamarov and Delgado also expanded on their plans for social and cultural events.

“People need to try to bring in more diversity in terms of interest—speakers on campus, we need to get more people here to educate us. For example, we want to bring in someone who will teach us about Africa. I want to bring in people that will educate us and be fun [at the same time],” said Oamarov.

Nikki Gonzalez and Andrea Romero, also running together for the diversity board, said they want to increase the number of multicultural students on campus. They proposed having multicultural students on campus make recruiting calls to prospective multicultural students to encourage them to come to Saint Mary’s.

The third pair of candidates running for the Diversity Board was Katie Poynter and Julie Frischkoch. The first issue they discussed was the anti-discrimination clause in their platform.

“This first needs to be a way to spread the word that this anti-discrimination clause does not exist,” said Poynter. “We want to know Saint Mary’s is a diverse campus, said Frischkoch.

“If all of us do our jobs effectively, the diversity will come to us,” said Poynter.

All six candidates also offered their own definitions of diversity.

“Diversity to me is a lot of everything that makes up something. Each of us makes up Saint Mary’s. We hold a significant part to each other,” said Delgado.

Class of 2002

Only one ticket, led by presidential hopeful Autumn Palariz, is running for the class of 2002’s class council. Thakur’s ideas are to create a senior class mural in the tunnel system to generate creative fundraising activities to reduce the cost of the Senior Formal and to increase student involvement in community service.

“We need to leave an impression of our experience,” said Alyson Leatherman, who is running for treasurer. Some of their significant contributions to their class this year have been the monthly service events, including the AIDS walk.

“This gives juniors the opportunity to reach out to the community,” said Julia Malekzad, the vice-presidential candidate.

Class of 2002

Candidates for the class of 2002’s council had the opportunity to explain specific of their respective.

Presidential candidate Kate Robinson spoke of her ticket’s proposed support group.

“The group would act as a youth group that reaches out to the class and lets the people know that there are others who want to listen to you. It’s a way for the class to interact,” Robinson said.

Presidential candidate Abe Zayed suggested a trip to Windsor, but emphasized that the trip would not promote underage drinking.

“This is not a traditional activity, rather a way to show students a new culture,” said one of Zayed’s runningmates, vice-presidential candidate Kristin Romero.

Presidential candidate Erin Callahan and her running mates suggested a Big Sister/Little Sister program.

“This would be integrated with children in the community allowing students to devote groups to take on a child and sponsor activities,” Callahan said.

Another ticket, led by presidential candidate Katy Robinson, suggested a Women’s Survival Day with the message of “Teaching everyone everything they need to know.” Topics would include self-defense and changing a tire.

“We want to celebrate our women’s college and recognize that these are to a vacuum,” said Mandy Schenauer, running for secretary on the Robinson ticket.

The class of 2002 tickets agreed that communication was very important.

“We all have different interests, and through the different departments, we ignite change through communication,” Wujts said.

Class of 2003

Meet the Candidates continued and the candidates running for the Class of 2003’s class council answered questions about their platforms.

Presidential candidate Stephanie Pace said that her ticket’s experience gives it an edge over the opposition.

“We know the people, we know how to run the board, I think our experience from this year will help us next year and the years to come,” she said.

The knowledge we have from this year is working on for the board will help our class take a step forward,” said Alyson Joseph, running for vice president with Pace.

Presidential candidate Kristen May also expanded on her ticket’s strength rooted in its diversity. Matha would like to implement the Soror Sisters program, increase attendance at the sporting events and start a student more spirit club and activities.

Presidential candidate Kate Viner, however, discussed her ticket’s desire of having a class lock-in.

“We can’t turn away from their opponents’ ideas,” said Viner.

“I think it’s time for a change. It’s time for a new class,” said Pace.

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After the presidential candidates ran their tickets, they were given a chance to respond to questions from the audience.

“We should encourage students to join in activities planned by the board,” Karen Higley, who is running for treasurer with Hurckhac.

Matha and her runningmates—Kim Jensen, Kristi Maurer, and Molly O’Shi—agreed. “We can’t turn away from others’ ideas,” said Jensen, the ticket’s vice-presidential candidate.

Tickets also agreed that leadership was an important part of building community.

“I wanted to run and get involved. As a member of BOG, I was able to listen to the class,” said Peace.

### Postgame Treats

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Wednesday February 24th

Located off-campus at our regular Pie Party location near the state line for FREE.

- Come enjoy a variety of pies
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**KELLY'S DINER**

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Saturday February 27th

Located on-campus at Carnevale, located at the corner of 5th and 7th.

- Indulge in delicious Italian dishes
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- Experience the vibrant culture of Italy
China threatens Taiwan with attack over unification

BEIJING

With a month to go in Taiwan's presidential election campaign, China warned Monday that it might attack the island if Taiwanese leaders indefinitely refuse to talk unification. The threat, delivered in a policy paper from China's cabinet, was intended to increase the pressure on Taiwan's three presidential candidates. Although there was no immediate reaction from Taiwan's government or the candidates, the warning comes after China has been at the center of the campaign, which ends March 18. Already this month, China aired its newly acquired, heavily armed Russian-built destroyer through the Taiwan Strait. Additionally, Chinese President Jiang Zemin toured military bases over the weekend in southern China that would be the ones used in any invasion of Taiwan, the Hong Kong media reported.

Irradiated meat arrives in markets after food rules change

WASHINGTON

Ground beef that's been zapped to kill deadly bacteria could start showing up in supermarkets next month. New rules that allow the irradiation of raw beef, pork and lamb take effect Tuesday. To its advocates, irradiation could be one of the biggest advancements in food safety since the pasteurization of milk. The question is whether consumers want it. "Most people are ready. They are sick and tired of hearing of cases of food-borne outbreaks," said Christine Bruhn, director of the Center for Consumer Research at the University of California-Davis. Most meatpackers intend to start small, testing irradiated ground beef in select markets to see how it sells.

Pope's pilgrimage to Egypt will be religious, political

CAIRO

Pope John Paul II's visit to Egypt is in many ways a personal pilgrimage, but it will also focus attention on sectarian tensions in a country where politics and religion often mix in volatile ways. "We cannot deny that there will be a political aspect," Egyptian Catholic Bishop Youhanna Koltu said Monday at a news conference called to outline the pope's three-day visit. "His holiness is aiming to make his visit to Egypt a spiritual journey, a pilgrimage," the bishop said. "The political side is to strengthen relations with the Egyptians here, with the Coptic Orthodox Church and with the Muslims.

Tear gas stops Serbs in Kosovska Mitrovica

Associated Press

KOSOVSKA MITROVIC

French and British troops fired tear gas to push back thousands of ethnic Albanians trying to force their way across a bridge into the Serb-controlled side of this ethnically divided city. Up to 4,000 Serbs were waiting on the north side of the bridge, determined to battle the Albanians themselves to keep them from entering their part of this northwestern Kosovo industrial city. The Albanian crowd, numbering between 6,000 and 10,000, managed to breach French positions on the approach to the bridge over the Ibar River, and more French troops rushed to the bridge and began firing volleys of tear gas in five-minute intervals.

British troops blocked the bridge with armored vehicles and pushed away ethnic Albanian men who tried to climb over the vehicles. By the 6 p.m. start of a daily 12-hour curfew, crowds on both sides were dispersing.

In a sign that the Serbs were prepared for a showdown, some Serb women and children began evacuating the city, and a local Serb leader, Nikola Kahanic, told a Belgrade radio station that the Serbs were bringing reinforcements from neighboring villages to defend their part of the city if NATO cannot control the Albanians. No American troops were involved in the scuffles at the bridge. On Sunday, U.S. soldiers taking part in a weapons search in the Serb part of the city withdrew to the ethnic Albanian south bank after Serbs pelted them with stones.

80,000 protest U.S. Navy in San Juan

Associated Press

SAN JUAN

Summoned by Puerto Rico's top religious leaders, more than 80,000 people staged one of the biggest demonstrations in years here Monday to protest the planned resumption of U.S. Navy training on the island of Vieques.

Carrying banners bearing the portrait of Jesus and reading, "We Want Peace," along with red, white and blue Puerto Rican flags, the protesters staged a silent march along a one-mile stretch of San Juan's Las Americas Expressway, crowded off by hundreds of police officers.

Called by top religious leaders, including the heads of Puerto Rico's Catholic and Methodist churches, the "Peace for Vieques" march repudiated an agreement between Gov. Pedro Rossello and President Clinton to resume limited training on Vieques, the Navy's prize Atlantic fleet bombing range. Police Chief Pedro Toleda estimated the crowd at 85,000.

"We are showing the consensus in Puerto Rico's heart in favor of peace and justice," said San Juan Archbishop Roberto Gonzalez Nieves. "It is a signal of hope and confidence.

Organizers depicted the protest as nonpolitical, though many members of this U.S. territory's tiny Independence Party participated.

Church leaders' increasing involvement in anti-Navy protests has angered many pro-statiched politicians here. They fear the protests could harm efforts to make Puerto Rico - recipient of $11 billion in federal funds annually - the 51st U.S. state.

"It is anti-American, anti-Navy and does not contribute to the serious work that Gov. Rossello has done to obtain the Navy's exit," said House speaker Edison Misla Aldarondo.

Clinton and Rossello agreed last month to allow the Navy to resume limited training using inert bombs. The pact calls for a referendum, likely to be held in 2001, that will give Vieques residents two choices.

One will allow the Navy to resume use of the range on its own terms - including the use of live bombs. They may also require the Navy to cease all training by May 1, 2001.
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other Latina students, adjusting to college life at Saint Mary's was not an easy task.

"Because I didn't have any of my family or friends here, I would get more homesick because I would keep going home. I felt alone," says sophomore Jessica Delgado.

"Because I didn't have any of my family or friends here, I would get more homesick when going home. I felt alone," says junior Cassie O'Donnell.

"I left my parents there and I was trying to make changes, some said they didn't agree with the validity of the magazine ranking," said senior Brian O'Donoghue.

Another factor that contributed to the feeling of being away from family is the financial situation. The cost of living in a new environment is always a challenge.

"I feel like Saint Mary's is my home away from home," said Delgado. "My second semester I became more involved with the Hispanic student organization La Familia."

The college has a broad spectrum of opportunities, allowing students to explore various interests. However, navigating through the complexity of college life can be overwhelming.

"I like the students that they can be compassionate, caring and competent," said Delgado. "I feel like Saint Mary's is my home away from home."

Hernandez said she hopes to continue her education in the future, including a graduate degree. "I hope to return to the program the first day she attends," she said.

The program is an opportunity for students to gain experiences and receive a quality education. "We want the students to know the ins and outs of the tax form. We want them to be aware of all the credits that they may be able to get additional money for these people which in some cases amounts to several hundred dollars through credits. Now it's a good way to make something good," said Delgado.

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and professor of business administration, said thorough training is essential for students.

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The 2000 summer session will begin on Monday, June 26 (registration) and end on Wednesday, August 2 (final exams).

Some courses — primarily in science and languages — will end before or after these dates. The summer session Bulletin contains course information. The Bulletin is available at the Summer Session Office (510 Main Bldg.) beginning on Monday, June 19, and is also available on the summer session Web site (http://www.nd.edu/~sumses/).

Notre Dame continuing students — who do not need to complete their degree requirements in residence during the spring semester of 2000 who are eligible to return in the fall must use DART RN to register for summer courses (2) and 2) to add or drop courses high Friday, June 23. The DART RN (personal identification number) for summer will be sent to all continuing students in early March. Course count numbers, along with all other course information, is published in the Bulletin and at the summer session Web site.

DART RN will be available for summer registration from March 20 to June 23. Students may register or make schedule changes whenever they choose during this period; no appointment times are necessary.

Students may register for summer sessions courses at any time up to the first day of the course. Students wishing to register after June 23 must complete the standard summer session application/course selection form.

Air conditioned and non-air conditioned housing and (optional) summer meal plans will be available. Forms for these services may be obtained at the Summer Session Office at any time during the spring semester.

Tuition for the summer session of 2000 will be $235 per credit hour plus a $40 general fee.
Moscow vows to complete war against Chechen rebels

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Historians rank Clinton last in ‘moral authority’  

Associated Press  

WASHINGTON  

President Clinton continues to rank near the top for managing the economy and pursuing equal justice, but dead last when measured for “moral authority,” according to a rank- ing of presidents by academics this year.

The academics rated Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman as the best leaders overall in a survey conducted by the cable public-affairs network CNN. Clinton ranked 41st in performance.

Nicotine may allay some diseases

WASHINGTON  

Despite its evil image, new research suggests that nicotine is a surprisingly potent drug for a variety of diseases that afflict the brain, including Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and Tourette’s syndrome.

Many small studies over the past decade have explored the possible benefits of this ubiquitous drug. But the field appears to be taking on fresh life as doctors test nicotine patches for neurological diseases in both children and the elderly, and drug companies race to concoct nicotine substitutes that carry fewer side effects.

At a conference Monday, doctors said the field’s first gold-standard study—one in which dummy treatments are rigorously compared with the real thing—suggests the patch is helping children with Tourette’s syndrome, a strange affliction in which victims are beset by spates of tics, shouted obscenities and violent urges.

Still, nicotine has many drawbacks, including its unsavory reputation as the addictive tranquilizer that is also the drug of choice for more than 40 million smokers. It can also be deadly. People are known to have died in drags and cigarettes.

The researchers cautioned that smoking is a bad way to get medical nicotine. Besides the obvious cancer risk, drug levels spike much higher in cigarettes than in the patch.

Typically, doctors treat Tourette’s with Haldol, a powerful tranquilizer that is also used against schizophrenia. In the latest study, Sanberg and colleagues combined nicotine patches and Haldol in 70 children, half of whom did dummy patches.

The study found those on nicotine did better and were able to control their symptoms with lower than usual doses of Haldol. “The data suggest that a low-dose nicotine patch may be useful in Tourette’s syndrome,” Sanberg said.

“The problem with nicotine is that it is nicotine. You’re asking parents to put their kids on nicotine.”

Paul Sanberg  
Ph.D., University of South Florida

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Invites Nominations for the Father Sheedy Award

Each year, the Sheedy Award, named for a former dean of the College of Arts and Letters, honors one member of the Arts and Letters faculty for outstanding teaching.

Both students and faculty are invited to submit nominations for this year’s award. Please send your letter indicating what is special or significant about this instructor to:

Dian Murray, Associate Dean  
101 O’Shaughnessy Hall

Deadline  
Wednesday, March 1st, 2000

Sheedy Award
Mandela urges Burundi peace deal

Associated Press

Nelson Mandela issued a report card Monday on the Burundi peace talks, praising negotiators for inching toward compromise but warning them that time was running out to end the country's seven-year civil war.

"I would like the leadership of Burundi to seize this opportunity and not allow it to slip away," the former South African president told Burundian politicians and civic leaders gathered in this northern Tanzanian town.

Since 1993, fighting between Hutu rebels and the Tutsi-dominated army has killed more than 200,000 Burundians and uprooted more than 1.2 million others. And since September, the army has herded nearly 350,000 Hutus into camps, including many farmers - a strategy that now threatens the impoverished country with famine.

Mandela, who took over as mediator of the talks last month, told the negotiators that no peace was possible in Burundi without remaking its political landscape, where minority Tutsis control the government, the economy and the military.

"Leaders must bite the bullet and address this situation," he told an audience of 300, which included seven African heads of state as well as officials from Europe and the United States.

Among Mandela's listeners was Burundian President Pierre Buyoya, who later said his government "would spare no effort" to reach a "lasting peace.

By focusing international attention on the 20-month-old talks, the anti-apartheid champion is hoping to prod representatives of the 18 political and civil groups participating in the talks toward a settlement. That campaign will continue Tuesday, with President Clinton scheduled to hold a public videoconference with Mandela from the White House.

Besides Buyoya, the heads of state attending Monday's talks included Yoweri Museveni of Uganda, Benjamin Mkapa of Tanzania, Joaquin Chissano of Mozambique, Thabo Mbeki of South Africa and Pasteur Bizimungu of Rwanda.

On the key issue of rebel participation in the talks, Mandela was unequivocal. Discussions were under way to bring the two main rebel groups into the talks because without them, he said, no agreement reached in Arusha was secure.

Mandela was no less blunt in his views about the future of Burundi's military and its electoral system. The army should be at least half Hutus, and voting should combine one-man-one-vote with some form of group representation, which he did not specify.

Mandela also stressed the importance of gaining the support of the country's 6.2 million people. But other than an elite few among the country's minority Tutsis and majority Hutus, most people know little of the progress of the talks. What they do know rests mainly on rumor and state-controlled radio.

"Negotiators could come to some agreement, but there would be no understanding of it because there's been no wide debate on the issues," said Francis Rolt, director of Studio Tajamo, an independent radio news operation in the Burundian capital, Bujumbura.

Last month, Mandela invoked the recent past to warn of the perils of an opaque negotiating process concluded under intense international pressure. His government "would spare no effort" to reach a "lasting peace."
Motor skills affected by music?

Note: Mary Beth Ellis is a highly esteemed scientist regularly showered with peer recognition and prizes (most recently: second place, St. Jude Elementary School's 1989 Junior High Science Fair, for a groundbreaking representation of the solar system featuring styrofoam balls and Tegato paint.) Currently she is studying the effects of popular music upon natural and social phenomena, which is to say she watches reruns of Mystery Science Theater 3000 until she runs out of Cheese-it money, at which point she resigns herself to slapping together some attempted science (see below).

QUESTION: What effect does Andy Williams have upon fine motor skills?


PROCEDURE:

1) Andrew Andy Williams Greatest Hits: Live From Moon River Theater in Branson, Mo., from case.

2) Experience concern with Andy's hair on album cover photo. What's going on there?

3) Take scientific nap.

4) Press "play.""The Voice of America: Broadcasting to the World..."

5) What the hell? Become alerted to something serious going down in CD changer. Immediately investigate as to why Andy Williams sounds like The Bangles.

6) Remove "Bad Hits of the '80s" from underneath Andy Williams Greatest Hits: Live From Moon River Theater in Branson. 73.

Check on progress of "Winter Spectacular of Pro Figure Skating" on ABC.

8) Press "play" again.

9) Press "pause" again. 100 Visit Little Scientist's Room.

11) Flush.

12) Press "play" again.

DATA AND OBSERVATIONS: The Hawaiian Wedding Song: Test dexterity by opening one (1) 12-ounce can of Coors. Successful save for experiencing small chip in fingernail of right index finger.

Moon River: Begin filing down fingernail, which results in tragedy when, in act of filing, accidentally chip index fingernail of other hand.

Can't Get Used to Losing You: Give up on fingernail. Turn attention to 12-ounce can of Coors instead. Williams is suddenly easier to bear.

Born Free: Terrified to discover an inability to tie shoes until reach realization that am in fact wearing cowboy boots.

MacArthur Park: Concern with fine motor skills suddenly surpassed by horror that am in fact wearing cowboy boots.

Catskill Sunset: Drag self off of floor, vastly relieved that Williams is no longer concerned with striped pants and drinking wine while it is warm and never letting you catch him, as stated in "MacArthur Park." Attempt to do "This is the church, this is the steeple." Fail miserably. Sigh.

Lonely Street: Greatly comforted by fact that can still do this thing where I sit crosslegged on the floor, push off with my arms and make a complete, 360-degree rotation on the axis of my buttocks. Beer now warm.

May Each Day: Still recovering from terror of MacArthur Park. Fine motor skills are slightly diminished, but no worse than usual.

Singles, is poised to revolutionize forehand, backhand and serve.

CONCLUSIONS: What's up with my nails? I buff them, I apply calcium overcoats, I avoid manual labor. Still I get this chipping. Also, I highly recommend "Bad Hits of the '80s." It has Cyndi Lauper AND Richard Marx.

CONTROL EXPERIMENT PROPOSALS: This groundbreaking information raises more questions than it answers. I cannot stop sleeping free of the following:

The effect of Perry Como on the apposition of the deltoid of Mercury.

The effect of Whitney Houston on the performance of Proctor & Gamble stock options.

The effect of John Denver on the setting of a Mandarin Orange Juice salad. Only with further experimentation can we fully develop the Andy Williams Theory of Fine Motor Skill Intereference, which, although formerly a corollary of the Law of the Mutating Effect of New Kids on the Block on Kraft Cheese Singles, is poised to revolutionize formerly held scientific assumptions and create a safer universe. For instance, a mere two years ago we had no idea of the implications of the combination of Barbra Streisand and the low-orbit performance of the space shuttle Columbia. True, "The Way We Were" caused critical shut-downs in the life support systems, but we'll never make THAT mistake again, will we? Nor will we ever again subject the secondary of the Cincinnati Bengals to the Ray Conniff Singers.

I will, of course, require a massive amount of federal and private funding in order to continue. So if anyone out there has a copy of "Poems, Prayers and Promises," and/or "Savin' All My Love For You," pitch it my way. Proctor and Gamble stock, too. Lots and lots of P&G stock. Also Cheez-Its.

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Disqualified candidates explain no-appeal decision

In a time of chaos within the ranks of the Student Government, this past year, we, Hunt Hanover and John Micek, desire to reach out to our fellow students and put an ugly issue to its final step for all parties involved. We believe that although some of the tickets in this presidential race were not seriously running for the position, they carried with them the wave of public opinion. Upon this wave rests the future of student government which sounded resonantly with cries for normalcy. They have been used upon students who do not represent campus life and attitudes. There is nothing in the constitution which states that student government should not be impartial, be stiff and somber. Although the Office of the President is not primarily a programming office, the lighter side of life must shine through the second floor windows of LaFortune and upon us in those occasions. The election craze has left both the Judicial Council in bad light and hurted our friend-czary of Notre Dame into a virtual circus. In ending our quest for the second floor, we hope to send this circus out of what is people do after fair review and reorganization of the election process.

— Finally, we would like to thank all those who assisted us in our campaign efforts. We would especially like to recognize Dan Peate, our campaign manager, for his tireless efforts. The past three weeks have shown us how truly special the people are who make up the Notre Dame community. Together we have committed ourselves to the Notre Dame community, which we will continue to serve in these critical ways. We can’t wait to do more efforts in this endeavor and will not fail by the will of Notre Dame.

Hunt A. Hanover
Presidential Candidate
Junior, St. Edward’s Hall

John J. Micek IV
Vice-presidential Candidate
Junior, Rough Hall

February 21, 2000

Letter to the Editor

Freshman defends letter on racial ignorance

Although disappointed, I am not regretful for submitting a letter recently describing prejudices I have seen in some Notre Dame classrooms. The idea of my letter was and remains to be that ignorance, while not always rooted in hatred, does inevitably lead to the infliction of pain onto others. I chose the word "ignorance," first of all, not as an accusation or insult, but because the very definition implies "not knowing," and I still feel confident in remarking that just as in every one of the world, ignorance does exist, at this university, and people are getting hurt.

Racism is a word which implies nothing but hatred and cruelty, and I have not intended to use the word "racism" in my original letter. Prejudices combined with enough hatred often do lead to racism, there is an important distinction between racism and ignorance, and prejudice (preconceived ideas), and the three should not be confused.

I wanted to write again to further explain and clarify my message. Ultimately, my reason for writing the letter was because I wanted to share my friend’s stories as an illustration of how easy it is to make an offensive comment without any prejudiced comment without realizing it. I felt that my friend’s experiences were apropos for sharing in my letter, and I do not regret sharing with others how he felt in two specific instances at Notre Dame.

I believe that it is vitally important that faculty and students alike be sensitive to the connotations of the words that they make to one another. So many people (including members of my own family) have suffered from prejudice and ignorance and know how much pain this can cause. Ignorance, though, is not a taboo word. In the context of my letter, I do not mean to say that people do not realize the impact or implications of some of their comments. As I stated in my letter, I do not believe that intentions, ulterior motives, or racism drives most people at Notre Dame and in the world. Not knowing that one’s comments or ignorance can hurt others is an innocent mistake, and although I wish it did not happen, it does unfortunately. My friend’s teacher probably did not intend for his comments to be hurtful to my friend, and his/her comments to be hurtful to my friend. My friend’s teacher probably did not intend for his/her comments to be hurtful to my friend, and his/her comments to be hurtful to my friend. My friend’s teacher probably did not intend for his/her comments to be hurtful to my friend, and his/her comments to be hurtful to my friend.

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No teacher should feel that the issue of improving race relations at Notre Dame necessitates students and faculty embracing one another’s humanity and learning from their mistakes. No person should feel awkward or uncomfortable because of a comment made by a faculty member or student. Being accepting of other’s feelings and willing to change and understand why it is people feel the way they do is an important step towards making the world a better place. We have committed ourselves to the Notre Dame community, and we will continue to serve in these critical ways. We can’t wait to do more efforts in this endeavor and will not fail by the will of Notre Dame.
Music Column

Don't make us say 'Uhhh' anymore

As a sophomore I have fortunately retired from dorm parties, yet I can't escape from attending gatherings that occur in honor of a dorm formal, O'Neill Hall's Mardi Gras or other functions such as West, Quad Formal. Don't get me wrong about these gatherings. I often have a blurry blast, but the catch is that most of these gatherings are hosted by friends, which means I'll most likely tolerate their choices for the soundtrack to our gathering.

Although when I arrive at the actual dance or when freshmen in my dorm host a party, how many times do I have to hear Jay-Z spout out "Can I Get A ..."? Or why is it that a friend of mine recently attended a Pangborn Hall dance during which the DJ refused to play "Give It Away" by the Red Hot Chili Peppers and instead blasted a heavy dose of hits off of Dr. Dre's Chronic 2000?

It seems as if students here party, dancing to the monotonous sounds of songs driven by the loud thud of a rap beat accompanied by a ridiculous subject; some argue "songs" such as Master P's "Make 'Em Say Uhhhh," border-line the definition of music. Master P grooves and chants to a beat that doesn't exactly take that much true musical talent. Rap "artists" are becoming limited as far as the subject of their rapping as well.

Let's review — prostitution, gangs, drug sales and the ghetto in general have all been covered at least once before. As much as some of us are tired of hearing Dave Matthews Band, too, we would rather dance to that music than constantly jolting our bodies around to a DJ's stream of songs primarily consisting of rap. Partiers and dancers here aren't ALL RAP, ALL THE TIME, but what in it being played if it is not rap? "Come on, Eileen?" Please!

People, why are we playing the same songs over and over again? Why are the majority of them so bad and so over-played? I understand that some of us like these songs, but can one honestly admit they are fine pieces of music? I can't.

Maybe it is linked to the diversity on this campus, and an angle to that exists that we just do not realize. Is Notre Dame saturated with audiophiles? That must be it. U93, ironically owned by the University, fuels the campus with the sound of the musically popular, not necessarily fine pieces composed from, say, a musically theoretical standpoint, and the music on U93 might not be rap, but chances are you'll hear some boy band that epitomizes the latest teeny-bopper craze. Or perhaps it is our style of party drinking beer and getting slashed. The terrible music played here differs from that of a scene where people dance to the music such as Phish. But oh my gosh! Those fans are taking hallucinogens and smoking marijuana and then dancing around! Yet few can argue that Phish songs are not composed from a brilliantly theoretical standpoint, and people still dance to it.

Who knows, but in the 1700's people danced to Mozart, and now we settle for Jay-Z and Dexy's Midnight Runners (did you even know that's who sings "Come on Eileen")? So it's time to overcome our habits and groove to something relatively good music. If we can't do that, then can we at least try to groove to something different, maybe something that's not rap?

Andrew Jones
Scene music critic

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February 29

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Oasis - Standing on the Shoulders of Giants
Smashing Pumpkins - MACHINA
Steely Dan - Two Against Nature

March 7

Black Rob - Life Story
Violent Femmes - Freak Magnet

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ALBUM REVIEW

Mann and Magnolia are a perfect match

By TIMOTHY COLLINS
Scene Music Critic

Movie soundtracks today seem to just capitalize-off a few old hit singles and some big name artists to sell copies. Rarely does a soundtrack come along that fully captures the essence, mood and feeling of a film. But Paul Thomas Anderson, with his film Magnolia, has done it. He recruited Aimee Mann, leader of the '80s band, "Til Tuesday, to write and contribute her songs to the film.

The album opens with Mann's cover of Three Dog Night's unknown gem "One." Mann delivers the lyrics with a certain passion that makes the listener feel as if she is singing right to them as she says, "One is the loneliest number that you'll ever do."

"Deedily" opens with Mann asking, "Now that I've met you, would you object to, never seeing me again?" The listener almost feels like answering her. Like the rest of the album, this song centers around Mann's smart lyrics and catchy melodies. This is one of the catchiest albums in a while, the listener will be singing all of these songs after they listen to them without even realizing it.

Each one of Mann's new contributions seems to build upon and get even better after one song precedes it. "Driving Sideways," "You Do" and the instrumental "Nothing is Good" through "It Gets Better" will not be forgotten anytime soon after listening but Mann saves her best for last. She sings, "Save Me" has already garnered Mann an Oscar nomination for Best Original Song and will almost definitely get her a Grammy nomination next year. She sings "from the ranks of the freaks, who can't stand you you would never love anyone," and asks to be saved with the urgency that fits the characters of the film perfectly. Mann also contributes some of the great songs from her first two solo albums to the soundtrack, "Momentum," and "Build That Wall" are both some of the better songs of her career. But "Wise Up" from Mann's Wit Stupid provides one of the best moments on the soundtrack and the best in the film as the characters sing "My great songs that will not be forgotten anytime soon after listening but Mann saves her best for last."

Alongside Mann's nine contributions, the soundtrack boasts two '70s classics from Supertramp — the great "Goodybye Stranger" and "Logical Song" — and an early '90s catchy dance tune, Gabrielle's "Dreams." Anderson's Magnolia is one of the more interesting films to come out of Hollywood in recent years and the sad, dire situations that its characters are presented with are perfectly represented by its soundtrack. It offers a catchy new and old songs from Aimee Mann alongside some of the best and the only thing that the listener might regret about it is that there isn't more Aimee Mann.

ALBUM REVIEW

Follow-up soundtrack is mediocre

By ROBERT CALLEROS
Scene Music Critic

It's Friday! Actually it's the Next Friday. Ice Cube is back with the movie sequel and another soundtrack in hopes of getting those booties bouncing and those heads ringing again.

With as many big name artists contributing in the follow-up soundtrack and production by none other than Ice Cube, it is a shame that Next Friday barely manages to keep pace in a world filled by mediocre soundtracks. This is not to say that the Next Friday soundtrack does not have its bright spots. Actually, it's just the opposite. There are a few tracks which are noteworthy, such as NWA's first track in ten years, "Chin Check." Ice Cube, MC Ren and DJ Yella are all back, with the addition of Snoop Doggy Dogg to replace the late Eazy-e. In a track definitely worth checking out. The song, however, does not reflect the hardcore attitude of the original N.W.A. Instead, "Chin Check" sounds much more like the usual laid-back funk of West Coast rap. If this song is any indication of the rumored N.W.A. reunion album, it definitely leaves promising.

In addition to the hype as he combines with Mark-10 on the first song of the album, "You Can Do It," a club jam, which will definitely get those bodies moving around the dance floor. Although the movie is a comedy, one wouldn't be able to tell from the soundtrack because like "You Can Do It," most of the songs are serious club jams.

Keeping with the popular wave of theme music explosion," Next Friday also boasts a track by Frost aka Kid Frost, Don Ciero Ice cube's "Mambo," and the B.B. tip, "Make Your Body Sing" by the Isley Brothers is a definite highlight. The Isley Brothers are back with their seductive style of 70's funk and soul in addition to Whodini, The Jean, Bizzy Bone, Krazy Kriss, Aalliah, Eminem, Ja Rule, Wu-Tang Clan and several others that contributed in the movie's soundtrack.

Overall, Next Friday is a big name compilation of some of Hip-Hop and B.A.B.'s brightest stars which tends to sparkle and fade into an at times, amusing soundtrack.

ALBUM REVIEW

Burnside's blues are a hidden treasure

By JAMES SCHUYLER
Scene Music Critic

Although now still playing at the age of 73, R.L. Burnside's music did not receive much attention at all his signing with Fat Possum records in the early '90s. Although he has been playing pure delta blues since the 50's, his music never really escaped the poor Mississippi town that he himself was born in. Burnside's music is a rarity in the music community because it is pure, he plays with blues the way it was meant to be played, straight out of hell.

Burnside's voice is colored by obvious years of smoking, drinking and story telling. He sings of things that make most men cry with a little bit of a smile. Much of Burnside's music now is coined punk blues because it is not the melodic type of blues that must be people think of. He sings of pain and loss but only to spit in its face.

Recently Adelphi Records released a collection of songs from a 1967 recording session which showcases the talents and style of Burnside in his youth. My Black Name A-Ringin' is a treasure of real blues from the hilltops of Mississippi containing both original material and arrangements of traditional blues songs. While Burnside's music has changed somewhat significantly over the years, the original songs on this album reflect all of the best of his music.

Of special note on this album are the title track, "My Black Name A-Ringin," and Burnside's arrangement of the traditional "Catfish Blues," which has probably been played by everyone who has ever considered themselves blues artists even in a remote sense such as Jimi Hendrix. "Nine Days in July" gives the listener a clear idea of how Burnside's sound has evolved.

However, much of the deep hearted and very real blues of R.L. Burnside has been bastardized in the last release off of Fat Possum Records. Come On In. On that album tracks from Burnside classic songs were sampled in an attempt by the record company to make a dance album similar to the style of N.E.R.D. This album destroys the pure form of Burnside's music.

Unfortunately, there are a number of other artists such as R.L. Burnside who have not as of yet been given the attention in the music industry that they deserve. These artists music are treasures waiting to be discovered.
New York

St. John's starting backcourt of Erick Barkley and Bootsy Thornton outscored its counterpart 42-2 and the Red Storm rolled to their sixth straight victory, 79-64 over No. 22 Connecticut on Monday night.

The cloud of a second NCAA investigation this month didn't appear to be affecting the Red Storm (19-6, 11-3 Big East), who have won eight of nine and moved into first place in the conference. Oklahoma State (18-8, 7-6), who have won eight of nine and moved into first place in the conference. Connecticut (18-8, 7-6), who have won eight of nine and moved into first place in the conference. Staying at Connecticut, which St. John's won 82-77.

The Huskies, who haven't won consecutive games since the three-game-winning streak from Jan. 27-Feb. 2, were within 47-44 on a rebound basket by Jake Voskuhl with 15:02 to go.

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The Red Storm then went on to make it 54-40.

Barkley finished with 22 points, Thornton had 20 and each had four assists. Lavor Poole had 22 points on 8-12 shooting for the Red Storm, who finished 26-for-47 from the field (55.3 percent).

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Basketball

Murphy earns sixth Big East player of week honor

Forward Troy Murphy has been named the Big East Player of the Week for the sixth time this season after scoring 35 points, grabbing eight rebounds and blocking three shots in his team's 76-74 victory at 25th-ranked Seton Hall. Murphy's sixth player-of-the-week honor ties him with John Wallace of Syracuse who also was a six-time winner during the 1995-96 campaign.

The 6-foot-10 sophomore leads the league in both scoring and rebounding as he is averaging 23.5 points and 10.7 rebounds, respectively. His 35 points against the Pirates ties his career-high and marks the ninth time this season he has scored 30-plus points in a game.

Riley, Ratay outrank competition

Junior center Ruth Riley and freshman guard Alicia Ratay were winners of the Big East weekly awards after leading the fifth-ranked Irish to a 2-0 week with victories on the road at Villanova (70-52) and at eighth-ranked Rutgers (78-74 in overtime).

Riley was named the player-of-the-week along with Svetlana Abrosimova of Connecticut earning the award for the second time this season. She averaged 20.0 points and 11.0 rebounds, scoring 14 points and grabbing eight rebounds against Villanova and then recording her fourth double-double of the season with 26 points and a season-tying 14 rebounds against Rutgers.

Ratay is named the rookie-of-the-week for the sixth time (the most by any freshman) in 1999-2000 as she averaged 19.0 points and 7.0 rebounds. In the overtime win at Rutgers, Ratay set the Big East three-point field goal percentage record as she made all seven of her attempts.

She finished the game with 26 points and 10 rebounds in recording her second double-double of the season. Ratay also had 12 points and four rebounds against Villanova. In the two games, the freshman guard shot 73.3 percent from the field (11-15) and was seven-of-nine from three-point range.

Sophomore Troy Murphy became only the second player in Big East history to earn six player of the week honors in a single season.

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LaFortune
Belinda battles multiple sclerosis

Associated Press

Belinda has done both and said there's really no comparison.

Belinda, a right-handed reliever who is bidding for a spot on the Colorado Rockies roster this spring, has fashioned a unique perspective on baseball and on life since being diagnosed with the degenerative nerve disease in September 1998.

"I want to win with this disease, and I want to win as a team," Belinda, 33, said on Monday. "I think I can do both."

Belinda's troubles began when he woke up in a New York hotel room in mid-May 1998 with tingling and numbness in his leg.

"That was just the one thing that started it, and it just escalated from there," he said.

The numbness spread over most of his body, then came the diagnosis in September that he was in the early stages of MS.

You can't prepare yourself for something like that," Belinda said.

There is no known cure for MS, but if caught early and with proper diet, exercise and medication, victims can live a normal lifestyle. Some MS sufferers develop severe disabilities including loss of motor function and blindness.

Belinda resumed pitching midway through the 1999 season, and he has been mostly symptom-free since his treatment began.

"I hope some people find inspiration from this," he said. "My inspiration is my family (wife Lori and three children) and God. "Unfortunately for me, I got some bad news, but I'm dealing with it and I'm just trying to stay upbeat and trying to perform. God willing, I'm going to finish my career the way I want to finish it, and that's to go out on top."

Belinda, acquired by Colorado in the Oct. 30 trade with Cincinnati that also brought outfielder Jeffrey Hammonds to the Rockies for Dunte Rhicee, is part of a glut of right-handed relievers on the Rockies' spring roster.

Typically, he accepts his situation magnanimously.

"There's a lot of us, aren't there?" he said.

So many, in fact, that they might squeeze out some left-handed candidates, possibly leaving Colorado with only one lefty in the bullpen. Still, some of the right-handed relievers won't earn a job here. One of them could be Belinda.

"That doesn't bother me," he said. "The team has to make its decision. If they don't work out here — not just for me but for any of these other righties who are capable of doing what they can do on the field — they're going to have jobs in other places. I just have to go out on the field and perform the way I'm capable of performing."

In 11 major-league seasons, Belinda has compiled a 40-34 record and 3.89 ERA, but his abbreviated 1999 campaign was sub-par, which he attributes to lingering concern over his illness.

"Mentally, I wasn't prepared like I should have been in spring training," he said. "And physically, I didn't put much effort into it the winter before. I didn't get myself prepared for spring training like I did in years past just because I was trying to get my head on straight."

His progress early in 1999 was hampered by biceps tendinitis, which Belinda has a history of.

"By the time I was ready to pitch in June, our bullpen was set," he said. "There were times when I didn't pitch for 10 to 12 days."

Senior Niele Ivey and the Irish play host to the Hurricanes tonight at the Joyce Center.

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week honors for her performances against Villanova and Rutgers. In the Rutgers game, Riley had 26 points, equaling Ratay's total, while also grabbing 14 rebounds.

The two teams met earlier in the season, on Jan. 22 in Coral Gables, Fla. The Irish posted a 76-54 victory behind Danielle Green's 22 points, six assists and three steals. Riley had 15 points while Julie Henderson chipped in with 13 and 11 rebounds as the Irish dominated the paint.

Notre Dame had a 40-27 advantage on the boards and 48 of their points came off of layups. Miami shot just 39 percent from the field and committed 23 turnovers. Martha Bodley had a team-high 13 points for the Hurricanes.

The Irish hold an 8-2 all-time advantage in the series.

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HOCKEY

Icer Zasowski shines on defense, earns player of week honors

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame freshman goaltender Tony Zasowski has earned his third weekly award from the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, receiving the league’s defensive player-of-the-week award after helping the Irish post a 5-3 win and 1-1 tie at Bowling Green on Feb. 18-19.

Zasowski — who has started each of Notre Dame’s last 13 games-opened the win at Bowling Green with 25 saves en route to a 31-save night, with two even-strength goals allowed. The next night, he made 20 saves while allowing a third-period goal as the Irish maintained possession of fifth place in the CCHA.

Notre Dame players have been honored three times by the CCHA during the past five weeks, more than any other team in the 12-member CCHA. Zasowski — who also has twice been named CCHA rookie of the week — is just the fifth freshman to earn a CCHA player-of-the-week award this season.

Zasowski ranks seventh among regular CCHA goalies with a 2.29 goals-against average and fifth among league tenders with a 2.29 overall save percentage. He has posted two shutouts this season and five total CCHA weekly awards this season, ranking behind only Michigan, NMU, MSU and Lake Superior.

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Zasowski is one of four CCHA players who have totaled three-plus awards this season, with the others being Michigan center Mike Comrie (three-time player of the week), Ferris State forward Chris Golbert (two-time rookie of the week), offensive player of the week and MSU’s Miller (two-time rookie of the week, defensive player of the week).

Notre Dame records set by Forrest Kari (42-58, 1999-99) and Mark Kronholm (307, 1970-71).

His 11 victories this season are tied for fourth-most in the CCHA, behind Lake Superior’s Jayme Platt, Northern Michigan’s Dan Lagasse and Michigan State’s Ryan Miller.

Zasowski has allowed just 35 even-strength goals in 25 games played this season-including just 14 in the last 13-while allowing 0-2 total goals in 15 of his 21 starts. He has posted two shutouts this season (19 saves vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 24 vs. Michigan State) to join Karr as the only Irish goaltenders ever to post multiple solo shutouts in the same season.

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The Irish opened four wins and a loss in their season opener at the University of Nevada Las Vegas Tournament this past weekend.

"Overall I thought it was a good weekend," Notre Dame softball coach Liz Miller said. "As a team, this was our first big step in developing strengths among ourselves."

Liz Miller softball head coach

The Irish closed the gap to 9-3 in the top of the fifth before Oregon grabbed two more for the early win in the bottom of the inning.

Against the University of California at Santa Barbara, freshman Andrea Loman slammed a three-run homer over the fence with two outs in the fifth inning to hand Notre Dame a 3-0 win.

Freshman Andrea Bledsoe finished 4-for-4 at the plate for Notre Dame while Kriech was 2-for-4 with a triple. Notre Dame combined for a total of 14 hits against UC-Santa Barbara.

Defensively, Sharron grabbed her second win by allowing three hits and striking out eight.

"Overall I think we swung the bats aggressively," Miller said. "As a team, this was our first big step in developing strengths among ourselves."

The Irish struggled as a team, and the Irishmen did a good job stepping up to the plate.

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Irish fall to Cardinal, Trojans

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

It was a weekend of spectacular highs and crushing lows for the Irish women's tennis team.

Playing in the USTA/ITA National Women's Team Indoor Championships, the Irish rode a roller coaster of emotion to a solid seventh-place finish.

The 17th-ranked Notre Dame women kicked off the weekend in style as they bested 11th-ranked William and Mary, 5-2, in the tournament's first round.

"I thought we played extremely well against William and Mary," head coach Jay Louderback said. "To beat a great team like that is always a thrill.

The upset was fueled by the brilliant play of the doubles tandems.

The pairing of junior star Michelle Dasso and sophomore Becky Varnum scored an 8-3 victory over William and Mary's coupling of Delphine Truch and Carolijn van Rossum. The 17th-ranked combination of junior Kimberly Gay and freshman Katie Camba then-notch an impressive 8-6 win to clinch the doubles point.

"The doubles keep getting the job done," Louderback noted. "They're still the strength of this team.

As the match shifted to singles play, the Irish continued to be strong. Notre Dame took out of four of the six singles matches contested to send William and Mary packing.

With the win, the Irish advanced to the quarterfinals for the first time since 1995.

The second round, however, would not prove as kind.

Notre Dame faced the difficult task of battling Stanford, the top-ranked squad in the country. The Irish put forth an admirable effort but they could not fly as high as the Cardinal, dropping a 5-2 decision.

The Stanford lineup, which featured five ranked singles players, was too much for Notre Dame in the end.

"We went in thinking we had a chance," Louderback said. "If 17th-ranked Varnum won her singles, we were right in the match.

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"The matches were very fast-paced and exciting.

No. 3 matches.

Senior Kelly Zalinski posted a 1-2 record this weekend and now stands just nine wins short of the Jennifer Hall's all-time singles win record.

Louderback noted. "It was a weekend of highs and lows.

The Irish will look to get back on track Saturday when they travel to North Carolina to take on the Tarheels in a dual match.

NBA

Abdul-Jabbar finally lands coaching job

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Maybe they didn't think he was serious. Maybe they didn't think the NBA's career scoring leader would be willing to sit on the sidelines as an assistant coach.

Whatever the reason, nobody seemed to believe Kareem Abdul-Jabbar when he said he wanted to coach.

There were customary conversations, almost courtesies for one of the cornerstone players in NBA history, but nothing more than that.

"I can't attribute motives," Abdul-Jabbar said Monday, as he prepared for his second game as an assistant with the Los Angeles Clippers. "I don't know if I was black-balled. I was taken aback when I couldn't get any interviews. That bothered me. It was frustrating.

"Finally, the Clippers, reconstructing their bench staff, decided Abdul-Jabbar could help new head coach Jim Todd.

"Friday at 10, I was retired in my house," he said. "Friday at noon, I had a new job."

Abdul-Jabbar has wanted this chance for a long time. He said there were conversations with GMs Al Attles at Golden State and Wayne Embry at Cleveland and formal interviews with San Antonio when Uncseld was at Washington and Ernie Grunfeld when he was with the Knicks.

There were, however, no offers.

"The chancellor at UCLA talked to me when Jim Harrick got in a bind there," Abdul-Jabbar said.

Nothing came of that conversation, either.

"When I retired, I was very burned out," he said. "It took three or four years to get my equilibrium back. I wrote three books. I did family stuff, made up time with my kids. It took three or four years before I wanted to get back in.

The itch to coach became even more intense last year when Abdul-Jabbar worked with the basketball team at White Mountain Apache Reservation in Whitter, Ariz.

The Clippers, equipped with the youngest team and the worst record in the NBA, decided to give him a chance.

"This is the best situation for me," he said. "They need help. San Antonio with David Robinson and Tim Duncan? They don't need a whole lot of help.

"A whole lot of about the game is not being translated. Stuff I learned in basketball, people answering the fundamentals of the game, learning how to play as a team, how to help teammates on defense.

"You've got kids with size and agility but they don't know how to get it done with four others."

With the Clippers, the most successful player in basketball history will work on the inside game. He calls himself a troubleshooter.

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Although Matha led the team in rebounding, total points and steals, she does not want to be called the star of the game.

"I don’t really want to be the one always stepping up," she said. "Everyone was just knocking down shots when they needed to." Matha had support in scoring from Norman with 11 points and sophomore Jaime Stouls with 11 points.

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Followed by Seton Hall and West Virginia, with Notre Dame taking sixth with 68.5 points.

"We were ready and mentally prepared," freshman Tameisha King said. "A lot of other teams stepped up.

Notre Dame’s strong areas were the field events, where it picked up the majority of its points.

King captured second in the long jump, with her season-best leap of 20-4 3/4. "I was excited about my long jump because it was an improvement," King said.

Fellow freshman Jaime Alvarez cleared the bar at 5-10 3/4, besting Engelhardt for the fourth straight year indoors.

Volker vaulted to second in the Big East with a vault of 11-3 3/4, and Natalie Hallett joined her in Irish scoring with a fourth-place finish.

Also in the field events, Emily Blenko, a senior, was fourth in the Big East pentathlon with 3,349 total points. Sophomore Duis DeBartolo placed sixth in the 20-lb. weight throw and eighth in the shot put.

Grow was the lone victor for the Irish women, racing to first in the 400-meter run in a time of 53.27 seconds. Grow had set a new school record ahead of West Virginia’s Tamara Williams, who completed the race in 53.28.

"I really wanted to win, and I thought I could win," Grow said. "I just try to run my best and time. I take care of myself.

The Irish were shut out of all other individual running events except the 5,000-meter run, in which junior All-American Alison Klommer took seventh.

Both the 4x400-meter relay and the distance medley relay took fourth for Notre Dame.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Carré Lenz, Amandal Alvarez, Kymia Love and Grow set a new school record with a time of 4:45.29.

The Irish will rest this weekend and return to action at home with the Alex Wilson Invitational March 4-5.

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**MEN’S TENNIS**

**Notre Dame tops Wisconsin, drops match to Miami**

By RACHEL BIBER

Sports Writer

The Irish had their opponents right where they wanted them, but they couldn't get the job done.

After a 7-0 blanking of the Wisconsin Badgers on Friday, 29th-ranked Notre Dame was ready to take full advantage of the home court edge against 32nd-ranked Miami (Fla.), but the Hurricanes had other plans, taking Sunday's match-up, 5-2.

"We had a good crowd, and we were on our home court," Irish coach Bob Bayliss said. "It's an opportunity we let slip away, and it's a big disappointment to me."

Notre Dame's sweeping victory over Wisconsin began the weekend's play on a much sweeter note, with each player in the lineup coming away with a straight set victories in singles play.

The Irish started against the Badgers by stealing away the doubles point with an intense and narrow victory in the decisive No. 1 match by the 53rd-ranked duo of Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico. The two rallied for a 9-8 (7-4) win over 42nd-ranked David Chang and Scott Rutherford.

Down 3-0, Talarico and Taborga came up with two key breaks of serve and won four consecutive games to take a 7-6 lead. In the tiebreaker, they stormed out to a 5-0 lead before eventually taking the match and securing the doubles point for the Irish.

Seniors Trend Miller and Andy Schumacher had no problems breaching to an 8-1 victory at No. 2 doubles over the Badgers' Justin Baker and Adam Schumacher.

Matt Daly, seeing action for the first time since being hampered by a shoulder injury, and Ashok Raju were tripped up at No. 3 doubles 9-8 (11-10) by Wisconsin's Jason Gonzaga and Danny Westerman, in a match that featured a number of match points for both teams in the tiebreak.

Sophomore Casey Smith and Andrew Laffin quickly cushioned the Irish lead with wins at No. 2 and No. 5 singles respectively. Smith defeated Wisconsin's Change 6-4, 6-4, while Laffin edged by Stefan Reitl 7-6 (7-5) in the first set before steamrollering through the second set, 6-0.

Taborga clinched the win for the Irish at No. 4 singles with a 6-4, 7-5 win over the Badgers' Schumacher. After blowing the second set wide open with a commanding 4-0 lead, Taborga watched his opponent creep back in contention for a set, but held on for the win.

The Irish completed the 7-0 sweep of the Badgers by claiming the remaining three matches in second-set thrashers.

Seventeenth-ranked Sachire toppled Wisconsin's Westernmen 7-5, 7-6 (7-4) at No. 1 singles, while Notre Dame's Talarico came back from a 2-5 deficit in the second set to gain victory over Rutherford 6-4, 7-6 (7-3) at No. 4 singles. Brian Farrell also mounted a second-set comeback by rallying from 2-4 to overcome the Badgers' Dustin Friedman 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).

After the Badgers left town, the Miami Hurricanes came whirling through to hand the Irish their first loss since a Jan. 29 defeat against the Indiana Hoosiers, snapping a four-match winning streak. The loss left Notre Dame with a 5-3 record, while Miami remains undefeated with seven wins.

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BIG EAST TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Irish men return as runner-ups

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The senior-dominated Irish couldn't get over the hump, finishing as the runner-up in the Big East Indoor Track and Field Championships for the fourth straight year.

Georgetown outdistanced Notre Dame in men's competition 139.8 to 125, but Notre Dame came closer to victory than in previous years.

"Whenever you get second place, at least for us, you're never satisfied," sophomore distance runner Luke Watson said. "We know that we could have made up 13 points. But overall, it was a pretty strong performance."

The Hoyas edged the Irish in several events, allowing them to turn the corner to triumph.

"We knew it would be a really big challenge to beat them," senior sprinter Chris Cochran said. "They're a very good middle-distance team, and the indoor championships are really kind of structured around the middle distance."

Although Irish seniors Tim Kober and Phil Mishka put forth strong performances in the 800-meter run, the 400-meter and the 1000-meter, the Hoyas were able to use the advantage thanks to a deeper squad.

Cochran captured second in the 800-meter run in a time of 1:58.51 seconds, but Georgetown had three runners in the top eight to top Kober's photo (1:57.09). Kober also took third in the 500-meter run with a time of 1:01.97.

Senior sprinter Chris Cochran raced to victories in the 60 meter and 400 meter dashes. He also set a meet record in the 600 meter in a time of 2:22.22.

Despite his outstanding race, Watson said, "On the strength of Tim Kober and Phil Mishka, they really came through for us and scored some much-needed points."

Watson ran a difficult double, with mile preliminaries on Friday and the 1500-meter at the invitational on Saturday.

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Women's Basketball
Irish host Hurricanes in Big East matchup

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Consider the women's basketball team warmed. They've been told time and time again by their coaches of the ultimate cliché "we've got to take it one game at a time," one of the most popular phrases in press conferences and gyms everywhere.

It's never more important than now. The Irish (23-2, 14-0) are coming off their biggest win of the season, a 76-74 overtime victory over the Rutgers Scarlet Knights on Saturday, their 18th in a row.

Next Saturday, Notre Dame faces its nemesis Connecticut at Storrs, Conn., where Notre Dame always seems to struggle. Two more wins and the Irish will become undefeated Big East champions for the first time in school history.

But first, the focus is on tonight, when Notre Dame hosts Miami at the Joyce Center.

Miami (11-13, 5-8) is coming off a 66-61 loss to Georgetown on Saturday. Senior Gina Graziani scored a team-high 18 points and dished out 8 assists for the Hurricanes. Freshman Alicia Hartslab added 16 points.

Sheila James leads the Hurricanes in scoring, pouring in 12.6 per game. Hartslab is the only other Miami player in double figures, contributing 10.5 points per game. Graziani ranks second in Big East history with 450 assists, just 21 off of Providence's Shunya Evans record set in 1987-91.

Notre Dame fans can thank the inside-outside duo of Ruth Riley and Alicia Ratay for continuing the nation's longest winning streak on Saturday against the Scarlet Knights.

Ratay, the Big East rookie of the week, was a perfect seven-for-seven from the field, all from beyond the 3-point line, and finished with 26 points. She was also five for six from the foul line and added 10 rebounds. Ratay saved the best for last, hitting two 3-pointers in the final minute of regulation, including one with 3.6 seconds remaining, to force overtime.

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