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Eldred to CARE: ‘Monologues’ won’t run

♦ SMC leader approves group’s requests for letter and written statement

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Associate News Editor

A meeting Wednesday between members of the Saint Mary’s administration and board members of the Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE) yielded no change in the administration’s decision not to allow “The Vagina Monologues” to be performed on campus this year.

CARE board member Emily Koelsch said the group didn’t expect the administration’s decision to change. “We wanted the letter to be sent to these groups because we thought it was important that they heard from a student perspective what ‘The Vagina Monologues’ were about and why we felt they were needed on campus,” said Koelsch.

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The administration agreed to both requests. Previously Eldred had requested that the letter not be sent. “We wanted the letter to be sent to these groups because we thought it was important that they heard from a student perspective what ‘The Vagina Monologues’ were about and why we felt they were needed on campus,” said Koelsch.

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Funerals to take place for cancer victims

Observer Staff Report

A funeral Mass for Conor Murphy will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Ignatius High School, 11911 West 30th St., Cleveland Ohio. Viewing will be held at St. Ignatius preceding the Mass from 9:30-11 a.m.

The University will provide buses to Cleveland for the viewing and funeral Mass. Buses will begin boarding at Library Circle at 3 a.m. and return to campus after the Mass. Space is limited.

Zahn Hall students who plan to go should contact Father Tom Bednar. All other Notre Dame students should call the Student Activities Office at 1-7303 or email sao@nd.edu.

In lieu of flowers, Murphy’s family

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Each day individual students face challenges associated with being homosexual on a Catholic, largely heterosexual campus. And sometimes they stand alone. “Those are the students that I worry about most — those who are alone,” said Keough Hall rector Father Tom Doyle. Doyle is at least one member of the Notre Dame community who believes the University is slowly making strides to be more welcoming to gay students.
Burglars took two pizza ovens, a sandwich oven, two cases of soft drinks and several sandwiches from Fisher Hall in the early morning hours. Damage was estimated at $200. Two television sets had disappeared from Fisher earlier in the year. According to the Fisher president Bob Waddick, campus security’s leads indicate the theieves were not students.

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Sutton said Teegins was the most emerging discipline. The new multi-disciplinary curriculum will incorporate educators, public health professionals and public policy authorities. It is intended to bridge the differences between all parts of campus.
Former Chilean dictator could face trial, house arrest

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

The socialist Chilean ambassador to the United States spoke about the house arrest and possible trial of former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet in a lecture Thursday night.

"Human rights violations was a characteristic of the Pinochet regime. I don't think that there is anybody in Chile that didn't feel a deep sense of satisfaction when Pinochet was detained. Arrogance was being punished," explained Juan Gabriel Valdes to a nearly full auditorium of professors, students and members of the community.

Valdes offered his views on recent news surrounding the former dictator and lifelong senator as well as his nation's transition to democracy.

"Extraordinary events have taken place in the last few weeks," Valdes said in reference to Pinochet's house arrest and possibility of standing trial on charges of homicide and kidnapping.

Valdes attributes the current progress in addressing past human rights violations to institutional and political changes that have taken place within the government.

"The military dictatorship left a structure that inhibited a move toward democracy. Legislative policies prohibited passing laws and the armed forces had the same input as the other three branches of government," Valdes said.

Additionally, Pinochet remained commander-in-chief of the army for another seven years and became a senator for life. The justices he appointed to the supreme court continued to retain their positions throughout the 1990s.

"We thought that democracy would become the 'only game in town' if only we could eliminate the constitution. We have now been able to change the institutions of Pinochet (laws and justice)," said Valdes.

Now, the government is able to move on with the passage of laws replacing many of Pinochet's judges with a group of human rights enthusiasts, and the former dictator's retirement from the armed forces has brought the first accusations against him by the military.

Despite these advances, however, Valdes would still like to see the establishment of a new constitution.

"I believe that we should face the task of a new constitution. I also have to accept that these institutions [remaining from the Pinochet era] do not threaten the democratic government," Valdes said.

Valdes also addressed the concern among many outsiders that Chile's democratic government is inefficient and the nation's desire to try Pinochet in Chile instead of by an international court for human rights violations.

Most outsiders "have never understood the power of the Chilean right. This has led many people abroad to blame vacillations on democracy rather than the [far] right. They could never understand what it was like to govern a country where businesses and the media were against you because you were against Pinochet," Valdes said.

Valdes also defended his nation's decision to pursue legal action against Pinochet domestically rather than on an international level in Madrid.

"We were concerned that a trial in Madrid would have been an international justice but not a Chilean justice," Valdes said.

He emphasized that it is important for Chile not only to work toward the future, but also come to grips with their past.

"The right looks at Pinochet as a hero from Marxism while the left is upset about injustices under him," Valdes said.

He is confident that justice against human rights violations will be achieved but said that achieving it would take time, citing that some investigations have taken up to six years.

"Justice is very slow. I think it's not only slow in Chile but everywhere," Valdes said.

The unanticipated crowd that gathered to hear Valdes speak forced organizers to relocate the lecture from a Hesburgh Center conference room to the building's main auditorium.
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and a greater acceptance of homosexuality nationwide.
"Society in general is changing. Notre Dame is slowly lagging behind, but it is changing," said Wyncott.
As more students know someone who's gay or lesbian, homosexualitization becomes more than an abstract concept.
"When it has a personal face — that's when hearts are changed and attitudes are developed," said Keough Hall rector Father Tom Doyle, who works with gay and lesbian students on the Notre Dame Campus Ministry.
"I think there's been an increase in gay students living openly, which teaches students in their dorms, in their classes about tolerance in a very personal way," said Morin.
Better support is likely a reason more students feel comfortable enough to be open about their sexuality. Morin noted that groups such as Outreach allow gay students to come together and gain support that they can bring back to a larger community at Notre Dame.
In 1997, the University adopted "The Spirit of Inclusion at Notre Dame," which reads in part "We consciously create an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth in which none are strangers and all may flourish."
We value gay and lesbian members of this community as we value all members of this community."
The University does not recognize sexual orientation as non-discriminatory language, which disturbs many members of the community. Yet the steps taken are to the ideals of "The Spirit of Inclusion cannot be ignored.
Campus Ministry has helped take some of these steps by promoting initiatives such as designating last Nov. 5 as Solidarity Sunday. The purpose was to challenge the Notre Dame community to be a place where all, including gays and lesbians, are accepted and loved for who they are. Each priest on campus received a packet of information about welcoming and inclusion. In collaboration with Outreach, cards with a unity prayer and a rainbow pin were distributed after all campus Masses.
Campus Ministry has also sponsored an annual retreat for gays, lesbians, questioning students and their friends which has grown in popularity. Nearly 40 people attended the last retreat in November, and Campus Ministry is considering offering another retreat this semester.
"It was a wonderful weekend to watch people who are homosexual feel like they are totally at home," said Doyle. "You can literally watch the tension and pressure drop from people's faces."
Additionally, in 1996 the University established the "Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs." According to its mission statement, the group works on "identifying the ongoing needs of gay and lesbian students" and "assisting in the implementation of campus-wide educational programming on gay and lesbian issues," as well as fostering continued dialogue.
Students, faculty and administrators serve on the committee, and at least half of the members are gay or lesbian.
The Standing Committee sponsors the NETWORK initiative, which aims to educate the campus community about the psychological and theological issues related to sexual orientation. NETWORK participants receive a card which depicts the Dome sitting upon a rainbow.
Posting the card indicates that they are willing to offer a confidential and respectful place of dialogue and encouragement regarding gay and lesbian issues.
Although some perceive an animosity between the Standing Committee and Outreach, they do work together, according to Wyncott, a member of both groups.
"The students see the standing committee as an instrument for positive change," said Standing Committee chair Sister Mary Louise Gade. "There really isn't opposition, there's more or less cooperation and I anticipate this trend will continue.
Morin noted, however, that while six students are on the Standing Committee, there are approximately 30 Outreach members whose views aren't being heard.
"This is working out well right now, but things could be better," she said. "I think still it's hard for student initiatives to go through.
Others agree that a lot of progress still needs to be made.
"The University doesn't know how to give support without feeling like it is going against the doctrine of the Church. That is, too much support could be misinterpreted as an endorsement. The University feels pressured by the Church not to endorse homosexuality," said junior Jeremy Bauer, Outreach member.
And although the support network at Notre Dame is getting increasingly stronger there are still reasons why students may not feel comfortable enough to openly discuss their sexuality.
"These are the students that I worry about the most — those who are alone," said Doyle. "Another worry is blatant prejudice. One of Wyncott's friends experienced hate firsthand.
Wyncott's friend was walking back to Campus View from a party at Turtle Creek. He and his boyfriend had been drinking. A few hugs and kisses were exchanged.
As they approached Notre Dame parking decals pulled up next to them," said Wyncott. "Three very angry men piled out.
The men, who also had been drinking began to intimidate the couple. Wyncott said:
"They were trying to decide 'what to do with the fags,'" said Wyncott. "The harassment stopped when the designated driver yelled out the window to 'leave the fags alone' and the vehicle drove away.
Wyncott notes that incidents like this aren't common.
"The average Notre Dame student is very respectful," he said. "But even when prejudice occurs in mild forms, such as derogatory messages in the dorm on wipe-off boards, it still hurts.
Gay students do not feel safe here entirely. Or it takes them a long time to feel safe," said Morin.
Still, the positive changes towards a more welcoming attitude towards gays and lesbians give cause for optimism about the future.
"It's much more like the movement of a glacier than a lightning bolt through the sky," said Doyle. "But it is progress.

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Riots flare in tense Kosovo city

Associated Press

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NATO-led peacekeepers talked some ethnic Albanian crowds into dis­persing on Thursday and fired tear gas and stun grenades at others rioting near a base used by French soldiers in this tense Kosovo city.

As confrontations in Kosovska Mitrovica went into their fourth straight day, NATO's top general in Kosovo and the province's chief U.N. administrator met with local leaders in efforts to end the violence.

"We will use all forces we have available to increase our presence on the ground," Cabigiosu told reporters. The Italian general, the commander of the NATO-led Kosovo peace force, pleaded that his troops would continue using restraint, adding: "We will not start a war here.

The statement, also signed by the city's ethnic Albanian leaders, said there was a need for more troops and police in the city; the extension of a so-called confidence zone set up nearly a year ago on both sides of the main bridge separating its Serb and eth­nic Albanian communities; and creating conditions for freedom of movement and the return of displaced fami­lies.

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The points were "interesting and promising," Cabigiosu said in advance of an early evening meeting at the State Department. Kabila was sworn in last Friday, 10 days after the Jan. 16 assassination of his father, Laurent Kabila, who had seized power in 1997.

Afterward, Kabila said "no concrete decisions" were taken in the meeting with Powell, and he wants to see a 1999 peace accord among Congo and five other countries renegotiated.

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There are various ways, he said. "Renegotiate it," he said.

Kabila and several other foreign leaders - including Rwandan President Paul Kagame - are in Washington for the annual presidential prayer breakfast. He also planned meetings with members of Congress and with oil company executives.

Powell has indicated he plans to give high priority to African issues, and the department's Africa bureau gave him his first briefing after he was nominated as secretary of state.

President Bush's interest in the continent, however, is questionable. In an interview last year, Bush said, "While Africa may be important, it doesn't fit into the national strategic interests as far as I can see them."
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Police catch 6 escaped Alabama prisoners

DIffSON, Tenn. Six escaped convicts from Alabama were captured in Tennessee on Thursday, two days after they broke out of a maximum-security prison by using a broom handle to lift an electrified fence.

Authorities stumbled onto the group along a country road about 50 miles west of Nashville and 165 miles from the prison. They scattered and were caught without violence over an eight-hour span.

"We just parted, drank and got high — just had a good time," convicted burglar James McClain said after his arrest.

He said the group was headed to Canada.

The six stopped at a gas station Wednesday evening not far from where they were found. They went inside and bought six bologna sandwiches, beer, toothpaste, toothbrushes and shampoo, authorities said.

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administration’s reasons for not allowing the play to take place at the College this year.

Although Eldred said she saw the value in "The Vagina Monologues" last year on cam­

pus, she declined to give her opinion at 3:30 p.m.

"Yes, I did see [The Vagina Monologues] last year," she said. "However, sometimes when you are in a position of responsibility you have to set aside personal views and do what is best for the organization. My view is that what I think is best for Saint Mary’s College is not to have the play performed on campus this year."

In place of the "Monologues," Eldred suggested more inclusive programming regarding sexual­ly and violence against women.

"We have continued to say that we don’t feel that there is a need to do the play again this year," said Eldred. "We talked about creating more programming to meet the needs of more stu­dents."

This kind of programming would involve a panel discussion or bringing speakers to campus representing a wide range of opinions on issues of sexuality and gender.

"However, Koelsch said CARE already sponsors such program­ming efforts throughout the year on campus.

"I think there was a misunder­standing that there was no CARE and the administration about inclusive­ness," said Koelsch. "We pointed out to them that we already have those other programming but "The Vagina Monologues" was a different way to talk about things and if we had it last year, there will always be someone new on campus who could benefit from doing it." CARE board member Katie Poyner added. She said that lectures and panels do not draw crowds the way the monologues did and an estimated 350 people attended perform­ances.

"The administration is saying that we should do other pro­gramming in place of "The Vagina Monologues," so if the administration thinks they can put together a panel that brings 350 students to see it and then a year later can bring together a
group of students so fired up that they come to a forum to speak out and voice their opinions about it, then I guess I would say we have that panel discus­sion instead of "The Vagina Monologues,"" said Poyner.

Eldred told the CARE board members that she would assist the group in securing funding for a bus to take students to Chicago providing the students could get tickets. She said that performance of "The Vagina Monologues," pro­vided they could get tickets.

"Basically, what the adminis­tration is saying is we think the play is fine but we don’t think that we should have it at Saint Mary’s," said Koelsch. "The problem with that is that the tick­ets are very expensive and most likely sold out."

The V-Day initiative through which CARE had hoped to per­form the "Monologues" provides copies of Ensler’s play free of charge. All profits go to organiza­tions that help raise awareness of battery, rape, abuse and violence against women.

Regardless of the administra­tion’s stance, Koelsch said the ticketing problems are not the fault of the administration.

"We’re going to talk to Board of Governance and see if they will provide us a panel of "The Vagina Monologues," and we are going to talk to Faculty Assembly also," said Koelsch. "People who think this issue will just roll over and die are wrong. I won’t stop fight­ing to have "The Vagina Monologues" performed on this campus until Feb. 21. I have 20 more days to raise a ruckus and I intend to. There will be more dis­cussions."

Nagle, Matha meet few students

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By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary’s Editor

The lone ticket running for Saint Mary’s student body presi­dent/Vice president, Michelle Nagle and Kristen Matha, had the opportunity to present their platform to the student body Thursday night at a meet the candidates event.

The sparsely attended event gave the Naglo-Matha ticket the chance to answer questions from the elections commissioner and students in attendance.

"We would like to invite the entire community into student government during our adminis­tration," Nagle said.

The questions from the elec­tions commissioner addressed their platform and how they were going to achieve their objectives. Among the issues Naglo/Matha discussed was the adding a Holy Cross representa­tive to board of governance.

"They [Holy Cross] admire us," Nagle said. "What we envision with the Holy Cross representa­tive is to get to know them as people and bring the campus together so we can get to know each other."

They also discussed the "State of the Student Address" they are planning. They explained that the address that would occur at the beginning of each semester would serve both to inform the student body of stu­dent government’s actions and to keep student government accountable to the student body.

The heart of the platform is to make sure we’re accessible," Nagle said.

After the prepared questions, the audience had an opportunity to address the candidates with their own concerns. Of one of the first questions they answered was in respect to their future administra­tion’s relationship to the Saint Mary’s administration.

"We met with every adminis­trator before we decided to run because we didn’t think the stu­dent voice was being communi­cated in the best way it could," Nagle said. "We are looking for the best way to represent the student body to the administra­tion."

They also addressed the recent elimination of the track program from Saint Mary’s ath­letics. As a varsity basketball player, Nagle explained that she saw the frustration of the team, but also saw why the adminis­tration saw the elimination was necessary.

"It is definitely unfortunate," Matha said. "I understand where the administration is coming from, however. We need coaches and our equipment is very outdated. If the track team is going to compete at the level they want to compete at, we need to have adequate facilities on our own campus."

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requests that donations be made to scholarships in his name at either St. Ignatius High School or the University.

A funeral Mass for Scott Delgadillo will be cele­brated at 1 a.m. Monday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus. Visitations will take place from 1:30 p.m. in (the Baslica’s Lady Chapel). Delgadillo died Monday night after a yearlong battle with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

"We will have one final event to celebrate his life Saturday, then, in accordance with Scott’s wishes, his family will accompany his body to South Bend for the Mass at Notre Dame. They will return Tuesday to San Diego for burial.

Six members of the Notre Dame football team — Shane Walton, Joey Gethers, Rocky Boiman, Grant Iroha, Anthony Weaver and Sean Milligan — have been asked by the Delgadillo family to serve as pallbearers.

Iroha said he was honored to serve as a pallbearer.

"It’s unfortunate how his life was cut so short, but it’s amazing how many lives he touched. I’m not just talking about the football team. He was an inspira­tion to everyone," said Iroha.

Local arrangements are being handled by Kanevski Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be sent to the Cos Kofie Foundation, Scott Delgadillo Fund, c/o San Diego Foundation, PO Box 81107, San Diego, Calif., 92138.

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Clinton heads back into limelight

WASHINGTON

Out of the nation’s sight for all of two weeks, Bill Clinton is back. He’s got two speeches in Florida, something to say to Israelis as they get ready to vote and a possible trip to Hong Kong for a conference.

Someone needs to send him a vote and a memo to read before the panel.

Former Vice President Al Gore, Bush’s rival in the campaign, also is coming back into view, with a speech Monday to a health care conference in New York. His fee was not disclosed.

Clinton’s re-emergence follows his slow-motion exit from the presidency, one that irritated Republican critics who said he was crowding in on Bush’s big moment.

Following a farewell address to the nation his last week in office, Clinton spoke on Inauguration Day at a rally at Andrews Air Force Base and then welcoming rallies in New York City and Chappaqua.

He’s “excited for the spotlight,” said Bush, president of the Media Research Center, a conservative media-watchdog group.

There’s nothing new about ex-presidents airing their views for cash.

When Ronald Reagan went to Asia in 1989, the year he left office, a Japanese media conglomerate paid him $2 million for two 20-minute speeches. He gave other talks for about $60,000 each.

Bush’s father charged an estimated $100,000 for trips abroad, and he charged about $80,000 for speeches in the United States after he was president.

Bush unveils plan to aid religious agencies

- Proposal would also give funds to disabled Americans

WASHINGTON

President Bush sought on Thursday to show the compas­sion behind his brand of conser­vation, unveiling a multimillion dollar plan to aid dis­abled Americans and promising to stop gov­ernment from “discriminat­ing against religious institutions” that help the needy.

In separate events, Bush capped a week in campaign designed to reach out to moder­ate voters. Advisers say the president will turn next week to another challenge: promoting tax cuts by trying to show they would benefit families, small businesses, the high-tech indus­try and the sluggish economy.

He plans to submit the package to Congress later this week.

His Thursday began with the National Prayer Breakfast, an annual gathering of lawmakers, foreign heads of state and spiritual leaders. Bush promised to respect the separa­tion of church and state even as he tries to funnel more gov­ernment money to church groups.

“I’m interested in what is con­stitutional and I’m interested in what works,” Bush said, pro­posing his plan to make govern­ment money available to reli­gious organizations that help the needy or provide other com­munity services.

Promising to lift regulatory barriers and allow religious groups to compete for a share of social-services money distrib­uted by the government, Bush said, “The day of discrim­i­nation against religious institutions is over.”

“An American president serves people of every faith, and serves some with no faith at all,” he said.

Bush, a Methodist, quoted scripture and said religion was important in his life, just as President Clinton and several of his predecessors have done.

Clinton used the 1998 gathering to apologize for his affair with Monica Lewinsky.

Later, Bush filled up the East Room to discuss a series of pro­posals to help disabled Americans. They include:
• Increase spending for research and development.
• Provide low-interest loans to help disabled people buy com­puters and other equipment needed to work.
• Increase state spending for educating disabled students.
• Support 10 pilot projects to develop transportation plans for the disabled.

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This weekend, Notre Dame students will address the Board of Trustees for the first time in Notre Dame history. Brian O’Donohue, Josh Oborn, and Mike Heinz’s speech on “Students’ ability to understand and articulate their Catholic faith” possibly will improve the Board’s understanding of the students at Notre Dame. But if the Board of Trustees really wanted to understand the Notre Dame community, it wouldn’t force O’Donohue, Oborn and Heinz to fly to Washington to meet the Board. It is difficult to understand how the most powerful body at Notre Dame can make discussions and policies for this University when it doesn’t even meet on campus. By meeting in Washington, the Board has removed itself from the people it is supposed to govern.

If the Board wants to understand Notre Dame students, they have to talk to Notre Dame students. If they want to learn how Notre Dame students understand their Catholic faith, they should come to a dorm mass. If they want to find out if students are drunk, they should go on a Campus Ministry retreat and listen to the students themselves, you pay lovers.

Clinton and Gore officials admitted to having left official-looking signs on office doors that said roughly, “Office of Strangere” (a reference to a “Saturday Night Live” spoof of Bush), “Office of Subliminal Messages” (another reference to Bush malapropisms) and “Division of Uniting.” Another sign with the words “Office of Communications” acquired the ever-so-slight hint of the word “Office” was created to meet the editors and the Board of Trustees.

**Bringing on ND beer commercials**

What a refreshing experience for us, “Catholic Catholics” who are criticized for not blindly following church dogma to watch so many Becks beer commercials during the Notre Dame-Georgetown men’s basketball game aired on ABC. It was amusing that “The Jesuit Catholic University of America” and that Seoul-based newspaper called “The Big East” permitted alcohol commercials during this all-Catholic game, especially when ND officials are trying to consider the Irish team as representing “The Catholic University in America.”

Where was the sense of outrage from Notre Dame as they raked in the television proceeds? Many find it amusing that ND football games will not accept sponsorships from alcohol manufacturers, while drunken slobs carry open containers all over campus during the commercial breaks on Saturday afternoon.

Don’t get me wrong, I was one of those drunken slobs in my youth. However, it is difficult for me to explain to my parents how I, a Catholic convert, learned the importance of not drinking beer from watching “The Bachelor” commercials on ND games. But a little tomfoolery is typical in transitions between presidents. On the day George Ford left Washington, his staff put beer into all the Air Force One’s coolers for the Reagan staff to enjoy. Administration officials often accuse their predecessors of trying to make life harder for them. In 1993, some Clinton officials cried foul when they found hard drives missing from their computers, but they turned out to have been stolen by an independent prosecutor looking into the Bush administration’s use of passport files.

However, Clinton administration officials found numerous “Bush-Quayle” stickers plastered on desks when they moved into the White House. Some maintained that phones and computers had been disabled. In defense of the departing Clintonites’ deeds, some Democrats say that this year’s mischievous piles in comparison to what Clinton and Gore staffers encountered eight years ago. They say that office closets were locked shut and keys thrown away, almost all office supplies were stolen or discarded and scrawled signs contained greetings like, “Welcome you Duplicitous draft dodger!” and “Go explod-
Friday, February 2, 2001

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Contradictions span right and left

I write in response to Wednesday’s column by James Seaman, entitled “Leaders of America’s Left Fall to Flaws.” Upon reading this piece I was left wondering: Why don’t, why haven’t, the leaders of America’s right similarly fallen to flaws?

To begin: Powell, Cheney, et. al., all the brave warriors who sat in their plush offices and orchestrated the rape and pillage of third world countries so that our 5 percent of the population could continue to consume close to 4 percent of the world’s resources, whose repression of accurate information and reporting during the Gulf War still shames those of us who believe in the First Amendment. Why do we feel so lucky, so safe, to have these people guiding our country?

As for George W. Bush, this is a man who presided, as Governor of Texas, over a reign that will long be remembered as one of the most shameless systems of state execution in the developed world. We’re not just speaking about capital punishment here, bad enough as it is (in the eyes of the Vatican), but the archaic Texas system of administering that punishment. Why is our new President Bush doomed to be a man who will rewrite history for his country?

In short, the Seaman piece compels me to ask another, but related (and somehow silenced) question beyond that of the authors: Why are Reagan, Bush and Bush and their henchmen still celebrated as unfallen leaders?

What Jesse Jackson did was wrong. Just as wrong, by the way, as what Newt Gingrich, Bob Livingston and Henry Hyde did. And perhaps whatever else George W. Bush did (he won’t tell us) before he faced the Seaman piece.

But I also struggle to think well of our country’s future as long as the “more public” evils of Ronald Reagan and the Bushes are ignored, a man whose policies (be it in the relatively private evils of Livingston, Gingrich, Hyde and Jackson) do not begin to tit for tat the relatively private evils of Livingston, Gingrich, Hyde and Jackson.

In my opinion, it is in the best interest of America’s right similarly fallen to flaws to diversify the number of sports they have to offer, rather than to specialize in only a few.

Second, how can anyone expect head coach Larry Szczech to motivate his runners for the upcoming campaign. With no future to work towards, with each meet meaning the team is closer and closer to the end, how can any coach be expected to produce great results, and how can the athletes create the usual feeling of optimism heading into a season?

Finally, adequate practice space was addressed. Saint Mary’s has a big part of the sport, the will to compete, a big part of the sport, the ability to persevere and challenge ourselves to live out the mission of the College. Terminating the track and field program based on a little financial difficulty sends all women at Saint Mary’s a quite a contrary message.

We have decided to do all we can to save our program. We will not let our program die due to lack of money. We plan to continue competing at the varsity level for this season while trying to find the funds necessary for the track and field team to remain a varsity sport at Saint Mary’s campus. We encourage any feedback or support to help us reach our goal.

Saint Mary’s Track and Field Team

February 1, 2001

Sant Mary’s should rethink decision

Tuesday’s controversial decision to eliminate the women’s track and field program at Saint Mary’s College was one that was undertaken in a hasty and sudden manner. Saint Mary’s College President Martin Eldred gave her not so popular final answer to cut the program after receiving the recommendation of athletic director Lynn Rachmarch. It is obvious to me that neither put much thought into the process.

The individuals who made this bold decision apparently had some second thoughts of their own considering they did not inform team members of even the possibility, let alone the final decision to terminate the program at season’s end. I would like to make several points as to why the track and field program should be kept running, no pun intended.

First, track and field is an activity which individuals compete in because they love it. It is not easy, practices are not fun and the sport enjoys little facetime from outsiders. The point is that those who stay with the sport love it deeply and to make that extracurricular option for current team members at Saint Mary’s is wrong. It does much more than take away one activity from the day, it takes away a big part of who each team member is.

Secondly, financial concerns were given as the primary reason for cutting the program. It was estimated that the school could save $13,000 by cutting the program, and this money could be allotted to other sports. I know Rick Pitino is available, but I am guessing at least more than five figures to make him the new Belles basketball coach. In short, $13,000 is not enough to make a significant difference to any sport or Saint Mary’s College.

Track and field is the largest high school participatory sport in America, and Saint Mary’s can use it as a recruiting tool for athletes who do not have the chance to run at a Division I school, but can come and compete in the sport they love at the Division III level. I think it would be in Saint Mary’s best interest to diversify the number of sports they have to offer, rather than to specialize in only a few.

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The will to compete, a big part of the sport, will be lost.

Finally, adequate practice space was addressed. Saint Mary’s has a long jump, high jump, shot put and discus areas on campus. I am an assistant track and field coach at South Bend’s Saint Joseph’s High School, and we have allowed the Belles track team use of our facilities during the season. The one mile jog down to the track is like a stroll to the dining hall for these athletes, so distance can not be a concern.

A new facility may not be feasible, but cutting a sport altogether is not the answer. This shocking decision was done without a careful look into the future, without any input from the student-athletes effected by it and with financial considerations taking top order.

In my opinion, it is in the best interest of Saint Mary’s to rethink its decision to cut the track and field program.
It happens to everyone, from the practiced slacker to the most diligent student. You've been at the library for what seems like days, your eyes blurry from the lack of sleep, your hands jittery from the steady flow of caffeine. As the clock ticks away the hours, you panic and lose all ability to concentrate on the stack of books in front of you. Wild-eyed and desperate for distraction, you lounge for your trusty No. 2 pencil and scribble manically on the desk in front of you.

Some vent their frustration by cursing professors and finals week itself. Others are so despairing that all they can think to write is their own name, over and over. Die-hard fans seek solace in their favorite lyrics, while lovebirds carve hearts and interlocked initials, pining for their absent one.

The hourly yearning for an education draws hopeful Irish from all corners of the globe, while the frantic cramming of finals week sends them running to the library. As they huddle in isolated cubicles or socialize at popular second-floor tables, study breaks and demands of university life by leaving their mark on seven cubicles and the desks of scholars.

Students maintain a passion for hometown teams and heroes as well. An enthusiastic "Mets #1" is etched into one table, accompanied by a few carefully chosen expletives to express dissatisfaction with the Screamers' win.

Hating, their dreams and their frustrations. Exploring this secret saga of the stacks reveals the humor prevalent among decades of undergrads exasperated by the gray skies of South Bend and the lack of social life in their halls.

While their wit and wisdom can be thought-provoking or even educational, the timid or faint-at-heart should remember that the maturity level of 18- to 22-year-olds often leaves much to be desired — one unfortunate constant throughout the decades. Looking beyond the occasional unpleasantry, however, can provide fascinating insight into the lives of those who have called this University home.

At a school so steeped in athletic tradition and excellence, it's only natural to find numerous references to sports and favorite teams scribbled on the desks of scholars. Almost every team is represented somewhere in the library, from "ND Water Polo forever!" to "ND Swim #1." One die-hard rugby player expressed his anger at his team's disbanding by writing a few choice words to the Office of Residence Life in bold black pen, followed by "NOTRE DAME RUGBY LIVES!"


Some take their graffiti more seriously than others. One interesting phenomenon is the presence of various Notre Dame slurs, generally along the lines of "Go Michigan! ND Sucks."

Debates among students are so frantic that fans make it a point to visit the library in the hopes of defacing a few desks in the name of their team. We print up cleverly insulit shirts and chant degrading cheers; they insult us to library cubicles. Wow, they really got us.

Stuck behind the walls of the library on a weekend Saturday, one dedicated fan longed to be in the stadium across the street and must be in the stadium across the street and must be in the stadium across the street and must be in the stadium across the street. Another particularly dedicated sports nut made his mark on seven cubicles in a row, writing "Free Pete Rose!" in permanent marker.

This same borderline obsession is found in music fans of all genres, who find them selves huddled up in the harem. Domers of the '80s cried out for Bruce Springsteen, Guns 'N Roses and The Cure. In response to a Def Leppard logo, one crazed co-ed scribbled "Who wrote this??" and "Who is the waste bowl of all time?" declares another.

For some reason, U2 fans are particularly fond of pledging their allegiance via graffiti. "Achtung Baby," "Bono is God," and "U2 U2 U2". This may be due to the band's continued popularity throughout several decades, or perhaps simply because the two-letter moniker is easy to remember when cramping sleep at 3 a.m.

Other vocal fans include Phish fans and Deadheads, who tend to ramble in long lyrical quotes sometimes decorated with pot leaves. An interesting juxtaposition of musical tastes is found on one second floor desk in which warring sides have colored the surface with "Poison," "Phish," "Whitesnake," "Grateful Dead" and "Motley Crue." South Bend's local music scene is even represented, with the lyrics of Umprey's McGee's classic, Bootie Wax.

Indeed the most popular forms of library graffiti are musical lyrics — as seen on one cubicle completely covered in different songs — and philosophica nal musings. Apparently the philosophy requirement is doing its work, as Notre Dame students throughout the decades have pondered the great questions while procrastinating from their econ or orgo homework.

They w onder: "Why do I take up space?" They despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They swallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They swallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They swallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They swallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They swallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They swallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They swallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They swallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They swallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They swallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They swallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They swallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They swallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They swallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They swallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They swallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul."
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Procrastinating minds. Scene takes a closer look at the themes etched in the wood.
Doherty's No. 4 Tar Heels top Coach K's No. 2 Blue Devils

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. - Brendan Haywood had a lot on his mind when he stepped to the free-throw line with 1.2 seconds left before regulation in Saturday's overtime loss to Duke.

"I was definitely remembering those two misses," that was the first thing that was running through my mind," he said of the two he missed in Cameron Indoor Stadium when he was a freshman. "But I just had to focus and get back and follow through and think of my mom and dad and everyone for me. There's a lot to be said about luck." His pressure at the line came on a night when Duke had one of its poorest free-throw shooting nights. The Tar Heels (18-2, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their 15th straight game and snapped Duke's five-game winning streak in the series.

The loss also snapped the nine-game overall winning streak for Duke, which was tied 83-83. Haywood is one of the poorest free-throw shooters on North Carolina, and although he did make two big ones last Sunday in a win over North Carolina State, he had trouble at that basket before.

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W o m e n 's basketball r uttered a No. 2 Connecticut rivalries in women's basketball. A Cham ique Holdsclaw-type player on both ends of the floor. Holdsclaw, a member of three national championship teams at Tennessee, had her No. 23 jersey retired in a halftime ceremony. In a frenetic and riveting game between the top programs in women's college basketball, Snow and Randall cooled off for the first time since Cutchings went down with a torn ACL on Jan. 15. Kara Lawson added 23 points and 11 rebounds, Connecticut's Ashley Robinson, who has struggled from the line, made two free throws after she was intentionally fouled on the next possession to ice the victory. The Lady Vols rushed to center court as orange and white confetti fell to the floor after time expired. "There's a lot of talent on this team," said Mitchell and I playing like we did, it showed that there are other people there," Randall said. "Gwen and Kara did an awesome job. I'm glad I'm on their team.

The Huskies had an answer for just about everything Tennessee did. They outrebounded the Lady Vols 47-38 and scored 25 points off 11 turnovers. "In any other game, we would have won, but not tonight," Huskies coach Geno Auriemma said. "We played pretty well and they still beat us.

Connecticut had won four straight since being overpowered by Notre Dame 92-76 on Jan. 15. The Huskies weren't about to outplayed like that again. "We really fought this game," Bird said. Tennessee went up by seven with 1:02 left after Snow was fouled hard by Diana Taurasi, who picked up her fifth foul. The call enraged Auriemma and he was ejected for a technical. Lawson made both technical free throws and Snow added a free throw for an 86-79 lead. Bird hit a 3, missed two more 3s, then finally drove the lane for a basket to cut the lead to 88-84.

The Lady Vols built an eight-point lead to start the second half before Shea Ralph's basket cut the margin to 52-46 with 18:12 left.

Tennessee went ahead 61-52 on Jackson's jumper with 14:12 remaining before the Huskies went on a 15-2 run over the next 5:1/2 minutes to take the lead. Swetliana Abrosimova's 3-pointer gave Connecticut its first lead of the second half before Taurasi hit another 3-pointer for a 67-63 lead with 8:47 to go. Abrosimova, the Huskies' main scoring threat, left the game with 9:22 to go after she crashed hard to the floor going for a loose ball. She played only a few minutes of the rest of the game and was diagnosed with a sprained left foot, finishing with 15 points.

The Lady Vols tied the score at 64 on Jackson's basket and Snow's two free throws with 7:28 left. The teams traded baskets until Cwens was fouled twice and made three free throws to put Tennessee in the game and was diagnosed with a sprained left foot, finishing with 15 points.

The Irish fencing team faces a tough weekend in its only home regular-season meet of the year. Facing 10 teams over two weekends, the Irish will replace the starters they will replace the starters with some of the less experienced fencers. The toughest test for the men's foil team this weekend but by a larger margin. The Irish face this weekend. The Irish will counter Kelsey and the sabre squad on 6-3, the Irish are behind the Wildcats while the sabreists, Seth Kelsey who finished fifth at the NCAAs last year. The Irish will counter Kelsey and the Wildcats with 4-3, while he was fencing at a World Cup event in Ciba. The Irish began the weekend against Michigan State at 9 a.m. on Saturday followed by Detroit, Chicago, Wayne State and Cleveland State at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. On Sunday the Irish start the day at 10 a.m. against St. Mary's and fencing Air Force at 9:30, Northwestern at 11 a.m. Michigan at 12:30 p.m. and Lawrence at 2 p.m. All matches are held at the hockey dome of the Joyce Center.

If the Irish are going to win by a larger margin, they will need a better showing by the entire squad. While the women's full squad beat Northwestern 7-2 and the sabre squad on 6-3, the epee squad was whipped 8-1.

The Irish fencing team faces a marathon test of endurance this weekend in its only home regular-season meet of the year. Facing 10 teams over two days, Notre Dame must remain mentally and physically focused for the entire weekend.

"I think it is going to be really tough," women's epee captain Kim DeMaio said. "Last weekend at Northwestern when we fenced our fifth match, we were really tired at the end of the day. I think it is going to be a long weekend.

The two-day meet will be a good warm-up for the four-day NCAA Championships in March, according to men's foil captain Oren Debic.

"The only time we fenced like that last year was at the NCAAs but that was much harder competition," he said. "Since this meet is at home, it is going to be more relaxed so I don't know. I am looking forward to it just to see how it goes. It will show how good we really are since we are competing and exhausting our energy on this last day."

"It's going to be the opportunity for the non-starters and the walk-ons to compete," Debic said. "That will give them the chance to prove themselves. Our goal is to give as many people as we can the opportunity to fence."
Hockey

Irish face familiar Buckeyes in CCHA matchup

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team didn't have much to do to prepare for this weekend's series against Ohio State in Columbus. That is because for the second time in three weekends the Irish have a two-game series against the Buckeyes.

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Senior defenseman Ryan Clark handles the puck during a game earlier this season. The Irish picked up a tie and a loss in an earlier series with the Buckeyes.

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Irish swim to No. 15 in new poll

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

On the heels of a pair of impressive dual meet wins last week, the Notre Dame women's swimming team jumped up one position to No. 15 in the latest Speedo America Top 25 poll released Feb. 1.

The No. 15 ranking is the highest Irish have ever risen in the national poll in the history of the swimming program.

"I think it just shows that our hard work has really paid off this season, especially the last two dual meets," said senior Kristen Van San.

Notre Dame finished its dual meet season with a 1-0-1 record. The Irish wrapped up their dual meet competition last Friday with a 157-143 win over Michigan, less than 24 hours after holding off Purdue.

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ETHICS WEEK 2001

The Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business is sponsoring another exciting Ethics Week. Ethics Week 2001 events include the following presentations in the College of Business.

Monday, February 12, "Personal Selling and Cheating Behavior: A Framework for Cause and Effect" will be presented by Professor Kevin Bradford, Department of Marketing, University of Notre Dame.

8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, February 13, "Ethical Issues Confronting Investment Advisors". A panel moderated by Professor Frank Kelly, Department of Finance and Business Economics, University of Notre Dame.

Panel members include Brenda Bithek (Raymond James and Company), Michael Crowe (Crowe, Lerner, and Company), and Tina Patton (Indiana Trust and Investment Management Company).

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
121 Mendoza College of Business

Wednesday, February 14, "What ETHICS WEEK means to the Mendoza College of Business" will be presented by Dean Carolyn Wio, Mendoza College of Business, University of Notre Dame.

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business

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All faculty and students are welcome to attend the presentations. You are welcome to bring your lunch. Cold drinks will be provided.

If you have any questions about Ethics Week 2001, please contact Ken Milani at kenneth.w.milani.1@nd.edu, or Deb Coch at deborah.m.coch.1@nd.edu
We, as a student body, are so blessed here at the University of Notre Dame. Now, through this new Student Union program we too have a chance to take what we have been given and make of ourselves a blessing unto others.

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Although we already contribute in many other ways through various clubs, organizations and events, this program offers us as students the unique opportunity to do so as a community at weekend Masses.

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**Men's Swimming**

Irish again have hard schedule

Special to The Observer

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**Women's Swimming**

Dasso wins round

Special to The Observer

FARMERS BRANCH, Texas

Notre Dame senior American Michelle Dasso won three-set matches in singles and doubles to reach the second round of singles and the doubles quarterfinals on the first day of the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships at the Brookhaven Country Club in Farmers Branch, Texas. The third-ranked and second-seeded Dasso held off Stanford's 21st-ranked Kiko Tokuda 6-2, 5-7, 6-1, to reach the second round of singles at the third leg of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Grand Slam. She next will meet Arkansas' 30th-ranked Cyn Beek Kiao, a 6-4, 6-0 winner over Ohio State's Kristy Dascoll.

The eighth-ranked but unseeded Irish doubles team of Dasso and junior Becky Varnum rallied to beat another Stanford opponent, defeating 13th-ranked Lauren Barnikow and Lauren Khirirak 6-4, 6-1, 6-0. Dasso and Varnum, who used a break of serve at 5-4 in the second set to force a third set, were scheduled to play a late quarterfinal match against Texas' seventh-ranked and fourth-seeded team of Vladka Ulhira and Janet Walker.

**Women's Tennis**

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CONOR J. MURPHY

MEMBER OF THE NOTRE DAME COMMUNITY
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Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

Amen.

Funeral Arrangements for Conor Murphy:

Wake: Friday, February 2, 2001, 2:00-8:00 p.m.
McGorray Brothers Funeral Home
14133 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio

Viewing: Saturday, February 3, 2001, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
St. Ignatius High School
1911 West 30th St., Cleveland, Ohio

Funeral Mass: Saturday, February 3, 2001, 11:30 a.m.
St. Ignatius High School

The University will be providing buses to transport students to and from Cleveland for the viewing and Funeral Mass on Saturday, February 3. Buses begin boarding in the Library Circle at 5:00 a.m.

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or email: sao@nd.edu ASAP
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Kelley Siemon, Ericka Haney and Meaghan Leahy and the perimeter play of Severe, Jeneka Joyce on errant passes.

The Irish face an unexpectedly weak Eagles squad this weekend. In the preseason, the conference coaches picked Boston College to finish fourth, just behind Notre Dame. But the Eagles, who went 26-9 last year and advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament, have lost seven of their last eight contests and rank 12th out of 14 teams in the Big East.

They played well at the beginning of the season and were tied at then-No. 2 Tennessee with 15 points. Three days earlier, Boston College lost 73-61 to then-No. 5 Purdue after staying close most of the afternoon.

yet since defeating St. John's 75-36 on Feb. 2, the Eagles have been among the conference's worst teams. The average margin of victory by the opponents in the seven losses has been 9.7 points per game.

Boston College has played most of the season without junior point guard Brianne Stepherson, who started during her first two years. Junior forward Becky Gottstein leads the team in scoring (15.5 points) and rebounding (10.2 rebounds) and shoots 51.2 percent from the field.

"She likes to attack the basket off the dribble or on up and under moves," Riley said of Gottstein. "And they look to post her up a lot. She's a pretty good player."


"We don't play very well up there," Riley said. "It's probably chance, perhaps. Both times we didn't play well but they have a good crowd and they're aggressive."

With Kelley Siemon (broken hand) questionable for the game, McGraw may continue using Severe to provide a defensive presence. Severe had surgery in September for a stress fracture in her right tibia. The doctors placed a rod in her leg and she was sidelined until the Dec. 18 game against Western Michigan.

A few weeks later, Severe sprained her left knee against St. John's and missed the next two games. But after months of turbulence, Severe has adapted to college basketball.

"I'm feeling more comfortable now," Severe said. "It's great finally getting back into the flow."
Revenge
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Brey said. "It's another good road challenge, but we're not in must win territory. We're better, and they're better this year."

Not only are the Panthers (12-7, 4-4) better than they were in 1999-2000; they're anxious to show their dismal performance at Notre Dame was a fluke. In the Jan. 16 match, which Notre Dame won 74-58 to begin its current run of wins, the Panthers missed their first 11 shots and never recovered. The Irish held Pittsburgh's star player, Ricardo Greer, to 2-for-12 shooting, an outing he's not likely to forget.

"I don't think Pittsburgh's going to get off to as bad a start as they did here," Brey said. "We really have to be ready to play. They've shot it much better at home than on the road."

The Panthers have played much better at home in general, with just two of their seven losses coming at Fitzgerald Field House. Their shooting percentage against Notre Dame was a rare low ball for the Panthers. More often, the Panthers smooth their opponents from the field. The Pitt defense is keeping opponents to the lowest point total and worst shooting percentage in the conference.

The Irish managed to hold down the tempo against high-scoring Georgetown, and their ability to control the game pace against the Panthers will be key.

"We know we need to go in and control the tempo," said Irish point guard Martin Ingelsby, who leads the Big East in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.65. "When opportunities are there, take them, but not be too crazy with the ball. We need to get it into our big guys in the post, because that's where we're most effective."

If the two teams keep things slow and patient Saturday, the Irish may actually benefit. With three strong post players in Murphy, Ryan Humphrey and Harold Swanagan, meshing with three potent perimeter shooters in Ingelsby, David Graves and Matt Carroll, Notre Dame has options galore.

Pittsburgh isn't quite as versatile, but the Panthers do have some options beyond Greer, a senior guard. Freshman point guard Julius Page and 6-foot-8 senior forward Issac Hawkins each average 9.7 points per game, while forward Donatas Zavackas and guard Brandin Knight are also important contributors for coach Ben Howland's squad.

In the first Irish-Panthers contest this season, Brey implemented a new starting lineup, replacing Graves with Swanagan due to Graves' sprained ankle. The switch worked, and Brey's stuck with it ever since.

Swanagan became the team's shining example of gritty play with his penchant for rebounds and floor burns, while Graves, still averaging more than 30 minutes per game, provides energy and hot shooting off the bench. The flip-flop in positions among the teammates and close friends is a change the Irish look to as a possible turning point in their season.

"I don't know what the difference is," Murphy said of the change in Irish play. "It could have something to do with the new starting lineup."

Ingelsby added, "I think we're just playing well as a team right now. We're doing the right things at the offensive end and defensive end. I think guys know their roles, and we've established our guys in the post."

Doing the same on Saturday should up the Irish run of victories to five, a school record for consecutive league wins.

Irish forward Ryan Humphrey rips away a rebound during Notre Dame's victory against Georgetown last Sunday. The Irish travel to Pittsburgh this Saturday.
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

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away, competing against conference rivals Georgetown and Miami should give the Irish inspiration heading into the meet.

"Georgetown historically is very good distance and middle-distance," said Irish head coach Joe Piane. "This year is no exception — in fact they may be better than normal." Miami comes in with a solid sprinter crew that will challenge Gilbert and Matesich in the 60 meters and Gilbert and "Red" Croker in the 200 meters.

"It’s good to see the competition that’s going to be in the Big East meet," said Davey. "My focus is the Big East, so it’s good to see the competition beforehand."

Ten-year sprinter Leonard Scott brings in the national top times in the 60-meters and 200-meters. Scott has clocked in at 6.57 in the 60 and 20.80 in the 200.

In the longer sprints, the Irish will be challenged by a talented group of Georgetown middle-distance runners. Toney Bracken will run the 400 meters. Georgetown's Nick Reynolds brings in the Big East’s top time in the event with a 47.74 on Saturday.

In the 500 meters, Irish sprinter Rick Miller, Scott and senior Terry Wray face a talented group of Georgetown runners. Wray, who specializes in the event, is competing in the 500 for the first time this season.

"I'm ready to come out and run a good time," Wray said. "I ran a pretty good time last year. I'm hoping to go in to the Big East meet with the No. 2 time."

The Irish start off the meet tonight with the long jump. Gilbert will face a challenge from Miami's Joseph Mbahyn, who has jumped 7.34 meters in this event.

"If he can clear the first hurdle, I think he'll run real well," said Millar.

Field events begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, while running events get going at noon.

Post player Kristen Matha returned to the court Wednesday night to join a Saint Mary's team that struggled, but left Capparet Gymnasium at Alma College feeling proud. After a seven game losing streak, the Belles team dropped the game to second-ranked Alma 56-49.

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Feeding off of each other worked well for the team of post players Wednesday. Blair led the team with 18 points and four blocks. A still-recovering Matha, who only played for 20 minutes, scored eight points, had eight rebounds and led the team with three steals.

"It felt great being back in there," Matha said.

Although the Belles kept the game close, it may have been fous that put the final nail in the coffin. Alma players went to the foul line 22 times during the course of the game; Saint Mary’s saw the line six times.

During the last several games offensive turnovers have plagued the Belles and cost them points. Wednesday marked a season low number of turnovers, with only 13.

In addition, Saint Mary’s seemed to recreate team communication that has been missing.

"We really looked like a team," Smith said.

Matha attributes part of the communication and focus to being on the road.

"I love being on the road," she said. "There are no distractions and we don’t have all day to think about the game." Although Saint Mary’s still fell short of a victory, the team is hoping Wednesday’s good play will springboard them to a victory over Calvin College on Saturday.

"Wednesday came out with a lot of intensity and feeling," Smith said. "We need to do that again."

The Belles will be facing off against a Knights’ team that is 4-5 in the MIAA and 9-10 overall. The Belles are 7-15 overall.

The last time these two teams met, Calvin defeated Saint Mary’s 52-35. This time Saint Mary’s plans to be on top.

"In the Calvin-Saint Mary’s game, the only team that can beat us is Saint Mary’s," Matha said.

However, a strong Calvin team will be looking for a win. Led on offense by Jennifer Playmeyer, Tara Bergsma and Emily Mejeur, who average 11, seven and seven points respectively.

Post players Matha, Blair and Kelly Roberts will have to look out for Emily Beard, who leads the Knights with seven rebounds a game.

Smith is still unsure of her starting line-up, but Matha will be back to playing a majority of the game.

Tip off is at 12:45 p.m. at Calvin.

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TOM KEELEY

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Hoyas and Hurricanes and Irish, oh Meyo!

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Injuries are the focus when the Irish men’s track team begins the Meyo Invitational today in Loftus as the team will be without three important members of their team.

Distance runners Pat Conway—who has won the mile in both Notre Dame meets this season—is out with a leg injury, as is 800-meter standout Nate Andruleonis.

Junior Quill Redwine, who won both the high jump and triple jump last Friday against Michigan State, will miss the invitational with a tender knee.

Additionally, the team’s leading scorer, sprinter/jumper Tom Gilbert, has been battling the flu all week.

“I’ve been sick all week, that’s my biggest problem right now,” said Gilbert. “If it were a smaller meet I’d probably consider not running.”

The meet brings some of the top teams in the country to South Bend, Michigan, Tennessee, Miami (Fla.), Wake Forest, Duke, Missouri and Michigan State all will be competing. Other competitors include Georgia, Kentucky, Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan.

With the Big East Indoor Championships only two weeks away, see MEN/page 22.

Severe latest piece of the Irish puzzle to fall in place

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Le’Tania Severe knows all about the freshman transition.

She has already suffered two injuries, sat out until December, played sparingly in games and has seen her role switched from high school.

Finally, on Wednesday night against Providence, the first-year guard stepped into the spotlight.

In 26 minutes, she scored only two points. But Severe filled the roles that coach Muffet McGraw had been preaching all season.

“She expects me to defend and rebound,” Severe said of her roles on the team. “I really never have to worry about scoring. If I get wide-open, that’s good, but we’ve got so many scorers on the floor, it’s just like get the ball to them and you’re fine.”

Entering Saturday’s game at Boston College (8-12 overall, 2-7 in the Big East), the Irish players have all seemed to fit into the system. The three main scorers (Blitch Riley, Niele Ivey and Alicia Ratay) have been complemented by the interior defense and rebounding of ratay) have been complemented by the interior defense and rebounding of Center less than two weeks earlier.

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