MPs detain 8 ND, SMC students

By TIM LOGAN
Senior Staff Writer

"Romania Nicholas, Age 2, Guatemala," a voice cried out when the drum roll stopped. "Presente," replied the thousands of innocent people killed by graduates of the School of the Americas (SOA), a U.S. Army program located in Fort Benning, Ga., which trains Latin American officers in human rights, democracy, and, some speculate, torture. And Sunday, Nicholas and every other innocent victim of SOA graduates was remembered at a vigil and mass demonstration calling for the school to be closed.

Thirty-three students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's traveled to Columbus, Ga., where the base is located, to join in that remembrance. Once there, they participated in a two-day vigil with an estimated 6,500 other protesters across the country.

"It was pretty powerful," said junior Rachel Soltis. "It's a diversity of people, but you can see in their eyes it's all the same why they're there.

"It was totally like your classic road trip," Soltis said. Nineteen hours later, at noon on Saturday, the vans arrived. Most of the students went to a vigil Saturday afternoon at the base gate where speakers discussed some of the atrocities committed by SOA graduates. A number of the school's 60,000 graduates, including former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega and Roberto D'Aubuisson, who is widely believed to have ordered the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero, have been accused of human rights abuses.

The big event came Sunday, in a cold and rainy afternoon. That was when the "funeral procession" and march onto the base itself would take place. As the demonstrators took their places in line, more speakers, including actor Martin Sheen, encouraged them and denounced the SOA. The marchers lined up, linking arms five across, and the procession was ready to begin.

Then it started, and the line marched towards the base, while a drum rolled and singers shouted out the names of victims of SOA graduates.

"It was really powerful because we'd hear the whole story, one by one," Soltis said. This went on for more than an hour.

"To the members of Brionne's family: Thanks for the gift of life of the love of the memory was held at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Monday night.

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Police arrest 1,700 at SOA protest in Georgia

* Martin Sheen among arrested demonstrators

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ga.

Wearing white masks and black robes and carrying cardboard coffins and crosses, thousands of demonstrators marched slowly through the gates of Fort Benning as they've done every year since 1989, they came Sunday to demand the closing of the Army's School of the Americas, which trains Latin American soldiers. Critics blame the school for human rights abuses committed by some of its graduates - charges the Army calls absurd. "I'd characterize it as false and as propaganda," Maj. Gen. John LeMoyne, the post commander, said.

Police arrested 1,700 protesters, including actor Martin Sheen - about half the number that entered the west-central Georgia town Sunday. An estimated 3,000 others continued the protest outside the gates.

Most of those arrested were charged with trespassing, given a warning and released, said Col. G.T. Myers, Fort Benning's provost marshal. Some who poured fake blood on the street were charged with damaging government property, he said.

The annual demonstration commemorates the Nov. 16, 1989, killings in El Salvador of six Jesuit priests, to which some of the school's graduates have been linked.

Though the school is scheduled to close Dec. 15 and be replaced by the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, opponents vow to keep up the protests.

"We see this as cosmetic," said Roy Bourgeois, a co-founder of School of the Americas Watch who has been linked to the school.

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In memory of Brionne

* Mass hours Welsh junior who succumbed to cancer

By JASON McFARLEY
Aotus News Editor

Two months to the day of her death, Brionne Clary's friends, family and neighbors gathered to celebrate the life of the former Welsh Family Hall resident at a well-attended memorial Mass Tuesday.

The attendees filled the Basilica of the Sacred Heart to more than half capacity and remembered Brionne, a sophomore, as someone who "loved Brionne has moved on to a better place." University president Father Edward Malloy said to a crowd comprised mostly of students and Clary's fellow Welsh Hall residents.

Malloy, who presided over the 50-minute Mass, also delivered Clary's homily. He quoted Clary as a symbol of courage and personal strength.

"She was courageous in fighting her medical dilemma. She didn't want it to be a strike against her or an obstacle. She fought gracefully and with a sense of purpose, and in doing that she serves as a model for all of us," Malloy said.

Malloy praised Clary of Tyler, Texas, as an asset to the University.

"To the members of Brionne's family: Thanks for the gift of life."

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**Holiday Blues**

Two years ago this Thanksgiving eve was my family's day from hell. My big brother was gone visiting friends. My mom had taken our truck to work and then to help her friend park for a move. My dad had gotten a ride to work because his car was in the shop.

It was a dark, rainy, cold day. I left the house with plenty of time to get to my doctor's appointment. Until I realized that the entrance ramp was backed up to who knew where, and I decided to cut across town.

I knew I was going to be late once I realized that traffic was a mess. Smack in front of my high school, I panicked. I switched lanes none too subtly and bumped a black sedan that had somehow squawked on me. Since it was my first accident and the people were not friendly, I was a backsider. Meanwhile, my mom was on her way to her friend's house and heard the tire blow when she was almost there. By the time she parked at the house, it was completely flat. She called my father, who got a ride out to the house, and the two of them had to fix the tire. The lug nuts would not budge. Finally they managed, only to arrive home and listen to my frantic messages on the machine. My mom had driven our dad off at the accident, and he helped me deal with the police officer and the couple in the other car. My dad drove me home after the incident, since I was in no state to drive. If I think about it now, he turned to me and remarked that he was getting wet. It turned out that I had dented the driver's side door hinge, so that at the top of the door there was about an inch of open air between it and the car itself.

And up to all off, my poor little brother, Pete got left at basketball practice for about two hours. After dropping my dad off, and Pete waited patiently by the gym, knowing any minute his mom would show up to take him home. Ironically, right before my mom got home, my dad fanned off at the accident, and he helped me deal with the police officer and the couple in the other car. My dad drove me home after the incident, since I was in no state to drive. If I think about it now, he turned to me and remarked that he was getting wet. It turned out that I had dented the driver's side door hinge, so that at the top of the door there was about an inch of open air between it and the car itself.

**Quotes of the Week**

- **Father John Harvey on homosexuality at Notre Dame**
  "I could talk about the hostile environment but let's skip all that. Let's just get down to the teachings of the church."

- **Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, Mark Roche on questioning religion**
  "I absolutely endorse the idea that a loss of faith or the criticism of faith can ultimately strengthen it."

- **Ron Israel, Notre Dame strong safety**
  "You can play bigtime football at Ohio State or Florida, but I wanted a bigtime degree."

- **Sarah Rykowski**
  "Americans struggle with a sexual culture driven by pornographic over-exposure."

**Outside the Dome**

San Diego State mascot receives criticism

SAN DIEGO

"Monty" Montezuma will continue the San Diego State University tradition of running through the stands during football games. At least for the time being.

Monty's future as the San Diego State University mascot has been in jeopardy the last two months after a group of students from the Native American Student Alliance asked the university to stop the human depiction of Native Americans.

University president Stephen Weber has prolonged the two-month debate until possibly May 1, when a 20 member task force will report to him whether the mascot should be changed or hit the road completely.

Last Thursday, Weber emerged from months of silence about the issue and told the nation his decision: the Aztec nickname will stay, but the mascot will be looked into.

"I am open to SDSU continuing to express its aspirations and values through a human symbol," Weber said. "But we must do so in a way that respects and accurately portrays the individual represented and his or her culture."

**Ohio State University**

Riots erupt after football game

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**Local Weather**

5 Day South Bend Forecast

**National Weather**

6 Day South Bend Forecast

**M.I.T.**

Window fall kills student

A woman was killed Sunday night after falling from a high floor of a graduate student dormitory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, campus officials confirmed. A spokesman for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology told the woman fell from the 14th floor. Paramedics from the Cambridge Fire Department and the Professional Ambulance Company were on the scene within minutes but were unable to revive the woman. For a few hours, a small crowd gathered outside the dormitory as MIT officers and engineers secured the scene. A spokesperson there said he did not know the identity of the woman. Police and the Suffolk County Medical Examiner's office will conduct separate investigations into the death. The last death at MIT occurred in April of this year. Elizabeth Shin, then a sophomore, died after setting herself on fire in her dorm room.

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Prof leads environment conference

McElroy discusses effects of tourism on island habitats

By KATIE MILLER

The scientific committee on problems of the environment (SCOPE) discussed the effects of tourism on the local culture and environment of island nations at a conference in late September. Saint Mary's economics professor Jerry McElroy is a member of the committee that serves as a network of international envi­
ronmental researchers. In addition to SCOPE mem­
bers and academic researchers, travel writers, and representatives from island governments and tourist industry attended the conference.

In March, McElroy met with SCOPE members in Paris to determine a focus for September's conference. We decided to focus on observing bio-diversity and its link to tourism especially on islands. Tourism is the lifeblood on islands. Islands have the most to gain by managing assets," said McElroy.

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McElroy presented an example of an island nation executing bio-diversity. An international organization appropriated one of the Seychelle islands in the Indian ocean as a bird sanctuary. As a result, tourists from all over the world visit the island to see the unique habitat.

"It is important to find ways in which we can foster soft forms of tourism and eco-tourism," he said. "This is done by visiting sites in small numbers to learn about or appreciate different forms of wildlife." In order for any effort to protect the environment and local culture, citizens must be involved, he added. "The greatest safeguard to the environment is citizen awareness. The citizens will not allow the government to destroy what's there."

Jerry McElroy
SMC Economics Professor

ND appoints new assistant provost

Joy Vann-Hamilton, most recently director of the Minority Engineering Program (MEP) at the University of Notre Dame, has been appointed assistant provost of the University, according to Nathan Hatch, provost. Her appointment was effective Nov. 1.

"I am delighted to welcome Joy to the Provost Office," Hatch said. "Joy has been extremely successful in developing and implementing a number of initiatives within the College of Engineering designed to strengthen retention and graduation rates among students from historically underrepresented racial groups. I am confident that she will bring wonderful skills and an excellent perspective to the Provost Office, and I look forward to working with her.

As assistant provost, Vann-Hamilton will oversee the University's Trio programs — Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, and the Ronald McNair Post-Baccalaureate Program, all federally-funded projects designed to enhance postsecondary educational opportunities for economically disadvantaged young people. She also will assist in appointments and approving leaves for tenure track faculty, direct a tracking system for Notre Dame undergraduates who pursue graduate education, serve as the provost's liaison with the University's Early Childhood Development Center, and work on special projects.

Vann-Hamilton served for nine years as the director of MEP, which was established in 1987 to challenge and encourage minority students in their pursuit of undergraduate degrees and provide them with the leadership skills necessary for successful careers in engineering. A graduate of Wichita State University and formerly a resident of Fort Scott, Kan., Vann-Hamilton earned her master's of business administration degree from Notre Dame in 1998. She currently is pursuing a doctorate in teaching, learning and administration from Andrews University.
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hour, until the procession reached the gates of Fort Benning. Only about half of the marchers intended to cross the line into the base, and in so doing break the law. Those who would not cross left the ranks, but the rest continued on.

"It's so powerful," said junior Katie Millar, one of 16 Notre Dame travelers who entered the base.

"To me it was so overwhelming that the act of crossing the line was just part of the procession," she said. "It was just a continuation of the procession for me."

Protesters who entered the base were given the chance by military personnel to turn around and walk away. Those who would not cross the line into the base, and in so doing break the law, were apprehended and processed. One colonel who met with protesters to discuss the situation for me."

"We wanted to confront and show our presence," Millar said. "We weren't protesting the people who worked at the SDA or saying that they were evil people."

After the processing, Millar and her seven companions, along with other detained demonstrators, were bussed off the base, where they reunited with those who had turned back.

And the Notre Dame group got back in their vans for the ride back to South Bend, thinking about their journey to Georgia and searching on the radio for the demonstration Sunday took place in near-freezing temperatures and occasional rain. Many protesters, wearing plastic parkas, shivered as they marched to a point where they were halted by police.

Sheen, who plays the nation's president in the hit TV show "The West Wing," has joined the protests the past three years. Myers said he did not know what laws the actor was accused of breaking.

Those arrested were given letters barring them from visiting Fort Benning for five years. They could be subject to a year in prison if charged with trespassing on the post again within that period.

Sister Mary Johnalyn, 68, of West Allis, Wis., said she was photographed, fingerprinted and given a letter barring her from the post. She said she was charged with damaging U.S. property for spilling fake blood.

"I was a missionary in Mexico and I found these people so loving," she said. "I don't want them to come up here and learn to be ugly murderers."

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braying, enthusiasm and sense of humor" evident in Clary's academic work and extracurricular activities. Clary, a mechanical engineering major, was active in interhall basketball and other dorm activities.

"We know a lot about Brionne from her friends and your presence here today. This provides us confidence that she lived her life worthly," Malloy said, calling for the audience to do like-wise.

Clary died from pneumonia, a complication of her cancer. She was first stricken with leukemia in high school but recovered from the disease. She was re-diagnosed in August and didn't return for her junior year of studies.

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Newsworthies

Japan parliament motion defeated: A no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori was defeated in Parliament early Tuesday after a leading ruling party member withdrew his support for it. The motion failed by a vote of 237-190 in an early morning ballot after a marathon — and often raucous — session in which opposition lawmakers argued Mori's government was a failure.

China joins U.N. human rights: China agreed Monday to accept United Nations help to move it toward complying with international human rights treaties, a decision hailed as a milestone by the U.N.'s human rights chief. Under the agreement, human rights workshops will be arranged with government officials, judges, prosecutors, lawyers, and police and prison officials.

National News Briefs

Protein linked to AIDS virus: A protein that does housekeeping inside cells plays a key role in spreading the AIDS virus to other cells of the body, researchers report. In studies appearing in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers say a group of proteins, called proteasomes, are used by HIV, the AIDS virus, to assemble new viral particles and to spread these new particles to other uninfected cells. Ulrich Schubert of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said test tube studies show that blocking the action of the proteasome proteins can reduce the spread of HIV infection by about 98 percent.

FDA says Tamiflu prevents flu: Taking the prescription flu therapy Tamiflu now prevents the flu better than prescription flu shots, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday. The agency previously said the drug could prevent flu and reduce its severity, but that was in a study of flu patients. In today's experiment, FDA officials examined the drug's effects in a study of healthy school children ages 5 to 18. The children were given Tamiflu or a placebo pill from the day after they caught the flu until they recovered. The drug prevented the flu in 83 percent of children given it within 48 hours of symptoms. Tamiflu reduced the severity of the flu by 30 percent in children who began taking it up to three days after symptoms began.

Indiana News Briefs

Indian highway hero: A truck driver from north-central Indiana has won the 2000 Indiana Goodyear Highway Hero Award, the tire company announced Monday. Heath Martin, of Kewanna, was honored for his efforts in battling a house fire in Roanoke, Indiana.

Pastor faces deportation: A pastor who has lived in the United States since he was 10-years-old could be deported because he voted in an election and was not a U.S. citizen. Frank Audia, 28, is a native of El Salvador.

Court questions Florida recount

Associated Press

A    transfused nation    turned its eyes to    Florida's Supreme Court,    where an army of lawyers for Al Gore and George W. Bush battled Monday over whether the marathon election should drag on. Weary recount workers pecked through ballots in three Democratic-leaning counties, wondering if their labor would be for naught.

After 13 days of suspended political animation, lawsuits and countersuits, "chads" and "pregnant chads," the presidential election may come down to this: Seven justices, all appointed by Democratic governors, will decide if the GOP secretary of state can certify Bush's minuscule lead without accepting votes counted by hand.

Bush's official lead stands at 930 votes. Gore picked up 134 votes in manual recounts by late Monday, which if counted would reduce Bush's margin to 796. Gore advisers were frustrated by their relatively small gains; Bush's lawyers cried foul in the one county where the vice president gained ground.

The historic Supreme Court hearing opened with a court marshal belowing, "God save these United States," and the justices got right down to business — peppering lawyers with questions of law in a case riddled with political landmines.

Chief Justice Charles Wells pressed both sides about how long the state might wait to certify its election results without jeopardizing its 25-vote stake in the Dec. 18 roll call of the Electoral College. His questions sketched a scenario in which recounts might continue, perhaps into December.

"Tell me when Florida's electoral vote would be in jeopardy," Wells said again and again. "Why wouldn't it be in this unique circumstance a better thing to do than to wait" to certify vote totals.

Justice Barbara Pariente asked whether selective recounts were unfair to voters who live in counties where the ballots were tabulated only once — a point that Bush has made in his legal filings.

Sudan

U.S. supports Sudan war victims

Associated Press

RUMBEK

Moved by the accounts of freed slaves, a senior U.S. official on Monday pledged America's diplomatic, humanitarian, and moral support to the people of southern Sudan caught up in a 17-year-old civil war. Susan Rice, the assistant secretary of state for African affairs, said their problems — including abduction, slavery and airstrike — have captured the sympathy of Americans.

"The Sudan issue resonates in a way with the U.S. public on a scale we have not seen since the apartheid movement," Rice said in the town of Rumbek during a two-day visit to southern Sudan.

Sitting in the shade to escape the searing heat in Marial Bai in the war-devastated province of Bahr el Ghazal on Sunday, Rice listened to four women tell how they were held as slaves between 1998 and 1999.

"The U.S. will never tolerate slavery and will never rest until the suffering you and many others have experienced is ended," Rice told them.

In a fresh reminder of the brutal war, an aid organization working in Sudan said Monday that government planes bombed a market in the rebel stronghold of Yei in southern Sudan, killing 18 people. Norwegian People's Aid said more than 50 others were wounded when 14 bombs hit the town. It is the latest in a series of air attacks by the Sudanese government on rebel-held areas.

War has plagued much of Africa's largest nation for 33 of the 44 years since it gained independence from Anglo-Egyptian rule in 1956.

The latest conflict broke out in 1983 and is seen as a fight between the predominantly Christian south, which is seeking greater autonomy and religious freedom, and the largely Muslim government.

Market Watch 11/20

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U.N. court hears rape prosecutors

Associated Press

THIENGE, Netherlands

War crimes prosecutors on Monday urged a U.N. court to show no mercy toward three Bosnian Serbs accused of sexually enslaving and torturing Muslim women.

The U.N. war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia was asked in the strongest terms to deal with the injustice the victims suffered at the hands of these men," prosecutor Dirk Ryneveld said.

Prosecutors detailed the abuses inflicted on dozens of Bosnian Muslim women, including the 16-year-old girl whose Srebrenica friends were concealed from public view, the witnesses stood face-to-face with their former tormentors.

Victims as young as 12 and 13 years old were assaulted "in all possible ways," said German prosecutor Hildegard Utritz-Fritzall.

One woman, identified as "witness no. 75," was gang-raped for three hours by 15 men. Two teen-age girls were held for months by Kovac as personal sex slaves and then sold as chattel.

Women were assaulted in front of their children. Others were forced at gunpoint to strip and paraded outdoors. Several tried to commit suicide.

Not one of them will ever forget.

The U.N. tribunal, established in 1993, has convicted 14 Bosnian Serbs, Muslims and Croats and handed down prison sentences of up to 45 years.

No date for a verdict in the rape case has been set by the trial chamber's president, Florence Mumba of Zambia.

Defense lawyers challenged the motives of the witnesses, alleging they concocted the stories together.

"There was only one reason, and one reason alone, for the witnesses to point their fingers at these accused," said American prosecutor Peggy Kuo. "These men did these unspeakable things to them."

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The Cohen children, along with other youngsters and adults from Kfar Darom, got on an armored bus at about 7:30 a.m. Monday for a 15-minute drive to their school in Gush Katif, a cluster of Jewish settlements in southern Gaza.

About three minutes after the bus left the heavily guarded settlement, three Palestinians detonated a 155mm mortar shell several dozen yards from the vehicle. Shrapnel tore melon-size holes into the right side of the bus, killing two adults. Nine passengers were wounded — the driver, three women and five children.
Controversial abortion pill heads for U.S. clinics

♦ RU-486 still second to surgical abortion, doctors say

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

It was hailed by pro-choice groups as a turning point in the abortion wars — a pill to increase access to abortions and let women get them privately from their own doctors instead of facing shouting protesters at clinics. But with the first RU-486 abortions to begin this week, don’t expect such sweeping change yet. Private doctors so far aren’t rushing to embrace the abortion pill, now called mifepristone — and many of the thousands of women flooding hot lines seeking it are learning surgical abortion remains the option most appropriate for them.

“A woman might feel that all she has to do is take a pill and the pregnancy kind of magically disappears, and of course that’s not true.”

Maureen Paul
doctor for Planned Parenthood

One graphic Internet site is identifying doctors who offer mifepristone and other abortions, sometimes naming their children, too. It’s a reincarnation of a mid-1990s site that some Internet providers shut down after doctors were attacked. But there also are practical obstacles: Insurers are debating whether and how much to pay for mifepristone. Doctors must get mifepristone training. They must be able to date early pregnancy and uncover ectopic pregnancies that require special care. For the rare cases when mifepristone fails, they must either perform a surgical abortion or have a backup surgeon on call.

Some gynecologists and family practitioners in regions where abortion access is limited are showing interest. Forty attended mifepristone training at the Women’s Health Center of Duluth, Minn., where women drive hundreds of miles from parts of Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin to get abortions. Nobody knows, however, how many of the physicians then ordered the drug.

Key may be how many patients ask their doctors for it, says Dr. Steven Tamarin, a New York City family practitioner who has never performed abortions because he’s not a surgeon. Yet he has referred so many patients to abortion clinics that he plans to offer mifepristone next month — but only to his regular patients.

Regardless of where women get mifepristone, what can they expect? It depends on where they get the pill.
Massachusetts nurse on trial for veteran deaths

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. A nurse murdered four patients at a veterans hospital because she liked the thrill of medical emergencies and wanted to impress her boyfriend, a prosecutor said in opening statements Monday in Massachusetts' first capital case since the 1980s.

Kristen Gilbert, 33, of Setauket, N.Y., is accused of murdering four patients at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northampton by injecting them with high levels of adrenaline. She is also accused of trying to kill three other patients.

Defense attorney David Hoose said that all the patients who died were suffering from serious illnesses that ultimately killed them.

"All life ends," he said. "For the four men who died here, life has simply come to an end."

Hoose said investigators made a scapegoat out of Gilbert, and suggested her colleagues turned against her because they sided with her husband in a divorce.

Massachusetts banned the death penalty in 1984. This is a federal case, brought by the government because the alleged crimes took place on federal property.

Prosecutor William Welch said Gilbert provoked medical emergencies so she could respond and attract the attention of peers and James Perrault, her boyfriend who worked as a hospital security guard.

In emergencies, Gilbert was seen flirting with Perrault and pressing her body suggestively against him, the prosecutor said. He said she once climbed atop a patient and straddled him, apparently to display a garter belt to Perrault.

The prosecutor displayed photographs of the patients on several oversized television monitors around the courtroom. He then showed the jury a vial of adrenaline and said Gilbert "transformed this drug from a drug of life into a drug of death, solely for her own personal, selfish pleasures."

Adrenaline is usually used to restore a normal heart to suffering cardiac arrest patients.

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Hoose said that each man had a normally functioning heart when he entered the intensive care unit and that Gilbert tried to cover her tracks by falsifying medical reports.

He said Gilbert confessed to the attacks to Perrault and to her ex-husband. He quoted her as telling Perrault, "I did it! I did it! You wanted to know! I killed all those guys by injection."

Welch said it is practically impossible for so many patients with strong hearts to suffer cardiac arrests (for no apparent reason). He said that is like "lightning striking not once, not twice, not three times, but multiple times ... in the same ward — and all following this defendant."

If the jurors convict Gilbert of murder, they must decide in a separate penalty phase whether she should get the death penalty or life in prison without parole.

Massachusetts last executed an inmate in 1947 and has not had capital punishment since the state's highest court struck down the death penalty in 1984 during an attempt by prosecutors to bring to trial a man accused of gunning down a state trooper.

"There's something deeply unsettling about seeing a federal capital trial in a state that has said no to that," said Ann Lambert, a lawyer for the state branch of the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU opposes the death penalty.

Moon's Mankind and Extra-Terrestrials

Stanley L. Jaki

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I think therefore I am ... what?

Does anyone else realize we are all insane? I'm talking loopy-loo-put-me-in-a-straitjacket insane. And finally, I've found the reason why. I'm a college student. This mental state comes with the territory.

Think about it. Think about all the ridiculous things you or I have done in our time here and I do not mean at parties or the like. I mean only college students would think it was absolutely OK to stay up until the wee hours of the morning studying our brains out for a test and then do the same thing again two nights later. Looking back on my past years together, I had a revelation. A breakthrough. An epiphany, if you will. That test I had last week is now behind me. I walked out of it as if I had just been held hostage for the last 50 minutes — it wasn't matter in 10 years.

Hell, it won't matter next year when I'm in the "real world" and hopefully have a job. I highly doubt that a prospective employer is going to question how my test grade was the week of November whatever. If they do care, then I am telling you now, I'm in trouble. And 30 years down the line in my job that I will hopefully have, it really won't matter. Because by that point probably will not matter if I even went to college. So why do we go to college? Some people say it's because it's the best four, five or six years of your life. To which I say, if the best times those people had been crammed into a short four year period, then why do they still lead sad, lonely lives. Because, I for one, do not plan on letting the memorable and fantastic times I have had over the years come to a screeching halt on May 19, 2001.

Considering some 15 million people are enrolled in colleges and universities across the country and about 9.4 million of those people are under the age of 25, there must be some good reason why we do this. Why, after 12 years of learning we choose to go to college at least another four. Why we voluntarily stay up late and get up early to make the best grades we possibly can. Why we push ourselves to be at the top of our class. Why we make the decision to go days without showering because our class and study schedule does not allow the time to do so.

I decided to search why other people I know went to college. Their answers were surprising, though not abnormal. Well not really. "It's been ingrained in my head since I was little." "It's what comes between high school and marriage." "It was either go to college or pay rent." "Well, when I was little, other kids played house and I played college dorm room," "Beers and chicks." Where does this leave me? Still not sure as to why I went to college and why anyone else choose to go to college. I guess it could be because a higher education can give you a better job and help you attain goals in your life, but think of all the people did that and never went to college. And think of the people who tried college and it simply was not their thing and they still wound up doing whatever it was they did only to live out their dream. Think of the fact that just because you have a degree does not entitle you to your dream job or any job for that matter. If that's the way it's going to be, then I'm going to sell back my books now and take the 12 dollars and go see a movie. I'm hoping, however, my B.A. in English will mean something more than the $4 thousand dollars spent on an education, a constant cough and cold because my body is too weak from lack of sleep to fight the snuffles anymore and the knowledge that if you pull an all-nighter, Papa John's stops delivering at 2 a.m. and "Law & Order" comes on at 4 a.m. on A&E.

I am in no way a philosophy major and I do not have all the answers. One answer I can come up with is that college is just something you do if you feel the need and being individuals, we all do things differently. For some, it's a natural progression of sorts. I honestly don't know what I would have done if I did not go to college (except maybe live out my dream from when I was five years old and wanted to be a Jewel check-out clerk) and I guess that is really why I'm here — to figure out what I want to do. I'm open to suggestions, by the way. Taking a look back at all the classes, all the things I've done, in and out of the classroom, and my whole college "experience," I've realized that I am, indeed, nuts. My mental state at times is not so hot and there are weeks when I question everyday that I'm here.

If you can live through that sense you get every once in a while of why I am here? and realize that deep down the reason you are in college is because you love to learn, then it will be OK. It's a love of knowledge is how I know about a subject that makes you wonder, whether it be English, Biology of Marketing. If you love it, you do question it sometimes. Especially since learning can occasionally suck. But we do always come back for more. It's my inevitable. Think about it. You may not realize it now, but you like it. You may even love it. You may even want some more of it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Combating obscene phone calls

I'm writing to all the women at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and anywhere they may reside, whether they own a telephone or not. The Bell Telephone Company has on request a brochure that instructs all of us and especially women, how to react to obscene phone calls and the like.

The timely brochure instructs us how to react to such calls. When one receives such a phone call whether it be harassing, obscene, threatening, intimidating, threats to one's life or property, bomb threats, threats to inflict bodily harm or injury, threats of kidnapping or just any type of threats.

We are instructed by Bell's brochure that when such calls are received, one should hang up immediately. "Don't carry this with this criminal individual," note the time, the date and the day, call the police, whether campus security or South Bend Police, and tell your instructors or the teacher. They are experienced in this kind of criminal behavior. Some people are afraid to do so and may carry on a conversation. The more one talks, the more this individual will harass you. Don't listen, but as I mentioned before, hang up immediately without delay.

My nephew Doug who is employed by the Bell Telephone Company remarked to me that Bell receives thousands of such calls each day in the U.S.A. Pass the word along.

It is understandable that one might feel embarrassed or worried by the mention of her name. Would she not reveal the identity of her acquaintance? He is not a girl who is raped by brute force.

Error the unfounded, ridiculous self-blame theory: the idea that women have no reason to claim rape because they couldn't control their own drinking. This so-called "rape crisis" is a very dangerous one when it comes from feminists, such as K. Roiphe, author of "The Morning After." Roiphe writes that "rape" is a basic defense mechanism. The publication of her book received lots of attention even though she has no proof for her statements and wrote this book while a student at Georgetown University. In short, she's not a rape research expert and she wasn't trained to be. It is indisputable that the acquittal factor and the self-blame factor are serious points of concern for universities.

The dialogue on the subject is too limited. "Rape should not be considered a woman's issue; it is a man's issue too." Rape. Rape dialogue is assumed to be exclusive to a female forum. We can see other examples of this in our everyday living in, for example, our major party political platforms. When canvassing door-to-door,these platforms focus on "women's issues" — that is, domestic policy and child care. Foreign policy, social welfare and weapon control are not considered "women's issues," as though women don't care about them or are too unworthy to participate in the debate! If rape were part of the larger, general forum, male awareness would surely decrease the likelihood of sexual assault. Talking can't help if talking isn't allowed. Are we sure of our own University's statistics? What we do know is still unclear. In 1998, Congress toughened the 1990 Clery Act requiring universities to regularly post crime data. It added the potential fine for $25,000 for each unreported crime. However, if the crimes are not handled in a court of law, they are not technically considered cases. Almost every sexual assault case on college campuses is handled in the Office of Residence Life. Sanday pointed out that the expense of how the "image of the institution matters" is alarming.

In all fairness, the harsh-hush treatment is a trend that happens at universities all over the country. "It is usually the senior administrators, not the campus police, who want to hide this stuff," says S. Daniel Carter, vice president of Security at Morehouse College. "No one wants to look bad. And no one wants to go first." This is no excuse for hiding the facts, however. We shouldn't keep promoting the Myth of the Flawless Bubble.

Progress at our "rape-prone" school

Brother Edward V. Courtney, C.S.C.

It's All About Anthropology

It was frustrating. Her description of a "rape-prone" campus was frighteningly close to what we have here at Notre Dame student body for their unbelievable support at our NCAA playoff game Friday night. On a night when temperatures droppped to about 20 degrees and snow was all around, we guessed what was probably the best student support and turn-out in my two years as a coach of the women's team.

I am extremely impressed by the fact that you all would not only show up your Friday night, but that you would do so in the weather conditions that we had. I cannot put into words how much that meant to our team and ultimately our victory. Just to let you all know, when we go on the road, we are aware of our opponents fans. It was so great to see our students turn-out in force waving yellow number one signs! Even though our attendance from the community has been great, it was the first time.
**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Blink 182 finds success with mix of new and old**

*By BRIAN KORNMAANN*

Blink 182 has travelled an unusual road to success within the music industry, and its latest album, The Mark, Tom and Travis Show, stands as a live collaboration of its musical and corporate efforts along the way.

Formed in 1991 by friends Mark Hoppus and Tom Delonge, the San Diego punk trio developed a rapid underground following based on their intense live shows and raw energy. The band's hard work in the underground punk scene led to a friendship with the very Blink-esque punk icons, Vandals'. Under the Vandals' supervision, Blink released its first album, Buddha, on cassette only in 1994.

Following the release of Buddha, Blink began touring heavily with the likes of the Vandals. The band spent considerable time overseas, particularly in Australia, where it developed a very large fan base that would pay its dividends over the next three years. Based on a growing reputation and overseas popularity, Cargo records signed Blink to a one album deal in early 1995. Cheshire Cat was released in late 1995, and for the first time, the band gained national exposure within the United States. College radio picked up on the release and the album became a moderate success. Blink's big break, however, would not come until later.

In 1997, MCA records decided to sign Blink to a record contract, specifically because of the band's huge popularity in Australia. Because the name Blink already belonged to an Irish band, the band decided to rechristen itself as Blink 182, and in late 1997, released the album Dude Ranch under the new name. Dude Ranch brought Blink 182 nationwide success and airplay based on tracks such as "D'Amoret," "Untied," and "Voyeur." The band gained even more national exposure spending consecutive years on the Van's Warped Tour and tours with Punk-Ska mainstays Less Than Jake.

Between appearing in American Pie and working on their third album, Enema of the State, Blink 182 kept busy for the next two years which lead up to the release of the band's fourth album, The Mark, Tom and Travis Show. The album is captured from 1999 live shows in both San Francisco and Los Angeles and mainly features songs from Enema of the State, intermixed with some songs off both Dude Ranch and Cheshire Cat. The album also contained the previously unreleased track Man Overboard.

For a live album, The Mark, Tom and Travis Show is about as good as it comes. The release captures Blink's sound very well and also does an excellent job of conveying the raw energy of a Blink 182 show.

Perhaps its best feature is the excessively crude, vulgar and disgusting commentary made by the band throughout the album. From guest appearances, such as the voice of Satan, to repeated requests for crowd nudity and bowel function wisecracks, the release captures the hilarity that has always been associated with Blink 182's live show.

Blink 182 has one decided weakness - the album is over reliance on the newer, watered down pop-punk Blink 182 songs from Enema of the State. Among many Blink 182 fans, Enema is recognized as the band's weakest release because of its poppy nature and thanks to the wonders of Carson Daly and TRL gross national overexposure.

Overall, the album is good but does not stack up to the live albums released by the Pixies, NOFX, Less Than Jake or Pearl Jam in recent years. Nonetheless, the album will appeal to both hardcore fans and to the newer Blink 182 fans as well. For fans who have some money to spare and consider themselves a fan of Blink 182, The Mark, Tom and Travis Show would not be a bad investment.

**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Reflection embodies next step for hip-hop**

*By ADRIENNE THOMPSON*

Massive piece "mass-ter piece" n: an outstanding work of art or craft; something superlative of its kind.

The simple, succinct definition above speaks volumes about Reflection Eternal, the latest album from Rawkus Records featuring lyricist Talib Kweli and producer DJ H1-TEK. As major members of the underground scene which, according to Kweli, is "[breaking] the surface quite like an alligator nose," this duo has successfully detached itself from the blatant repetitiveness and like an alligator nose," this duo has successfully detached itself from the blatant repetitiveness and uninspired work of mainstream/underground artists such as Mos Def, his partner from the Rawkus- signed duo Black Star, display their inherent chemistry and artist compatibility. Where Mos Def is forceful and loud, Kweli is subdued and composed. Their verbal exchanges include his vibrant presence with some of the beats and themes of more mainstream artists.

Ultimately, they create an album that could easily spark a revolutionary change in the bland stratafication of music and status in the hip-hop world.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Forever abandons 'girl power' for lame imitation

By TIM BODONY
Scene Music Critic

A picture is worth a thousand words, or in this case, a thousand notes. True to that adage, the new Spice Girls album, Forever, says more about the state of affairs in the world of the actual music done. No color. No more Village People-esque profiling giving each girl an anachronistic accessory and forced smile (no teeth from Posh, as per usual). The same holds true for the music; for the few weeks ago, Ben Folds Five, "Solemn Faces" raided my bedroom, I couldn't believe what I was hearing. There haven't been three tracks from the latest album. The band's songs apparently lacked marketing appeal, despite the fact that album set trends, or at least instilled a feeling from the review and decided to purchase the album without hearing any of the songs. Folds called its music "punk rock and after six great albums and even give a description of one of their best live shows. The album's naughtiest and worst track, "If You Wanna Have Some Fun," clearly portrays this transformation. As always, our heroes are looking for some action. But instead of announcing their desire to "zig-zig-zig," they ask an unknown and apparently attractive male: "Tell me, do you like the rudest stuff?" Mel B's forays into child model type castings are all aligned perfectly, making this disc will always be remembered as the band's best work. The Lyric Expressions

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Notre Dame travels to California, dreaming of BCS bowl

By MIKE CONNOLLY

SPORTS WRITER

A possible Bowl Championship Series bowl hangs in the balance as the Irish travel to Los Angeles to battle the USC Trojans Saturday. But a chance to win in the Coliseum for the first time since 1992 and lock up that BCS bid isn’t the only thing on the Irish’s minds as they head to the West Coast.

“This is crazy weather out here,” senior captain Dan O’Leary said after Monday’s indoor practice in the LaFortune Student Center. “I love the snow in Cleveland, and everything like that, but it is going to be nice to get out to California and the warm weather.”

Despite California’s perpetually warm weather, the Irish have received a cold reception from the Trojans. After playing USC in 1998 and last three trips west, in 1994, the Men of Troy snapped an 11-game losing streak with a 17-10 win.

The Trojans ended their 13-game winless streak against the Irish when Notre Dame returned in 1996. USC won 27-20 in overtime and ended Notre Dame’s chances for a BCS bowl. The loss to USC also ended Lou Holtz’s career at Notre Dame.

Bob Davie led the Irish back to California with a BCS bid on the line, but in 1998, without starting quarterback Jarious Jackson, the offense sputtered as Notre Dame was shutout in a 10-7 loss.

O’Leary remembers the dejected feeling he had walking off the field in 1998, but said the past will not play a part in Saturday’s game.

“It was pretty disturbing (losing in 1998) but we don’t like to look too much into the past,” the fifth-year senior said. “What’s done is done. We have UCLA coming this week so we are not going to make the same mistakes we made in 1998. We’ve practiced that the 2000 Irish are not the same as the 1998 Irish and haven’t won in LA since 1992.”

“This is an entirely different team,” he said. “We are going to enjoy this game and enjoy the preparation for this game, I am jacked about this one and I know our team will be.”

This year’s match-up appears to be a mismatch. USC is unranked with a 5-6 record and no chance for a bowl bid.

Notre Dame enters the game ranked No. 11 in the latest BCS, they should be eligible for a BCS bowl and will most likely be selected for either the Fiesta or Sugar bowls. A loss would send the Irish back to the Gator Bowl in Orlando.

The Irish are not concerned with the BCS implications of the game or the history of the series. O’Leary said they are completely focused on this week’s game and this week’s game only.

“We can’t control what happens with (the BCS) so we just try to control what we can right now,” he said.

“We’ve got USC. It’s our last game of the season. We are just focusing on the things we can control — the way we play the way we focus and the way we execute. After that game we will talk about the BCS.”

In addition to the BCS-busting upsets in 1996 and 1999, USC has usually played the Irish as underdogs. In the game where a ranked Notre Dame team took on an unranked USC team, the Trojans won six times and tied twice.

In last year’s Trojan upset, this year is sophomore quarterback Carson Palmer. Palmer finished third in 9-2 touchdowns in USC’s 1998 win. Palmer was red-shirted in 1999 after breaking his collarbone in the third game of the season and missed the Irish game.

Despite starting just 19 games, Palmer is the fifth-leading passer in USC history.

This year Palmer has completed 55 percent of these passes and is second in the country with 26.63 yards per attempt.

Palmer is expected to return as the leader of the offense, however, as he has tossed 16 touchdowns to 14 interceptions this year.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Trojans are one of the best run-stopping teams in the country bringing up just 110 yards per game on the ground.

Tackles Ennis Davis and Ryan Nienhues have combined for 68 tackles, six sacks and two forced fumbles.

Stede Moreno leads the defense from his middle linebacker position with 49 tackles and two fumble returns for touchdowns.

The USC secondary is a weakness this year as both starters from 1999 have been injured for all or part of the 2000 season. All-American Antonio Simmons has missed the entire season after undergoing surgery to remove a tumor in May. Darrell Riceaux, Kevin Arbet and Chris Cash have filled in for Simmons in his absence. The other starter, Richard Keys, has been slowed by a knee injury for most of 2000.

The Irish do not enter the game injury-free either. Senior tight end Jabari Holloway will miss the game with a sprained knee. Davie hopes Holloway will return for the bowl game.

If the Irish manage to break their losing streak in the Coliseum Saturday, Davie can see only one possible destination for the Irish — a BCS bowl.

“We were 9 and 2, you are darn right I think we deserve to go. I think there would be a bunch of people that would like to have us because we are an improving team,” he said. “If you look at our football team a month from now which is when these BCS bowl games are played, we are going to be a darn good football team.

A month from now, with the young players we have and quarterback who now has what amounts to a spring work, and getting all our players healthy, we will be a pretty good football team a month from now.”
Yesterdays as I was walking up to the front door of Coblty Hall, some thing caught my eye and I looked up. The trees had thinned to reveal a great wheel-blur niche at the top of the building bearing a snow-white Madonna which I had not noticed in some time and had nearly forgotten. After greeting her with a barely audible "hi, Mom" I thought to myself: This is what I love about Notre Dame, around every corner there is another little Catholic surprise—signs of the devotion which inspired the hands and hearts that built this place. At Notre Dame, we form a community that is fascinated with and inspired by the pious oddities one encounters only in so Catholic a place as this. Ironically, these same expressions of devotion probably would not be included in the plans if Notre Dame were being built anew in our times. They are expressions of a piety which captures our imaginations but which the contemporary mind does not produce. The "artic" of Catholicism is full of such old furniture—devotions, doctrines, practices, prayers, relationships, ideals. Much of this furniture has collected a little dust. It could use some polish and care to become once again the prized antique in the parlor.

I was born in 1965, just as the Second Vatican Council was closing. Like almost everyone born there after, I was raised in a thoroughly contemporary Catholicism without memory of the "Old Church" as some call it. Like so many of us of the post-conciliar era, I was not well formed in the mind of the church. Education in religion, or catechesis, was poor. My own grandmother, a convert, knew her catechism front and back. My childhood memorization repertoire never extended beyond the Our Father. As an adult I have grown in my appreciation for the tradition of the Church, but with a certain wariness as well. Catholicism when seen as something quaint or nostalgic, or merely cultural, becomes little more than a historical artifact. It loses its power to convey the Gospel. All of the trappings of Catholicism have one single purpose—to draw us into a relationship with Jesus and the Kingdom he preached and made real. It is my hope in this column to polish some of the old furniture in the attic by drawing out the connections between the stuff of Catholicism and the Lord it seeks to reveal.

Please join in this column by sending your questions and suggestions to ministry.1@nd.edu.
Women's water polo finishes 2-0-1 in preseason tuneup

Determined to improve upon its seventh place national ranking of a year ago, the women's water polo club hosted a preseason round robin in Rolfs Aquatics Center this past weekend. Notre Dame defeated Bowling Green in the opener 9-4, tied Purdue 10-10 in the second round and throttled Northwestern in the weekend finale 17-4.

Twelve players scored to demonstrate the team's depth. Veterans such as junior captain Liz Parolin, who fired in seven goals, and Meg Duda, who not only played exceptional defense but also rocketed the ball into the net from six meters out, were complemented by several promising freshmen. Vickie Barone played fierce defense, while fellow freshman Allium Genclo lit up the scoreboard with 10 goals. Added to the mix next semester will be last year's leading scorer, Lauren Kuzniar, who is currently studying in London.

The club will open Midwest Conference play in early February at Ohio University.

Men's volleyball

A short-handed volleyball club playing without several starters continued to show development and promise in the Back to the Hardwood Classic at Michigan State this weekend.

In opening pool play, the Irish split four tightly contested three-game matches, beating Iowa State and Lewis before succumbing to Northwestern and Ball State. The third place finish qualified the Irish for the Division I Silver tournament bracket in the 41-school field.

The netters entered the tournament with only seven players and three regular starters. To start off the tournament, Notre Dame upset a highly regarded Kentucky squad despite dropping the first game. However, the club then lost its only setter and the now six-man squad, forced to put players into new positions, was unable to overcome Michigan.

Outside hitter Adam Schreier's hitting and passing, coupled with Rob Smith's blocking and swinging and John Linzer's versatile play, kept the Irish competitive.

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Shoulder injury puts season on hold for Nixon

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Senior Carrie Nixon watched her teammates board the bus to Bloomington, Ind., Thursday as the women's swimming and diving team left on a weekend trip to the Indiana Invitational. Loaded down with heavy swim bags slung over their shoulders and high expectations for the competition, the squad left eager to compete in one of the biggest invitational meets they would compete in during the regular season. But as the bus pulled away from campus, it left the senior sprinter and co-captain on the sidewalk, waving goodbye to a team that would compete without her.

Nixon learned last week that she will not be competing with the women's team for the rest of the 2000-2001 season, after doctors discovered earlier this month that persistent shoulder pain was enough to require surgery. The surgery, completed Friday, Nov. 10, repaired a torn labrum, the soft tissue that connects the shoulder near the rotator cuff. The recovery period, estimated at four to six months, is long enough to knock Nixon out for the remainder of her senior season.

"She's handled it extremely well," said Bailey Weathers, head coach. "It's hard to be as competitive of an athlete as she is and be out for any period of time. But she's probably handling this better than anyone I've ever been around."

"I don't even know if it's hit me yet," Nixon said last week. "I think it hit me a little more when the bus left, because I couldn't be there swimming with or supporting the team because it was too soon after the surgery."

Nixon, one of the most decorated swimmers in Notre Dame history, came off the best season in her collegiate career last March by placing second in the 50-yard freestyle at NCAA Championships. Earlier in the season, she had earned the title of Big East Swimmer of the Year for her performances at the Big East Championships, where she helped lead the Notre Dame squad to its fourth consecutive conference title. Before returning to school in August, Nixon narrowly missed making finals at the Olympic Trials in Indianapolis, placing high expectations for a winning season in her final year with the Irish.

But the co-captain, who had not competed yet this season to preserve her year of eligibility, will return next season as a fifth-year senior. After turning to football captain Grant Irons, who was sidelined earlier in the season, Nixon didn't even tell the team she wasn't happy with how she was swimming. "I wasn't happy with how I was swimming ... it was really the only choice I had," Nixon said last week. "I didn't make it out to be a big deal." But the team is taking it as well as can be expected, said head coach Bailey Weathers. "They've taken it in stride ... it's important to all the kids on the team that her health is a concern right now. I think they'd much rather see her get well than try to push through the season."

Nixon is determined to remain an active leader on the team, however, as she faces the challenge of fulfilling her role as co-captain for the rest of the season. After turning to football captain Grant Irons, who was sidelined earlier in the season, for advice, Nixon has made some realizations about her situation — and her role on the team.

"I still see myself as a captain, as a role model, as a leader," Nixon said. "I don't see my role as changing all that much ... but all of a sudden you have to switch your role on the team from action to support."

"I just told her not to get overwhelmed by this injury," Irons said. "It's very easy to get down on yourself and get negative but I just told her to think of the positives. Since we both have the same injury, we are going to preserve and get through this injury together."

As Nixon embarks on an intensive physical therapy program for the next several months and looks forward to shedding her sling, she will begin to re-evaluate her goals for next season. Remaining optimistic, Nixon doesn't think the surgery should set her back — and expects to be right on track this time next year.

And part of her is thankful she has a little bit of extra time at Notre Dame. "When the seniors go off and get jobs, I'll still be going to school ... and that's something that I couldn't pass up. The pros outweigh the cons by far. I've been offered another year of college — everyone wants that."
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Belles split weekend games at Wellesley College tourney

By KATIE McVOY

Assistant Sports Editor

This weekend provided the Saint Mary’s basketball team with the springboard it needed to get this season off to a good start.

The Belles flew to Boston to take part in the Wellesley College Invitational, where they broke even. Saint Mary’s lost to tournament winner Wellesley 85-45 on Saturday, but came back to dominate Johnson and Wales University 66-28 on Sunday.

“This was a very important win for us,” senior captain Julie Norman said. “It not only boosts morale, but gives a lot of hope for the rest of the season.”

In addition to racking up their first win of the season, the Belles were proud to bring home a record breaker and an all-team player.

Sophomore center Kristen Matha broke the school record for rebounds, racking up 18 boards for the Belles during Sunday’s game. Sophomore point guard Shaun Russell, an All-Tournament selection, led Wellesley in front of a home team crowd.

Saint Mary’s had a rough start against Wellesley. The Blue opened the game with a 12-0 run that forced the Belles to play catch-up for the rest of the game.

“We had to try and fight back the whole game,” Norman said. “And they had the home court advantage.”

The Wellesley defense overwhelmed Saint Mary’s early on, and the Belles never came back. The veteran Wellesley team took its toll on the young Saint Mary’s team.

“They had great senior leadership,” Norman said. “They talked it up on defense and we were intimidated because that’s how we usually play.”

Matha led the team in scoring with 11 points. Anne Blaire and Russell each scored 10 points for the team.

Following Saturday’s loss, the Belles scouted the next day’s competition. Although Johnson and Wales boasted two All-Americans on its team, that didn’t stult the Belles’ confidence.

“Watching [Johnson and Wales] on Saturday gave us the confidence that we could win,” Norman said.

And win they did.

The Belles came out strong and never let up intensity the entire game. Saint Mary’s led the entire game, leading by as many as 34 points.

“From the tip off to the final buzzer we never lost our intensity,” Norman said. “To anyone watching, we were a completely different team. We were confident.”

The Belles boasted four players in double figures on Sunday. Blair racked up 14 points for the team, joined by Norman, Matha and freshman Leighann Matesich who all scored in double digits.

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WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Irish dive into second place

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

Sports Writer

Powered by the breakthrough performances of Marie Labosky, the Irish women’s swimming and diving team churned to a second place finish at the Indiana Invitational this weekend.

The freshman, who won three events on the weekend, combined to be the Irish women’s top point-scoring.

Labosky’s performances were the highlight of the weekend, beginning with her first win on Friday.

Labosky clocked in for first place once the first day of competition, capturing the 200-yard individual medley in two minutes, 21.21 seconds. She followed suit in Saturday’s competition, securing a win in the 400-yard individual medley by more than five seconds and breaking a 10-year old Notre Dame school record.

Labosky tallied another win in the 1,650-yard freestyle, and also checked in for third in the 500 freestyle and seventh in the 200-yard backstroke.

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Irish face quality competition in holiday tourney

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

While most of their classmates rest, the No. 5 women's basketball team faces its first test this weekend in the Coaches vs. Cancer tournament in Madison, Wisc. Notre Dame opens against No. 19 Wisconsin in the second half of a doubleheader on Wednesday night. The other contest pits No. 6 Georgia against No. 12 Oklahoma.

"This is like an NCAA tournament subregional," coach Muffet McGraw said. "We've got some great teams.

In the first four games — including a pair of exhibitions — the Irish have outscored their opponents by an average of nearly 34 points per game. But the Badgers, the 2000 Women's National Invitational Tournament champions, will pose problems for the Irish.

Wisconsin enters the game with a 1-3 record after losing to Oregon 71-57 and defeating Elon College 102-49 in last weekend's Global Welcome Invitational in Raleigh, N.C. Four players have averaged double figures with 13.3 forward Jessie Tomski's 15 points per game leading the team.

"They've got a tremendous front court," McGraw said. "To play them at home will be a very big challenge for us."

Sophomore Nina Smith, a 6-foot-4 center, enters the game averaging nine points and 6.5 rebounds. Last season, Smith started the first nine games before a broken right foot sidetracked her for the next 17 contests. In high school, USA Today and Parade Magazine named Smith the nation's top player.

Smith will guard All-American center Ruth Riley, who has averaged 15 points and seven rebounds in two regular season games. More importantly, Riley has committed only one foul against Valparaiso and Arizona.

"It's a terrible matchup," McGraw said. "Nina's a strong player. Ruth's not so much a physical player although she's been a little more aggressive this year."

Although Riley receives many of the publicity, two other Irish players have turned in strong beginnings of the season. Junior point guard Niele Ivey, the team's emotional leader, according to McGraw, scored 12 points and had 10 assists against Valparaiso. On Monday night, the St. Louis native tallied 14 points and dished off 11 assists.

But in the first two games, sophomore Alicia Ratay has been the biggest scoring contributor. She has shot over 65 percent from the field, including 11 for 15 on 3-pointers, and averaged 23 points per contest.

"Niele's just a great, great floor leader for our team," McGraw said. "She's played extremely well. And when you've got Alicia Ratay on the 3-point line and Ruth Riley on the block, you've got some great options."

If the Irish defeat the Badgers, they may face a talented Georgia squad. The Miller twins — Coco and Kelly — are among the nation's best players. The seniors share the 2000 Sullivan Award as the nation's top amateur athlete last season.

The Bulldogs lost to No. 1 Connecticut 99-70 on Nov. 12 but rebounded with a 71-63 win over Massachusetts. Before the Connecticut game, Georgia was ranked third in the nation.

"I know what that feels like going up to Hartford and playing in front of a big crowd," said McGraw, who has never beaten UConn in 11 tries. "(Connecticut's) a great team. I'm surprised Georgia dropped because I think they're still a very good team and probably should be ranked higher than they are."

The tournament final will be televised by ESPN on Friday following the 1:30 p.m. consolation game.

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Irish sign three versatile players to Class of 2005

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Men's Cross Country

Junior Luke Watson, shown above in the Big East Championships, placed seventh for the Irish in the NCAA Championships Monday, pacing them to a ninth place finish.

Irish do it again, take ninth at NCAAs

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They weren't even supposed to make it to the NCAA Championships.

The Notre Dame men's cross country team lost four runners to graduation and All-American Bryan Shay to a redshirt season, leaving a sparse roster for head coach Joe Piane. Yet the Irish not only qualified for the national meet, they chalked up a top-10 finish, their 10th since 1987.

The Irish finished ninth in the nation in Monday's NCAA Championships in Ames, Iowa, led by a seventh-place finish by junior Luke Watson, their top runner all season. Watson crossed the finish line in 30 minutes, 29.4 seconds.

Watson's improved dramatically since last season, when he placed 58th. This year, he never missed the top 10 in a meet. He even surpassed the 1999 performances of Shay, who qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials this summer, in some meets.

Junior Pat Conway, normally the third runner for the Irish, captured the No. 2 spot for Notre Dame Monday with a 36th-place finish and 31.04 time.

Marc Strizowski, a top-10 finisher at the Great Lakes Regional meet, crossed the finish line six seconds after Conway to take 42nd.

Freshman Todd Mobley placed 99th for the Irish in a solid rookie performance.

Senior Sean Zanderson closed out his Irish career by covering the 10,000-meter course in 32:18 and assuring the Irish of a top-10 finish.

The sixth and seventh Irish runners were David Alber and John Keane.

The Irish established its dominance early over Arizona — a team that reached the second round of last season's NCAA tournament before falling to eventual champion Tennessee. After taking the tip-off, Ivey missed her first shot of the game before forward Ericka Haney stole the ball as Arizona carried the ball upcourt.

Haney found Ratay open on the wing. The sophomore guard switched the opening shot to give the Irish the game's first points.

Following an Arizona miss, Ratay hit virtually the same shot to put the Irish up by six. Ratay's hot shooting continued throughout the first half, as she made all four of her field goal attempts — including three from downtown — to go along with a perfect four of four from the free-throw line to finish the half with 15 points.

"We came out the first five minutes and really shut them down," Muffet McGraw said.

Irish head coach Muffet McGraw, "which was what we wanted to do. We shut the ball extremely well the whole game, but especially in the first half."

Also helping the Irish in their dominant first half — a half in which they stayed on one point led by 30 before entering the locker room up 57-29 — was power forward Kelley Simon. Simon scored 10 points and added five rebounds in the early half, while also exhibiting passing skills that set the Irish offense in motion.

"That first half was the best she has ever played," McGraw said of Simon. "She was very involved in the offense. She rebounded, she ran the floor well, she passed the ball."

Leading the Irish attack once again was fifth-year point guard Ivey. While she showed her accurate shooting touch, the 5-foot-7 Ivey also displayed a surprising inside game, scoring at will below the basket. Ivey feels her versatility adds to her leadership role on the team.

"As a leader I'm trying to get better every game," said Ivey. "We have so much talent that if I can go out there and play a good game, I think we can carry the team as far."

After building the lead to 43 points following Ratay's 3-pointer with 14.07 left in the second half, McGraw gave her starters a rest and hunked the game over to reserve players.

Despite) renewed) against) Arizona's) starting) lineup, the reserves held their own. Imani Thomas finished with six points and three assists, while Monique Hernandez added five points and three assists. Amanda Barkdoll scored four points while blocking four shots in 20 minutes.

"The best part of the game was that we got to rest the starters almost the entire second half," said McGraw. "I think any time that you can play a quality team like Arizona and rest your starters, I think you're having great success.

Despite the dominating loss, Iannucci feels that her team will learn from the experience of playing No. 5 Notre Dame. "No one likes to take a whipping like this, but I think we're going to be better because of it," she said.

The Irish next host the worst Wednesday evening in Madison, as they take on the Canadian Classic to take on Wisconsin in the first round of the tournament.