College will use Lilly grant for new center

By MOLLY McVOY
St. Mary’s Editor

A $12 million grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. will allow Saint Mary’s to create an intercultural center unlike any center in existence in the United States. The center, named the International Center for Women’s InterCultural Leadership, will focus on understanding how cultures relate to one another and how to prepare women to lead in that kind of environment.

“One of our goals is that women of all cultures can step into leadership roles once they leave Saint Mary’s,” said Marilou Eldred, College president.

The five-year grant will be used to offer the College opportunities to study the relationships between cultures and increase the awareness of all cultures on the campus, said Mani Derakhshani, a French professor and a member of the committee that wrote the grant proposal.

“I think intercultural studies is something needed in higher education in general,” Derakhshani said. “Given the fact that Saint Mary’s is doing such an excellent job at developing women leaders, if we could add something to what we already do well, it could put Saint Mary’s on the leading edge nationally in educating women and in education in general.”

The College will bring in national and international fellows as part of the center. Both Eldred and Derakhshani expect that the fellows will offer classes and seminars in a wide variety of disciplines that will explore intercultural issues. In addition, summer seminars for members of the College and the community will be available as a result of the grant.

“What I’m hoping this grant will do is bring people to this campus — scholars, community leaders and students — who are interested in intercultural studi-
INSIDE COLUMN

We're No. 1—Starting action like it

With its 92-76 victory against UC on Monday afternoon, the women's basketball team can call itself No. 1. When the new polls come out next week, Notre Dame's ascent to the top of the women's basketball world will be official and the sign at the top of Grace Hall will once again announce that Notre Dame is No. 1.

- Now that the hard work of the women's basketball team has resulted in a No. 1 ranking, it is time that the students of Notre Dame show their appreciation for the women's basketball team.

Before Monday's sell-out game, the student support for women's basketball was pathetic at best. While there were several die-hard fans who came to every game and cheered every Irish win, the student section was mostly empty.

This has to change. Notre Dame once again has a No. 1 team on campus and the students should show their appreciation. I would hope that Notre Dame students would have enough spirit to support their teams regardless of record but I would be appalled if Notre Dame students don't come out and support an undefeated top-rated team.

But this past fall proved that most Notre Dame students do not appreciate their athletic teams enough to walk across campus to cheer at home games.

The last time Grace Hall was adorned with the No. 1 sign was when the women's soccer team defeated top-ranked team Northwestern University's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, sipping coffee and reading. This fall, more than 50 people were huddled around the two revolving doors, and that number had nearly tripled by 10:30 a.m., when employees opened the doors to Northwestern's second annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.

The program, which included musical performances and a keynote address by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, drew more than 1,400 students, faculty, staff and community members to Pick-Staiger and satellite locations around campus. The two-and-a-half hour celebration capped off a week of events honoring the civil rights leader.

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Outside the Dome

Jackson calls for action in speech at Northwestern

Evanston, II.

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Boston University

King's alma mater celebrates his work

With his dream living on and his words still resonating across the nation, the birthday of Boston University's most distinguished alumnus, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was commemorated Monday in a ceremony at the George Sherman Union. The 16th annual event filled Metcalf Hall and featured a prayer service led by Marsh Chapel Dean Donald W. Norcross and Reverend Hylanie Chan-Williams, as well as a video presentation of King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. "I've prayed in many difficult situations, but never in one as moving as having his dream living on and his words still resonating across the nation," said Debra D. Thompson, junior psychology major.

"There's been such a prostituting of the dream," said Jackson, who encouraged the audience to reclaim King's dream and create "one big tent" of inclusion. "It's like soft drink without carbonation — it's lost its stuff. The King dream applied to everybody. While we focus a lot on black and white, the fundamental ethical issues are not so much black and white as they are wrong and right.

Jackson spent much of his speech criticizing President-elect George W. Bush and the outcome of the presidential election. Calling Attorney General nominee John Ashcroft a "voter suppressor" and Inauguration Day "Coronation Day," he told the audience to continue challenging the status quo.

University of Michigan

Students spar over affirmative action

As University of Michigan students took to the streets Monday to advocate affirmative action, there were clear divisions among the 200 participants in how the message supporting affirmative action should be presented. Shortly after students marched from the corner of South University and South Forest avenues to the Diag, where the rally began, the crowd parted as members of the Black Student Union and the Black Greek Association entered. They held green signs stating affirmative action was their issue and not an issue for the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action and Integration and Fight for Equality By Any Means Necessary. BSIU members joined BAMN and the other organizations on the steps of the Hurley Graduate Library. BAMN member Ebonie Byndon said although BAMN has encountered problems with BSIU members in the past, BSIU members have never before charged into a BAMN event. BSIU members said they feel BAMN is an outside force which does not truly reflect the concerns of the minority students of the university.

NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Wednesday, Jan. 17. Lines separate high temperatures for cities listed.
Schmuhl book receives 'prime selection' acclaim

By LAURA BOST
News Writer

When the Chicago Tribune recognized Notre Dame professor Robert Schmuhl’s book “Indecent Liberties” as a prime nonfiction selection for 2000, it was indicative of the book’s widespread appeal. “I had no idea what the reaction might be to my book,” said Schmuhl, an American Studies professor.

The book was the product of a compilation of a number of long essays written from the early 1990s through 1999. After giving thought to a variety of topics from different disciplines like sociology, political science and popular culture, “I tried to identify a certain characteristic in American life and discuss it by looking at a number of different examples from both the past and present,” Schmuhl said.

The book, published by the University of Notre Dame Press, examines the repercussions of construing the constitution to encompass “indecent liberties.” Schmuhl argues in his book that the failure of society to exercise a median interpretation of American liberties may lead to the country’s detriment.

Schmuhl attributed the success of the book to its widespread applicability to all of American society. “It addresses the concerns being voiced today and explores them in a certain amount of detail that people find interesting,” he said.

“Indecent Liberties” is just one of Schmuhl’s nine books. He also has written columns and reviews for newspapers such as the Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe, the Washington Post and USA Today. His journal and magazine articles have appeared in Style, National Forum, Journalism Quarterly, Critical Studies in Mass Communications, the Review of Politics and Sports Illustrated.

Schmuhl is the director of the John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy at Notre Dame.

Community honors Parks with MLK-inspired award

By CECILIA OLECK
News Writer

While most students spent Monday registering for classes and buying books, Saint Mary’s student Romona Parks had a different agenda. She was honored by South Bend Mayor Stephen Lukecke and Mishawaka Mayor Robert Reutter with a Drum Major Award Monday morning at the Minority and Women Business Development Council’s 11th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Appreciation Breakfast at the South Bend Century Center.

The award recognizes dedication to community service. Parks was among five other honorees.

Parks insists that there are others more deserving of the award, but her involvement speaks for itself. Modest about her success, Parks said, “Humility is the key to success. That’s something that I work towards daily and success just comes.”

Throughout high school, Parks was the president of a youth group called COP (Community Oriented Policing), the secretary of Nulites (National Urban League Incentives to Excel and Succeed), an urban league youth branch; and the Sergeant of Arms for 21st Century Scholars, a college

based program. She was also active in basketball, cheerleading, marching band and student council.

Parks participated in a program called Upward Bound through Notre Dame. The organization provides preparation for high school students who are college bound through tours, scholarships, and the opportunity to take classes at Notre Dame.

Parks, a first-year student, said she is maintaining a more low-key profile at Saint Mary’s and focusing her attention on her nursing major. She is, however, active in the Sisters of Nefertiti and a campus Bible study. Terri Johnson, Director of Multicultural Affairs commended Parks for her willingness to help with any activity the Multicultural Office needs help with.

“I just think this award couldn’t have gone to a more deserving person,” said Johnson. “She’s a very positive representative of Saint Mary’s and a wonderful role model.”

Parks said that through her involvement in the South Bend community she has come to know many people who have influenced her life. She counts Mayor Stephen Lukecke, Assistant Mayor Lynn Coleman, and in her high school, former Nulites president Verge Gilliam as people who inspire her.

Parks participated in a program in her high school that took students to Notre Dame High School in South Bend.
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is," Derakhshani said.
In addition to seminars, the College has proposed an inter-
cultural leadership residence as a part of the center. According to
Derakhshani, this would involve dedicating a floor of one of
the residence halls to a study in intercultural living.
This residence area which would be
is basically an experiment in
planned intercultural living," she said.

Break-ins
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sustained damages will have the
locks changed or receive new
night, but all of the
was done.
For apparently
eroded Castle Park
safely.
"I don't feel like intruders are
are going to try to
in and hurt me," said Munseere's
roommate, Darcie Zwingl,
also a Notre Dame student.
"This is a place I consider to
be safe -
Fire at Castle Point
It wasn't crime - but rather a
that
tered into recent security con-
cerns at Castle Point
Apartments.
A Dec. 18 fire at the
located along Cleveland Road, resulted in no injuries
but forced occupants of one
building to evacuate, accord-
ing to South Bend fire officials.
The fire and smoke and water
and damage associated with
were reported to the
Tract section of
Castle Point, said Chief Timm
of the Clay Township
Department.
Several dormitories, including
Notre Dame, were
in to battle the blaze,
which broke out in the early
evening.
between said maintenance
workers attempting to
a frozen "first-floor pipe with a
which are responsible for the
Fire. They said a bird's nest
between a wall likely ignited, and
spread to the building's sec-
and then to the attic.
It was unclear Tuesday if
any of the occupants of the
damaged buildings were
Notre Dame or Saint Mary's
students.
Representatives at Castle Point
were unavailable for com-

Knott room floods in
crime-free’ break
By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor
It wasn't just students
returning from break that
came pouring into Knott Hall
on Sunday.
One room in the North Quad
derail remains water-
and inaccessible following
flooding that resulted from a
broken pipe.
Damage from the burst
pipe, located on the
floor, was
discov-
ered on Sunday, Knott
Residence Hall Director
Meyer said. The
damage was limited to
the weight room.
A new pipe was installed on
Monday, and as of Tuesday
afternoon, Meyer said "things
are under control."
The weight room, which is
still being cleaned by mainte-
nance personnel, will be avail-
able by the end of the
week, according to Meyer.
Despite the closing of the
weight room and other prob-
lems associated with the flood-
ing, Knott resident Kevin
Hagerty said the situation
hasn't been a major inconve-
nience. On Sunday Hagerty

on the floor.
"One of the best things we'll do
students with this center is to
enhance the dialogues about
cultures," Eldred said.
The grants will also allow the
College to send students and fac-
culty to an intercultural
conference and/or two different
collaborative projects. Derakhshani hopes that involve-
ment in the community will bring issues of health care, the
arts and community planning.
Contact with the community members is going to be very
fruitful," she said. "It's going to help prepare our students to
be leaders in a world that is becoming more and more intercultural.

Ghnaim: new terms could end war
By ANNE-MARIE MATTLING
News Editor
Attempts at Middle East
peace have failed because
the Palestinians want
but because they have not yet
been offered acceptable
peace terms, said Noah
Salameh Gnaim, director and
founder of the Center for
Conflict Resolution and
Reconciliation in Palestine
Tuesday.
"As Palestinians we do not
fight just for fighting," he
said. "We are, from the
beginning, looking for justice
and peace."
Gnaim, who was born in a
refugee camp near Bethlehem
and spent 10 years as a political
prisoner in 1967, explained that
Palestinians have resorted
to violence because such
tactics are the only way to
capture the attention of the
rest of the world.
After the Palestinian com-
unity declared its existence
in 1965, Gnaim said the
group was ignored by the
international community until
it began using shock tactics
such as bombing buildings
and airplanes to attract attention.
"Under President Bill
Clinton's current proposal, 26
areas contending historical
Palestine would be returned to
the Palestinians, but Israelis are
demanding control of all
major cities, the area's air
space and borders, and the
Dead Sea," said Gnaim.
"There is no access, even,
between the [areas Palestine
would control]," he said.
"That is the offer of Clinton.
In addition, the agreement
would require the Palestinians
to pledge that they would not
raise any new demands in the
future. Gnaim argued that this
peace with
justice because the
proposed agreement fails to rec-
ognize the Palestinians' humanity or
equality with the Israelis.
He cited troubled relations
on water and numer-
ous border checkpoints that
prevent Palestinians from
traveling to their jobs in
Israel as among factors con-
tributing to the tension
between the two groups.
"I want to have peace with
the Israelis - but I don't think
we need a piece of paper. We need a just peace
with equal rights to our part-
ers," said Gnaim. "We
must treat each other equally
before we can begin to negoti-
te. I think peace is to respect,
to sit together,
to speak as equal people."
World News Briefs

Kuwait rejects female voting: The country’s highest court rejected a case Tuesday in which activists had pleaded for women to have the right to vote and run for office in this oil-rich state. "The court has decided to reject the case," said Judge Abdullah al-Issa, president of the Constitutional Court. He offered no immediate explanation.

Norway okays whale exports: Norway is a country that conducts commercial whale hunts, said Tuesday that it was lifting its ban on the export of whale meat and products. "We think the time is right for this," Fisheries Minister Otto Gregussen said of the decision, which delighted whalers and disgusted conservationists.

National News Briefs

Plane disappears over Cape Cod: Poor visibility on Tuesday delayed a search for a small plane that zigzagged across Cape Cod at low altitude and clipped power lines before disappearing from radar. The pilot, who suffered from leukemia, was believed to have been alone in the single-engine Piper 22, authorities said. The pilot apparently became disoriented, the Coast Guard said in a statement Tuesday. The plane took off from Norwood Airport south of Boston on Monday afternoon. The weather was very foggy and police said the pilot had been told not to take off.

Fire destroys Georgia church: A roaring fire destroyed a church that had stood for more than a century. The cause of the blaze that broke out Monday at the Sugar Hill First Baptist Church had not yet been determined.

Indiana News Briefs

Coyote attacks dog: Anderson Mayor J. Mark Lawler and his wife, Dori, and their children were bloody and battered following a coyote attack Tuesday. The pair arrived on Jan. 8 from Cancun, Mexico, after previously traveling with two Cuban government officials.

Cuba

Czech prisoners to be tried as spies

Associated Press

HAVANA

Two Czech citizens — including a former finance minister — will be tried for allegedly acting as agents for anti-communist Cuban-American exiles, the government said Tuesday. The "visit had nothing to do with tourism and their real purpose was to contact counterrevolutionary elements, give them instructions and provide them with resources," Granma said.

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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS OF
HIGHER LEARNING AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES"
(Michiana elementary school art contest winners will be recognized at the start of the lecture.)
Tuesday, January 23
7:00 p.m. - 101 DeBartolo Hall

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Moderator: Fr. Tim Scully, c.s.c.
Executive Vice President and Professor of Government
Presented by the Student Government
Wednesday, January 24
6:00 p.m. - Hesburgh Library Auditorium

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and senior Rene Mulligan
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Nestle takes bite of pet food world

+ Company spends $10 billion to form Nestle Purina Pet Care

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

Nestle S.A.'s $10 billion purchase of Ralston Purina Co. would create a pet food empire that dominates both the cat and dog food market, with popular brands such as Alpo, Purina, Friskies and Meow Mix.

"We were interested in continuing to grow our business," said Peter Brabeck-Letmathe, Nestle's CEO. "We were strong in our wet business, the cat business. We looked at the market and saw there was a higher growth in the dry business."

That includes premium food and treats, the segment of the industry growing fastest and Ralston's strength, said John McM illin, an analyst at Prudential Securities in New York.

Nestle, based in Switzerland, holds a 32 percent share of the U.S. cat food market, while St. Louis-based Ralston has a 26 percent share.

It's the same situation across the aisle in dog food, where Nestle is adding Ralston's 28 percent share of the dog food market to the 10 percent it already has.

"It seems like a brilliant acquisition," said Jack A. Nickerson, a business professor at Washington University in St. Louis. "Instead of running two different operations, they can simply do one."

Shares of Ralston were up 6.88, or 27 percent, to close at $31.50 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Brabeck-Letmathe said he expects the sale, which requires shareholder and regulatory approval, will close no later than the end of 2001.

The Nestle-Ralston combination could concern federal regulators, especially in the cat food business, analysts said, which might force it to sell off some smaller brands.

But Nickerson said if Ralston and Nestle can narrowly define the pet food market, regulators are likely to approve the deal.

For example, he said, they could argue there are separate markets for wet and dry cat and dog foods and that their share of any one segment will not change.

"The best thing for them to do is put forth the narrowest market definition that would be acceptable," Nickerson said. Brabeck-Letmathe said he expects the deal to enhance competition in the North American pet food market.

"I think the one who is going to win is the consumer, because he will have increased choice, more innovation, and even more quality products on the market," Brabeck-Letmathe said.

Analysts said Nestle should have little trouble convincing shareholders to approve the deal. Nestle will pay $33.50 in cash to Ralston share, a 36 percent premium above the company's Friday closing price of $24.63 on the New York Stock Exchange.

"Nestle will also assume $1.2 billion in debt, though this will be partially offset by gains of $900 million from existing financial investments, the companies said.

"Ralston shareholders have nothing to back about," McM illin said. "The price is a good one. Ralston shareholders are being rewarded better than a pamm ered pet."

Nestle will retain a presence in St. Louis, merging its Friskies pet food business in the U.S. with Ralston to form Nestle Purina Pet Care, the merged companies' North American operation. Ralston president Patrick McGinnis will head the unit.

Nationwide, dog-food sales grew by about 4 percent last year, while cat food volume grew by roughly 5 percent.

Officials of both companies said the deal should help Ralston's Purina products in Europe. Last year, Ralston sales were $2.25 billion in the U.S., but just $450 million internationally.

"It gives Ralston an important advantage in distribution in Europe," Nickerson said. "I think there are huge expansion opportunities through the merging of companies."

The Nestle Group's current pet food business has annual sales of about $3.7 billion.

Clinton adds to landsaving monuments

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Trying to seal a legacy in environmental protection during his final week in office, President Clinton is creating at least six new national monuments, providing new safeguards on more than 3 million acres of federal land in the West, the White House said Tuesday.

The monuments, in Montana, California, Arizona, New Mexico and Idaho, include a 150-foot pillar of sandstone called Pompeys Pillar near Billings, Mont., where explorer William Clark carved his name in 1805 during his historic westward trek with Meriwether Lewis.

The president is to make the announcement today in the East Room of the White House, where President Jefferson and Lewis laid out maps and planned the expedition. Clinton also is to sign a bill Wednesday that would posthumously promote Clark from Army lieutenant to captain.

"These actions commemorate and preserve a vital chapter in our nation's history," Elliot Diringer, a White House spokesman. "They honor the explorers who led the way west and protect for future generations some of the extraordinary lands they crossed."

The other new monuments are: Upper Missouri River Breaks along the Missouri River in central Montana; Carrizo Plain in central California; Sonoran Desert in south-central Arizona; Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks in north-central New Mexico; and Minidoka in southern-central Idaho, which includes portions of a World War II-era Japanese-American internment camp.

Designating these areas as national monuments affords them greater protections from commercial uses. The new protections are expected to include bans or restrictions on such activities as vehicle use, mining and oil drilling.

During his presidency, Clinton has already created 11 new national monuments and expanded two others. Those actions set new protections on 4.6 million acres of federal land. The new monuments established on Wednesday would raise that total to at least 5.6 million acres.

President-elect Bush and Republicans from the West have objected to Clinton's earlier monument designations. They have said the monument designations are not needed to protect the remote areas and could harm the economy in rural areas.
Bodyguard kills Congolese president in coup attempt

Associated Press

KINSHASA

President Laurent Kabila, the wartime rebel leader who wrested power and then fought to rule over this vast and troubled nation, died Tuesday after being shot at his Kinshasa residence, Kabila's U.S. spokesman said.

The shooting occurred during an attempted coup to topple Kabila's government, which has been battling a number of rebel movements for more than two years, officials in Kinshasa said.

"He's dead," said John Aycoth, a lobbyist and public relations consultant who acts as Kabila's spokesman in the United States. Aycoth, speaking by telephone from Durham, N.C., said he had spoken to top level Congolese officials in Kinshasa, who had confirmed Kabila's death. He said the Congolese government would make an announcement on what had happened at 6 a.m. Wednesday, Congo time (Tuesday midnight EST).

French and Belgian foreign ministry officials quoted local sources as saying they believed he died of his injuries.

"From three sources I have that Kabila has most likely been shot in death," Belgian Foreign Affairs Minister Louis Michel said in Brussels following a meeting with the Cabinet.

Earlier, his spokesman, Koen Vervaert, said, "From two sources of whom we are 100 percent sure we can confirm that Kabila has died. He has probably been shot by one of his guards."

French Foreign Ministry officials had also said that Kabila was dead, but gave no further details.

Belgium is Congo's former colonial ruler and retains close ties with the nation, formerly known as Zaire.

Asked about the report, Congolese Interior Minister Gaetan Kakudji said: "The Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs can say what he wants but I will make my announcement tomorrow."

A member of Kabila's security entourage said on condition of anonymity that the bodyguard had shot the president in the back and right leg during a coup attempt. Kabila was alive and was being treated by doctors, he said without elaborating.

Intelligence officers in Rwanda also said they had received reports that Kabila was killed in the intense shooting Tuesday afternoon at the presidential palace, which lasted at least a half-hour. Rwanda supports rebels fighting to topple the Congolese strongman.

The Congolese government would not elaborate publicly on their president's condition, or even whether he had been shot.

"President Kabila is alive and everything is OK," said Congolese Gen. Francois Olenga.

The conflicting reports came hours after witnesses described gunfire around the home of Kabila, who has been fighting multiple rebel armies for more than two years. It was unclear who was responsible for the shooting.

A presidential helicopter landed at Kinshasa's main hospital, a government official who witnessed the event said, adding there were unconfirmed reports that the aircraft was carrying Kabila's son, Joseph Kabila, who had apparently been injured. The younger Kabila is the head of Congo's military.

The shooting occurred during "a half-hour. Rwanda supports rebels fighting to topple the Congolese strongman.

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Later, an 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew was announced by Kakudji, as having been ordered by Kabila himself. Kakudji also put all fighting units in Kinshasa on alert until further notice.

Kabila was fighting a civil war since August 1998, when rebel forces backed by his former allies, Rwanda and Uganda, turned against him. In the war's early stages, the rebels reached the outskirts of Kinshasa before being turned back by Kabila's army, which is now supported by Angola, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

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Bodyguard: PRESIDENT KABILA SHOT TO DEATH

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Belgian Foreign Minister Louis Michel was quoted by Belgian news agency as saying Kabila was apparently shot by one of his bodyguards in the presence of army generals he had dismissed.

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There will be a MANDATORY MEETING for all interested candidates for STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT on Thursday, January 18th at 7:45 PM in the Student Government Office. Petitions will be available in the Student Government Office Beginning Tuesday, January 16th at 12:00 PM

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Chronology

1998

August: Burundi, Rwanda and Ugandan backed rebels take up arms against Kabila, making major gains.

December: Rwanda pulls its forces out of eastern Congo.

1999


December: Harara ceasefire agreement calls for humanitarian corridors, release of hostages and prisoner exchanges.

2000

February: AU authorizes a 5,000 member force with personnel from 24 nations. U.S. mandate expires on October 15.

June: U.N. peacekeepers in Congo say up to 1,000 UN peacekeepers are needed to be deployed in eastern Congo.

January: Kabila shot to death by one of his bodyguards.
Estrada seeks a public 'calm' in post-impeachment chaos

President Joseph Estrada appealed for calm Wednesday amid worries of possible violence in the aftermath of the developments that threw his controversial impeachment trial into chaos.

Noisy demonstrations erupted in Manila and at least three other Philippine cities in the early morning hours after the Senate voted 11-10 to stop proceedings, leaving the future of Estrada’s presidency uncertain.

But it was unclear if the country’s first-ever impeachment trial would resume as scheduled Wednesday afternoon.

President Joseph Estrada

"Let us pray that we may be spared further violence, injuries and death.

We will tender our irrevocable letter of resignation as prosecutors," Rep. Sergio Apostol said.

But it was unclear if the country is ready for Estrada's departure. The 11-10 Senate vote keeps Estrada in power for now.

"I appeal to our countrymen to keep calm," Estrada said in a statement in which he prayed for strength and guidance. "Let us pray that we may be spared further violence, injuries and death in recent times."

Estrada said the proceedings will be convened on Wednesday at a court house in the sprawling capital.

HAPPY 21st MEAU!!!

Company rolls out new toilet paper idea

Huggies and Kotex believe their latest creation could be the biggest advancement in the history of toilet paper in a century since someone thought to sell tissue on a roll.

DALLAS Seeking to wipe out petry discomfort, Kimberly-Clark Corp. is plunging into the market with a new product, moistened toilet paper on a roll.

The maker of Kleenex, PaperMate and other bathroom products decided to refine the product.

"They have to realize this isn't just a roll of paper that attaches to the toilet-roll holder in most homes, it is a very important task that people do every day," said one top-secret tests in consumers' homes, company engineers said they've got a hit on their hands. Some of the testers didn't want to give up the dispensors, said Linda Bartelt, president of the company's wet wipes sector. Bartelt said she's been using the product herself for a year and a half and can't imagine life without it.

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Every Christmas I get a personal, first-name invitation to join the Sorin Society. If I pay $1,000, benefits include "regional meetings" and the President's Newsletter: For $3,000 I could join the Founder's Circle and receive a video, an "ombudsman service" for tickets to non-athletic events and other comparable perks. I have not been able to join, but every year I feel a rush of self- esteem: This is recognition that I am a somebody, worthy to be a player in the University's inner circle.

One reason I would like to join is to ask the movers and shakers one question: With unprecedented sums cascading into the University's coffers, why does tuition keep rising beyond the inflation rate? The Endowment in 2000 rose from $2.03 billion to $3.14 billion. Generation almost $31 billion, the Fiesta Bowl grossed $1.35 million. And so on. Undergraduate tuitions, room and board in 2000-01 was $29,100, an increase of 5.2 percent, in accord with the Trustees' mandate limiting increases to about 5 percent. While this is the smallest percentage increase in two decades, it is almost twice the rise in the consumer price index from 1999 to 2000.

This is a synthetic issue. If tuition, room and board were frozen, that would not greatly benefit present students. On the other hand, a freeze would not cripple the University. The increase this year was $1,440. Notre Dame has 10,800 undergrad and grad students. If the charge had been frozen, the last revenue would have been about $15.5 million. But some of that would have been "lost" anyway through scholarships, etc.

Increasingly, colleges, like used car lots, discount their "sticker price" through aid packages. But why should that process begin with a sticker price that rises every year above the inflation rate? And could not our fundraisers, the best in the nation, raise funds targeted to offset a freeze or even a rollback in tuition?

The leaders act in what they see as the best interest of Notre Dame. These comments are directed at policies not persons. But the rise in tuition beyond the inflation rate reflects a change in priorities over the past two decades. Notre Dame here is a follower, not a leader. In the nation generally, until the late 70's, tuition increased at or below the inflation rate. In 1978, in response to pressure from universities, Congress relaxed the income restrictions on federally guaranteed student loans. As Fortune magazine warned, "Anything that makes it easier to pay tuition bills will also make it easier to raise tuition charges." Since 1980, according to the College Board, median family income, adjusted for inflation, rose 20 percent while tuition at private four-year universities rose by 318 percent.

The universities lobbied Congress for funding for student loans. But as loan availability went up, so did tuition beyond the inflation rate, with those universities financing their research and other expansion projects on the backs of the borrowing students. Notre Dame was far from the worst offender. But after proclaiming itself a National Catholic Research University in 1978, Notre Dame did play this sleazy game. In 1978-79, when the Endowment was only $114 million, Notre Dame's undergraduate tuition, room and board was $5,180. Today, adjusted for inflation, that total would be $13,468. In 2000-01, the charge was $29,100, more than double, in real money, what it was in 1978-79. Notre Dame makes a strong effort to provide financial aid. Last year University scholarships went to 35 percent of the students, up from 23 percent five years ago. The average such scholarship increased 50 percent over those five years. But the primary form of financial aid remains the student loan. The loan burden can be oppressive for students, discounting their career and family choices.

The historical mission of Notre Dame had been the provision of affordable education in the Catholic tradition to undergraduates in research and grad programs in a complimentary role. The relentless increase of tuition over the past two decades reflects a shift in emphasis in the pursuit of money and prestige as a Research University. A freeze or rollback in tuition could symbolize a redirection of that shift. Research is important, especially in the sciences. But Notre Dame ought not to have a regular faculty which teaches less and less to students who pay more and more.

In the pursuit of prestige and money, the undergrad mission is devalued. Members of our family were Notre Dame undergrads every year from 1977 to 2000 in various majors. Our experience, admittedly subjective but supported by others, is that, in the variety of available courses, class size, quality of teaching, and the recognition of students as persons, it cannot be offered as objectively as possible. Unsolicited attempts to influence the opinion of the majority of the Edins in Chief, Managing Editor, Assistant Managing Editor and department editors. Contributions, letters and columns present the views of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame spirit helps in cancer fight

I ask that when all of us make our first stop at the Grotto for the new year we include a prayer for Scott and his family.

Happy New Year.

Jennifer Laiber
Public Relations and Information

Many times a day, I lay down thinking of what I would be doing right now if I haven't been diagnosed with leukemia. Then I think of what I have gained by this illness. All the wonderful people that I have met, at the hospital as well as my trip to the University of Notre Dame, that have significantly affected me. All the people that have sent me letters, e-mails and gifts, of their prayers and their acknowledge­ments of my trip to Notre Dame. All these people, as well as the people that I have met, have all made me feel more pos­i­itive inside than ever before.

My love for the University of Notre Dame has grown more and more especially since my trip because of the inspiration it has given me. Notre Dame is a very special place.

Out of all the letters, e-mails and gifts that people have sent me, I have had some pretty nice things said and some pretty nice things were given to me. I appreciate each and every word written to those letters and e-mails because they are words coming from the heart. People have shared their stories with me of survival of cancer and how they know I will survive too. I believe more now than ever because of the stories, e-mails and gifts that I will get through this because I have all your prayers and all of you behind me.

Many letters were sent to me, about 50 e-mails and about 100 cards. Out of all of those letters, many mementos were sent to me that I couldn't believe were given up for me. For example, a man sent me two medallions blessed by the Pope and two brothers sent me three autographed pictures. With the first and second pictures they just had their first names on them and the third, beautifully autographed with the names of your players, which was a huge thing.

The cards sent to me were often heart warming and very motivational. The letters and Notre Dame are tied to the biggest things that help me to keep fighting. All the individu­als that have sent me their prayers and mementos, I thank you for all the support that you have given me and I know that one day I will go to the University of Notre Dame and this illness will just be a thing of the past.

Every night I thank God for all the nice people that have sent me their prayers. I also thank God for all the nice people I have met at Notre Dame like Joey Getherall, Shane Walton, Coach Bob Davie, Father Edward Malloy, Rudy Ruettiger, the entire football team and Jennifer Laiber. These people in some way have made me wish an on-going process and have affected my life in a positive way. These people as well as the whole ND family, in some way made me feel like I was a special kid. I thank these people and many other people that I have met at Notre Dame and my recovery in the ND game. You all have made me feel great inside and all the well wishes have played a big part in that too. Fortunately, the Notre Dame family has so many members with warm hearts. My family, Carmen, Henry, Eric and myself would like to wish everybody Happy Holidays and gratitude for your support. GO IRISH!

Scott Delgadillo
San Diego, Calif. December 2, 2000

Congress should put its money where its mouth is

Every time politicians talk about national priorities, we hear about how increasing funding for the country's number one concern. Our national economy needs a highly educated workforce, they tell us, if we are to be able to compete in the new global economy. A college education, they warn us, is now a necessary ticket to a middle­class and decent paying job. And a strong democr­acy, they sometimes point out, depends on well­educated citizens.

Unfortunately, many of those who talk the loudest in Washington often do the least. Despite all the rhetoric about the importance of education, the federal government has failed to allocate the funding that millions of young people and their families need to make higher education affordable.

The bottom line is that the cost of a college education is soaring and students and their families are being pushed farther and farther deeper and deeper into debt to pay for their education. Twenty-five years ago, the maximum federally funded Pell Grant, which was designed to be the main portion of student aid covered more than 80 percent of the average cost of a private four-year college, and about 40 percent of the cost of attending a public four-year college.

Today, the maximum Pell Grant covers only 39 percent of the average cost of attending a four-year public college, and only 15 percent of the cost of attending a private college.

In fact, the average Pell Grant, adjusted for infla­tion, has not increased at all in 10 years. Federal student aid, which 20 years ago was a grants­based system, is now a loan­based system. Pell Grant today covers only 10.7 percent of all student aid, while federal student loans comprise 54.1 percent.

The end result of this policy is that students graduating with four­year degrees bear an average debt of $17,000, not including what their parents owe.

Students finishing graduate school are even deeper in debt. It strikes me as extremely unfair in young America and contrary to the best interests of our country, that millions of them are beginning their careers so deeply in debt.

Among other things, it forces many new graduates to take jobs that earn them enough to pay off their loans, rather than pursuing the careers that would satisfy them and serve society. It is impossible to calculate how many excellent teachers, childcare workers, law enforcement officers and other professionals we have lost as a result of the federal government's failure to adequately fund financial aid programs.

Accordingly, when the new Congress convenes in January, I will be proposing substantial increases in the federal support for higher education, includ­ing: doubling the funding for Pell Grants, from $7.6 billion to $15 billion; including total federal spend­ing on aid to post-secondary students from $13 to $25 billion; prohibiting states from using the money to cancel the education debts of graduates who enter public service including teaching, social work, childcare, law enforcement; and can the federal government afford to give stu­dents and families more financial help to pay for college? The answer is yes. Even if the federal budget surplus is over $200 billion and when very large surpluses are anticipated in coming years, we now have a unique opportunity to make certain that college education becomes affordable for every American family.

In order to do that however, we have got to get our priorities right. Do we — as President­Elect Bush and the Republican leadership propose — provide hundreds of billions of dollars in tax cuts to the wealthiest 2 percent of the population? Do we continue to spend $300 billion a year on the mili­tary despite the end of the Cold War? Or, instead, do we make it clear to the wealthiest 1 percent of this country, regardless of income, that we can afford to give the Pentagon a $22 billion increase in its bud­get — as we did this year — and we can afford to increase student aid higher education by $13 billion. If we can afford to spend $125 billion on corporate welfare each year, surely we can afford to increase Pell Grants by $7.4 billion.

Will we be successful in significantly increasing federal aid to college stu­dents and higher education? Will we be able to end the absurd situation of millions of young Americans beginning their careers oppressively in debt? The answer depends totally upon the willingness of the new Congress of this country, especially college students, to demand a fundamental real­location of national pri­orities and to be actively involved in the political process.

Currently, a majority of the Congress are assaulted every day by well­paid lobbyists representing the wealthy who demand tax breaks and favors for the powerful special interests in our country that need it the least. On the other hand, Congressional colleagues hear almost nothing from college and graduate students who incur tens of thousands of dollars in edu­cational debt.

We can change this situation, but only if students play a leadership in that process. Hold campus rallies, arrange for meetings with your member of Congress, march on Washington. Working to­gether, we can change our national priorities, and make college affordable for all.

Representative Bernie Sanders
Independent, Vermont

January 13, 2001
In search of spring break fun, Scene explores the sunny state of California

Visions of sunny beaches and crashing waves

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Scene Writer.

Editor's note: This week Scene is featuring popular spring break destinations.

The Viper Room is a most certainly the place to be in California. With the hottest celebrities pulsing to the latest dance music and mingling around the bar, the Viper Room is the coolest place in town. When you are in California, don't miss the Viper Room.

This is assuming that you either are Britney Spears or are currently dating the pop idol. For those of you who aren't members of 'NSYNC, starring in the latest WB show or tearing up the modeling runways in Paris, you will be lucky if the Viper Room lets you sift through its garbage.

But fear not. You, the common scum that you are, can still have a good time in California on your spring break.

Both San Francisco and Los Angeles feature plenty of attractions that will admit you regardless of how many Golden Globe nominations you have or have not received.

Los Angeles

Just because Puff Daddy won't let you join his posse, it doesn't mean you can't find a place to party in L.A. Head to Pier Avenue in Hermosa Beach and you will find enough bars to satisfy even the thirstiest spring breaker.

Aloha Sharkeez is among the best on Pier Avenue. Sharkeez serves Mexican food and has tables set up where you can eat and enjoy many sporting events on several big-screen televisions.

Early in the evening the atmosphere is a mixture between a loud sports bar and a laid-back dance club.

After 10 p.m., however, Sharkeez changes over into a over-crowded dance club stuffed with people and blasting the latest top 40s music. The tables are put away, the televisions start showing a looped video of surfers, and the music gets even louder.

Unfortunately, after midnight, Sharkeez is also incredibly crowded. Getting to the bar is nearly impossible. This is a real shame because Sharkeez features many exotic drinks and the bartenders are almost as entertaining as the music.

Sharkeez specializes in giant fishbowls filled with whatever tropical drink you desire. Complete with glowsticks, umbrellas and many long straws, the fishbowls are perfect for sharing with a large group of people.

The only problem with Sharkeez is the prices. Bottled beers are $4 and mixed drinks can cost between $6 and $9. If you plan on drinking at Sharkeez, expect to spend a lot of money.

For those who don't drink, however, there is no cover charge, so you can party all night long without spending a dime.

Sharkeez's changing atmosphere makes it a great place to start your evening, party all night and leave when they play the final song. For those who like to bar hop, however, go to Sharkeez first, order a fishbowl, soak up the atmosphere and then move on.

Right next door to Sharkeez is Patrick Malloy's, an Irish pub whose line rivals Sharkeez in length as the night wears on.

If crowded dance floors aren't your cup of tea, there are several other bars just a few doors down with no lines at the bars and plenty of room on the dance floor to bust a move.

If you are suddenly seized by the munchies, visit Fat Face Fenner's Falloon for great seafood and an American drinking atmosphere.

There is plenty to do in Los Angeles during the day as well. You can lie out in the sun on Hermosa Beach or you can head to downtown L.A. to see where famous people have stood.

Just across the street from the theatre is the Wall of Fame. From Sean Connery and Charlie Chaplin to Tony Danza and John Travolta, almost every top star in the history of Hollywood is memorialized in the sidewalk.

If you are hungry from all that star-gazing, don't miss Pink's. For just a couple of bucks at this hot dog stand, you can get a heart attack on a plate.

Pink's features two huge hot dogs covered in chili, cheese and everything else to clog your arteries — all wrapped in a flour tortilla.

If you really want your heart to hate you, make sure you get some fries as well.

After blotting yourself on processed beef, drive down Rodeo Drive and look at all the cars you will never be able to afford and the clothes that cost more than the car you are driving.

If you are feeling adventurous, walk into one of the stores and watch the salespeople curse you with their eyes for even pretending that you can afford the clothes on the rack.

If you are young at heart, Disneyland is the place for you. While not nearly as large as Disneyworld in Orlando, Disneyland can still fill a day with plenty of excitement.

Thanks to a new system called Fastpass, you can spend more of your time riding the rides and less time standing in line. When you get to the park, go straight to one of the Fastpass machines and get a ticket.

The ticket will give you a time to come back later in the day in order to skip the line.

So rather than waiting for two hours to ride, you get to go right to the front of the line and wait only about ten minutes.

Fastpass makes the entire Disneyland experience more enjoyable.

The winding skyline of San Francisco can be seen through the point.

With a big wooden rollercoaster and a "Hollywood
San Francisco if you want to see all the sights.

In addition to the beauty of Route 1, a drive across the Golden Gate Bridge should be part of every visitor's itinerary.

While the actual drive across the bridge is nothing spectacular, it's just a bridge... it's big and orange but still just a bridge, the view from the opposite side looking back to San Francisco is breathtaking.

Just after you cross the bridge, there is a scenic overlook where you can look back at the city. All the landmarks in San Francisco are visible and the big, orange bridge creates a striking photo opportunity.

Across the road from the scenic overlook, there is a road that scales the mountain and offers a view of the Pacific on one side and the San Francisco Bay on the other.

After seeing San Francisco’s attractions from a distance, it's time to head down into the city.

Pier 39, also known as Fisherman's Wharf, is the biggest attraction along the water front. With trendy restaurants and a plethora of gift shops, Fisherman's Wharf is the definition of a tourist trap.

There are plenty of street performers to keep you entertained. As one juggler announced to his audience, "Yes, I do in fact make my living by passing around my hat."

From jugglers and fortune tellers to dancing robotmen and freaks who will pose for photos with you, Fisherman's Wharf has plenty of people who will gladly accept your spare change.

The biggest attraction at Pier 39, however, is the ferry to Alcatraz Island. The famous maximum security prison can only be reached by ferry and reservations are required.

Check out www.blueandgoldfleet.com/az.htm for rates and availability.

You can try just walking up and hoping to find an open ferry time, but that is highly unlikely. Without a reservation you probably won't get anywhere near "The Rock."

Tours of Alcatraz are self-guided, using head-phones and a tape player that you can rent on the island. Allow about three hours to take the ferry, tour the prison, snap some pictures and ride the ferry back.

A visit to Alcatraz will cost about $20 but it is worth every penny. The stories of prison life, attempted escapes, and famous criminals are fascinating.

Several park rangers stationed around the prison are also available for presentations throughout the day. They can debunk many of the myths about Alcatraz perpetuated by movies about the prison. For example, the tunnels under Alcatraz that are so important for Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage in "The Rock" don't even exist.

The sunny beaches and glamorous streets of Los Angeles and San Francisco may be frequented by celebrities and those who hunt for them. But even if "Entertainment Tonight" doesn't want to do a feature story on your love life and "Total Request Live" isn't playing your hits, you can still have fun on your spring break in California.
Bench play contributes as Irish end losing streak

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Forward David Graves dribbles upcourt during Tuesday night's 74-58 Notre Dame victory over Big East rival Pittsburgh. Graves scored 12 points and had five rebounds while playing 25 minutes on a sprained ankle.

It took a sprained ankle by David Graves to get Notre Dame's bench moving and playing time, but Notre Dame's 74-58 Joyce Center victory over Pittsburgh may be a sign of things to come.

Junior forward Harold Swanagan returned to the starting spot he held a year ago and did more than hold his own in the post with classmates Troy Murphy and Ryan Humphrey. He held court, snatching a game-high 10 rebounds to go with his seven points in 22 minutes of play.

"He's been great since we've been back from Christmas," said Irish coach Mike Brey of Swanagan. "He sets such a tone for us with toughness, dirty work and little things. Guys could be in their comfort zone a little bit, expecting certain minutes. That may change. It's funny how an injury leads you into something, or you find something you barely know of or don't know of." Swanagan's defensivedirty work that must helped get the Irish guard, up the area it consequently to recovery. Behind his and his teammates' efforts, Notre Dame (10-5, 2-3 Big East) held the Panthers (10-6, 2-3) scoreless for the first five-and-a-half minutes of play.

The Irish were hot offensively, but they already knew they could score.

"We have a lot of scorers on our team," senior point guard Martin Ingelsby said. "For us to be a good team, we have to do it on the defensive end."

Defense has been the big question mark. Unlike at times in road losses to Kentucky and Seton Hall, the Irish were the ones feeling for loose balls and keeping their opponent from getting off second-chance shots. Even Graves, playing on a sprained ankle and coming off a road slump, was on the floor lunging for the ball. He managed 25 minutes of play, putting up 12 points and five rebounds.

"I saw him a couple days ago, and he was just kind of limping, walk," Murphy said of Graves. "It's amazing what he was able to do today. He put up a heck of an effort. He's a great player."

Pittsburgh star Ricardo Greer didn't cope as well, also playing on a sprained ankle. The Irish limited his productivity to 11 points, well below his average of 16.5, and pressed him into five turnovers.

"Greer didn't play well tonight. His ankle's really both-ering him," Panthers coach Ben Howland said. "I think he's had six practices since Dec. 16, and you can't play your best basketball without practicing. He's really playing on heart and courage. For us to have a chance to win, Ricardo's got to play." Pittsburgh was shooting at a hoop smaller than the ball, judging from its 21 percent shooting touch in the first half. Without some mercy from the Irish or divine help, the Panthers had no hope of heading into halftime in contention.

Instead of some Irish aid, the Panthers stood by while the Irish went on a 12-2 rampage to close the half. Swanagan started the onslaught with a bucket in the lane. The Irish held off the Panthers' attack with defensive rebounds by Matt Carroll, Murphy and Ivan Kartelo along with a block by Jere Macura.

The Irish followed through at their own end with an up-close basket and follow-up free throw by Murphy, a near 3-pointer by Ingelsby and a made 3 by Carroll.

"Those second shots coming off the rim, the loose balls rolling down the lane, we have not gotten those," Brey said. "It's something we addressed. "My main focus in the locker room was the dirty work."
The Irish did the dirty work all game long, giving a sustained effort that's been lacking at times this season. Five guys pulled down at least five boards, and the team tallied 11 blocks, four by Murphy and three by Humphrey.

In the second half, the Irish stopped a Panthers run that brought them to within 10 points midway through the period. They managed to get the stop they needed, forcing Donatas Zavackas into his fourth foul then silencing Pittsburgh with a 15-foot jump shot by Humphrey.

Down the stretch, Graves nailed two free throws and dropped in a jumper and a shot from behind the arc to cement the win.

We need to get some wins if we want to get to the NCAA Tournament," Swanagan said, "and that's what we want to do."

Notes
● Last night's win was the first game of a three-game home stretch which continues Saturday night against West Virginia Tuesday against Syracuse.
● Murphy led the Irish in scoring with 21, while Ingelsby had one of his biggest nights of the season with 13 points.
● Macura, Kartelo and reserves Charles Thomas and Tom Timmermans all made appearances for the first time in several games.

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Saint Mary's basketball is hungry for a win tonight, after a stale 3-4 run over the holiday break. Dropping games to Goshen, Hope College, Calvin College and Alma College, tonight's meeting with Olivet has the Belles ready for a win.

Tonight the Belles will hit the road take on the Comets of Olivet in Michigan. Both teams are tied for fifth place in the MIAA, with records of 1-3. However, Olivet's overall record of 9-5 tops Saint Mary's record of 7-7.

The real story is not in the teams' records, but their history. Last year the Belles and the Comets battled to remain out of the last place position in MIAA rankings.

Saint Mary's faced Olivet three times last season. The last meeting was in the MIAA playoffs. The Belles defeated the Comets and claimed the No. 7 spot, forcing the Comets into eighth.

"It's a big rivalry between the two teams," Smith said. "There may be a revenge factor playing (Olivet)."

The Belles and the Comets will face off for the first time this year in "The Cage," a nickname for the small, dark Olivet gym.

The game promises to be aggressive.

"We know that we have to come out strong," Smith said. "(Olivet) is a very physical team.

The Belles started break with a 59-77 loss to Goshen and finished with a 51-75 loss to Hope College Saturday. The Belles' vacation play was not as rewarding as they wanted it to be.

"Everyone has put in a lot of effort," head coach Suzanne Smith said. "But we need the reinforcement of a big win."

Saint Mary's took on league leader Hope Saturday, dropping the game 51-75. Hope came into the game with a 2-0 league record and a 12-1 record overall, good enough to place the Flying Dutch in the top 20 Division III women's teams in the nation.

"Although the women were not satisfied with the game, they were happy with what they did," Smith said. "They played hard and it was never a blowout."

The team came into the Hope game following their worst loss of the season against another MIAA leader, Calvin. They lost the game 52-72.

Like Hope, the Calvin Knights came into the game with an undefeated conference record. The Belles did not rise to the challenge, shooting only 18 percent from the field.

Saint Mary's had taken on Alma College four days earlier on Jan. 6. The Belles hung with Scots, losing by only 5 points, 57-62. Alma currently holds the No. 2 spot in MIAA rankings, with only a single defeat.

Coming into the Almagame, the Belles were coming off of three wins against league competition Albion and non-conference teams Rose-Hulman and Anderson.

The Belles defeated the Albion Britons 61-52 in a conference match.

"We played very well against Albion, it being the first conference game of the year," Smith said.

Anderson and Rose-Hulman were unbelievable wins.

The Dec. 16 game against the four-time defending conference champion Albion and non-conference teams Rose-Hulman and Anderson was another tight win for the Belles. The Belles took that game only 59-56.

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his thought.

"I mean, I want to come back for next year," Williams said, "and have a good, good season."

On numerous occasions, Dave mentioned Williams as a key returning player for the 2001 squad. At a press conference on Nov. 21, Davie spoke as if he fully expected Williams to return next season.

"The secondary is all back [in 2001] except for Tony Driver," Davie said at the time.

As of now, Williams has not filed to be in the draft, according to Carparelli. In fact, unlike players with a remaining year of eligibility at other schools, Williams may not have to officially declare his intention. All underclassmen had to declare their intentions by Jan. 12.

Because football players at Notre Dame are not "redshirted," like at other schools, they must complete an application requesting a fifth year. Because of that rule, Williams — and the other seniors who have an extra year of eligibility — is technically considered a senior who has not officially been granted a fifth year of eligibility.

The University's decision as to which seniors will return for a fifth year has not been finalized, according to assistant athletic director and sports information director John Heisler.

"With the semester starting, any of those people that are interested in that are just going to begin the process of filling out the paperwork and submitting that to the faculty board," Heisler said. "It's gotten a lot more involved in the last few years. In the past, they essentially had to write a letter that explained what their intention was. Now there's a more specific form that's been created that asks them to detail both where they are academically and what they plan to be doing academically. They also ask them in detail why it is they missed a season and why they want to come back.

Said Carparelli: "It's a unique situation. We're trying to get answers from the NFL as to whether he even needs to declare or if he does, whether he's bound to stick to that. He hasn't been in contact with an agent of any sort which certainly eliminates that boundary.

After Williams spoke to him in the weeks prior to the Fiesta Bowl, Carparelli gathered the paper work from the NFL and gave it to Williams, who had to send the form by Jan. 5. The NFL officials received the form before the deadline and contacted Williams last week with their projection.

"For the most part it's up to Brock to do all this," Carparelli said. "It's his life and his career. He's been in contact with us every step of the way and asking our advice."

Comerback brock Williams tackle Beaver wide receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh during the Fiesta Bowl. Following the game, Williams spoke about his interest in joining the NFL next season.

Williams
Irish drop out of Top 25 with loss to Wildcats

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN  
Associated Sports Editor

LEXINGTON, Ky. - It was a long Christmas break for the Notre Dame men's basketball team, which dropped out of the Top 25 this week after losing three of its last four games.

"We're on our last breath here," All-American Troy Murphy said Saturday after Notre Dame fell to Kentucky. "The red lights are flashing. We've got to get it together."

The latest Irish loss came at the hands of a quickly rising Kentucky Wildcats squad in an 82-71 defeat before a raucous Rupp Arena crowd of 23,018 fans.

Early in Saturday's match-up, Notre Dame (9-5) appeared undaunted by the smoke and firework displays set off to introduce the Kentucky starters.

The Irish came close to silencing the Lexington crowd by taking a 14-4 lead over the 9-5 Wildcats. They did so behind six Ryan Humphrey rebounds, fade-away shots by All-American Troy Murphy and Matt Carroll — and a hang-in-basket by Lexington native David Graves. That was the last quiet moment for the Kentucky fans.

"We got comfortable with the situation being up 14-4," Murphy said, "and it back-fired on us."

The Irish began to unravel, turning the ball over six times in less than three minutes, and the Wildcats went on a 13-0 run, spurring on an 18-6 run in the first six minutes.

"Playing against a team of Notre Dame's caliber and Troy Murphy coming in," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said, "we've got to raise your level of play and I thought we did that.

Notre Dame bounced back to edge the Wildcats by three following consecutive 3-pointers by Graves. The junior small forward, playing in his hometown against a team he revered before Kentucky snubbed him, began a scoring process that would only make one more basket the rest of the game.

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"They've got to get the defensive rebound when it's a two-point game," Murphy said. "For us to take the next step," Brey said, "we're going to have to get the defensive rebounds in a two-point game when it's a two-point game." Neither did looking to Murphy. He became just the seventh Big East player to score 20 points and grab 20 rebounds in a single game against Seton Hall, Humphrey and Graves having the toughest times. But when Murphy had a higher percentage from the field would have helped, since the Irish bat 50 percent of their shots against the Syracuse.
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Evening symposia, co-sponsored by the Anti-Sweatshop Task Force, the Program in the Catholic Social Tradition, and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Mondays at 7:00 pm (and Wednesday, Feb. 7), in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Institute for International Peace Studies.

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Injured hand can't break Siemon's spirit

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

About five minutes into the post game press conference following Notre Dame's stunning 92-76 upset of Connecticut on Monday, senior forward Kelley Siemon strolled in with a Hawaiian lei around her neck, tripped on her way to her seat, and began asking questions.

Just another example of the quirky senior stealing the show once again.

While Ruth Riley was the dominant force in the victory with 29 points and 12 rebounds, it was Siemon who provided the inspiration.

The Notre Dame media guide lists facts about each player, including a section titled "Nobody knows how much I..."

Siemon's response: "hate to lose.

After playing 33 minutes two days after breaking a bone in her hand against Virginia Tech, Siemon's secret is out.

As if playing at home in front of a sellout crowd against the No. 1 team in the nation didn't provide enough inspiration, the Irish — who had planned on playing each starter the entire 40 minutes — faced the challenge of going to battle without the Big East leader in defensive rebounding.

Rather than adding to the pressure, the Irish only saw the possible loss as another challenge to overcome.

My first comment when I first heard about it was, "Notre Dame is probably going to play a lot better than they originally would," said Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma. "From an emotional standpoint I think they certainly need to get over it.

Siemon's impact, however, was far more than just her presence on the court. She single-handedly held her own underneath the boards.

Less than three minutes into the game, Siemon made a lay-up to put the Irish up 6-3. Minutes later, she took a pass from Riley, scored off the glass, and collected a foul in the process. Siemon made the free throw, scoring her fifth point of the game and proving that it takes more than a broken bone to stop the daughter of former NFL player Jeff Siemon.

At the half, Siemon had sparked Notre Dame to a 40-31 lead with nine points and five rebounds.

"Once the game started, I really didn't notice it at all," said Siemon.

She added more of the same in the second half, scoring six consecutive points in a 90 second span to put the Irish up 56-46. She added three rebounds and finished the game with a more than respectable 15 points and eight boards.

Siemon's scoring total could have been much higher if not for a woeful 3 for 16 performance from the free-throw line.

"It's a mental thing with me," said after the game. "I make them in practice, it's something I need to get over.

She was then asked if her injured hand contributed to her struggles at the foul line. Siemon laughed, looked the reporter straight in the face, and said, "Definitely.

In a so-far magical season, Siemon's perseverance made the difference in the greatest degree of success.

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American, Player of the Year win over Virginia Tech, Riley suffered an ankle injury in the second half of Saturday's win over Virginia Tech, Riley played through the pain against Connecticut. She scored 29 points on 8-of-11 from the field and 13-of-13 from the line, grabbed 12 rebounds, blocked five shots and did everything else in front of several WNBA scouts.

"I don't think I've ever seen anybody dominate a game from start to finish at both ends of the floor like that," McGraw said. "That's an All-American, Player of the Year kind of line."

In years past, Connecticut (13-1 on the season) was able to faze Riley by continually attacking her on both ends of the floor. The Huskies also would implement a full-court pressure defense, which resulted in easy baskets when the Irish succumbed and committed turnovers. Not on Monday.

"Before, you could get into (Riley's) head a little bit, get physical with her and she would get frustrated," Connecticut head coach Geno Auriemma said. "She plays with a lot more confidence now.

Riley's improved aggressiveness and mental toughness forced the Huskies to rely on their outside shooting. For all but a few possessions, the Irish played a 2-3 zone, a defensive strategy that yielded pre-Notre Dame results. Connecticut made only 11 of 33 three-pointers and connected on 29-of-79 total field goals.

And Niele Ivey handled the pressure with relative ease. The 5-foot-8 point guard controlled the tempo and made smart decisions in transition. In addition by her 10 assists, Ivey also scored 14 points — including a perfect three for three from behind the three-point arc.

"They've gotten better (against the pressure)," Auriemma said. "And our pressure's not as good as it used to be. It's not anywhere near where it used to be."

Another reason that Connecticut's trapping, full-court defense proved less effective was because of their own weaknesses. Riley, Alec ia Hala (2-for-4 on threes for 10 points) and Jeneka Joyce (2-for-4 on threes for 8 points) helped keep the Irish short 75 percent from on 3-pointers. Joyce, the first woman all the bench, played 16 minutes. She was the only non-starter to play more than 20 seconds.

When asked if Notre Dame deserves the top ranking Auriemma offered a quick response.

"I think so," he said. "Absolutely, absolutely. There's no question about that."

The Huskies cut the lead to 68-56 on a Diana Taurasi three-pointer with just under eight minutes left. On the ensuing possession, Taurasi fouled Kelley Siemon, who missed both free throws. But as she had just a minute before, Riley rebounded Siemon's miss and scored on a put-back. Notre Dame led at least nine the rest of the way.

About the only negative for the Irish came from free throw woes. They shot 54.8 percent (26-46) from the line, with Siemon connecting on just 3 of 16. But even when Siemon missed ten straight free throws during the final eight minutes, Riley grabbed three offensive rebounds to maintain possession.

To make the day complete, senior guard Imani Dunbar, who entered the game for the first time with 19.5 seconds left, nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer.

"From the opening tip, Notre Dame was better," Auriemma said. "I thought they were better in absolutely every single area."

And he shared that with his team, welcoming into the arena.

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Irish finally take down a No. 1 team

Finally, the Irish have slain the dragon.

In September the campus was invaded by a sea of red sup.
porting the then No. 1-ranked Notre Dame football team.

Though they tried, the Irish fell to No. 1 in overtime.

Nearly three months later, Notre Dame was No. 1 in the stand-

ings — as they took on powerhouse North Carolina in the NCAA
women's soccer semifinals in San Jose.

Again, the best proved to be too much for the Irish as the Tar Heels put in two late-game goals for the "upset."

So here come the Lady

Huskies, walking into the Joyce Center for Monday's game unde-

feated and beating their oppo-

nents by an average margin of more than 32 points per game.

Another "almost perfect?"

Hardly.

Not only did the Irish beat the Huskies 92-76, they embarrassed the defending national champi-

ons — as "I guess we're just trying to hold the fort down for Irish sports," said junior forward Ericka Haney after the game. The Irish are rarely mentioned in the same breath as schools such as Connecticut, Tennessee or even Georgia when it comes to rounding up the elite teams of the country.

The Irish were the New York Giants of women's basketball, and on Monday Ruth Riley was their Kerry Collins.

Beyond her game-high 29 points, Riley's interior defense destroyed Connecticut's inside game.

"I thought her presence defensively was almost more im-
portant than it was offensively," said Huskies coach Geno Auriemma. "I thought her presence in the lane made us a jump-shooting team."

And not a very good jump- shooting team at that. Riley's effect on the game goes beyond her line in the box score. It was Riley who before the tipoff had all smiles, feeding encouraging words to her per-

haps nervous teammates, includ-

ing senior Kelley arc. No, we're not playing with a broken hand.

That was Riley too drawing a double team inside and feeding the ball to a wide open Siemon, Haney or Jeneka Joyce under the basket.

There she was again on the floor sacrificing her body as she wrestled for the ball. This was the same woman that left Saturday's game against Virginia Tech in the fourth quarter with a broken ankle.

But it wasn't Riley's Willis Reed performance that provided the inspiration for the team, it was Siemon's.

Just 24 hours before tip-off, the team's starting power forward was facing the possibility that the broken hand would end her Irish career.

Though she got the doctor's okay, Siemon came out and played one of her best games of the season. With nine first-half points and five rebounds, the senior quite literally single-handedly domi-

nated the boards.

There are those who say Niele Ivey, who won't be satisfied until she leads her team to hometown St. Louis, host city of the 2001 Final Four.

Haney ignited the sell-out crowd late in the game, moving her arms in a "raise the roof" motion in the closing minutes and clapping along with Joyce in celebration.

Joyce, playing more than ten minutes for the first time since fracturing her ankle against Georgia over Thanksgiving, hit two key 3-pointers as well, provid-

ing a long range option when the Huskies effectively guarded Riley.

In the final seconds ran down, senior Imani Dunbar brought the ball downcourt. She took a shot from behind the backboard.

They were just standing back. I figured I might as well put the nail in the coffin, you know," said Dunbar.

The perfect finish on the perfect day.

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Irish came up short on talent, but not on class

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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TEMPE, Ariz.

Notre Dame never had a chance.

Oh, sure the Irish fooled people into believing they could win the BCS game over Oregon State last season games and had tradition on its side, having won three National Championships since Oregon State last appeared in a major bowl game - the 1965 Rose Bowl.

With five minutes left in the first half of the Fiesta Bowl, the Irish only trailed 6-0.

They had stopped the Beavers five yards short of the end zone with Notre Dame's best play of the game - a diving tackle by safety Ron Israel around backfielder Patrick McCall's knees, throwing him for a 3-yard loss.

"We all thought we could get back into the game," Notre Dame captain and tight end Dan O'Leary said.

But Notre Dame's pretense of being as skilled as Oregon State was a fluke.

Against Oregon State, Notre Dame was outmatched in every category.

"It's pretty obvious we got whipped, we got outcoached. We got outplayed, said Bob Davie Irish head coach.

The Beavers were fast enough to try out for the next Olympic track and field team, or at least to escape from the police if their on-field conduct is any indication of how they behave off the field. The Beavers had enough speed to demolish freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio before he had time to blink, or even wink.

"We've got to get a lot faster," Irish tailback Tony Fisher said.

Notre Dame's offense sputtered, gaining just 17 yards on the ground. Oregon State's "ain't too proud to brag" tailback Ken Simonton had more carries — 18 — than the Irish did yards.

Wide receiver Chad Johnson caught two touchdowns passes, although he was so arrogant he dropped the ball two yards short of the goal line on the first touchdown.

Lucky for him and lucky for the Beavers, the officials didn't notice.

After the first half, the Irish had no defense to speak of, giving up a total of 41 points.

For its part, Oregon State's defensive unit throttled the Irish, holding them to a field goal until the final minutes of regulation.

Even Notre Dame's special unit, one of the nation's best all season long, was undone. Terrell Roberts returned a punt 45 yards for a touchdown, the first return for a touchdown against the Irish all year.

Unfortunately, one big loss overshadowed nine wins.

The team that everyone said didn't have enough talent to survive its rugged regular-season schedule managed a 9-2 record.

They won despite losing starting quarterback Arnaz Battle and senior captain Grant Irons in the second game of the season.

Yet the wins came from oversized hearts, not excessive talent, and that became obvious in the Fiesta Bowl. The Irish have ability, but their youth left them ill prepared for prime-time.

They hid the lack of future NFL stars on their roster all season by avoiding the mistakes, turnovers and penalties that cost them dearly against the Beavers.

Against Oregon State, Notre Dame lost in everything that mattered on the football field, but won in everything that's important in life.

If class, good sportsmanship and intelligence had affected the outcome, the Irish would have fared better.

Oregon State was whistled for a school-record 13 penalties, including several for unsportsmanlike conduct and personal fouls.

Irish tailback Julius Jones came away with the sportsmanship award — taunting the Irish and trash talking didn't win the Beavers any congeniality awards.

As far as brains, Notre Dame boasts the highest graduation rate of any team ranked in the final BCS poll at 82 percent, far better than that of the junior college receptor Oregon State, and this year's team had its highest grade point average ever at 2.67.

Oregon State's dream to cap its two-year program turnaround with a win in a Bowl Championship Series game became a nightmare for Notre Dame as the Beavers took control from the start, crushing the Irish 40-6. Scoring four touchdowns in the third quarter, the Beavers found no competition from the Irish, who only found the end zone once. The Observer

It took a slew of defenders to take down No. 36 Tom Lopienski on his only carry of the game. The junior rushed for zero net yards.

Beaver corner back Keith Heyward-Johnson intercepts a pass by Irish quarterback Matt LoVecchio. The freshman threw for two interceptions, losing for the first time in his career as a starter.
Quarterbacks, fair and big plays mark season highlights

By TIM CASEY
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TEMPF, Ariz. Season-ending musings while reflecting on Cornhusker Red, what exactly the real Rudy said (at the Air Force luncheon), the after

Atop Big God's (Hillard) head, Bob Davie addressing from the coach's box, and Oregon State players acting like they were at Club Med. Here are one man's memorable scenes from the past four months. Too bad only the top 10 moments could make the final list.

♦ Nebraska Fans — Sept. 9 — The night before, honorary alum Dick Vitale addressed the pep rally crowd and told the players to "play hard for 40 minutes." Oigs, baby - Wooo Man. Seven hours later, even the most loyal and optimistic Irish fan had to be disappointed upon viewing college football's version of the Red Scare. As for the game? The Irish competed for 55 minutes and 27 seconds of regulation. Then Bob Davie decided Notre Dame hater extra time to mock the seemingly neutral site atmosphere.

♦ Oregon — Sept. 10 — Arzna Battle made the most of her chance to be the most talked about body part in college football. Said a dis­turbed Davie: "You've all seen how we've evolved as a football team and how much work has gone into this offense. This is a tremendous blow." After a spring, summer and fall installing a Battle-tested offense, Oregon State had 10 days to prepare for Purdue. Lost in the day's events was Grant Iron's season-ending shoulder injury, in retrospect, it's probably best this campus has another year with maybe the nighest student-athlete in the country.

The Irish defense buckled under the pressure and could not contain the Beavers' scoring machine. Guided by quarterback Jonathan Smith, the Beavers ran all over the Irish, amassing 227 yards on the ground to Notre Dame's 17.

The Irish weren't much better in the air. Freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio, solid as a rock in the regular season with a 7-0 record, faltered for the first time, allowing the Beavers to pick off two passes, fum­bling once and getting sacked five times.

Irish backfield Clifford Jeffers makes a tackle as teammate Tony Driver looks on, Jefferson made three tackles in the game.

Cancer kids — Sept. 15 — By far, the season's highlight. I regret missing the pep rally where Scott Delgadillo spoke. Fortunately, earlier that day, I met with another teenage cancer survivor at the weekly football luncheon. John Clary, an amazing, articulate 15-year-old, told me the trip from New York to South Bend with his father. The Clarys shared a story of how Davie and the Irish football program made a memorable impact on their 1999 visit to campus. If only all athletes, coaches and celebrities understood their impact on society.

♦ Godsey vs. Purdue — Sept. 16 — We trusted in Godsey for good reason. With the help of Nick Seita, we made us again question why he ever called the "13-million dollar block?" post-game sobbing ritual. One person with an ounce of compassion had to feel bad for Godsey. Notre Dame Nation caught its first glimpse of Matt LoVecchio. Two wins, two losses, two months until Davie's predicted firing.

♦ Earl block — Oct. 28 — No-brainer. This game featured the most important three quarters imaginable but also the most unexpected finish in recent memory. The players with two first names leapt to block Dave Adams field goal and returned to the ground as an instant Irish legend. How many times have you heard of the "13-million dollar block?" Add one to your previous total.

♦ Godsey post-MSU — Sept. 25 — A 6-foot-7, 250-pound Notre Dame quarterback can't hide from the media after a game. That's what the hero-turned-goat attempted to do. Godsey pulled his suit jacket over his eyes and darts­ed for the bus the next day after a 4-20 passing performance. Any with an ounce of compassion had to feel bad for Godsey. Notre Dame Nation caught its first glimpse of Matt LoVecchio. Two wins, two losses, two months until Davie's predicted firing.

♦ Getherall at BC pep rally — Nov. 2 — Everyone thinks Joey Getherall is tough because he gets pumped. That's true. But how many 21-year old males would cry in front of over 10,000 people when speaking about his collegiate experiences? There haven't been many teams shy on campus since Matt Doherty's post-game sobbing ritual. Getherall will be missed dearly in 2001.

♦ ND players picking up grass after BC win — Nov. 11 — Not the most original idea but it began the first "November to Remember" in Davie's tenure. A year earlier, Boston College's Chris Hovan tore up a piece of grass and paraded around the Stadium. In 2000, Hovan's high school teammate Dave Adams returned the favor. In 50 years, a proud O'Leary will certainly tell his grandchildren the story of his last game with Notre Dame Stadium.

♦ Davie after USC — Nov. 25 — The farewell tour ended with a coach refusing to com-

Irish backfield Clifford Jeffers makes a tackle as teammate Tony Driver looks on, Jefferson never been a part of some­thing like that," Williams said. "This is the worst loss I've been a part of. It's hard, man. I don't want to criticize anyone but overall we need a lot of work. To lose like that, man, is surprising I don't know how that happened. It makes you think.

One final note: (Those fortunate enough to attend the pep rally in Tempe would under­stand.) Although topics changed and subplots varied, one thing remained the same from the assault of the Aggies to the bashing by the Beavers: How 'bout that band!!

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Auriemma blasts team for performance against Irish

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

A normally animated Geno Auriemma sat on a metal chair, hands placed on his knees and fingers interlocked, for a few minutes in the middle of the second half. He started straight ahead and refused to call timeout, despite his team’s obvious difficulties.

“To be honest with you, before the game, during the timeouts in the first half, and at halftime and in the timeouts in the second half, it [talking with his players] didn’t change anything we were doing on the court,” Auriemma said. “So rather than giving them something else that wasn’t going to affect the game, I figured they had a better idea so let’s see if it works.”

It didn’t.

From Niele Ivey’s steal and subsequent layup for the first basket of the game to Imani Dunbar’s three-pointer at the end, the heralded Huskies seemed more confused than confident.

How aggravated was Connecticut’s head coach?

He sarcastically questioned his team’s toughness.

“We have more guys that spend more time in the training room (during practice) than on the court working on their game,” Auriemma said.

Auriemma then criticized his best player.

Shea Ralph, the 1999 Big East Player of the Year and first-team All-American played only 20 minutes, including just six in the second half. She committed zero fouls on the afternoon and suffered no injuries but after an ineffective performance (2 points and 2 assists), Auriemma decided to bench her team’s star with 14:05 remaining.

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Geno Auriemma
Connecticut head coach

her this afternoon,” Auriemma said. “There was no point in just running around out there for no reason.”

Connecticut entered the contest on a 30-game winning streak. Before Monday, the Huskies had outscored their opponents by an average of 36 points per game. Even follow-

ing the loss, Connecticut remains tops in the nation in scoring (91.1 points) and scoring margin (32.4 points), third in field goal percentage (51.6 percent) and seventh in rebounding margin (9.4 boards).

The duo of Swetlana Abrosimova (20 points and 14 rebounds) and Sue Bird (17 points and 6 assists) paced the Huskies. But fellow starters Ralph, Swin Cash (2-for-7 from the field for 7 points) and Kelly Schumacher (2 points and 3 rebounds in only 13 minutes) all struggled.

“I think our team is surprised when teams actually play really, really good against us,” Auriemma said. “That’s how immature some of our players are. They would rather phone ahead and say ‘By the way, here we come and we would like the score in be 52-30 at halftime so could you please go along with that?’ And when it doesn’t go like that, we’re not quite sure how to deal with it this year. That’s the crux of what we’re going through right now.”

The Irish are experiencing far different circumstances.

Yet a mid-January win does not guarantee future success in the postseason. The two teams do not meet again in the regular season but may play in the Big East final on Connecticut’s home floor. Round Three may come in the NCAA tournament.

But for now, the Irish can stake claim as the conference’s top team.
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TOM KEELEY

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BILL AMEND

I MEAN, LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE GOT! AN ADDING MACHINE, LOVING CHILDREN, HOW'S IT GET BETTER THAN THAT?

FOX TROT

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12. Average guy in Spain
13. Northern English pronunciation
14. Keep in a barrel

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Toppling a powerhouse

Irish beat No. 1 Huskies for first time

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Irish senior Ruth Riley looks for an open player Monday in No. 3 Notre Dame's upset over No. 1 UConn. Leading her team in its first win over the Huskies in school history, Riley netted 29 points and brought down 12 rebounds.

FOOTBALL

Beavers take big bite out of Irish, 40-9

By KERRY SMITH
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TEMPE, Ariz.
Soaring highs and plummeting lows were the directions two teams took in the Bowl Championship Series New Years Day Fiesta Bowl, although the results were not what one would have expected a few years ago.

Two years ago, when the Oregon State Beavers were just completing their 28th-consecutive losing season, no one would have expected them to be able to rise to the top of the football rankings with a successful trip to a BCS bowl. Now one, except head coach Dennis Erickson and his band of boasting and brash players.

"This team has always played with confidence," Erickson said. "We have confidence in each other. Good teams have that."

Williams explores NFL draft

By TIM CASEY
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Brock Williams may have played his last game at Notre Dame. The Irish corner back mailed a form to the National Football League offices a few days after the Irish loss in the Fiesta Bowl requesting to see where the league projected him to be selected in the upcoming draft. According to Notre Dame football administrator Nick Carparelli, an NFL official called Williams and coach Bob Davie last week and projected Williams to be selected in the third or fourth round.

"I don't know how reliable those predictions are," Carparelli said. "Certainly if they are not reliable, a kid could get hurt in the long run."

When reached on Tuesday, Williams refused to comment on his future plans. Williams sat out the entire 1999 season for disciplinary reasons so he is eligible to apply for a fifth year.

Following the Fiesta Bowl, Williams confirmed that he had contacted Carparelli a few weeks earlier.

"The coaches will probably be shocked at what I'm saying but that's the way I'm feeling," Williams said. "I'll let them know."

Just minutes earlier, Williams said he "went from decided to undecided" regarding his decision to return for a sustained a period of offensive consistency, as the Irish avenged 11 previous losses to the defending national champ.