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The strength it takes to stay
Editor's note: In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations on campus, The Observer explores diversity issues in a four-part series. Part two examines the issues confronting minority retention at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

† SM C retention rates fall in classes of 2002, 2003
By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

In a sea of white faces, Deontraneze Thompson stands out in the crowd.

On a campus where African-American students make up 8 percent of the student body, standing out isn't a choice for Thompson -- it's her life. Life for Thompson has meant becoming used to walking into a classroom knowing that she will be the only African-American student there. It's been becoming used to the looks she gets when she walks across campus, and being one of the only African-American women in her residence hall.

But that doesn't mean she's comfortable with standing out.

"I'm usually the only black student in my classes," Thompson said. "When I walk into a classroom, and everyone is the same, I stick out. I don't have the benefit of skipping class and not being noticed."

Thompson, a native of Birmingham, Ala., said that when she toured Saint Mary's as a senior in high school, she realized: "If this wasn't a civil rights movement we wouldn't be here in Washington."

Eye opening weekend
Arriving Saturday and Sunday morning, students from the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community were on hand to witness several historical events, including the presidential inauguration and the 28th annual Right for Life March.

The weekend-long festivities centered on the continuing debate over a woman's right to choose. The March was held in conjunction with a conference held at Georgetown University Sunday afternoon. Speakers, including Father Frank Pavone, director of Priests for Life, and Kathy Cleaver, Pro-Life secretariat to the US council of bishops, addressed issues surrounding the abortion debate and the Right to Life movement.

"They talked about a few things I never knew. It was refreshing to be with a lot of people who feel the same way I do," said Erica DeVoir, a Saint Mary's student.

ND and SMC students flood to Washington pro-life march

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

In the 28 years since the Supreme Court legalized abortion in the controversial Roe vs. Wade case, pro-life supporters have annually marched in Washington, D.C., to show their opposition to the decision.

This year was no different.

Flooded the nation's capital Monday afternoon, more than 100,000 protesters from every corner of the United States joined in this year's March for Life. Included in that crowd were 355 students from the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community, the largest college group at the March.

"Even as Americans, not just Christians, we believe in the value of human dignity," said Kaitlyn Dudley, Notre Dame Right to Life president. "If this wasn't a civil rights movement we wouldn't be here in Washington."

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ND senior Mario Suarez said he was particularly struck by the surveys and polls conducted by Cleaver.

She has studied how people perceive pro-lifers and pro-choicers. She reported that the first word that comes to mind in association with the term 'pro-life' is 'bomb,' Suarez said. "That is hard to take, because I'd like to think that we are following the pattern of Martin Luther King.

Following the conference, students attended a Mass for Life at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception along with hundreds of other pro-life supporters. Despite cramped seating that spread onto the floor, aisles and corners, DeVoir said the Mass was one of the trip's highlights.

"It was amazing and the music was beautiful. It really helped me put this trip into focus," she said. "I was beautiful. It really helped me put this trip into focus," she said.

Prior to the March, thousands gathered at the base of the Washington Monument for a rally
INSIDE COLUMN

Can you say penis?

I have not seen or read "The Vagina Monologues," and consequently, my article is not "clothed on the play itself." I am concerned whether or not it remains on Saint Mary's campus; frankly, I am not capable of making an educated judgment.

Nonetheless, it is very evident what the ideological motivations are behind the play's material. Based on articles I have read concerning the "Monologues," it seems as though the vagina is meant to represent a new age in feminism. In this mutated version of pure and noble femininity, a woman's body becomes a sexual symbol somehow representative of the female spirit.

How is "allowing women to talk about their bodies," their vaginas and sex in any way an uplifting and productive avenue for modern-day feminists to pursue? What can possibly be accomplished from speaking of pure and noble femininity? In this mutated version of pure and noble femininity, a woman's body becomes a sexual symbol somehow representative of the female spirit.

I am only the one confused by this bold statement. First of all, by using the vagina to represent the feminist movement, proponents are in essence confining the woman to her sexual affiliation. The core purpose of feminism, as far as I am aware, is to prevent discrimination against people based on their sexuality. It is important for women to be treated as equals with men in society. It is imperative that women and men receive the same educational and professional opportunities. Women and men alike must be treated with basic human rights. Rape and abuse of women should not be tolerated and safeguards should be in place to prevent and punish such actions.

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Iowa State U. regents select Geoffroy

"I'm just delighted to have this opportunity to lead this wonderful university." Gregory Geoffroy

New President

University, and James Melia, dean of engineering at Iowa State.

Board of Regents President Owen Newlin said the regents chose Geoffroy for his experience with academics at land-grant universities.

"Dr. Geoffroy has experience as a professor, a department head, a dean, a provost and an acting president," Newlin said. "Some of these experiences occurred at two different land-grant institutions, so he understands the complexities of the land-grant university."

Geoffroy was also one of three presidential finalists at University of Kentucky at Lexington. He called Kentucky before the formal announcement to inform them of his acceptance of Iowa State's offer. The Kentucky board was to vote on their new president tonight.

Geoffroy said he picked Iowa State over Kentucky because of the people he met while visiting the campus and because of his scientific background.

"Both are fine universities, and I just think that Iowa State is a better match for my own background and interests," he said. "It has great strength in the sciences and technology, and it just felt right."

The Answer Weather forecast for noon, Wednesday, Jan. 24. (Click on this forecast to see high temperatures for the day.)

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NORTHERN IOWA UNIVERSITY

Study to deal truth on gambling

EVANSTON, III.

Six hundred Northwestern University students chosen at random received surveys last week for a national study assessing gambling practices on college campuses.

The 21-question survey, conducted by the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, asks students' involvement in a variety of gambling practices such as purchasing lottery tickets, playing casino games and betting on sports. "We hear a lot about gambling on college campuses," said Mary Doer, assistant vice president for student affairs. "But no one really knows the extent to which students are gambling." The NU athletic department has coped with gambling problems in the past couple years. Kyle Coughlin, interim director of media services for the athletic department, said sports-related gambling is not exclusive to NU. "It's an epidemic across all collegiate athletics," Coughlin said. "Obviously, Northwestern has had a dark time with gambling, but we've come to accept that and get past it."

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Clinton pardons alumn for protest

ST. LOUIS, Mo.

On his final day in office, former President Bill Clinton granted 140 pardons, one of which fell upon Washington University alum Howard Mechanic. In 1970, Mechanic was arrested for throwing a cherry bomb at the Army ROTC building on the WU campus during an anti-war protest. After his arrest, Mechanic fled, escaping his five-year sentence. He lived in Phoenix for more than twenty years under the alias Gary Tredway before being discovered by a local reporter during Mechanic's campaign for city council in Scottsdale. Associate Professor of History Henry Berger was impressed with the support for Mechanic's pardon nationwide. "There was a tremendous amount of effort across the country," said Berger, who noted that support was offered from both "the famous and the not-so-famous." Mechanic joined 129 others on Clinton's list of pardons. Clinton's pardons were announced on his final day in office.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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The observer • inside

Wednesday, January 24, 2001
Harvard prof voices racial issues

By KIFLIN TURNER
News Writer

Cornel West on Tuesday urged the continuation of education through open discourse in promoting awareness of the unsettling social situations that continue to exist not only in America, but also in the international sphere.

"I hope I say something that thoroughly unsettles you," West said. "There's a transformative possibility in the very experience of critical questioning and doubting, and interrogating whatever the dogmas." West said.

It "takes a village to plant the future," was the theme of the renowned Harvard professor's lecture to the Notre Dame community as a part of three days of Martin Luther King Jr. celebrations on campus.

"Martin Luther King Jr. comes out of a tradition of a particular people who are curious people of a certain kind of dogmas—especially the dogmas of white supremacy," he said. West argued against the complicity and the stagnation of thought and action, and instead promoted hope of a progressive movement towards reform.

Looking at the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and not only him, because he's not to be viewed as an icon put on a pedestal to be worshiped—he's a man in an ocean—he's part of a tradition of vital vibrant tradition.

Dispelling the notion that tradition is inheritable, West affirmed that tradition is something that the generations must fight for in order to preserve its authenticity.

"We're talking about a tradition of struggle when we talk about Martin Luther King Jr.," he said.

The struggle is to define what it is to be human in a society that has historically denied the right of humanity to Americans.

"For a particular people who have their humanity systematically and thoroughly called into question every day of their lives the question of what it means to be human takes on some urgency," said West. The struggles towards egalitarian and modern African-Americans are often permeated by a psychic violence of self-hating in a society that degrades and deigns, said West.

"What is slavery but social death?" asked West, citing that the early existences of African slaves was devoid of equal social status and value.

Years later, this demeaning process of objectifying a people and their history has not only survived but it is a psychological barrier that often prevents social progress and denies the rights of African-Americans today through negative images portrayed through pop-culture and the media.

The concept of a global village was the goal of King in establishing an interdependent community that strives to strengthen an inclusive democracy by ensuring the equal rights of all its members through education and discourse.

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Sex Offense Services undergoes changes

By NICK SWEEDO
News Writer

Sex Offense Services, the organization which has served the Notre Dame community and Saint Joseph County for 27 years, has a new name, a new logo, and a new program. The organization, which handles rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and other sex offenses, will now officially be called the S-O-S, which is the traditional call for help.

Along with the new name comes the new symbol for the center, a starfish. Laurel Eslinger, the director of the center, thought to make the starfish the official S-O-S logo after reading "The Star Thrower," a short story by Loren Eiseley.

The new logo was designed by a former Notre Dame student, Alicia Reintz. The starfish is clearly visible at S-O-S, even in Eslinger's office. "I have been given gifts of starfish," she said. "I have a beautiful gold starfish bracelet, starfish ornaments, and even real starfish."

Additionally, the center has a new program called DOVE which will help victims of domestic violence. Another branch of the DOVE program is called RAP (Relationships are Positive). This program, which teaches positive dating relationships, will be presented to local middle schools and high schools in the area.

The first of 11 training sessions for new volunteers is on Feb. 1 from 6 to 9 pm at the center on East Madison Street.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer must first contact Eslinger for an application at 219-283-1308.

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ized the diversity numbers were low. However, coming from a predominantly African-American elementary school, she didn’t think that race was going to be a problem.
It was.
"I’m not back because Saint Mary’s is such a great place — I’m back because it’s a good business decision to leave."
-Apryl Underwood
sophomore in Saint Mary’s

While minority student retention rate was within 3 percen
tage of the majority retention rate for the academic years of 1996, 2000, and 2001, those numbers have been a concern. In 2001, Saint Mary’s was retaining an average of 84 percent of minority students through the second half of the academic year. Minority retention dropped by 14 percent in the year 2000, and the numbers rebounded slightly for the class of 2003, minority retention for the current year’s more diverse class stands at only 74 percent.

However, last year’s total minority enrollment of only 7.1 percent campus wide, losing even a few minority students can make the statistical differences seem huge. While there is a 14 percent drop off in retention between the classes of 2001 and 2002, the college is concerned about minority students in 1998 because they had in 1997. Minority enrollment is already low, however, students assert that losing even one minority student community makes a significant impact.

"There are so few of us, that for one of us to leave, it’s a definite blow to the community," said Myra McGriff, a sophomore African-American student who heads Sisters of the Multicultural Student Association (MUS). MUS aims to bring cultural awareness to campus.

"When even one of us leaves, it’s a huge loss," McGriff said.

Yet while overall minority retention remains consistently high in comparison with the national average, Saint Mary’s retention rates for Latina students have been higher than the national average for the past two years.

According to President of La Fuerza, an outreach group that is comprised primarily of Latina and Hispanic-American students, believes the difference in retention is a result of the increasing diversity in the community.

"Because there are more of us, we’re able to see, communicate, and relate to each other," said. "If students relate to students, or relate to a faculty member, I would be inclined to guess if this is the place for me. It’s easier for us because there are more of us."

"I’ve become a lot more present on campus," Diaz said.

Saint Mary’s African-American enrollment has consistently exceeded other minority group enrollment on campus for the past decade, and the group makes up the majority of the minority population on campus. Even though there are 70 Latina students enrolled at Saint Mary’s, however, the numbers do not rid them of the adjustment problems that other minority groups face.

Lilly Morales, a Mexican-American student originally from Brownsville, Texas, noticed immediately that she was in the minority when she arrived on campus in 1998. Having spent four years at St. Mary’s, she believes that the American students during the application process, she was caught by surprise that she couldn’t identify anyone of her race.

"My first year here, I saw nobody who was Mexican-American," Morales said. "I checked in my room, and walked through the door, and all of my roommates were white. I was scared out of my mind," she said. "I asked them whether the bed was sleeping in it, left, and I didn’t come back until after that night."

Morales' adjustment was made easier through connections she began to make with the Hispanic-American community at Saint Mary’s. "I don’t feel like you’re always hitting walls, and boring. And I’ve never been disappointed — the group will dissolve," she said critical to keeping her here. "I wouldn’t have made it to my junior year [without them]." Morales added, "Most of the student body are very close minded, and don’t want to see the word diversity. Sometimes, it’s just been ridiculous, the comments people make. Being here would be very difficult if I didn’t have anyone to speak Spanish with. It helps, because they can’t tell me. Don’t take what people say so seriously." Morales said.

The La Fuerza program, in conjunction with the Office of Multicultural Affairs, makes efforts to reach Latina students before they even set foot on campus through a pen pal program. Students known to have support system early on in their college experience is important, Diaz said.

"It’s not polite to have Saint Mary’s comprised of different cultures and showcase one without recognizing the other ones," Underwood said.

"They chose the theme because there are more Latinas at Saint Mary’s, and it’s not fair that they’re educating the entire freshman class about that culture," Diaz said. "I feel that this educates about our culture, Thomas said.

While the numbers of Hispanic-American students are relatively high among the minority enrollment at Saint Mary’s, there are still fewer of them than the number of African-American students, admissions officers do recognize that improvement is needed in recruiting and retaining African-American students. Affiliations in programs such as the National Hispanic Organization simply do a better job of making connections with Latina communities, said Mona Carrandi de Bowie, associate director of admissions, who specializes in multicultural recruiting. While the admissions office is working on making new connections with programs that specialize in African-American connections, such as the American-Chicana culture, some other are nearly impossible.

''You can’t have a club if there’s only 10 people on campus, and not all 10 participate," said Apple. "You feel like it’s your job to always be there, and always be the one to approach people."

"It’s also difficult for the African-American community to watch the College continue to lose diversity through programs such as this fall’s Chicana 2000 program, a series of lectures and coursework designed to raise awareness about the Chicana culture. While some African-American students feel the College’s commitment to diversity is important, they feel their own diverse experiences are being lost.

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"There is an equal push for African-American and Latina students," Carrandi de Bowie said. "The College don’t differen
tiate when we put together diversity goals. We talk about groups equally. It just happens that [Saint Mary’s] is a better fit for one group than another."

That fit has a lot to do with the Catholic nature of the College. Carrandi de Bowie said, which is a robock to admitting African-American students.

"I’m reluctant to make gener­alizations, but a lot of Latino students are from families that are comfortable sending their daughters to a Catholic women’s college," she said. "If an African-American student who isn’t Catholic isn’t comfortable with their religion, the Catholic envi­ronment can be a determinant."

While the Latina population has grown faster than the African-American population on campus, there have been low minority enrollment lingers at just 7.1 percent. When minority students only make up 111 faces on a campus of 1565, regardless of race, the experience is a difficult one. Surviving as a minority is a task that takes determination, willpower, and pride, says several minority students.

"If you’re really serious about your education, you need to have the guts (Spanish for will to get) to work twice as hard as the others," Underwood said. "I want to know how many Caucasian girls on this campus could go to an all-black school. That’s how special you have to be to be a black girl at an all-white school."

Regina Diaz
president of La Fuerza
Texas fugitive’s hideout raided

Associated Press

WOODLAND PARK
The seven escaped convicts from Texas played loud Christian music in their cramped RV perhaps to make themselves look innocent and God-fearing and kept mostly to themselves as they hid out in this peaceful town for three weeks.

At least one of the men attended Bible study sessions and befriended several residents, who were impressed with his knowledge of Scripture.

Several frequented a coffee shop. Some even felt safe enough to go drinking and dancing in area nightclubs. But they kept their heads down while walking past others through the itinerant workers’ mobile home park where their RV was parked. And at least two had disguised themselves by dyeing their hair.

Woodland Park Police Sgt. Bill Sumner speculated the men played Christian music for well-calculated reasons.

“That’s what I’d do in a heartbreak,” Sumner said. “The No. 1 way to look innocent and innocent is to look real religious.”

He said he wasn’t surprised the men melted into the town without arouses suspicion. “They were part of the community for the time they were here.”

One of the biggest manhunt in the Southwest’s history ended Monday for five of the convicts. Four were arrested peacefully and a fifth killed himself in the motor home at the Gauchight Motel and RV Park rather than surrender to law officers who had the place surrounded.

The two other convicts remained at large Tuesday as state and federal officers pursued thousands of leads.

A van used by the missing two was found abandoned in a Colorado Springs motel parking lot Tuesday, and authorities checked hotel for the men. The van was said to contain duffel bags, maps and hair color.

Federal firearms charges were dismissed Tuesday against the four in custody to expedite their transfer to Texas, where they could face the death penalty on state murder charges in the slaying of a policeman during a holdup at a sporting goods store.

Chile

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Police search for suspects in stolen ATVs: Police searched Tuesday for the remaining suspect after two men stole all-terrain vehicles from a dealership, then shot at the owner as he chased them on a third four-wheeler. Police arrested Edward White Jr., 28, of Terre Haute on Monday night and charged him with theft.

Two men wearing camouflage clothing and black ski masks had stolen new, red Polaris four-wheelers from Linton Cycle Sales about 3 p.m. Monday.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTIAGO

Gen. Augusto Pinochet was interrogated Tuesday by the judge seeking to try him on human rights charges, the last step needed to decide whether to press charges against the former dictator despite his poor health.

Judge Juan Guzman was inside Pinochet’s heavily guarded suburban Santiago mansion for two hours and 15 minutes.

Details on their meeting — through the intercom work — were not immediately available.

But Hiram Villagrasa, a lawyer for the prosecution, said he was told that Pinochet denied responsibility for the “Caravan of Death,” a military group that executed 75 political prisoners shortly after the 1973 coup that Pinochet led. That report was also carried by local radio stations.

According to an official report by the civilian government that succeeded Pinochet in 1990, at least 3,200 people were killed for political reasons and another 1,177 disappeared during his 1973-1990 dictatorship. But the Caravan of Death may be the incident that ends up dragging him to trial: Guzman has been trying to indict the 85-year-old Pinochet for atrocities committed by the military group.

Guzman has indicted Pinochet last month, but the charges were dropped by the Supreme Court because the judge failed to first interrogate Pinochet — a requirement he fulfilled Tuesday. After the failed indictment, Pinochet underwent four days of mental and neurological tests that showed he suffers from “moderate dementia,” a diagnosis that could influence Guzman’s decision on whether to press for a trial.

Tuesday’s interrogation was the last legal step before Guzman makes his decision. He did not comment, but another prosecution lawyer’s statement seemed to indicate that a re-indictment was on the horizon.

“This is a historic day because dictator has for the first time submitted himself to a judge,” said lawyer Eduardo Contrera.
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While the questions usually are not vicious and stems mostly from curiosity and a desire to understand other cultures, the questions weigh heavily on minority students at Notre Dame.

"Some people don't want that extra burden," said Patrick Parks, a senior anthropology major who is conducting a study on Notre Dame's retention of minority students. "Because academic pressure here at Notre Dame is already strenuous, having that extra burden is something that causes stress for a lot of students."

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Patrick Parks
ND senior anthropology major

Sometimes they aren't even cognizant of how much weight that is bearing on them and causing them to falter in other aspects of society.

Uplifting the spirits of those who must bear this burden is one of the keys to retaining minority students, according to Chandra Johnson, co-chair of the University's recruitment and retention committee. Services provided by MSPS and multicultural clubs are the key to invigorating minority students. The sense of a community among multicultural students can be lost when they are dispersed in the all-white general population. The clubs and MSPS programs help minority students find a familiar face.

"When you know that a community represents who you are, you are strengthened when you go out into mainstream and do your thing," Johnson said. "Because you have seen a group - a cross section of how small - there is a group of people who represent who you are and have the same experiences. They smell the same. They do their hair the same. They understand your joke. It's a strengthening tool."

Veronica Trevino, an Hispanic freshman from California, agrees with Johnson. "It think the different programs available to minorities help retain students," she said. "Just knowing that there are other minorities on this campus and knowing that there are organizations on this campus helps a lot."

While the multicultural clubs and services may renew minority students' spirits, Parks, an African-American, has found that it is important that minority students are also active in mainstream activities as well.

"Researchers have said it takes a minority student who will take on a minority ideology in order to succeed in a predominantly all-white environment," he said. "What that means is that they can't take a nationalist approach and stick with their own kind. The researchers believe that Hispanics who branch out to different communities, like the overall community."

While not every student chooses to join only multicultural clubs and spend time only with minority students is destined to dislike Notre Dame, Parks believes that students who integrate themselves into the general community are more likely to thrive.

"I've seen some students who are really active within their communities but don't branch out very much and they have been successful," he said. "But in my experience that is a rarity here."

So somehow at Notre Dame, minority students must become, in a sense, super minorities. They must bear the burden of curiosity from their white classmates. They must become active members of their own ethnic communities and help support each other. They must join other clubs and activities to engrain themselves in mainstream culture. And somehow, amid all their extra-curricular activity, they must keep up with Notre Dame's rigorous class work.

Some students will under this pressure and transfer. Others, like Nikki McCord, a sophomore from Dallas who is involved with several multicultural programs and the seniors from Park Hill East, thrive. "I think Notre Dame wants those types of students who are going to, in their own way, enrich the lives of people at the University."

Nikki McCord
ND sophomore

University was serious about addressing their concerns.

"(Racism) is such a part of our social history for so long," Johnson said. "Notre Dame has made tremendous strides to not necessarily rectify them but recognize these things can indeed hurt and effect a group of people."

Until the day when a greater understanding of the many cultures at Notre Dame is reached, students from different backgrounds will continue to bear the standard for their ethnicity. But each minority student that comes to Notre Dame and stays at Notre Dame lightens the burden on their classmates a little bit. In the meantime, the super minorities will continue to support each other and wait for the day when they are no longer a rarity.

"I tell students who are struggling at Notre Dame that by one student coming to Notre Dame, they are doing their part to ensure that this is a diverse campus and that each student can add their own diversity to the Notre Dame community," McCord said.

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Students comment on DC journey

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

In Saturday evening's darkness, 23 Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students left the comfort and familiarity of their campuses to join 330 of their fellow classmates in search of a cause. In what some may consider an ironic twist, these students depended on a bus driver named Moses to lead them to their glory, the March for Life in Washington DC.

With the hum of the bus as constant background noise, students aboard Bus 157 had plenty of time to reflect on why they chose to give up a weekend at college. "I think it's a worthwhile cause," said Angela Scuiletti, a freshman at Saint Mary's. "I was a little kid." "I feel strongly against abortion. My parents and faith encouraged me to be against abortion," said Holy Cross sophomore Kevin Potello.

Additionally, students chose to make the 12-hour drive because they want Washington politicians to recognize the pro-life side of the raging abortion debate. "I would like to see Bush overturn Roe vs. Wade," said Notre Dame freshman Dave Vosburg.

"Hopefully politicians will take notice," said Kevin Somok, a freshman at Notre Dame. "I'd like to see a partial birth abortion ban, and I'd like to see politicians create a Constitutional amendment against abortion altogether." Notre Dame Right to Life president Kaitlyn Dudley said the March is about more than just overturning Roe vs. Wade, the 28-year old Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in all 50 states. "The March is about rejuvenating the movement. The work we do is so discouraging because the press is very biased against the pro-life movement." Dudley said. "This is one of those really emotional issues. We will not let it go away."

Bus captain Erica DeVoir agreed. "I think the media overall is pro-choice," she said. "The connotations in the words they use to describe us are harmful. Instead of calling us 'pro-life' they refer to us as 'anti-choice' or 'anti-abortion rights.'"

As the bus continued on through the night, students twisted and turned uncomfortably in search of the most comfortable sleeping position. However, weary eyes were apparent the next morning upon arrival in the gray morning hours. "I could not fall asleep and I am exhausted now," said Saint Mary's freshman Kim Manus as she carried her bags into the hotel. "Despite the rough ride last night, I think this is going to be a really good experience."

The other 330 Notre Dame students who had arrived a day earlier greeted the 23 from Bus 157. As these students from the Notre Dame community gathered together to share in a weekend of marching and protesting, they were nourished with a little taste of home - a Grab N Go breakfast.

Notre Dame senior wins Marshall award

By SHEILA FLYNN
News Writer

When British Ambassador Sir Christopher Meyer read the list of prestigious Marshall scholars on Dec. 2, 2000, Notre Dame senior David Swinarski was proud, surprised and excited to learn that he earned a two year scholarship to Oxford. The Marshall scholarships were established after World War II in 1953 as a British gesture of thanks for the aid extended to Europe by the United States as part of the Marshall plan. They are awarded to American students who have demonstrated academic excellence and leadership potential, and enable these scholars to continue their studies for two years at any British university, all expenses paid.

Swinarski gave most of the credit for his scholarship to the Notre Dame community and the opportunities he has had as a student. "I could not have assembled the application I submitted if not for the many opportunities I have had at Notre Dame," he said. "Many of the core experiences which have been essential dimensions of my life as an undergraduate are not available in exactly the same way at other institutions."

During his three and a half years at Notre Dame, Swinarski has been active in community service and sang in the Notre Dame folk choir.

Swinarski said he chose to attend Oxford because its "mathematics department is one of the best in the world. On the whole, Oxford is one of the best universities in the world, which is important to me because I have interests outside the sciences, namely literature, music, and liberation theology. Oxford colleges are even stronger social units than dorms at Notre Dame, combining academics with residential life and sports and music etc. I hope to live in one of the older colleges and connect with a group of people I would never have met if I stayed in America."

After completing a master's degree program in mathematics at Oxford, Swinarski plans on pursuing a doctorate in math and, ultimately, to teach and conduct research at the university level. "It'll be a fun two years," he said. "I'll get my feet wet in the waters of mathematical research, and then I'll return to the U.S. to finish my Ph.D."
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Monday afternoon with signs, pamphlets and banners to listen to the pro-life politicians in Washington today. Various congressmen and senators were on hand to encourage the crowd to persevere in their fight against abortion.

Nelly Gray, March for Life organizer, discussed her goals and strategies for the coming year and beyond.

"The job of stopping abortion in America is for every American. It is a matter of responsibility of every citizen to stop it, even if they are caught up in it," Gray said to the many protesters as they shivered in the cold.

Despite the inclusion of Jewish rabbis from New York, the rally maintained a tight Christian focus. Priests and pastors from several Christian denominations were present to urge the crowd to continue the battle, and Christian music played to welcome the protest.

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"This really is a pro-life rally," said Notre Dame senior Amy Szeleski. "It's a very positive experience for most. Everyone knows what they are for." Dudley said. "We represented the best in the pro-life movement.

Extending the March

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Protestors from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's gather in front of the Washington Monument during the Right to Life March Monday. The March attracted students from across the country.

The March

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What are we? *

PRO-LIFE!

Singing the Notre Dame fight song and shouting modified chants in a spirit reminiscent of a football pep rally, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students strove to make their presence felt throughout the duration of the March for Life. Despite the thick crowd, Notre Dame was recognized as a force in the March.

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Beginning at the Ellipse near the Washington Monument and leading up to the Supreme Court, the March was felt throughout the city. Traffic was stopped for the hour-long protest.

"We are not the only vocal group during the March. A wide range of organizations were present, including National Cops for Life, Orthodox Christians for Life, as well as groups from all 50 states. Dudley said. "We are not the only vocal group during the March."

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Bush pushes education blueprint

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush is seeking $26.5 billion to overhaul public education, focusing on school improvement, and called his proposal "a giant leap for all children." The funds would significantly expand the amount of federal money spent on education, with most of the money going to schools that fail to meet standards. Bush's speech followed a two-day "education summit," attended by governors, lawmakers, governors, education officials, and business leaders. Bush's proposal includes vouchers, which would allow parents to use public money to pay for private school tuition. The proposal also includes block grants to states to improve public schools, and new programs to increase teacher quality and accountability. Bush said his proposal is based on the premise that "people who are not motivated to learn will not learn." He also said the proposal would provide "choices that are both practical and compassionate." The proposal was met with mixed reactions, with some lawmakers and educators expressing concerns about the cost and the potential for increased privatization. The proposal has been a major issue in the 2001 state legislative sessions, with many states considering their own education reform initiatives. The Associated Press

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WASHINGTON

Colin Powell had a sympathetic ear when he said "we need to do better" staffing the State Department and taking care of its facilities abroad. Career diplomats are concerned about the dilapidated conditions of embassies overseas and the perception that some ambassadors "are little more than errand boys for Washington." The Foreign Service is beset with morale problems, but Powell is looking to turn that around. "I'm going to be asking many of you to come up and tell me directly what you think," Powell said Monday, his first workday as secretary of state. "I want to make things move faster, cut through things more quickly.... You are the experts, I want to hear from you as directly as I can, with minimum number of layers in between." The initial reaction among Foreign Service workers was positive. John Noland, a vice president with the American Foreign Service Association, said the union enthusiastically endorses Powell's pledge "to bring more resources and better management" to the Department of State. "That is exactly what is needed to make the department a more effective agent of U.S. international leadership," he said. Powell's confirmation hearing last week, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff drew a comparison between U.S. embassies in the Balkans and an upscale military camp for U.S. GIs in Kosovo. "If you visited some of the dilapidated embassies and other facilities in the region, you would wonder whether the same government was taking care of them," he said. "That's not right." "And if we want to do the people's work, then we must give them the resources they need to do it," he said.

Still, Myles Frechette, a retired former ambassador to Cameroon (1983-87) and Colombia (1994-97) believes the halcyon days of the Foreign Service may be over. "The superb communications we have today have been used by the Department to micromanage," Frechette said. "The ambassadors are little more than errand boys for Washington. They are told how to say everything. The people who are sending instructions are really mediocre. There is hardly ever any reward for courage. And what has happened over many secretaries of state has been a gradual erosion of the sense of uniqueness of the Foreign Service and what it could do." AFSWA, the union that represents the career diplomats, complains that more and more jobs are being turned over to career civil servants at the expense of the Foreign Service. During Madeleine Albright's tenure at State, there was a widespread perception that she relied on a tight inner circle of advisors, ignoring in large measure the Foreign Service.

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Bush must confront darker issues

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. It is the newly formed president’s duty, as well as ours, to extend the history of American promise into another chapter of American greatness. Inaugural addresses are calls to arms in this titanic struggle and in his. During the week that he was inaugurated, President George W. Bush declared that “in the quiet of American conscience we know that deep, persistent poverty is unworthy of our nation’s promise.”

First, 25 youths ranging in age from 12 to 27 gang-raped a 13-year-old mentally disabled girl in Georgia. The assaults, which took place more than six hours following a high school football game in an impoverished Atlanta neighborhood, happened in two abandoned apartments in the same complex and were videotaped by participants.

On the same day that police drew blood from suspects in the Atlanta rapes for DNA tests, news emerged of another similar gang rape in Berkeley, Calif., involving a mentally disabled 12-year-old girl and boys aged 11 to 16. The girl was held down by the boys, who raped her in 11 different locations over the course of an afternoon.

The sheer horror of these crimes was eclipsed only by the media’s failure to report them widely. Caught up in the election and its aftermath, few reporters commented on the heinous nature of the crimes or related the crimes to either candidate’s domestic policy platform.

Had they occurred a week earlier in the election cycle, the people might have placed a higher priority on the social services each candidate pledged to fight for. Bush might not have been elected the 43rd President of the United States and the inaugural address he gave last Saturday might have been given by Al Gore instead.

In that case, the loudest applause given by the crowd gathered at the Mall might not have been in response to a call for tax cuts, a policy hailed that morning in The New York Times by William F. Buckley, Jr., as the most morally pressing matter Bush can attend to at the outset of his presidency. “He must avoid the endless argument about whom to benefit, whom to deprive,” Buckley said and instead end “the moral problem in the government’s withdrawing from the taxpayers’ pockets more than is required.”

In the context of the rapes which occurred in early November and the high rates of violent crime of which they are part, Bush’s emphasis on tax cuts seems ill-fitted to our nation’s needs and Buckley’s pronouncement, which trumpeted them as the foremost moral priority, perverse.

The challenge of our times may not be as acute as racial segregation or the threat of Nazi tyranny, to which Bush alluded in his address, but the subtle effects of economic inequality and the breakdown of the American family have equally profound consequences. According to the National Office for Juvenile Justice, each high school dropout who turns to a life of crime and drugs costs society $2.2 to $3 million, which, in a society that values youth, should move us to pay for social services now rather than later.

Into this mess comes the relative inexperience of Bush, whose Vice President voted against Head Start and among whose first official acts was to declare Sunday a national day of prayer and thanksgiving.

Asking Americans to “bow their heads in humility before our heavenly Father” as well as making eight explicitly religious references during his 14-minute inaugural speech worries those who know it will take a lot more than prayer to solve our social problems.

Bush’s inaugural rendition of the time-honored slogans of our democracy, of living in a “new world that became a friend and liberator of the old” and “a slave-holding society that became a servant of freedom,” do not match the age in which we live so much as his other comments on the persistence of poverty, at-risk children and prisons.

While triumph is part of our history, so too is the economic and social conditions that fostered the brutal gang rape of two mentally retarded children.

Keeping this in mind helps explain why the pageantry of democracy surrounding Bush’s address did not suffice to assuage the unease felt by many at entrusting the fate of our nation to an executive who prefers short work days and whose background does not seem to include involvement with the issues he is now charged to address. And while his inaugural may not have fully come to terms with the darker side of American society, we can only hope his presidency will.

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Eugene V. Debs, socialist

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“While there is a lower class, I am in it; while there is a criminal element, I am of it; while there is a soul in prison, I am not free.”

Eugene V. Debs

socialist
SC strives to build community

Consider this example. Imagine walking into your classroom today and seeing half of the students missing, not to return. Imagine returning to your residence hall or apartment building this evening to visit with friends and realizing that your neighbors have moved away without the opportunity to say goodbye. Imagine returning home for break to find neighbors, friends and family members gone.

I share this example in hopes that we might begin to understand what it means to lose a community. The example seems nonexistent in this setting. Though marked with diversity of experience, it is almost certain that the majority of students and faculty feel a sense of "place" on our campus.

I witnessed this phenomenon of community disintegration last year as I worked with high school-aged children, residents of the Robert Taylor Homes public housing community in Chicago, Ill. and their families, community leaders and teachers. As many of you may know or have studied, the public housing program in Chicago has been a marked failure. For Robert Taylor, the largest public housing development in the nation, this failure culminated last year in the decision to demolish the buildings and relocate its residents.

Time and space prevent thorough discussion of motivations for and logistics of this decision; my focus here is the reality that "community" is fragile and can be taken for granted. Teachers shared with me their struggle to keep open the community of students and the challenges of seeing students and neighbors transferred away. Families, many with several generations living within the development, were no longer neighbors.

What did this transition mean for this community? Turbulence, inconsistency and distrust, to start. All of these are disastrous to children and families, particularly those whose lives have been marked with struggle. The organization at which I worked, Chicago Area Project, recognized this and attempted to address it. The youth of the community enrolled in our program who rediscovered human connection or tutoring or other typical youth activities and encompassed community-building. Our program involved the youth of the housing development in designing and implementing many community-service projects, which was a wonderful concept.

So-called "at-risk" youth, who typically exist on the receiving end of service projects, then led their own volunteer projects for their families and neighbors — fostering leadership and pride in their community and building where others have torn down. And despite what you may have heard on your campus, there exist many youth right here in the South Bend community embarking on such endeavors in their challenged neighborhoods. Working with them has brought me tremendous joy and hope.

I share this experience to ask that this new year brings us all to fill the essential role of community-builders. Working with several social service organizations in South Bend and Chicago, I have seen and felt the reality that community can be transient and fragmented, but that it can also be strong and sturdy in those communities that are often ignored or misjudged.

I will introduce many of you to an experience in the course I teach on Business Ethics, a course that involves undergraduate business students performing volunteer service at sites throughout the area, aimed and transformed by what they do in their volunteer efforts. So many of them expressed amazement in themselves and their tremendous abilities to serve and the remarkable abilities of many in their communities that often are described as "only poor" or "at-risk." My students saw so much more. I am certain that many will continue their commitment long after the course is complete.

We’ve all heard about the “global community.” If we acknowledge the reality that communities across the world are increasingly interacting and working together, we must realize the fundamental need for strong and capable community units. We must recognize that community functions only to the extent that its members participate — community is something that must be built and, when it exists, must be nourished. Community depends on the sustenance of its members and is crucial to the economic and social future of groups of people.

Our Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, Holy Cross and South Bend communities comprise one large family. Many of us are surrounded by multiple communities in partnership with surrounding communities is an invaluable and incommensurable contribution to education and development. I hope that we as faculty and students can be touched by such experiences. This Thursday, from 7-9 p.m., the Center for Social Concerns will hold its annual “Social Concerns Festival.” This is a tremendous occasion to meet with community-agency and student representatives and special utility-service group representatives to discuss available volunteer opportunities. I invite everyone to attend. I strongly encourage us all to continue or embark on a volunteer experience, thereby fulfilling that fundamental role of community-builders.

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Letters to the Editor

Justifying Revue's location

Each year the approach of Keenan Revue is signaled by an escalation in the underlying debate amongst the Saint Mary’s student body as to whether or not our show should be performed on their campus. And just as this year marks the Revue’s 25th anniversary it is also the 21st year that we have performed at O’Laughlin Auditorium. This year, however, has seen an outpouring of student interest in student objection to having the Revue on the SMC campus.

In an effort to better understand this phenomenon, Mr. Martin, this year’s Revue producer and I appeared in front of Saint Mary’s SOG to illustrate that we might convince them to buy an ad in our hilarious program. In addition, we agreed to entertain any questions the SOG had about our show.

While we found the dialogue to be stimulating, it was apparent that there were some opinions which were not going to be changed either way, though it was decided that BP was still fat and Farley still smokeless.

So to determine how Saint Mary’s really felt about the Revue being on their campus, Chris and I, under the watchful eyes of Saint Mary’s student body president and Vice President, Crissie Renner and Michele Nagel, headed out to survey 235 SMC students (approximately 16% of the population) as they walked into the dining hall. This is what they responded.

218 of the 235 students (93 percent) responded that they would approve of having the Revue on campus.

Of the 17 students who were opposed to having the Revue at SMC, eight had seen the show. Five of these students stated that they experienced entertaining and would see the show again.

Three students had seen the show, did not find it entertaining, would not see it again and did not approve of SMC hosting the event.

The purpose of the survey or this letter is not to stir up any more controversy but to inform the students of Saint Mary’s as well as we here at the Notre Dame of how SMC students feel about the Revue holding the Revue on their campus. We sincerely hope that relations between Keenan Hall and the SMC powers that be can be improved and that this letter demonstrates our willingness to continue to spread tidings of love and sarcasm to ND and SMC students alike from O’Laughlin Auditorium every February for years to come.

Incidentally the Keenan Revue is the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of February. Tickets go on sale at Saint Mary’s on Wednesday the 25th and at the CAC the 26th for the amazing price of free.

Kevin Sahunic
Kenmore Revue Director
January 22, 2001

Decree limits student growth, expression

As most students already know, Saint Mary’s College has canceled a play called “The Vagina Monologues.” This is somewhat ironic, considering that Notre Dame and SMC administrators seem to speak only in monologues.

Did SMC administrators gather student opinion before canceling this play? Did they have an open forum before making a final decision? It seems they simply issued a decree and considered that the end of any conversation.

This should not surprise students of either college.

In the same issue of The Observer philosophy professor Ed Manier was quoted, “How can any of us (LCI) hope to accomplish real change in an environment where student life administrators dictate what we can and cannot do?”

There is simply a pattern of denying discussion on certain issues either school deemed inappropriate.

If SMC is paying for sets, costumes or stage help then they do have the right to cancel this play since it is the College’s money. If not then they are simply denying the students of SMC intellectual freedom, which is a far greater disgrace than a sexually oriented play.

If people feel strongly against the play’s content, then they should be able to protect outside the entrance to it. That is how groups and ideas are heard. Not through an imperial decree, but through open conversation and, yes, confrontation.

We may learn many things while we attend college. But in the end, if we haven’t learned to engage ideas that may contradict our beliefs, learned to face those who challenge our way of thinking and learned how to interact in a world of diverse views and backgrounds then we haven’t learned the only lesson that matters. We can only hope both schools’ administrations recognize this.

Kevin Sahunic
January 23, 2001
Exotic settings and heated competition push "Temptation Island," "Survivor: Australia" ahead of ABC's "The Mole"

By MATT KILLEEN

The summer of 2000 brought a new genre to American television known as "reality TV." The success of "Survivor" and, to a lesser extent, "Big Brother" opened the flood gates for a wave of new reality shows. Networks scrambled to emulate the success of CBS's reality summer, and the results are finally debuting on the small screen.

The first reality show of the new year is ABC's "The Mole" (airing Tuesdays at 8 p.m.). Ten players have been selected to travel the world and accomplish tasks. For every completed challenge, more money is added to the pot. However, one of the ten is a "mole," the person who is working against the team to sabotage the challenges.

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In this year's new entry into the reality TV craze is a show called "Temptation Island" (airing Wednesdays at 9 p.m.). This new entry builds on the premise of "Survivor." In its new version, a group of single people are put in a separate resort with the single men. Ten players have been selected to travel the world and accomplish tasks. For every completed challenge, more money is added to the pot. However, one of the ten is a "mole," the person who is working against the team to sabotage the challenges.

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rules in television's new wave

The Australian Outback prepare to depart for the rugged

The girls of "Popstars" take on the O-Town boys from "Making the Band"

By KATIE MALMQUST Scene Writer

In an age of pop super-stardom and reality-based TV, network television's recent attempts to cash in on both phenomena should not come as a surprise. ABC's "Making the Band," whose first season kicked off last spring, and the WB's "Popstars," which premiered Jan. 12, take full advantage of these two pop-culture fascinations. Both shows have thus far proved to be a marketing paradise. Both shows is not as young as many think.

Of course, the American market for this kind of pop audience doesn't seem to mind as much as the kind of "boy-band" manufacturing. Of the many who auditioned, 25 were flown to Orlando, FL (the city from which the group borrows its title) where eight were selected to be trained in the art of super-stardom. The majority of the series exploited the various sacrifices, heartaches and joys they experienced during the final selection process. Perhaps the most dramatic storyline was the plight of the over-problematic neglected girlfriend (but then a h e a r t b r o k e a r e n't supposed to have girl friends anyway, are they?). In the end, we have O-Town: J a c o b U n d e r w o o d, T r e v o r P e n i c k, M i c h a e l E s t r a d a, D a n M i l l e r, E r i k-And Ashley Angel — five guys who sing.

They are not the first guinea pigs of music industry mass production, and in light of the WB's latest series, "Popstars," it is quite clear that they won't be the last. Besides crossing the gender line drawn by "Making the Band" and losing the creepy presence of Pearlman, "Popstars" is exorcisingly similar to the ABC series. Even their final product, an all-girl quintet comparable to Destiny's Child or Dream, promises to be O-Town's female shadow. Basing the show on an Australian series by the same name, the producers of "Popstars" are banking that their female ensemble will be as big in America as it was overseas, where the resulting group, Bardot, scored a number one hit single and album.

With the American premiere, which aired during network prime time Jan. 12 and drew some of the WB's highest ratings to date for that time slot, the future of "Popstars" 13 week run (currently airing Fridays at 8:30 p.m.) certainly looks as bright as the stars it promises to create. Like "Making the Band," "Popstars" chronicles a nationwide talent search with stops in Atlanta, New York, Miami, Chicago and Los Angeles. Those auditioning must be 18 years or older and must perform one song, but the producers are looking for a group, not just one star. This strategy makes it easier for the judges (a record executive, a group manager and a choreographer) but becomes slightly redundant for the viewers, who may get tired of hearing Whitney Houston-esque renditions of "I Will Always Love You" from six different girls in strikingly similar halter tops and glitter eye-shadow.

The continual growth of America's pop market and the recent overseas popularity of groups like Bardot give O-Town and their female counterparts hope. After all, the likes of Backstreet and *NSYNC hit it big overseas before even being introduced in the US, a promising trend for producers who aim to create that kind of star power.

Still the question remains, are television producers capable this type of magic trick? Only time, record sales and Billboard reports will tell.

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Howard pulls off last-minute shot for Washington win

Associated Press

Jovan Howard hit a baseline turnaround jumper at 1.2 seconds remaining to give the Washington Wizards a 97-95 victory over the Charlotte Hornets on Tuesday night.

Howard took the pass from Felipe Lopez, who was playing as the fourth option after Richard Hamilton fouled out, Rod Strickland and Chris Whitney didn't play because of injuries.

Howard had 22 points and Hamilton had 20 and assisted for the Wizards, who have won two in a row for the second time this season. David Wesley scored 25 and Jamal Mashburn added 20 for the Hornets, who have lost five straight and 11 of 14.

The win was the first of the season for the Wizards with president of basketball operations Michael Jordan in attendance. They had been 0-6 with Jordan in the building.

Mashburn tied the game at 95 with 15.5 seconds remaining for the Hornets, who had trailed by 12 with four minutes left in the fourth quarter. After Howard's basket, Elden Campbell took a jump shot at the buzzer, but Calvin Booth was guarding closely and the shot hit the top of the backboard. Hamilton got his first NBA start at point guard because Whitney's ankle had balled up. Whitney, who has limped through stretches over the last few weeks, sprained both ankles in Sunday's victory over Atlanta.

The Wizards' only other point guard, Strickland, missed his 14th straight game with what is officially listed as left shoulder tendinitis. Strickland hasn't played since complaining about his playing time after a game Dec. 27, as he has been sidelined with a family emergency, and Anfernee Hardaway, who is injured, has since been suspended for two games.

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Browns talk with New Orleans' coach McCarthy

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CLEVELAND

The Cleveland Browns interviewed another NFL assistant for their head coaching job Tuesday and said they wouldn't go back to college to find their man.

New Orleans offensive coordinator Mike McCarthy met with Browns team president Carmen Policy and other team executives at the club's training facility in suburban Berea.

McCarthy, coming off his first season directing the Saints' offense, is the second candidate to interview this week with the Browns. On Monday, Tennessee defensive coordinator Gregg Williams met for three hours with Browns officials.

The club will interview San Francisco offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg on Wednesday and is still trying to set up a meeting with Minnesota offensive line coach Mike Tice later in the week.

Mornhinweg was scheduled to interview Tuesday with the Detroit Lions. The Lions, Browns and Buffalo Bills are all without a head coach.

The Browns also received permission to talk with New York Giants defensive coordinator John Fox. Both Fox and Baltimore defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis will be in Cleveland for visits after the Super Bowl.

Browns spokesman Todd Stewart said Policy also hoped to give Browns defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel an interview. Crennel, who is popular with Browns players, is considered by some to be the frontrunner for the position.

Policy said the Browns would focus their search exclusively on NFL assistants. There had been speculation they were quietly recruiting Miami's Butch Davis, Oklahoma's Bob Stoops and Washington's Rick Neuheisel.

Policy denied reports he had offered the job to Davis, who has agreed to, but not yet signed, a contract extension with the Hurricanes.

"Although there are several very interesting and talented coaches at the college level, we have made the decision to pursue prospects currently with the National Football League," Policy said through Stewart.

The Browns have been seeking a coach since firing Chris Palmer this month. Palmer was dismissed after leading the club to a 5-27 record in two seasons.
SUPER BOWL XXXV

Lewis focuses on football, leaves murder trial behind him

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.
The session began with a wave of reporters and camera­men streaming onto the field at Raymond James Stadium, many making a beeline for the big guy at Station 7.
"Ray Lewis is down there! Hurry up!" said Baltimore Ravens defensive tackle Tony Siragusa, directing the herd filing past him. And there he was.

"The media has been focused on me the whole year," Lewis said. "It hasn't distracted me yet, so it won't right now." He was peppered with ques­tions by at least 200 people, twice the crowd gathered around any other player. The pack diminished only slightly after it was clear Lewis wouldn't discuss his ordeal of a year ago — a double-murder trial in Atlanta.

"Please, let's talk about foot­ball," he said, shaking his head after some­one asked yet another question about the case.
Lewis made a reference to his trial at the start of the hourlong session, looking directly at his questioners and speaking with the confidence of a man who had nothing to hide.
"What Ray Lewis went through was a year ago. Let it go," he said.

What he went through was this: a much-publicized case in which he was cleared of mur­der charges in exchange for a guilty plea to obstruction of justice and testimony against his co-defendants, who were found innocent.
"I'm not there to justify what went on. That's a story in my book that's closed," he declared.
Lewis repeated what he has claimed since his arre st — that he was made a scapegoat by Atlanta officials, who weren't really trying to find the real killer.
"The real truth is this was never about those two kids that were dead in the street. This is about Ray Lewis, and that's not right," he said. "Don't be mad at me. The per­son to be mad at is [prosecu­tor] Paul Howard, the mayor of Atlanta, the people who never said one time we're going to find out who killed these people. They said we're going to get Ray Lewis."

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Agassi moves on to semifinals with victory over Martin

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andre Agassi has every weapon in the tennis arsenal and command of them all. Todd Martin was only the latest to find that out.

On match point, Martin hit a good angle volley. Agassi chased it down, blasted a shot that Martin could only block back, and then lobbed over him.

With his 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 victory Tuesday, the defending champion was in the Australian Open semifinals — and without Pete Sampras to worry about.

Last year, Agassi’s come-from-behind, five-set victory over Sampras was the supreme showdown of the Australian. This time, Martin knocked out Sampras in the fourth round, ending a 13-match losing streak against him.

Agassi next faces the winner of a night match between two-time U.S. Open champion Patrick Rafter, the hometown favorite — and No. 1 seed Dominik Hrbaty.

Agassi interrupted his match briefly to catch a bug near the baseline and throw it off court. Martin, trailing 30-40 and 1-2 in the final set, waited out the distraction and then served an ace.

He then held serve and, three games later, broke Agassi for a 4-1 lead. But Agassi broke right back and went on to win.

“I put on a good front,” Agassi said of his mercy toward the bug. “I felt on top of it today,” he added. “It’s the best I have ever felt against Todd. I was making him earn all the points he was winning, and felt like I was executing everything that I could do as well as possible.”

Agassi’s Australian Open triumph last year ended a run of four Grand Slam tournaments where he also won the French and U.S. Opens and was runner-up at Wimbledon.

Winning all four in a year “would be great,” he said. “There’s no saying it can’t be done, but I think we’re a lot closer to seeing Mark McGuire’s home run record being beat than we are to seeing someone win four Grand Slams in the same year in the men’s game.”

Martin said the Sampras that he beat was out of practice, but “Andre is very much in form. Andre thrives on confidence, and he’s got plenty of it.”

“I was beaten today,” Martin said. “I certainly didn’t lose. I didn’t play nearly as well as I had hoped. Most of that is due to the way Andre played.”

Agassi improved his record against Martin to 13-5. Nobody ever has beaten both Sampras and Agassi at a Grand Slam tournament.

At age 30, Agassi and Martin were the oldest players still in the men’s ranks after the fourth round here.

On the men’s side, 1999 champion and 2000 runner-up Yevgeny Kafelnikov plays No. 15 Arnaud Clement, and No. 16 Sebastien Grosjean meets Carlos Moya, who is unseeded but a former No. 1.

After Grosjean beat No. 4 M agnus Norman Monday night, all four top men’s seeds were gone before the quarterfinals for only the third time in a Grand Slam tournament since the Open era began in 1968.

No. 1 Gustavo Kuerten, No. 2 Marat Safin and No. 3 Sampras lost earlier.

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of the court all night.
Trailing at the half by eight,
Syracuse managed to tally only
26 points and finished the
game shooting just 37 percent
form the field and 30 percent
from behind the arc.
“We have to shoot the ball
well,” Boeheim said. “We have
no other plan B. We have to
get those shots on the perime­
ter.”

Preston Shumpert was the
lone bright spot on an other­
wise struggling Syracuse team.
The forw ard led his squad
with 25 points, posing a threat
on inside and out, with 18
points behind the arc.
Forward Dameone Brown,
recovering from a leg injury
sustained in practice started
for the O rangem en but was
unable to play at full speed,
adding only seven points on
the night.

“We depend on four guys
and when they’re healthy
we’re a good team,” Boeheim
said. “When Brown is hurt, we
don’t have anyone to take his
place. We need him on the
court. He, in his capacity
tonight, was the best we had
and so we went with him.”

DeShaun Williams and Billy
Celurs added 10 apiece in the
losing effort.
Carroll also scored in double
digits for the Irish, adding 14
points with four 3-pointers and
a short jumper.

Notre Dame’s conference
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Murphy leads Irish win over Syracuse with 34 points

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Murphy swooped down on the hard-knocks Tuesday night, coming in from the left for a slam dunk on a fast break pass from teammate Byram Humphreys. The second-half slam jam counted for just two of Murphy's 34 points, but it signaled the start of a 10-0 Irish run and the momentum it gave the Irish was the beginning of the end for the Orange. It also helped provide Murphy with his first feel-good thoughts of taking an Orange to Notre Dame as the Irish went on to win, 74-60.

"Those are shots that are hard to miss, those dunks," Murphy said. "Those are shots that are hard to miss, those dunks," Murphy said.

Murphy associates a bundle of bad memories with playing Syracuse. In his first clash with the Orangemen his freshman year, a Joyce Center game, he recorded the worst game of his collegiate career, scoring only five points and going 0-for-9 from the field. He never showed his A-game against Syracuse. Instead, Murphy slayed Notre Dame in five straight games, including a two-point win last March that squelched Irish hopes of making March Madness. Earlier this chapter, Murphy, a pre-season pick to repeat as Big East Player of the Year and first team All-American, was held to 19 points and five rebounds as Notre Dame lost at Syracuse, 79-70.

"Syracuse was a team I never played well against," Murphy said. "I played my worst game there as a freshman." Murphy didn't just play well Tuesday — he dominated. He helped the Irish stuff the No. 11 Orangemen by raking in 19 rebounds and seizing 16 turnovers. The win vaulted Notre Dame into a tie with Syracuse for second place in the West Division of the Big East. Murphy, in the year's first half of conference play, was held to 19 points and five rebounds, with only one assist.

"I only went to the line one time," Murphy said. "I wasn't very active. I tried to attack the gaps more tonight, and I think I was pretty successful. I can tell how active I am by how many times I get to the line."

Eleven separate trips to the free throw line, Murphy must have been moving more than the Energizer bunny.

The All-American went 9-for-17 from the field, taking advantage of some sweet feeds from his teammates. Senior point guard Matt Carroll and sophomore guard Matt Carroll each dished off six assists, and junior small forward David Graves added three.

"When you get the ball two feet from the hoop, you're either going to get a lay-up or a free throw," Graves said. "Troy was at the end of some great penetration and great passes."

Murphy scored at opportune times Tuesday. He spread his 12 first-half points out throughout the period, allowing Notre Dame to keep a healthy lead until the Orange men turned up the intensity just before halftime.

In the second stanza, Murphy sliced Syracuse's defense early on, scoring the first seven points for the Irish. The Orangemen never did manage to corral Murphy. Whether they cornered him, double-teamed him or fouled him in frustration, Murphy still found a way to the hoop. Murphy turned in arguably the best all-around performance of his career. It was his 15th 30-point night, but he added 16 rebounds to boot against Syracuse. More importantly, the Irish won, launching them into contention for a Big East Championship for the first time ever.

Murphy was as tough as someone walking on hot lava. He scored 34 points, and the Irish sailed to the easy win. With more momentum efforts from Murphy, they will have to rehang the NCAA Tournament brackets he removed during Irish woes earlier this season.

If Murphy hungs up the kinds of numbers he did Tuesday, all opponents will be able to do is watch and weep.
Women

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"It's going to be a month before it gets better," McGraw said of Siemon's injury. "There's no sense in aggravating it any further. We'll figure out what we can do in the meantime."

Notre Dame must contain West Virginia's three-point shooting. Freshman Kate Bulger (15.0 points per game) and senior Darya Kudryavtseva (14.7 points) are among the Big East's top ten scorers. They are both good three-point shooters, with Bulger's 49.3 percent (37-of-75) ranking sixth in the country. Kudryavtseva has hit 35-of-80 from beyond the arc. As a team, West Virginia shoots 42.3 percent (112-of-265) on three-pointers.

Notre Dame is the only Big East squad with a higher percentage, on threes. The Irish are shooting a nation's best 54.1 percent (86-of-59), with Ratay (41-of-67 for 61.2 percent) and Ivey (34-of-61 for 55.7 percent) ranking as the top two three-point shooters in the country.

"We've been playing well all year, we've been playing knowing that we can win all year," McGraw said. "But actually doing it (beating Connecticut) gives you that added boost. It's a great feeling."

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Women's Basketball

Saint Mary's hope to end losing streak with Hornet win

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Technical skill and coaching will play its part, but much of tonight's home meeting between the Belles and the Kalamazoo Hornets will focus on history and emotion.

The Hornets felt the sting of the Olivet Comets on Saturday, dropping the game to Olivet 84-53, and falling to fourth place in the MIAA behind Calvin. The Hornets loss has inspired hope in the Belles and they will be ready to win as they step onto the court at 7:30 p.m.

"I think our team is really looking forward to a win," post player Anne Blair said. "Because we lost to Olivet as well is going to make us eager to go out there and win.

Coming off of five consecutive losses, most recently to Adrian, the Belles need that win. Currently, the only Saint Mary's MIAA win has come against Albion, and tonight's game against Kalamazoo marks the end of the first half of MIAA play.

"This game is really big," head coach Suzanne Smith said. "Saturday our guards threw some passes to people that weren't open and we've been working with them to look inside.

In addition to working with guards and post players, the Belles are hoping that size may come into play under the basket. Blair, Elizabeth Linkous and Kelly Roberts are all 6-footers while Kalamazoo's post players, Amanda Welshuhn and Lindsey Dyny, only stand 5-foot-10.

"They have a small line-up post wise," Blair said. "[Our guards] can look into the post players more." The Belles have recently struggled with team unity, but tonight they will have to work together to beat a quick Kalamazoo offense.

"Kalamazoo has a lot of quick guards," Smith said. "We really need to work on team defense.

The Belles are still not playing with a complete team. Leading forward Kristen Mathis is still out with an injured hip flexor muscle and will not return to practice until Monday at the earliest. In addition, sophomore guard Katie Christiansen went home sick from practice on Monday. She is, however, expected to be at full strength tonight.

"Christiansen has been sick," Smith said. "But she's a real fighter and she will be ready to play on Wednesday.

Action will tip off tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Angela Athletic facility.

Late Night Olympics

Check Friday's Observer for the Schedule of all LNO First Round Games/Matches!

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In tribute to our classmates Conor, Brionne, and Erica, and also as an act of Social Justice, a collection is being taken for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at JPW seating registration:

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**Things Could Be Worse**

**TOM KEELEY**

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**I'm copying all the pages not off this book. Then I'm turning it.**

**But isn't that more expensive?**

**Anything to stick it to the bookshelves.**

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**Crossword**

**ACROSS**

28 Turn in ___

1 Bike ___

30 Noncommittal __

5 Out of it ___

11 Show of team spirit ___

14 First name in the 40's-50's ___

15 "Civil Romanus" sum ___

16 Fancy name ___

21 School ___

22 Sounds of doubt ___

23 Holiday ___

26 Sprinting ___

28 Answering ___

31 Stuck ___

34 Hopping mad ___

38 "Star Trek" command ___

46 Side in the Revolutionary War ___

52 Socialite ___

53 Champion ___

56 Shiver ___

57 Socialite ___

63 Not home ___

64 Walking on air ___

65 Faded ___

66 Photo ___

67 One-named ___

68 Film dog ___

**DOWN**

1 Bikes ___

2 AARP concern ___

3 Baseball line ___

4 Waterfront walk ___

5 Rocks ___

6 Place for medic ___

7 Champion ___

8 Command ___

9 Kind of truth ___

10 Valley is listed in song ___

11 Command posts. Abbv ___

12 "The Secret of Florence," e.g. ___

13 "The Secret of Florence," e.g. ___

15 Outfielder's cry ___

17 Princes abroad ___

19 Clams and oysters, e.g. ___

20 Squeeze (out) ___

21 Summer hours in N.Y.C. ___

23 "I didn't do it," ___

28 "Cheep" accom ___

29 Act servilely ___

31 Saving ___

32 "Dear Pruf ___

36 "Chieft ___

37 Salves ___

39 Act servilely ___

41 Calculating ___

42 "Chieft ___

43 "Chieft ___

44 Superstition ___

45 Treating ___

47 Trattoria orders ___

48 "Catcher in the Rye." ___

49 Express ___

50 Reason to close up shop ___

51 Headache ___

52 "Gone With the Wind" heroine ___

53 "Dear Pruf ___

54 Card carrier ___

55 Not fake ___

56 Shiver ___

57 Socialite ___

58 "Gone With the Wind" heroine ___

59 They show guts ___

60 Address abbr. ___

61 Uncle ___

62 Write LeShan ___

63 Not home ___

64 Walking on air ___

65 Faded ___

66 Photo ___

67 One-named ___

68 Film dog ___

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**Horoscope**

**EUGENIA LAST**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2001**

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**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are open about your intentions to your high energy. You're interested in having more youngsters participate in your activity. You may want to spend time with.**

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**Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorak**

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**SPORTS**

**NOTRE DAME SHUTS DOOR ON SYRACUSE FOR A 74-60 VICTORY**

By KERRY SMITH

Sports Editor

The long arms of the Orangemen defense could not stretch far enough to eke out a win Tuesday in Notre Dame’s 74-60 upset over No. 11 Syracuse.

Syracuse was knocking on Notre Dame’s door the entire game, but as the minutes ticked off of the clock and the score remained close, the Irish answered loud and clear.

With the home crowd in a frenzy, Irish center Troy Murphy and forward Ryan Humphrey combined for a pair of hard-hitting dunks while David Graves stepped up on defense and took a charge, sparking the Irish to a 21-point lead with less than four minutes remaining.

"Defensively, when we went to man to man and our student section was making noise, that flusters people," Irish head coach Mike Brey said. "We were taking charges, scraping stuff off the lane. That makes the difference.

Big plays might have sealed the win, but Murphy’s consistent play supplied the difference on the court.

The junior scored a game-high 34 points, muscling his way to the foul line 10 times — a much-needed improvement after making only one trip to the line in Jan. 2 loss at the Carrier Dome.

"I tried to be more active tonight," Murphy said. "I can tell how active I am by how many times I go to the line and one time is not very good."

While Murphy’s force in the lane frustrated the Orangemen defense, the Irish perimeter players made it happen.

Guards Matt Carroll and Martin Ingelsby split 12 assists to the big men down low, while Graves dished out another three.

"Our main focus was to get the big guys easy shots," Graves said. "It was a great team effort. (Murphy) was on the end of some great penetration and some great passes.

The Orangemen also felt Murphy’s effects on the boards, as the junior brought down a game-high 16 rebounds.

"We played Murphy well for five games, but sooner or later he was going to get away from us," Syracuse head coach Jim Boeheim said. "If he gets in the lane he’s going to get fouled and that’s the difference. We’ve got two young guys in the center and they weren’t up to the challenge of stopping him.

If Murphy’s presence in the lane frustrated the defense, finding the net frustrated the Orangemen on the other end.

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**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Irish return to normal scene with trip to West Virginia**

By TIM CASEY

Assistant Sports Editor

Since the now-legendary Connecticut victory, the Irish saw the illuminated No. 1 arise on top of Grace Hall, answered the proverbial “How do you feel to be the top team in the nation?” roughly 7,312 times and stole the campus spotlight away from some guys named Murphy, Humphrey and Brey.

The added attention may not wear off for a while and the record may stay unblemished as Notre Dame (18-0 overall, 7-0 in conference) faces the West Virginia Mountaineers. The Mountaineers are 14-0-1, and 7-0 in the Big East as well.

The Irish return to the normal women’s basketball scene starting with tonight’s game at West Virginia. Instead of a sold-out Joyce Center atmosphere, Notre Dame will compete at the 14,000-seat West Virginia Coliseum. The average attendance for Mountaineer home games (467 fans) comprises just 3.4 percent of the stadium’s capacity.

With the Irish coming to town, look for the season attendance record (579) to be broken.

“We’ve had a target on our back all year,” coach Muffet McGraw said. “And we’re still supposed to win every game so everybody’s going to be out gunning for us. We could be ranked 201 but people are still going to want to beat us because we’re Notre Dame.”

One main reason for the early-season success has been the Irish’s stifling defense. They rank second in the country in scoring defense (54.5 points per game) and have held the previous 18 foes to a nation’s best 33.5 percent shooting from the floor. Notre Dame has shut down their opponents by mainly utilizing two aggressive zone sets.

“As long as we can stay out of foul trouble, that makes it (the defense) better,” McGraw said. “Everybody’s a year smarter and a year stronger in the zone.”

The same can be said for the players’ offensive production. While Ruth Riley, Alicia Raby and Niele Ivey gain most of the publicity, the contributions from the other players have benefitted the Irish.

In the 72-47 win over Seton Hall on Sunday, forward Ericka Haney scored a team-high 17 points, and Meaghan Leahy, Kelley Siemon and Jeneka Joyce provide an added dimension.

“You can’t guard everybody,” McGraw said. “It seems like whatever teams have decided to give up, that’s what we’ve been good at. It’s like ‘pick who you want to beat you.’"

Unfortunately for the Irish, Siemon, who broke her left hand in the Jan. 13 game against Virginia Tech, will sit out of tonight’s contest. The senior forward will be re-examined on Tuesday and may play against Providence on Jan. 31. Leahy will replace Siemon at power forward.

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