Revival of women’s colleges sparks Saint Mary’s success

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

In a recent writing on the future of women’s colleges, Saint Mary’s president Martha Eilers attributed the continued success of women’s colleges to two main reasons. “First, and most important, we offer a quality education,” she wrote. “Second, we endure and even thrive because women’s colleges offer superior opportunities for women to achieve their personal and professional goals.”

Only 2.5 percent of all females who attend college choose women’s colleges. But 1/3 of the female members of the 1992 Fortune 500 companies, one in seven members of state cabinets, and 30 percent of women on a Business Week list of the 50 women rising in corporate America are graduates of women’s colleges. Although the number of all female institutions fell sharply from over 200 in the 1960’s to 76 in 1997, women’s colleges today seem to be on the rise again. After a period of decline, this renaissance is good news to women’s colleges such as Saint Mary’s. But why the return to an all-women’s education?

In various studies, graduates of women’s colleges are more than twice as likely as graduates of co-educational colleges to receive doctorate degrees,” said Debbie Wesley, assistant director of admissions at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass. “(And they’re twice as likely) to enter medical school and receive doctorates in the natural sciences.”

Realizing the benefits

An increasing number of women are realizing the advantages of attending a women’s college. Most all surviving women’s colleges are small, liberal arts institutions offering undergraduate degrees. Many institutions are located in the vicinity of a larger co-educational institution, which offers a small, liberal arts atmosphere as well as the experience and social opportunities associated with a larger university, much like Saint Mary’s relationship with Notre Dame.

Barnard University, located in Morningside Heights in Manhattan, in close proximity to Columbia University, is another women’s college that has reaped the benefits of a large-university affiliation. “I think that we are in a particular situation in that we’re across the street and associated with Columbia,” Dean of Admissions Barnard Jennifer Fondiller said. “There is a perception that all women’s colleges are isolated, but most are associated with co-educational institutions which is very good.”

In addition, women’s colleges offer a quality education,” she wrote. “Second, we endure and even thrive because women’s colleges offer superior opportunities for women to achieve their personal and professional goals.”

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Election countdown

Republican presidential candidate, Governor George W. Bush, stands before a crowd of his supporters at a Lake Michigan College rally last Friday. See pages 7 through 9 inside for a news analysis of the running mates’ issue differences, predictions of election turnout, and new coverage of Bush’s drunk driving accusations, respectively.

Dalloway’s menus, security concern students

By MYRA McGriff
News Writer

Security and menu choices are two concerns being voiced by the student body in reaction to the grand opening of Dalloway’s, the student snack bar and social center that replaced the now-closed coffee shop in the Clubhouse.

The building, one of the first projects in the Campus Master Plan, opened unofficially last week. But the opening of the coffee shop forced food services to limit nighttime service at The Crossings, a full-service snack bar, located in Haggar College Center.

The Crossings, a full-service snack bar, was formerly open from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. The hours are now cut back to 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The limited hours are mainly due a lack of campus demand, said Linda Timm, vice president of student affairs.

“To have four food areas running at the same time during lunch is fine but after the rush we can afford to close some down,” said Timm. “So in response, Haggar’s hours were adjusted.”

The decision to set definite hours for Dalloway’s operation was also to set up consistency, Timm said. Dalloway’s currently operates from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. weekdays, and until 1 a.m. on weekends.

“Students never knew the hours of the old Clubhouse, so we wanted to set up the new Dalloway’s with a consistent time it would be open,” said Timm.

But Dalloway’s, which is not a full-service snack bar, does not offer the food options available in Haggar. Some students are concerned that the food items offered at Haggar cannot be purchased at Dalloway’s when
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Saint Mary's celebrates Day of the Dead

By KATIE MILLER
News Writer

Led by candles and hand bells, a procession of members of the Saint Mary's community made its way through Queen of Peace Cemetery, stopping to visit the graves of Saint Mary's departed as part of the celebration of El Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Thursday.

First visited was the grave of Mother Pauline, college president from 1905-1931. During her years as president, Mother Pauline built Holy Cross Hall when there were only 200 students at Saint Mary's.

"Mother Pauline had deep faith and an acceptance of God's will," said Sister Gertrude Ann.

"Madeleva came to Saint Mary's as a transfer student. After she graduated, she received her master's degree in English from Notre Dame. She then went on to become the first religious woman to attend Berkeley where she received her doctorate. She was later the president of Saint Mary's for 27 years.

"She continued the building program and was well known abroad. Madeleva founded the school of theology, the first place in the country where women could study the subject," said Ann. "She had the ability to dream and the capacity for hard work."

After visiting the graves of the two former presidents, the procession completed their celebration in LeMans outside of Stapleton around an ofrenda (altar) that was constructed with pictures and cards with names of deceased family and friends.

Members of the Saint Mary's community who died in the past year were remembered. Nancy Fallon, editor of the Course, was remembered by friends as a woman of simplicity, grace, and understated beauty. Kristi Morris, a senior last year who died in a car accident on spring break, was also commemorated.

Mary was a model for Morris, said friend, Jody Fee, who was in attendance at the procession. "She was not afraid to talk about her faith. She led many to God, her spirit lives on at Saint Mary's."

"Ideally, this is a project of several clubs and organizations," said Aaron Kreider, a member of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA). "Right now, we don’t have that," he said to a showing comprised primarily of other PSA members as well as philosophy professor Ed Manier. "We need people to attend Berkeley and to show up and let the Berkeley community know that this is an issue that is important to us."

Kreider said he’s hoping for a clear and financial support from various campus organizations, including student government.

Manier cautioned the group that the decreased attendance and lack of campus enthusiasm may not be indicative of the amount of support the coalition can cultivate.

"The fact that people aren’t here doesn’t mean they’re not dedicated to the cause," he said. "What’s most important is that people understand this is an issue that is important to them, and that they are willing to put their resources on the table to support this mission."
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Haggar is closed.
"Between 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. there is nothing hot to eat or full meals offered on campus," said Danielle Greer, a Saint Mary's sophomore.

Many students are also concerned about the security risk that the walk to Dalloway's poses. Haggar, connected to three of four residence halls by the tunnel system, did not require students to take a long, dimly-lit walk to get to the snack bar.

Dalloway's, located just off the Avenue and not connected by tunnels, is a long walk from most campus residence halls.

Some students do not feel safe walking out to the new clubhouse at night, especially in light of this semester's attacks on campus.

"I work late at night and used to eat dinner at Haggar," said Diana Perez, a Saint Mary's sophomore. "But now that the only place open is far away and I don't feel safe, I just don't eat dinner now."

For the safety issues voiced by students, Timm suggests students go in groups and stay in well-lit areas. Areas of concern are also being addressed.

"The sidewalks are well-lit and I would tell students to stay to the sidewalks. The courtyard around Madeleva does pose a concern and will be assessed," said Timm.

In response to the limited selection, Timm assures the menu will expand in time and the menu now is a jumping off point.

"The staff is training now on the equipment and learning how to make the items. With additional help, expanding the menu will begin. Things are progressing," said Timm. The food providers for Saint Mary's campus, Sodexo Marriott, want to start trying out new foods and specials for lunch and dinner. The new Dalloway's will also have specialty beverages and coffees.

"We want to have different hot specials each day and bring in a variety of foods," said Kevin Kirwan, director of food services.

Even though students are voicing concern over the new Dalloway's, Timm insists students to give it some time. With the grand opening and dedication of the Welcome Center and Dalloway's on Nov. 10, she thinks students will warm up to the changes.

"I think it is going to take a little getting used to. The more students use the facility the more it will draw them," said Timm. Timm also said in January the administration will evaluate how Dalloway's is functioning.

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**News Brief**

Snite hosts symposium: In an all-day symposium Sunday at Mckenna Hall, the well-known Jewish artist Samuel Bak will speak about his exhibition at the Snite: Transformation and Transfiguration. The Art of Samuel Bak. His paintings reexamine the icons of Jewish memory and belief and help focus on the legacy of the Holocaust. This exhibition will feature approximately 25 landscapes and figurative works. A Holocaust survivor himself, Samuel Bak was born in 1933 in Vilna, Poland, emigrated to Israel, where he studied art, and now works and lives in Weston, Mass.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Gang seizes Turkish prison: Members of an underworld gang took control of a Turkish prison in rioting that left five inmates dead, including four who were thrown out a window, authorities said Thursday. Members of the Karagumruk gang held 26 prison officials and guards hostage at the Usak prison near the Aegean coast city of Izmir, the Justice Ministry said. It said plans to storm the prison were can­celled after the rioters announced they would surrender Friday.

FIJAN TROOPS SEIZE BARRACKS: Elite sol­diers who apparently feared being drummed out of the army over a May coup seized Fiji's main military barracks Thursday and took hostages, but were flushed out by regular army troops in gun battles. Eight people were killed, including five rebellious soldiers, and another 14 soldiers and eight civilians were injured.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Cole report to examine Pentagon: Retired military officers heading a review of the USS Cole bombing said Thursday they will look for ways to improve the Pentagon's sys­tem for U.S. forces abroad and won't place blame on individuals for failing to avoid the attack in a Yemen port. "We are not out here to find fault with anybody," retired Adm. Harold Gehman told a Pentagon news confer­ence.

BellSouth, ATT settle probe: BellSouth will pay the government $750,000 to settle an investigation into whether the company ran afoul of the law in negotiations with rivals seek­ing to lease its equipment, regulators said Thursday. The Federal Communications Com­mission also announced settlements with three other major BellSouth competitors.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Plane makes emergency landing: A Comair plane carrying 42 passengers m ade a crowded landing Thursday on Indianapolis after a warning light alerted pilots to a problem in the hydraulic systems. Comair Flight 5748 was traveling from Des Moines, Iowa, to Cincinnati when a warning light came on in the cockpit, according to a report on Indianapolis television station WRTV. The plane landed safely about 2 p.m. WRTV reported. There were no injuries. Comair, based in Cincinnati, is a regional jet service owned by Delta Airlines.

Market Watch 11/02

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

A thunderous car bomb killed two Israelis near a crowded Jerusalem market on Thursday, escalating tensions as Israeli and Palestinian leaders put off a truce announcement meant to end five weeks of fighting. Islamic militants claimed responsibility for the blast, which killed the daughter of a right-wing Israeli political leader. Elsewhere, Palestinian areas were again aflame, with two Palestinians killed and at least 80 injured in the West Bank, doctors and rescue workers said. The violence endangered — and may have scuttled — the latest in a series of cease-fire agreements. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat initially planned to simultaneously declare a truce at 2 a.m. The announcements were delayed with the expecta­tion they would come a few hours later. But shortly after 3 a.m., a Mazda car loaded with explosives detonated on a narrow residential street less than 200 yards from the congested Mahane Yehuda market. Flames leaped high into the air, sending up huge black plumes of black smoke as wailing ambu­lances converged on the working-class area lined with old stone apartment buildings. Eleven people — including four children — were slightly injured in addition to the two killed. Police identified the dead as Hanan Levy, 32, and Ayielit Hasbahar-Levy, 24. They were not related. Ayielit Hasbahar-Levy was the daughter of Yitzhak Levy, leader of the National Religious Party. Yitzhak Levy has served as a minis­ter in several Israeli govern­ments. He left his post in Barak's government because of disagreements over the peace process.

His daughter had just moved to Jerusalem and was bringing her belong­ings to a house in the area at the time of the explosion, police said. One witness said he tried to pull her from the flames. "I saw her on the ground and her legs had been blown off," said Yaakov Hasson. "I hoped she was alive, but she was dead." Hundreds of onlookers clagged the streets as policemen pushed the crowd back. Some young Israelis chanted, "Death to Arabs," and "We want revenge."

ITALY

BATTLE Erupts over pill distribution

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY

A church-state battle has erupted in Italy after the Vatican condemned a "morning-after" pill and urged phar­macists not to sell it. The pill went on sale this week, list­ed by the Health Ministry as a "method of emergency contracep­tion." But the Vatican called it a form of chemical abortion and said phar­macists should be conscientious ob­jectors against "new hidden forms of aggression" threatening human life. By law, pharmacists in Italy must provide customers with all govern­ment-approved medicines. In interviews published in Catholic news media Thursday, Cardinal Camillo Ruini, president of the Italian Bishops Conference, assailed the gov­ernment's authorization of the pill. He argued pharmacists should be permitted to take advantage of a clause in Italy's abortion law that allows doctors and nurses to declare themselves conscientious objectors. Some 500-600 of Italy's 64,000 pharmacists are members of the Union of Catholic Pharmacists, according to its president, Piero Cruda.

Italy's health minister, Umberto Veronesi, a prominent cancer special­ist, said he was disturbed by the call aimed at pharmacists. Interviews at several drug stores in downtown Rome suggested they would abide by the law. "We could be charged. If somebody shows up with a prescription we can't refuse to give out a medicine," phar­macist Giovanni Scarfo said.

An Israeli policeman guards wreckage from a car bomb that exploded in a narrow alley in the center of West Jerusalem killing two Israelis and wounding 11.
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offer leadership experience and mentoring opportunities, and encourage women to pursue academic goals. "I think we focus on the positive aspects of women's colleges," said Mary Pat Nolan, director of admissions at Saint Mary's. "Leadership opportunities, mentoring, cooperative learning and the benefits of developing long-term friendships are all things we focus on." Fondiller has shown that graduates from women's colleges are very likely to pursue higher education in the form of master's degrees or Ph.D. and take prominent positions in society.

Only 0.5 percent of all college graduates receive degrees from women's institutions, but 12 members of the 105th U.S. Congress are graduates of all-women's institutions.

Women's colleges often provide mentoring opportunities in the form of female faculty and staff. "About 25 percent of all college professors are women," Fondiller said. "At Barnard, 60 percent of the faculty are women. There is a conscious effort to provide female role models."

Students of all women's colleges may not choose the college because it is all women. Some choose the college because of its affiliation with a larger institution or because of specific degree offerings. However, most graduates of all women's colleges learn to appreciate the benefits of their education. With the advent of the Civil Rights movement, changes in legislature and social norms resulted in many previously all-male institutions opening their doors to women. As a result, many women's colleges merged with male colleges, became co-educational, or were forced to close because of increased competition between institutions of higher education.

The movement took its toll. By 1993 only 83 women's colleges existed, that number has fallen to 76 today. Notre Dame opened its doors to women in 1972. Despite the pressure to merge with Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College chose to remain independent because it wanted to retain its identity and the advantages of an all-women's college.

Looking to the future
Despite the toll the Civil Rights movement took on the number of women's colleges in the United States, the institutions that remain appear to have a bright future. "Women's colleges are enjoying something of a rebirth these days," Eldred wrote. "Admissions numbers at Saint Mary's were up 25 percent last year and many other women's colleges also reported increases."

Barnard reported a 30 percent increase since 1995. The question arises as to why this increase is occurring. "I think it's a cyclical thing," Nolan said. "People are more interested in women's colleges now."

Although interest in colleges may be cyclical, the rebirth in women's colleges does not seem to be a fluke. With the recent creation of the Women's College Coalition, all women's colleges are uniting in their efforts to encourage women to consider and attend these types of institutions. Through the workings of this coalition and the cooperation of most women's colleges in the United States, women's colleges have taken a larger part in sponsoring and co-sponsoring national college conventions.

"There is a greater collaborative spirit," Nolan said. "One of the things that has brought women's colleges to the forefront is the Women's College Coalition."

In addition to national recognition among colleges, the spirit of collaboration has encouraged more extensive media coverage of all women's colleges and more research into the benefits of attending an all-women's college. Public figures who are graduates of all women's colleges have helped draw attention to the idea of all women's institutions.

"I hope the increase in interest is because we've been doing a terrific job getting the message out," Fondiller said. "You see a lot of women leaders who have graduated from all women's colleges and there is better medium publicity."

In addition, women's colleges have taken advantage of the technological revolution that is sweeping across the United States. "In my opinion, the student that attends a women's college or a coed college is still the same, but the methods that women's colleges use to attract students has definitely evolved," Wesley said. "Students are quite computer savvy and meeting their needs means changing how we communicate with them through technology."

Warehouse Sale Discounted up to 70%
Gift creates Jewish professorship

By NICK SWEEDO
News Writer

With a new professorship in Jewish studies, the University is fostering dialogue of Judaism within a Christian community, said Hindy Najman, assistant professor of theology.

Notre Dame has created the professorship with a $1 million gift donated by Jordan Kapson. The Jordan Kapson Chair will be held by Najman.

"We're really appreciative of the Kapson gift," said University president Father Edward Malloy, "because it allows us to make our mark in the Christianity-Judaism dialogue in a way we could never achieve without it."

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The long-term commitment to Jewish studies by the University is a small part of the current Jewish commitment to conversation with the Christian community, according to Najman, who, graduated in 1998 from Harvard University with a doctorate in the history of ancient biblical interpretations.

"Hindy is an expert in Rabbinics, the classical sources of the Jewish theological and religious tradition," said John Cavadinli, chair of the theology department.

"The department of theology is delighted that Hindy received this appointment. It is an honor that is well-deserved."

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Profs: Gore, Lieberman differences affect little

By ERIN PIROUTEK
Senior Staff Writer

The past of each presidential candidate is under careful scrutiny in this close race. Although a candidate's personal history is normally considered within an election, it is critical considering that anything swing- state voters could win or lose the election.

When Vice President Al Gore selected Senator Joseph Lieberman as his running mate, much of the media buzz focused on his Jewish faith. Critics, however, also noted that Lieberman's views on several important issues were closer to those of Republican presidental candidate George W. Bush than Gore.

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For example, Lieberman was willing to consider a national missile defense system and the privatization of Social Security, both of which Bush supports.

Bush has been in office for private education to give parents another option when public schools fail. Gore adamantly opposes vouchers, instead focusing on improving public schools. Lieberman has supported a voucher program.

"I don't think it's made any difference," said John Boz, Notre Dame government professor.

"Basically (Lieberman) has indicated clearly that he's the Vice President's second on the ticket."

"It isn't unusual for a running mate to have different opinions than the main candidate."

"The clearest analogy could be when Dukakis chose Lloyd Bentsen as his running mate in 1988," said Sean Savage, associate professor of political science at Saint Mary's. Bentsen was more conservative, voting for some of the Reagan Administration tax cuts that Dukakis had opposed.

In that election, however, George Bush triumphed. But Democrats hope that Lieberman will provide an extra boost to this year's battle with a member of the Bush family.

"The typical argument made is that (the choice of Lieberman) actually strengthens the ticket, it doesn't weaken it," said Savage. "I think in choosing Lieberman, it was really kind of a symbolic expression of independence from Clinton."

Lieberman was one of the first to publicly criticize Clinton. In Lieberman's book "In Praise of the Public Life," he writes, "The Clinton-Lewinski saga is the most vivid example we have of the virus of lost standards."

"The true test of Lieberman's value, though, will be on Election Day."

"It looks like it's possible that Gore is going to win Florida," said Roos, noting that Lieberman — popular among the many retired seniors from the Northeast who live there — could be the key to victory in that state.

"No one seems to think that Cheney is going to carry any state," Roos said, noting that Bush would have won traditionally conservative Wyoming without Cheney.

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The close race for president is unlikely to translate into higher voter turnout this year since only about half of the nation's voting-age population is expected to go to the polls Tuesday, about the same as in 1996, according to projections released Thursday.

Roughly 49 percent of those old enough to vote in 1996, the lowest turnout since 1924. Even with what may be the closest presidential race in 40 years, analysts don't expect turnout to be appreciably higher, although some competitive states may see an increase. For example, voting officials in California predicted a very high turnout this year, about 12 million, because of the heated presidential race in California, the nation's most populous state, and other contests.

"The likelihood is that this election will not be like 1996, when every state had lower turnout," said Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate. "Some of the battleground states, particularly those with other high-profile elections Florida, Michigan, Missouri and Washington may have higher turnout.

"But since about 33 states and the District of Columbia were not targeted by the campaign, it is likely that turnout will fall in most of those states.s"

Gans developed the projections in his report using registration figures, poll data, viewing of conventions and debates and other measures of public interest in the campaign. The projection could vary slightly, but Gans does not expect to repeat the 55 percent turnout from 1992. One of the few presidential elections when turnout spiked upward during four decades of gradual decline.

A poll this week by the Pew Research Center also predicted turnout similar to 1996. Two-thirds of registered voters say they have given quite a lot of thought to Tuesday's election. That is about the same as October 1996, a year when 49 percent voted, and October 1988, when 50 percent voted.

In 1992, about three-fourths said just before the election that they had given a lot of thought to the upcoming vote.

"There's nothing that suggests this is a breakthrough election," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center. "People know it's a close race, but that doesn't appear to have compelled them any more than the walkover election four years ago."

Decades ago, voter turnout was thought to be a predictor of election outcomes and Republicans did better in years of lower turnout.

But research in recent years suggests this is no longer the case. Intensity of voter sentiment, which now favors Republican George W. Bush, may be a more crucial factor.

About 63 percent of those old enough to vote cast ballots in 1996, according to projections released Thursday. Close race may not draw voters

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NAACP: Voters got fraudulent calls

♦ Michigan, Virginia black voters bothered

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The NAACP said Thursday that black voters have received fraudulent phone calls invoking the name of the historic civil rights organization and urging them to vote for Republican George W. Bush.

The NAACP reported the calls to the attorneys general in Michigan and Virginia, where the recipients live, and to the Justice Department, asking for investigations.

"We take these incidents and we do not know how widespread they may be very, very seriously," said NAACP Chairman Julian Bond. The group said it was aware of four voters who received the calls.

The nonpartisan National Association for the Advancement of Colored People does not endorse candidates, though its political arm has run commercials critical of Bush.

NAACP officials said they did not know who was behind the calls Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said he knew nothing about them.

Phone calls have become an increasingly significant part of the presidential campaign, particularly in its final days, as the candidates and interest groups work to persuade undecided voters and get their supporters to the polls.

The NAACP offered the opportunity to talk with two women who said they received the call, though neither woman recorded the conversation.

"The caller introduced themselves as canvassing for the NAACP," said Vivian Terry, 52, a school principal in Pontiac, Mich.

"I said 'I'm not interested because I am a registered voter and I do vote.' They said, 'I want you to call this 800 number and let them know you are calling for the NAACP and you support George Bush.' I was rate with her. I said I know she was not calling on behalf of the NAACP."

The second woman, Donna Douglas of Ettrick, Va., said the caller also gave her a toll-free number to call, but neither one wrote it down or remembered it.

Both women said they were voting for Democrat Al Gore.

The NAACP said it was making get-out-the-vote phone calls to about 1 million people. It checked its list and found that about 15 percent of the recipients was on it, said Heather Booth, executive director of the group's voter education fund.

The group's calls will feature President Clinton and radio personality Tom Joyner urging people to vote.

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that we might ever more reflect
the richness and unity to which we are called.
Bush pleaded guilty to drunken driving 25 years ago

Associated Press

Texas Gov. George W. Bush said Thursday he was arrested and pleaded guilty nearly 25 years ago to driving while under the influence of alcohol. "I'm not proud of that," he said.

Confirming reports that surfaced in the media five days before Election Day, the GOP presidential nominee said in a hurriedly arranged news conference, "I've often times said that years ago I made some mistakes. I occasionally drank too much, and I did on that night. I regret that it happened."

The Sept. 4, 1976, incident was first reported by Fox News, based on a report prepared by a local affiliate in Maine. Bush, who was 30 years old at the time, said he had chosen to keep the incident private, but his hand was forced by the news outlets.

Suggesting that politics may have played a role in the incident surfacing now, Bush said, "I think that's an interesting question. Why now?—five days before the election."

"I've got my suspicions," said Bush, not sharing them with a crowd of reporters surrounding him.

For months, the GOP nominee has refused to answer questions about any "youthful indiscretions," including whether he used illegal drugs in the 1960s and early 1970s. He continued to avoid specifics Thursday night, saying he has "been straightforward with the people, saying that I used to drink too much in the past. I'm straightforward with people saying I don't drink now."

Chris Lehane, spokesman for the Gore campaign, said, "We had absolutely nothing to do with this.

Bush's campaign staff jumped into action after the news broke, tracking down the arresting officer and quickly arranging a rare news conference for the Texas governor—his first in a month.

Aides said Bush was pulled over near his family's Kennebunkport, Maine, summer home after visiting a bar with friends and a family member during the Labor Day weekend, aides said.

Spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said Bush, who had been drinking beer, paid a $150 fine and had his driving privileges revoked in the state of Maine for a short period. His driver's license in Texas, where Bush lived at the time, was not revoked or suspended, she said.

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The question arises, therefore: why weren’t students always given this opportunity? When the Notre Dame administration learned that WVFI was able to broadcast globally on the Internet in the Fall of 1999, it quickly cut off the station’s access. Rather than giving the students the chance to prove themselves as professionals, the administration silenced the Voice of the Fighting Irish to the world.

Finally, one year later, the administration has relented and pulled the plug from WVFI. Station manager Adam Frick and his staff said that morale suffered at the station during the year of campus-only broadcasts. The global plug placed over WVFI sent a clear message to the students who spent so much time and energy trying to make the station better: you aren’t very good and we don’t trust you. Now that the plug has been lifted, Frick said the station is “light years ahead of where we were last year” at a press conference Wednesday. Notre Dame students are bright and intelligent people who rise to the challenges that face them. When high standards are expected, Notre Dame students will achieve these high standards.

The Notre Dame administration was right to lift the global broadcast ban that it had placed on WVFI. Now Frick and his staff finally have the chance to show how good they can be.

Apologizing to the University

I must begin this column with a tip of my hat and bow of my head to some people whose only job is to use all of their people skills to keep this University in the black.

More to the point, I must apologize. I wrote a column on the Friday before fall break that numerically insignificant attempts were made by my family to get the University development office to change my status because of his death nearly four years ago. I wrote that line in response to my mother’s complaint that he continued to receive requests for renewal of the Sorin Society membership and notices of upcoming reunions (his 35-year reunion would have been in the summer of 2001).

I was contacted by the director of development operations, Timothy Rippinger, two weeks ago and I went back to my mother and asked her if she had talked to and how many times she had contacted the office. After a few moments, she couldn’t recall ever having contacted anyone at Notre Dame about this situation. Evidently she had received confidential letters from the University at the time. I remember receiving similar letters from Father Malloy and then vice president for student affairs Patricia O’Hara. My mother said that she must have confused contacting Notre Dame with another situation. She was so open and candid. I told her that we were speaking informally and decided not to use it. But, believe me, the journalism in me longed to use it as a lead for how the development office operates.

When we were done and I hung up the phone I realized something. I realized that I had been wrong on almost everything that I had said. The only thing that I still disagreed with was the idea of paying for the right to buy football tickets. Mr. Rippinger explained that they needed to determine who was interested in tickets and that mailing out applications to everyone was not cost effective and that some people were even annoyed by repetitive applications in the mail every year.

I’m not sure that I fully accept this idea, but it is as good a reason as any. Whenever, it was the first time that I have ever aired my complaints about anything at the University and immediately heard back from a University official.

That Mr. Rippinger cared enough about the performance of his department to call me and answer my questions meant a lot to me. I can’t imagine how many people in this administration who are willing to stand up and explain their office. In fact, that there are people who are eager to tell you what they are doing. When I was a student I encountered people at the President’s Office of Student Affairs and Office of Student Activities, each telling me that they would not only refuse to explain their actions, but they wouldn’t tell me about something that I already knew was happening.

It was very refreshing to talk to someone who was so open and candid. I will be on campus in late November and I will definitely stop by the development office to talk to Mr. Rippinger in person.

But, back to the point of the column. I am deeply sorry for any anguish or stress that my column may have caused Mr. Rippinger or his co-workers. I do not make a habit of false accusations and am greatly embarrassed about making such allegations of the development office.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporting a culture of death

Abe Lincoln once said that to sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men. Looking the other way or feigning neutrality when society is collapsing in theutches of a moral childhood — America's past reliance of slavery to today's murderous abortion culture that has killed more than 40 million children since 1973 — makes us accomplices.

If we fail to fully understand the true impact of this presidential race in resolving or exacerbating abortion in America and if we are silent, we may become unwittingly complicit in the on-going holocaust that we elect in November matters greatly.

So let me ask you this: What would you make of someone — in this case, a powerful politician — who absolutely knows the ugly truth about abortion but chooses the path of least resistance and flip-flops on abortion in order to pander for votes?

How would you regard this man, who we know is well acquainted with the truth that abortion methods dismember or chemically poison babies, or suck the brains out of innocent children as they are being born, or commit other acts of violence against children? How can we trust a man with the highest office in the world who has chosen to advance his political career on the boded bodies of dead babies?

President Al Gore was once a strong pro-life congressman. I know. I served with him in Congress, which is now obsessed with promoting abortion on demand both here and overseas. The distinguished gentleman from Tennessee who once wrote, "I support the Hyde Amendment," to cut off federal Medicaid funds for abortion now demands its repeal. Furthermore, Mr. Gore has said, "I will always, always defend a woman's right to choose. Everyone who has tried to play politics with that fundamental, personal right, imposing gag rules and attaching anti-choice language to any bill they can think of, have stood up to them and stopped them. If they try it again, well, I'll try them again. And if they try it after the year 2000, with your help, I'll stop them. That hard-won right will be safe with me as your president.

Today Mr. Gore is the most strident, extreme and driven pro-abortionist in political life. Mr. Gore's candidacy for president represents the single most dangerous threat to the lives of an entire generation of unborn children. If he wins, the babies and their mothers lose big time.

As chairman of the Congressional pro-life caucus for over 20 years, I and other pro-life leaders in Congress worked with Mr. Gore in the early 1980s when he was our colleague. He was rock solid and voted pro-life more than 80 percent of the time.

On Oct. 27, 1983, for example, I offered my first pro-life amendment. This amendment was enacted into law to ban funding for abortion in the federal employees health benefits program. As expected, Mr. Gore was part of the pro-life majority that day and voted in favor of the funding ban.

Additionally, Mr. Gore wrote to a constituent in 1984, "...it is my deep personal conviction that abortion is wrong...I share your belief that innocent life must be protected."

I cannot disagree more strongly with your endorsement of Vice President Al Gore for President. I would like to take this opportunity to explain why Governor George W. Bush is a better choice than Mr. Gore. You first mention Mr. Gore's plan to use the surplus to pay down the national debt. I submit that the surplus is a result of collecting more taxes than necessary. Therefore, any excess taxes should be returned to us, the taxpayers, in the form of tax cuts. I think you are mistaken in saying that Mr. Bush's plan "encourages Americans to rely on the government for their retirement."

An issue that you failed to mention is the abortion issue. Mr. Gore has consistently shown more respect for the rights of the unborn. Mr. Gore has supported partial-birth abortion, the horrific practice of removing the partially born baby's brain, so that the head will pass through the birth canal. As many as four Supreme Court Justices will be nominated over the next four years, and only Mr. Bush can be counted upon to nominate justices who will prohibit at least partial-birth abortions.

I strongly encourage those of you who have yet to vote, to vote for Mr. Bush.

Chris Smith (R-NJ)
U.S. House of Representatives
October 26, 2000
By LAURA KELLY
Assistant Scene Editor

Education has become a strong issue in this year's presidential campaign, with each candidate arguing he has the better plan to reform America's schools. Republican candidate George W. Bush points to his success at improving education in Texas, while Democrat Al Gore supports regular testing to hold schools accountable.

Ironically, though, neither of these two major candidates boasts an outstanding academic record themselves. In fact, their grades reveal that neither seemed to value the Ivy League education they were fortunate enough to receive.

From drinking at frat parties to smoking marijuana, both Al and George partied their way through institutions of higher learning, leaving the American public to wonder if either candidate truly realizes the importance of education, or if their end of the election is merely a battle between two rich prep school boys with silver spoons in their mouths.

George W. Bush

After spending his childhood in the small town of Midland, Texas, George W. Bush followed his father out east to the elite prep school Andover in 1960, and then to Yale University in 1964. There in the town of New Haven, George W. thrived as an outgoing, popular student who knew how to enjoy his college years — even if he wasn’t enamored with the intellectual side of college.

Bush was the quintessential frat boy, a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. His fraternity was known as a house of prigs and jocks and claimed a rowdy party reputation.

Bush was well-liked by his peers, and was elected president of DKE — a position which strengthened the personal and social skills that would bring him later political successes. Friendships at DKE and beyond were Bush’s priority, and he was known to share more than a few laughs over beers with his frat brothers. George W. was also involved with intramural sports at Davenport, his residential college at Yale.

During a time when many students risked arrests for protests and sit-ins, the Texan prankster broke the law for a dare.

During the winter of his junior year, Bush was out strolling the streets of New Haven and drinking with his frat brothers. Upon a dare, Bush stole a Christmas wreath from the door of a hotel. As the boys ran from the scene of the crime, loud and boisterous as any slightly intoxicated group out west, they were arrested by police and charged with disorderly conduct.

Charges that were later dropped.

Bush’s crime record did not stop here, however. A year after the wreath arrest, Bush was at Princeton running a drinking game. When Yale was victorious, Bush and his friends charged the field and tried to knock down the goal posts. Police caught the boy trying to tear apart the goal posts to take a chunk home as a souvenir.

After interrogating him, police finally released Bush on condition that he leave Princeton by dusk.

Bush’s fun-loving days at Yale were not hampered by different study habits or philosophical contemplation. Critics of the Texan governor sneer at how Bush seemingly partied his way through Yale, never receiving enough with SAT verbal scores of 366 and Andover grades that were less than impressive, it seems that the Bush family’s political and social ties were what got him into Yale in the first place. While Bush was a student, the administration raised admittance standards that probably barred him in acceptance if he had applied a few years later.

His lack of dedication to his studies continued throughout his college years. When Bush’s Yale transcript was leaked to The New Yorker, the public learned that George W. earned a consistent “C” Gentleman’s C.

Bush was a history major, but did poorly in political science and economics. Oddly enough for a candidate running to lead the country, Bush earned a mere 73 percent in Introduction to the American Political System, and a 71 percent in Introduction to International Relations.

His best college grades were a B+ in both philosophy and anthropology, taught that year by Margaret Mead who was popular for her easy grading.

Although Bush’s grades did not show it, he did boast a practical intelligence, as seen in his leadership skills as fraternity president and in a story from his early days in DKE.

During his induction to the fraternity, the sophomore pledges were gathered in the frat basement, covering their upperclassmen’s in pursuit, shouted insults and berated the boys for thinking they were worthy to belong to such a great frat.

One technique to humiliate the sophomores in front of their peers was to ask the boys to name all their fellow pledges. Most could only shout the name five or six of the 25-member pledge class, but when it came time for Bush’s turn, he confidently named and every single pledge.

Despite the fraternity fun that Bush enjoyed, the Yale of the 1960s was becoming more serious and intellectual. Bush insists that college was a great time in his life, but somewhere along the way he grew to detest the elitist Yale attitude.

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Campaigning for president.

Resounding sentiments of “I didn’t inhale.” Scene reveals the true college antics of George W. Bush.
his election's prominent presidential candidates

One friend of Al Gore's joked that since he failed evolution in college, he was all set for a career in Tennessee politics.

George W. Bush barely passed his Introduction to the American Political System course at Yale. He was too busy living it up with his frat brothers and other members of the elite society of the Skull and Bones.

was a year younger than Gore. Gore's relationship with Tipper often brought him into conflict with his parents. His mother Pauline thought Al could do better, as Tipper's family wasn't socially prominent. Nevertheless, when Al went off to Harvard in 1965, Tipper joined him in Boston for his sophomore year, studying at Boston Junior College and then at Boston University.

Gore was so confident in his decision to go to Harvard that it was the only school to which he applied. His grades, like Bush's, were not stellar, although his SAT verbal scores were higher: 625. As in George W.'s case, Gore's father and his political connections ensured his son a place in the class of 1969.

At jumped right into college life, campaigning for freshman council by his sophomore year. Gore was just the kind of serious student that Bush used to mock. He worried about the problems of his generation, especially the debate over Vietnam and the threat of nuclear destruction.

Gore started off as an English major, until, he said,之心 took nearly killed him. He enjoyed writing poetry and worked for years on a novel that he never finished. He loved to read and to study. Gore's admittance to elite society of the Skull and Bones.

Despite his serious demeanor, Gore had a wild side as well. As a teenager, he tortured his father's Chevy Impala while passing a truck on country roads. He later turned to running around the streets of Cambridge on a motorcycle.

Gore now admits to beer chugging contests and smoking pot while at Harvard. He spent much of his early college years shooting pool, watching television and partying on weekends.

Gore's roommate and later housemate was the actor Tommy Lee Jones. Gore and their other friends from Mower B — his dorm in the Yar — enjoyed spending lazy afternoons playing pool and listening to records by the Beatles, Motown, and Buffalo Springfield.

At the end of their freshman year, Gore's group of friends organized a musical revue, with Gore — now ridiculed for his stillness — as the star of the show.

Gore was an enthusiastic athlete, playing house ball and handball because his group considered squash "too Harvard." He played for Harvard's basketball team during his freshman year, but mostly warmed the bench, averaging less than 3 points a game. Gore was always challenging friends to all kinds of competitions — push-up challenges, swimming races in the Charles River and beer chugging contests.

Gore's favorite class at Harvard was, ironically enough, presidential decision-making. When the class re-enacted decisions made during the Cuban missile crisis, Gore took the role of President Kennedy. He got his first A's that year, after semesters of C's and even a D in biology as a sophomore. One friend of Al's joked that having failed evolution, he was all set for a career in Tennessee politics. It was because of this presidential politics class that Gore changed his major to government, and the rest, they say, is history.

College students surely identify with the fun-loving college years Bush and Gore enjoyed. Indeed it would be impossible and hypocritical for most people to criticize such behavior. Yet the underlying issue is not Bush's fraternity pranks or Gore's marijuana use. The problem is motivating voters to choose between two similar candidates.

Both men struggled with the expectations and pressures of powerful fathers. Both followed traditional East Coast paths from elite prep schools to the Ivy League. And both reacted conservatively to the upheaval of the 1960s.

Because of these similarities, many Americans feel they must choose between the lesser of two evils, and polls indicate indecision is so common that no one knows who the winner will be. But come Nov. 7, the next president of the United States will either be a Valley boy or a Harvard man from Tennessee — a victory their college buddies surely never imagined they'd see.

For many of us at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, this election will bring about the first chance to exercise our right to vote. But for many, the options may seem daunting.

So maybe you haven't exactly had the chance to read all the news analyses and reports, watch all the debates and interviews or attend the rallies. Maybe you're awash in the propaganda and platforms, with "surplus" and "social security" running through your head. You can hardly decide what cereal to eat each morning, much less which candidate best represents what you may want over the next four years.

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Volleyball

Belles’ season ends after disappointing loss to Knights

By ALICIA ORTIZ
Sports Writer

The Belles went to Calvin College Wednesday looking to bring back a win and continue on in the MIAA 2000 volleyball tournament. Unfortunately, they fell short of their expectations, losing to Calvin 15-3, 15-4, 15-5.

Saint Mary’s, which has been in a constant struggle to gain wins, ended its season with a disappointing loss to Calvin College. Calvin is the No. 2 team in the MIAA.

“We didn’t go out with the kind of fight that I had hoped for,” head coach Jackie Schneiders-Blik said.

In the first game, Saint Mary’s remained tied with Calvin for five full rotations. After failing to keep its serve, Saint Mary’s ultimately lost to Calvin 15-3.

“We started off playing very well,” senior defensive specialist Victoria Butcko said. “The score doesn’t reflect how well we played.”

Calvin dominated the next two games, winning with scores of 15-4 and 15-5.

“We had difficulty serving,” Butcko said. “We missed key serves that would have put us ahead.”

Key plays came from outside defensive hitter Angela Meyers. She had eight kills and 14 digs. “Angie pulled through for us,” freshmen setter LeighAnn Matesich said.

Other top Belles’ performers were MC Christopher with 11 digs and four points and Matesich with 14 assists. However, individual accomplishments were not enough to pull this team together for a win.

The loss ended a challenging season for the Belles, who finished 7-22.

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Junior Denise Langlois returns a serve earlier this season. Saint Mary’s season ended Wednesday with a loss to Calvin College.
Men's Interhall Playoffs

Undefeated Dillon to battle against Keenan Knights

By MATT CASSADY

It is deja vu all over again Sunday afternoon for the Dillon Big Red as it takes on the Knights of Keenan Hall at St. Joe's Field.

Dillon faces off in a rematch of a regular-season game for the second time in two weeks Sunday at 1 p.m. Last weekend, the Big Red handed Stanford a loss for the second time this season, 24-6.

They did not however escape unscathed, as the team sustained a few lasting bumps and bruises against the Griffins, according to senior captain Jason Visner.

"We have a couple separated shoulders, a broken toe and a few other things," he said. "But those have all been worked through and every body should be playing this week, so we've got no excuses.

The Knights however, are not free from injury either. After polishing off the Alumni Dawgs in the previous playoff round, Keenan had some recovering to do this week to prepare for its semifinal matchup.

Still the Knights come in hungry for a second shot at the top-seeded Big Red according to sophomore quarterback Billy Ellsworth.

"After that Alumni game, we've had a few serious injuries along with some minor ones where guys haven't been able to practice," said Ellsworth.

"Even without the injuries, though, the teams would not have been the same according to Visner.

"We don't even really think about that [previous meeting with Keenan]," he said.

"Because we just played Stanford for the second time and it was obvious that the teams from the first and second week of the year and now deep in the playoffs are so much different that it is not even like playing the same team again," Keenan trying to use its 16-0 shutout loss to Dillon in week two of the interhall season as motivation.

"We are a little better offensively than we were last time," said Ellsworth.

"We're going to just take what we've learned over the course of the season, go out there and execute our game plan better. Our linemen have a better grasp of what they are doing now, and our running backs definitely have a better grasp of what they are doing, so I think we should be a little crisper this time around."

While Stanford is hoping to beat the necessary improvements to beat Dillon, the Big Red hopes for more of the same.

"We just want to keep our offense going the way it has been and keep winning games and we will end up right where we want to be," said Visner.

Where is that? Notre Dame Stadium: a place Dillon's football team hasn't found itself in the four years Visner has been here.

Knott Hall vs. Sorin

This Sunday, Knott and Sorin will resume a rivalry that began last season on interhall football's grandest stage: the championship game held in Notre Dame Stadium.

In the wake of a 24-6 loss to Knott in last year's final, the Sorin Otters are interested in retaliation, while the Juggs hope to keep their quest for a second championship alive.

Knott advanced to this semifinal round of the playoffs by defeating Zahm Hall 7-0 last week. In so doing, Knott's defense recorded its fifth consecutive shutout, but the game was hardly uncontested, as Zahm threatened to tie the game on several occasions.

"They offered some struggle," said Knott running back and captain Patrick Virtue. "But our defense kept us in there and played great."

The Juggs plan on sharpening their offensive execution for this week's clash with Sorin.

"We will fix some plays and make some adjustments," said Virtue. "We'll be ready for Sorin."

The Otters, meanwhile, met Fisher in the first round. After a tight first half, Sorin pulled away to win by a convincing 19-0 final score.

"We capitalized on some turnovers, and the defense played great and shut Fisher down," said Sorin captain Mike Crowe.

Crowe hopes to avoid last week's defensive mistake of relinquishing running yards in the first half last week.

"We plan on stepping up the run defense," said Crowe. "Knott's usually big up front, so we'll have to counter that."

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"Knott has balance on offense and a strong pass rush," said Crowe. "But when we're clicking, we are very well-rounded."

Sorin and Knott both insist that their approaches will be unchanged for their clash.

"We'll be playing the same game," said Crowe.

However, this game is hardly just another day on the field.

"We have some playoff history," said Virtue, "and after last year, we have a real rivalry. Sorin is always one of the best teams."

Crowe agreed that this particular match-up has some extra significance.

"Championship games are where these rivalries are born," he said.

The two teams are statistically almost even: Knott enters as the No. 2 seed, Sorin as No. 3.

Both teams are upbeat and confident about their prospects of advancing this Sunday.

"Last year we beat Keenan in the playoffs, and they beat us in the championship game for the two seasons before that, so we know what it's like to play rivals in the playoffs," said Crowe.

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Coach Brey has big plans for the season, the JACC

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

In only his first year as Notre Dame's men's basketball coach, Mike Brey already has big plans for the Joyce Center.

"I told athletic director Kevin White that I'm fully qualified to run Bingo at the JACC," Brey told a crowd of about 150 in LaFortune Ballroom last night.

In the talk sponsored by the Alliance for Catholic Education, Brey answered questions about topics ranging from his support for the student section to his role organizing Bingo games to help offset the cost of attending a Catholic education during his five years as a teacher.

In his talk, Brey stressed the importance of the value he gained from his Catholic education. He spoke extensively about his experiences as a student, a teacher and coach at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md.

"I taught six history classes five days a week," he said. "I can't tell you how good that was for me. I don't think I'd be as confident without my DeMatha years."

Brey's years at DeMatha and at George Washington University played a major role in his decision to accept the head coaching position vacated by Matt Doherty this summer.

"When I left Duke, I had no plans to go back," the former Duke assistant coach said. "I wasn't sure if big-time college ball was worth the family sacrifice."

However, Brey felt the environment at Notre Dame provided a great quality of life for both himself and his family.

"It's a natural fit," Brey said. "I was never interested in going back to Duke. Instead, I wanted to do some Duke stuff here."

"We're at a very critical time right now," he added. "If we can handle this season right with all the preseason attention, we can set ourselves up to recruit well and get back in the national picture."

During his talk, Brey repeatedly stressed his hopes for the student section to become a deciding factor at Irish home games.

"We need to have that student section alive," he said. "They are so important for our success."

Brey noted that student support has already picked up as a result of the preseason hype, which has Notre Dame picked among the nation's top 20 teams. Since tickets went on sale Tuesday, Brey estimated more than 1,500 season tickets had already been purchased.

"I noticed that the passion and spirit at Notre Dame was great," he said. "Duke's students were good, but it wasn't even close to what we can do."

Brey told last Thursday night's crowd some of his ideas to get more student support for the basketball team.

One possibility is student-only pep rallies where the students would be able to get an inside look at the Irish preparations for their opponent. At the rallies, Brey hopes to get a few students down on the court, run them through an opponent's offense, and show the students a sampling of how the Irish would attack the other team.

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Belles set for start of dual meets

By JANEL MILLER
Sports Writer

The Belles' swimming and diving team is going global. After opening their dual meet season tonight at Rolfs Aquatic Center against the University of Chicago, the Saint Mary's swimming and diving team will pack their bags and head north to Ontario, Canada to compete this weekend.

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Women's Interhall Playoffs

Welsh to duke it out with Walsh at Stepan

By LAUREN CONTi and SUSAN CARPENTER
Sports Writers

The Whirlwinds of Welsh Family Hall hope to continue their season-spanning undefeated streak this Sunday at 3 p.m. when they face off against the Walsh Wild Women in the semifinals of the women's interhall playoffs.

The Whirlwinds' star players, Jen Grubb and Vanessa Lichon, have contributed to Walsh's unbeatable offensive play this season, helping their teammates to song the top seed going into the playoffs.

"It's probably between Jen and Vanessa as to who's the best player in the league," said Walsh coach Steve Dillenburger. "And it doesn't help us that they're on the same team."

Though the odds seem stacked in Walsh's favor, the Wild Women have solid defense, and hopefully Dillenburger of Walsh's game plan.

"We're going to have to play our offense," said Howard coach Bill Cavanaugh. "They had a big game last week and we hope to see the same thing on Sunday."

"We're really confident about our offense," said Howard coach Brad Untiedt. "They had a big game last week and we hope to see the same thing on Sunday."

"At this point in the tournament, rankings mean nothing," said captain Maria Keanie. "We just need to go into this game like any other and put our best foot forward."

Overall, the game should be a competitive one. The Wild Women will have to maintain their highest level of play in their effort to stop the Whirlwinds.

"We're going to have to play really well to stick with them," said Dillenburger.

Off-Campus vs. Howard

Howard and Off-Campus enter Sunday's interhall semifinals with limited knowledge of their nonleague opponents.

To get into the semifinals, Off-Campus defeated Badin 6-0.

Coach Paul Diamondopoulos blamed foolish mistakes and dropped passes for his offense's inability to get touchdowns. However, the defense hopes to use its speed and inventive plays to come out strong against Howard.

"If we don't make silly mistakes and we get confidence, then we will be able to get points," Diamondopoulos said.

The Off-Campus defense has been solid all year. In last week's game against Badin, the defense was effective at applying pressure to the quarterback and bating down passes.

"The defense is a cohesive unit," Diamondopoulos said. "We're going to wreak havoc on the offense."

The Off-Campus defense will have to be strong to counter Howard's offense, which scored 30 points last week in its win over Cavanaugh. Vanessa Nerro caught two touchdown passes and Elizabeth Klimek had one, all from the arm of quarterback Jill Untiedt.

"We are really confident about our offense," said Howard coach Brad Untiedt. "They had a big game last week and we hope to see the same thing on Sunday."

"Then I like our chances. We're ready."

"It is better to be the underdog because there is less pressure," Howard's Keanie Treleane said. "We're looking for another upset."

"At this point in the tournament, rankings mean nothing," said captain Maria Keanie. "We just need to go into this game like any other and put our best foot forward."

Diamondopoulos had the same sentiments.

"They [the Ducks] are just another opponent, and we are not going to treat them any differently," he said.

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By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

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Rankings don't mean much for the Irish women's swimming and diving team, last weekend's wash of the No. 17 Miami Hurricanes proved that beating its ranked opponents would be a little easier than expected this season.

Facing off in a quad meet against Miami of Ohio, Pittsburgh, and Kenyon College in Oxford, Ohio Friday, Notre Dame will continue its weekend against Purdue and the University of Evansville Saturday. But regardless of last weekend's win — which put the Irish at 2-0 on the season — they aren't counting any of their victories early. While the quad meet will be an opportunity to post solid individual performances, Saturday's duel with Purdue won't be easy.

"It's always nice to crush a Big East opponent like we did," said senior co-captain Carrie Nixon. "Purdue is going to be different... they're about the same caliber level as Miami. We'll have to beat them from the start, and not make them think they can win."

The Irish will find their stiffest competition in Purdue senior Ginger Lakan, who comes back to Purdue fresh from Olympic competition in Sydney. A member of the Hungarian Olympic swim team, Lakan will establish her dominance in the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle. Sophomore Lisa Lange should pose a threat in the breaststroke events, and senior Missy Fromley should keep the pace in the 50-yard freestyle.

But the Irish match up evenly, relying on the strength of freshman Lisa Garcia in the butterfly and individual medley, junior Allison Lloyd and freshman Laurie Mugrave in the breaststroke events, and freshman Danielle Hulick in the sprint freestyle events.

The Irish will be without senior sprinter Nixon for the third consecutive week. However, Nixon, who has not competed so far in the 2000 season due to a shoulder injury, had an MRI exam Wednesday to determine if the injury will warrant surgery. The injury could be anything from a torn tendon to another tendinitis flare-up, Nixon said.

"The pain has gotten so bad that I can't make it through a whole practice," Nixon said Thursday. "I want an answer... but I can't keep going on like I am right now."

Scheduled to meet with doctors on Monday, Nixon could have surgery as early as next week, if needed. But for the meantime, she will continue to sit on the sidelines during the Irish's meets this weekend.

"It's hard... you want to be out there so bad. The other girls are tired and exhausted [in practice], and you can say, 'Keep going,' but you're not in the water," she said.

But should the 2000 Big East swimmer of the year be sidelined for her senior season, a fifth-year is a definite option, Nixon said.

"It doesn't make me horribly sad... right now, I've got the mindset that I'll be back at the end of the season. As a captain, I need to be there."
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The third standout in the Irish starting lineup is sophomore shooting guard Alicia Ratay. Ratay was named to the second team all-Big East squad this preseason, an honor she puts second to the team's success.

"It's a great honor to be picked on that team," said Ratay. "But my main concern is to help Notre Dame do the best that we can in any way." With guard Danielle Green and forward Julie Henderson lost to graduation, senior Kelley Siemon and junior Ericka Haney move into starting roles.

The starting role is nothing new to Siemon, who started her freshman and sophomore years before coming off of the bench last season.

The 6-foot-1 Haney is a strong defensive player who has shown the ability to score in multiple ways. "Erica's played very well, especially in the last couple of days," said junior Marcie Bomhack. "Hopefully everyone on the team will have a chance to play." The No. 23 Irish, currently 18-5 overall and 8-0 in conference play, open the weekend Friday against the Boston College Eagles. The Irish have won their last six matches against the Eagles. Boston College is 10-15 overall and 3-5 in the Big East this year.

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A LOOK AT THIS WEEKEND’S COLLEGE FOOTBALL ACTION

GAME OF THE WEEK

Miami running back James Jackson powers forward during a game earlier this season. Miami plays Virginia Tech Saturday in a game that has national title implications. The Hokies are ranked No. 2 in the BCS rankings, while the Hurricanes sit at No. 5.

Vick-less Tech prepares to take on Miami

By PESTON BERG
Sports Writer

Who needs the BCS poll? Entering its final month, the 2000 college football season has given fans a makeshift playoff system. By bowl season, most top 10 teams will have already played each other. Last week’s Oklahoma-Nebraska shootout gave the nation a new No. 1, at least for a week. This Saturday, get ready for the Big East Championship and the battle for No. 2.

Virginia Tech enters the Orange Bowl at 8-0 after last year’s 11-1 campaign. A season ago, while the Seminoles celebrated after their Sugar Bowl victory, the rest of the nation stood in awe of a redshirt freshman quarterback named Michael Vick. Vick’s stunning combination of strength, speed and athleticism made the vaunted Florida State defense look like a high school junior varsity team.

Unfortunately, Vick sprained his ankle in Saturday’s 37-34 victory against Pittsburgh. Coach Frank Beamer has named senior Dave Meyer the starter this week, but claims Vick will play if he’s healthy. For the Hokies, this could not have come at a worse time.

The No. 3 Miami Hurricanes are peaking at the right time. After a September loss at Washington, coach Butch Davis refocused his team and the Hurricanes have responded. Senior quarterback Ken Dorsey has emerged as a talented leader, as evidenced by his game-winning drive against Florida State.

Michigan at Northwestern: This game of Big Ten also-rans has Drew Brees and Purdue to thank for their No. 2 league status.

On paper, Michigan should crush No. 19 Northwestern, but everybody knows what happened last year. On a returned kickoff, the Wildcats scored a touchdown which led to overtime. Michigan comes in as the Big Ten’s most likely team to win the conference.

The Wildcats are still trying to get going under coach Mark Dantonio. Northwestern has struggled mightily this year, and if the Wolverines do lose, the Big Ten championship is still within reach.

Other Top Games

Clemson at Florida State: Bowden Bowl II could have been bigger, but Georgia Tech upset the then-No. 4 and undefeated Tigers last Saturday 31-28.

Son Tommy Bowden brings his team into Tallahassee looking for revenge after 1999’s 17-14 contest, but don’t expect any parental favors. Quarterback Woody Dantzler has emerged as a two-way threat this season, and Clemson needs him to play well Saturday.

Dad Bobby Bowden’s Seminoles still entertain National Championship aspirations, but must host Florida in two weeks. Quarterback Chris Weinke continues to nurse a sprained ankle, but looked sharp in passing NC State, 58-14. Florida State desperately needs a kicking game. After four years of bliss with Sebastian Janikowski, FSU kickers have struggled mightily. This does not bode well for a team that hopes to be in the Orange Bowl at season’s end.

Michigan at Northwestern: The problem in the Big Ten this season is that somebody keeps forgetting to tell Northwestern it’s not supposed to be good. This Wildcats team is not equal to the Gary Barnett ‘95 and ‘96 teams that beat Michigan twice en route to a Rose Bowl and a 15-1 conference record. However, it does have a nasty habit of winning games that it shouldn’t.

Last week, Northwestern was down by 21 against Minnesota, then won on a tipped pass to Sam Simmons with 41 seconds left. The winner of this game most likely will earn a Citrus Bowl berth and an outside chance at the Big Ten Championship should Purdue falter.

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Irish look to regroup in weekend series against Red Hawks

By MATT ORENCHUK Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team came close to beating Michigan State last Friday night. But close doesn't mean win.

Instead, the Irish dropped that game to the Spartans, and enter this weekend's series against the Miami (Ohio) Red Hawks with a 2-5-1 record.

That doesn't mean head coach Dave Poulin is ready to hit the panic button yet. Instead, Poulin has stressed fundamentals to his team, working on the spots that have troubled the Irish early in the season.

One area that has tormented Notre Dame is goal scoring.

Before the season started, the Irish were pegged to have a great offense. They were deep at center, and all of that experience seemed to be on the offensive side. Yet only twice in eight games have the Irish produced more than three goals.

With an inexperienced defense, the Irish know the goal production needs to improve.

"This week we have worked on drills that stress going to the net," freshman center Aaron Gill said. "Instead of shooting it from the outside, we are looking at getting second and third chances in front of the net and putting away the rebound."

Notre Dame has also struggled on special teams.

"Another area the Irish are grappling with is goal-tending," said Poulin.

Sophomore Tony Zasowski started the season but was pulled in favor of Jeremiah Kimento after the first two games. Kimento played well, but gave up four goals against Michigan State last Thursday. That led Poulin to give Zasowski his first start in three weeks on Friday night against the Spartans. Zasowski played well, giving up just three goals in 31 shots.

Although Poulin didn't speculate on the long-term goalie situation, he did clear up speculation on who would start tonight against the Red Hawks.

"I think Tony played well enough against Michigan State that he deserves the right to start against Miami this week," Poulin said.

The Miami Red Hawks enter the game in the same position as Notre Dame. They have had a tough early season schedule, and dropped their first two CCHA games to Michigan, which may be the best team in the CCHA.

That doesn't mean the Red Hawks don't have talent.

"The Red Hawks' strength is in their goal scoring. Miami is led by junior Jason Denis and senior Greg Krauje, and have freshmen Greg Hogeboom and Mike Kompon waiting in the wings. The Notre Dame defensive unit will have to step up to contain the Red Hawks' potent scoring attack."

As if that wasn't enough to keep Notre Dame occupied, they also have to worry about playing on the road against an enthusiastic student body. Miami (Ohio) plays in the intimate Gehrig Center, which seats 2,200 and can get loud.

"Miami has a tough building to play in," Poulin said. "They have a great student section."

The Irish need a good road win to help build their confidence and get the season back on track.

"Going down to Miami this weekend might do the trick, but the Irish will need to improve in some fundamental and avoid worrying about things beyond their control."

The game strategy, however simple:

"We just need to line up and play," said Gill.

Sophomore defender Evan Neilson passes during a game earlier this season against Wayne State. Notre Dame will take its 2-5-1 record into a two game series this weekend against Miami of Ohio.

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**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

**Irish seek Big East title at weekend conference tourney**

By KEVIN BERCHOU

Sports Writer

The last time the Eagles of Boston College were in town to take on the top-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team, the Irish found themselves in an unfamiliar position — behind.

The Eagles were flying high on Oct. 13 and gave the Irish a scare. Junior midfielder Meghan Moore scored early to give Boston College the 1-0 lead, marking the first time Notre Dame had trailed all season long.

The Irish rallied for the victory, but as the Eagles prepare to touch down for a Friday night Big East tournament semifinal showdown, Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum is anticipating a difficult rematch.

"They're a great team," Waldrum said. "They did a great job defensively on our forwards. They were very physical. I think they could be one of the best teams we've faced all year.

The Irish attack quedled in the first meeting figures to receive a boost for the rematch.

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Freshman Amy Warner will play in her third consecutive game after missing the first game with an injury to her right knee. Warner, however, will not start, as she continues to play her way back into shape.

Instead, Waldrum will go with a front line of Meotis Erikson, Amanda Guertin, and Alli Lovelace, all of whom are dangerous in the open field.

"We have to do a little bit more offensively," Waldrum said. "We'll bring Amy in off the bench for a boost, but I think our starters are certainly capable of establishing things early."

Patience will also be a key if Notre Dame is to return to its seemingly annual place in the conference finals. In the first meeting against the Eagles, the Irish did not do a good job controlling the ball. Instead of waiting for opportunities to develop, they were too quick to fire off shots.

"Certainly we have to hold the ball a bit longer," Waldrum said. "We just need to take advantage of the chances we do get."

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Irish excited to tip off season at Sunday's exhibition**

By NOAH AMSTADTER

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Following a season which ended with a 106-97 loss to Texas Tech in the NCAA tournament, the Irish women's basketball team looks to rebound this season behind the strong play of All-American center Ruth Riley and a group of guards who head coach Muffet McGraw sees as, "probably our best group of guards ever."

The Irish enter the season ranked third in the nation by Sports Illustrated for Women, behind only perennial powershoo
ders Connecticut and Tennessee.

The conference coaches voted the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers second behind Connecticut while predicting the Irish third. Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw believes the Irish will be stronger than ever this season.

"We're excited about the season... we have great leadership in our senior class," said McGraw. "We had a really great preseason in strength and conditioning. I think this is probably the best shape we've ever been in."

The Irish are led by senior All-American Ruth Riley, Riley — who last year became the first Notre Dame women's basketball player ever to earn first team All-America honors — is the two-time defending Big East Defensive Player of the Year. She also led the Irish in both scoring and rebounding last season.

With Riley on the court, Notre Dame is a dominant team. However, keeping Riley on the court for extended minutes has been a problem throughout her career, as Riley has shown a tendency to get into foul trouble.

"You can tell at practice she's really concentrating on not fouling," said McGraw. "She's doing a really good job of being that presence in the lane without fouling. She's really working on when she can block the shot and when she can't."

While Riley provides necessary scoring and rebounding, the heart and soul of the Irish team is fifth-year senior point guard Neile Ivey. Ivey is a second-team All-Big East honoree who has overcome two ACL injuries during her career to emerge as one of the most talented point guards in the country.

"I would say that Neile is definitely the leader of our team," said McGraw. "As the point guard she has the ball in her hands a lot. She runs the team. She's just a very poised, very smart player."

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