Voting trends evident in student elections

By KATE NAGENGAST
Assistant News Editor

Despite consistent complaints of student quality, Notre Dame students have their own set of voting trends and a history of impressive voter turnout come election day.

The entire student body maintains an average voter turnout rate of 52 percent. However, off-campus students are eliminated from the statistics, the rate jumps to 62 percent, said Jay Smith, chief of staff for the O’DeBartolo/Norton administration.

“If you look at that nationally it’s a lot higher than the national average,” he said.

Since off-campus voters are required to vote in DeBartolo, while the rest of the student body files ballots within their dorms, proximity and convenience could contribute to the lower off-campus student turnout.

Yet, there are additional factors that affect the turnout rate, including convenient locations of the ballot boxes within the dorms, publicity and awareness of the election — and, according to Smith, gender.

“Looking at the percentages over the course of the last four elections it seems to me that female dorms vote in much higher percentages than male dorms,” he said. “This is just a hypothesis, but the reason could be that nationally women are beginning to vote with a greater frequency and preponderance than men do in U.S. elections. I think it is an overall trend.”

However, Notre Dame has a few trends of its own.

“I’d say there are two things that distinguish Notre Dame from other schools [regarding student government elections],” said Smith. “The first being the affinity towards a dorm, the second being the percentage of people who participate.”

Smith’s mention of dorm affinity is not insignificant. In fact, dorm preference is just one of a few trends noticeable in the judicial council’s election summaries from 1997 through 2000. The council maintains records of voter turnout per dorm, and the number of votes each candidate receives from each dorm in both primary and run-off elections.

Using records from 1997 and 2000 primary elections, every candidate won their president’s dorm, and an overwhelming majority carried the vice president’s dorm as well if it differed from the president’s.

The only notable exception was Zahn Hall, whose residents occasionally had trouble choosing from a number of less popular tickets the dorm contributed.

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Jay Smith
chief of staff

Monologues cancellation inspires student protest

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Students lined LaMans hallway Friday afternoon to protest censorship of the Vagina Monologues on Saint Mary’s campus.

The sit-in was held outside the office of College President Marliou Eldred in response to an administrative decision to not allow The Vagina Monologues to be performed on campus.

“I was looking for recognition of the fact that censorship of a theatrical performance on a college campus is contrary to academic freedom,” said Jen Wagner, the organizer of the sit-in. “I read about Dr. Eldred’s final decision in the paper and that was the last straw.”

According to organizers, between 25 and 40 people attended the sit-in in support of the cause. In addition, the organizers were looking for signatures on a petition in opposition to censorship on Saint Mary’s campus. Nearly 300 signatures were collected on the petition, Wagner said.

The sit-in began as parents arrived on campus for sophomore parent’s weekend at the college. Wagner explained that they timed it that way so more than students would hear what the organizers had to say.

Although Eldred explained her reasoning to the entire student body and made a final decision regarding the Monologues, some hope there is still the possibility that she will change her mind.

“I still think there’s a chance that president Eldred will be persuaded to change her mind,” said Notre Dame graduate student Aaron Kreider, a member of the protest. “The sit-in combined with students talking to her and writing letters in the future are going to add up.”

According to Wagner, the petition was given to Eldred after the sit-in ended on Friday afternoon.

“I hope that we no longer see censorship of dramatic productions on this campus,” Wagner said.

Power outage darkens South Quad

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Dan Barabas was expecting a normal Friday night: he’d party at Fisher Hall before heading to Holiday Inn City Center for a formal dance. But as the sophomore and his girlfriend Elizabeth Ayala walked back from Cavanaugh, every light she could shine went off, and South Quad turned black.

“We were shocked and chagrined,” Barabas said. “It was funny when we got back to Fisher, it was mayhem. Our return was walking around with a flashlight.”

The power outage on South Quad Friday began around 8:30 p.m. and lasted until a little after 1 a.m. University facilities officials said Pangborn, Dillon, Fisher, Alumni and Lyons halls lost power.

According to Paul Kempf, director of utilities, the blackout resulted from a failed cable connection to a circuit that provides power to South Quad buildings. Kempf did not link the cable failure to any specific event.

“It’s just one of those things that happen from time to time,” he said.

Student reaction to the outage was mixed. When Kristen Roger’s lights went out in her Pangborn room, she expected...
Inside Column

More than corn

I'll be the first to admit that my state is not that corn. Indiana has not garnered itself a great reputation of late. The man from Evanston who fired a gun in front of the White House has done it for our reputation. I agree with most people that his was an asinine move. But that's usually where our agreement ends. I shake my head vehemently at each instance to Indiana as the cause of his problems and idiocy at essentially trying to kill off next to the most guarded house in the United States. I cringe at the cries of "only in Indiana." No, NOT only in Indiana. This country is full of strange, messed up people and they do not all come from Indiana. I'm not lobbying this state to be the hippest, most exciting place to visit. Indiana tourism experts have enough trouble doing that. So a aesthetically and eventually boring as it can sometimes be, Indiana is not where cows and nasty, old farmers come to die.

There's a long-standing theory that Indiana is made up of — well, corn and "white trash." I don't belong in Indiana. I've never really liked corn. And as I write this, I'm confident that the Gross 'N' Gross is listening to don't make me blush, too.
**SPAIN**

**Women rule for day to honor past**

Associated Press

ZAMARRAMALA

Women donned black, white and red gowns Sunday for a festival to honor their foremothers, who helped win a legendary 13th century battle by mesmerizing Moorish invaders with a seductive dance.

According to local lore, the women of Zamarramala stood outside a castle in nearby Segovia in 1227 and bewitched the invaders with songs and dances. Their unusual defensive tactic worked; the invaders with a seductive dancing by mesmerizing Moorish mothers, who helped win a local victory at the back and captured the fortress.

As their reward, the women were allowed to rule the village for one day each year. The tradition, honored annually, remains one of Spain's oldest festivals. On Sunday, thousands packed the streets of Zamarramala, a small town about 60 miles north of Madrid.

At a reception reserved exclusively for Zamarramala's married women, chefs served up a local specialty — spicy sausage simmered in white wine, with chunks of thick, country-style bread for dunking. Outside, street vendors offered the same for everybody else.

A scarecrow-like figure with a dirty pinstriped suit and the face of a gargoyle was burned in effigy, symbolic of "all that is wrong with men," said festival organizer Sara Velasco.

"This is our way of supporting women's drive for their rightful place in society," Velasco said. In some households, men played homemaker and did all the chores — from making the beds to cooking.

"I've put my wife and mother-in-law at home right now and I have to wait on them hand and foot," said Esteban Calle Lazaro, 60. "They're actually in charge every day, but today even more.

The festival's guest of honor was Luisa Fernanda Rudi, speaker of the Spanish Parliament — named this year's Matahombres de Oro," which translates to "golden mankiller," for her efforts to promote female empowerment.

"The award doesn't mean what it looks like semantically," Rudi told the crowd. "All of this is a symbol of the defense of women and their role at the dawn of the new century.

Mary Tyler Moore fights Gov. Pataki over teen gun control

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y.

Westchester County's most famous TV mom is taking on Gov. George Pataki's proposal to allow more teen-agers to hunt big game.

Mary Tyler Moore, who gained fame in the 1960s sitcom "The Dick Van Dyke Show" that was set in the Westchester County town of New Rochelle, is supporting an effort by The Fund for Animals to shoot down Pataki's proposal even before it formally reaches the Legislature.

The measure would lower the age to legally hunt deer and bear to 14 from 16. Young hunters would have to complete the state's 10-hour hunter safety course and hunt with a parent or have written permission from a parent to go out with another licensed adult.

"The government should not be in the role of promoting and placing firearms in the hands of children," Moore, who now lives in New York's Dutchess County, said in a letter released Friday.

"Basketballs, baseballs and books are a much better alternative." Moore also found that advertising was more influential with older children. This finding at first seems slightly counterintuitive because "the prevailing wisdom is that children become less susceptible to advertising as they mature," said Moore.

However, the greater cognitive abilities of older children may in fact be the very reason for their increased receptiveness to advertising. "With older kids there are multiple routes to persuasion available. Ultimately, they have more ways to connect the ad to their own experience," she said.

Co-authored by University of Florida Professor Richard Lutz, the study focused on two age groups of Florida elementary school children. According to Moore, at about age 8, most children recognize the "persuasion intent" of advertising to cover both stages of development, the study focused on children from age 7 to 11 as well as children age 10 to 11.

In order to accurately measure the effects of advertising on children, Moore and Lutz employed the research technique of triangulation. This technique leads to the utilization of both a hypothesis study as well as a discovery-oriented study where Moore and Lutz gained both quantitative and qualitative support for their argument. If the older children were not entertained by the current advertising about the product, they were less inclined to enjoy its consumption of the product; however, the post-purchase effect of advertising on younger children was much less significant.

In a society constantly inundated with limitless information exchange, Moore feels that this study should raise society's exercise of caution with regard to children.

"Children [acknowledge the cognitive sophistication and greater experience of adults]," Moore said. "We need to recognize that children are a vulnerable audience.

**Study: advertising most dangerous for children**

By KEVIN SCHUMM

New York Times

While commonly believed to influence only the events leading up to and including the purchase of an item, advertising impacts children's post-purchase experience as well, according to a recent study conducted by Mendoza College of Business Marketing Professor Elizabeth Moore.

"We discovered that exposure to advertising can still have an impact only after a product is purchased, but that it can actually alter the experience kids have with the product itself," said Moore.

In addition to the post-purchase effect of advertising, Moore also found that advertising was more influential with older children. This finding at first seems slightly counterintuitive because "the prevailing wisdom is that children become less susceptible to advertising as they mature," said Moore.

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Overall, from year to year, the size of Notre Dame’s student body and the higher than average voter turnout have had the greatest impact on voting decisions.

I think we’ve seen a greater number of candidates going door-to-door and understanding the importance of meeting the individual voter,” said Smith. “Additionally, we’ve seen a lot of effort on the behalf of candidates to make sure that people are aware that they’re running. Their friends are talking it up amongst different people.

I think that overall you’re going to see about 3960-4100 students vote (today),” Smith added. “I don’t think that helps any specific candidate. But I think it helps those candidates who were out there door-knocking and the higher participation rate there is tomorrow the better it works for all candidates.”

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power to be restored within minutes. She called the five-hour outage a “major annoyance.”

“You couldn’t read, get on the computer or do anything,” she said.

Peter Rossmann, a junior Fisher resident, said the outage had a slight effect on parties before the dance.

“Of all the nights for a power outage to happen, it was the night of a dance,” Rossmann said. “We had no lights and no music — it was impossible for everything to work.”

Rossmann said he was glad it was a formal instead of a SYR because students were able to leave Fisher and ride buses to the Holiday Inn City Center.

Barbas said he thought the power outage made the night interesting.

“It was fun. It gave the party a little more character,” Barbas said. “Otherwise it would’ve been another dime-a-dozen formal.”

Gene mapping aids treatment

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Mutations in the human genome predispose or cause at least 1,500 diseases, ranging from diabetes and asthma to cancer and heart attack.

But why these mutations prompt these diseases is imperfectly understood and patients suffer and die for reasons that still baffle medical science.

The connection between gene mutation and disease will become much clearer now, say the experts, with the mapping and sequencing of the entire human genome. They believe that new understanding eventually will lead to dramatic new treatments.

“We have the anatomy of the human genome at hand, the biomedical research community is facing sweeping changes in its methods and strategies,” write Dr. Leena Peltonen of UCLA and Dr. Victor A. McKusick at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

The complete genome opens up the real prospect of developing medical treatments tailored for individual patients, of developing drugs that attack the disease and leave the rest of the body alone, and of predicting, perhaps at birth, which person is most likely to develop which disease and offering a way to prevent it.

In the future, say Peltonen and McKusick, newforms may be screened for treatable genetic diseases and “children at high risk of coronary artery disease can be identified and treated to prevent changes in their vascular walls during adulthood,” thus preventing heart attacks.

Patients may now be possible, said Barbara Trask of the Hutchinson Cancer Center, for medical science to pinpoint in each patient the genes that have gone away and caused cancer and then design a treatment specifically for that problem.

“Cancer is really a disease of the genome,” said Trask. “Some genes within the cell suddenly is changed or silenced, sending the whole cell spiraling into a pattern of uncontrolled growth and division.

Having a map of the whole genome as a reference base, said Trask, “will allow you to more rapidly find those places where the cancerous cells deviated from the reference.

Once those changed genes are identified, scientists will be able to find what they do and why they help cancer develop and spread, she said.

With the genome map, said Trask, medical science will be able to find answers about other diseases, such as why some people progress and in others they do not?” she said.

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Trask said cancer now is treated with “a sledge hammer approach.”

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**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

Rape broadcast protested in Israel: Video footage of a naked woman being beaten by an attacker who also allegedly raped her was broadcast on the national television news, spurring outrage and calls of protest to the state-run Israeli Television. The attacker fired shots in the air while he raped and left the scene.

Mori criticized on sub crash: Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori was criticized by the leader of his own coalition Sunday for ordering his sub to destroy the USS Greeneville. The sub sank the USS Greeneville into Japanese waters.

National News Briefs

Graham decides against bid: U.S. Sen. Bob Graham has closed the door on a possible run for the Florida governor's mansion in 2002, telling Democratic leaders that the party should look elsewhere. "I know in this gathering there is a next generation..." and I encourage you to take that step," said the popular former governor, who had been high on the list as a potential candidate to take on Republican Gov. Jeb Bush.

Rich pardon spurs debate: Former President Clinton could face a fresh impeachment inquiry as a result of his last-minute pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich, a senior member of the Judiciary Committee and the face Friday while ordering food at a drive-thru.

**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

Police officer shot at White Castle: Lawrence police say an officer who was shot in the face Friday while ordering food at a drive-thru window was able to call for help, exit his squad car and return fire at two suspects who fled on foot. The suspect shot was a former Indianapolis police officer.

**DESTINY LAB ADDED TO SPACE STATION**

Associated Press

Wearing goggles and red, white and blue socks, two space commanders opened the door Sunday to Destiny, the American-made science laboratory and the newest and priciest addition to the international space station. The moment the hatch was raised by astronauts Bill Shepherd and Kenneth Cockrell, space station Alpha became the largest orbiting outpost ever in terms of habitable volume. "The lab looks and feels like all the hard work has really paid off," said Cockrell, space shuttle Atlantis' skipper. "It's a beautiful piece of hardware in here."

Replied Mission Control: "It looks awesome. We hope you guys enjoy your new room on your house." The house actually belongs to Shepherd, the commander of space station Alpha, and his two Russian crewmates. In a brief ceremony, Shepherd signed for the delivery of the $1.4 billion laboratory, which was installed by the visiting shuttle astronauts on Saturday.

Shepherd led the way into the Destiny laboratory, followed by Cockrell and the six other spacefarers. They wore goggles until they were sure no debris was floating inside. The six Americans wore socks that had red and white stripes from the ankle down, and white stars on a blue background from the ankle up. Destiny — 28 feet long and 14 feet in diameter — was a brilliant white inside. Its shelves and wall compartments were covered with strips of protective cloth that the astronauts and cosmonauts promptly removed. Underneath were spotless white walls running the length of the module and a bright blue wall on one end and matching blue handrails.

On one of the wall covers were a couple hundred signatures of those who had prepared Destiny for flight, along with these words: "Dreams are like stars. You choose them as your guides, and following them, you reach your Destiny."

Astronaut Marsha Ivins promised to bring the signed sheet back to Cape Canaveral for display.

**UKRAINE**

Protesters demand Kuchma's ouster

Associated Press

Chanting and carrying a giant Ukrainian flag, protesters marched through the capital Sunday to demand the ouster of President Leonid Kuchma, accusing him of playing a role in the disappearance of an opposition journalist. The third demonstration in a week came hours before Kuchma welcomed Russian President Vladimir Putin, who arrived Sunday evening for talks. Rising tension about the missing journalist has embarrassed the Ukrainian president and forged an unlikely alliance between nationalist and leftist forces. "Down with Kuchma!" the demonstrators chanted, as they gathered on Kiev's main street near a tent camp raised by protesters in December.

Young men wearing black masks guarded the camp, concealing their faces to avoid being recognized by security agents they believed were filming the protest. Critics claim Kuchma played a role in the disappearance of Heorhiy Gongadze, a journalist who criticized alleged high-level corruption and disappeared in September. A beheaded body found near Kiev in November is believed to be Gongadze.

A former presidential bodyguard later provided audio recordings of purported conversations between Kuchma and top aides, with Kuchma allegedly fuming in obscene language about Gongadze and urging action to silence the journalist. The tapes were made public by opposition Socialist Party leader, Oleksandr Moroz. Kuchma and other accused officials have strongly denied involvement, and authorities say the tapes were fabricated.

On Saturday, Kuchma abruptly ousted the chief of Ukraine's security service, Leonid Derkach, and the head of the state bodyguard department, Volodymyr Shepel.
**Syria stop added to Powell's peace trip**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday he was adding a stop in Syria during his upcoming trip to the Middle East for discussions with President Bashar Assad.

"But without inclusion when Powell announced on Friday a five-day trip that begins Feb. 23. Powell already planned to see Israel's new prime minister, Ariel Sharon; Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat; and leaders of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Kuwait. He also will stop in Brussels, Belgium, for meetings with NATO allies.

"Syria is an important nation in the region, an important player in this whole process, and so I thought it was very, very appropriate for me, as part of this quick trip through the Middle East, my first trip, to also stop in Syria for just a few hours," Powell said on CBS' "Face the Nation." At his State Department news conference last week, it was noted that Syria was not on Powell's itinerary. "Don't read anything," he said, adding, "I reserve the right to change my mind."

The visit to Damascus is important because Syria supports Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon who have carried out sporadic attacks against Israelis. Further attacks could provoke a deadly response by Sharon, who is committed to bolstering Israel's security and has not shied away from using force in the past. The former general in 1982 led an invasion into Lebanon.

Bush and his advisers intend to take Arab-Israeli diplomacy in a new direction, linking the intractable dispute over the Palestinians' future to other U.S. interests in the Persian Gulf.

Powell, asked about the possibility of Sharon forming a coalition government, replied: "I don't think it should be the role of the American president or the American secretary of state to tell them what kind of government best reflects the will of the Syrian people."

One goal of the trip is to ensure continued support of pressure against Iraqi development of weapons of mass destruction.

Saddam Hussein's neighbors "are the ones who are being threatened, not the United States. And we are helping his neighbors deal with the threat that he presents to them," Powell said on CNN's "Late Edition."

The secretary of state did say he thinks there may have been some "fractures" in the alliance assembled against Iraq during the Gulf War.
Mexico

Bush expected to discuss illegal immigration during visit

Associated Press

SAN CRISTOBAL

When President Bush comes to this village baked by dust and sun on Friday, he will see newly planted grass, freshly painted walls and gleaming telephone poles that soon will connect San Cristobal to the world.

What he is unlikely to see are the village's poor peasants and the bleak choice they have long lived with: Work for the family of President Vicente Fox for subsistence wages, or cross illegally into the United States to try to make their fortune.

Illegal immigration is expected to figure at the top of the agenda when Fox and Bush meet on the U.S. president's first foreign trip. It would be hard to find a more appropriate place to discuss it.

Rita Cruz, 23, said almost all the men in San Cristobal are either in the United States or have spent years there. Seven of her nine brothers are there, as are two uncles and countless cousins.

"There are no men here, only little boys," she said. "You can find work, but it pays very little. They leave with the hope of coming back with some money so they can do something here."

It's hard to do much with the wages paid by the Fox family, which is pretty much the only employer in town. Laborers currently make about $8 a day, better than in many rural communities in Mexico, but hardly a living.

Ausencio Nila, 80, sat in front of his house holding a cowboy hat and a warped wooden cane. He is crippled by rheumatism, he says from more than 40 years of working in the fields of the Fox family.

Six years ago, when he could no longer walk, he said he asked his boss - Fox's brother Jose - whether he could retire.

"He told me I was a day laborer, and he couldn't help me in any way," Nila said.

His boss eventually agreed to give him $9 a week as a pension.

"God is very powerful, and that's why my wife and I are still alive. And because of my three children in the United States," he said. "They're the reason I have this house, because with the miserable pay from the boss..."

On Sunday, Fox said the wages his family paid weren't the issue.

"We have to stop talking about (my family's) salaries. Indeed, there is a lot of migration here," he said.

"These are young people who are leaving with the hope of coming back with some money so they can do something here."

Rita Cruz
San Cristobal resident

Fox, who has called illegal immigrants "heroes" and said he understands their motivation, is expected to urge Bush to help Mexico raise salaries to the point where it wouldn't be worth anyone's while to head north.

Fox concedes that would take decades. Many in San Cristobal are skeptical even of that.

"That would be tough," said Leonel Cruz Ramirez, Rita's father, who has made two trips to the United States. "We'll keep on going up - illegally."

He had harsh words for Bush, saying the best thing the U.S. president could do for San Cristobal would be to hand out visas.

"He'll come here with just his passport, right?" he said. "Well, I say the way we treat him is the way he should treat us."
Give a valentine’s gift from the heart

Fate is all fine and dandy. No one is discounting fate. Anyone who’s ever read "Oedipus Rex" knows not to mess with fate: your eyes get gouged out; you are tormented. It’s not a good idea to mess with fate and your friend.

But fate is a tricky business, you can’t take it lightly, but on the other hand, you’ve got to leave room somewhere for free will.

You can never be certain who your soul mate is in advance, you know. You can’t just sit back and expect soul mates to do everything for you. You have got to be actively involved in the formation of your own life, however it is fated to go. You’ve got to say things like, “You’re alive, I will find you,” or do things that make your soul mate say “You had me at hello ...” or when asked, you’ve got to say your soul mate is "worth dying for."

Now, it’s Valentine’s Day time of year, everybody’s getting all mushy again when asked, you’ve got to say your soul mate is in love, otherwise you’re being alone forever are not so good.

Fate means that if you do the thing you are fated to do, you have a hundred percent probability that that thing will play out the way it is fated. Fate does not mean that if you sit in your room all day, playing video games, your life is still fated to be highly exciting. When you’re passive, then you’re not active and when you are not active, you can’t be said to be doing something, can you?

If you are fated to be president but you never run for the election, you have just used your free will to negate your destiny. If you never give blood or help your fellow citizens in some way, you can’t really say you are pro-human beings.

Now, some people really are not pro-people and they show it by the amount of time and money they give to more furry, more leggy creatures. This is not to say that it is right or wrong to be pro-human, but if one is destined to be for people and not against them, he or she ought to do something for them. Something like giving blood.

At this time of month, for goodness sakes, it’s perfect. Blood is blood is Valentine’s Day. On top of such a close connection, February has been designated American heart month so along with giving your loved one a dozen red roses (a dozen roses always makes a nice Valentine’s gift), why not donate a pint of the real red stuff?

Now, being that it’s Valentine’s Day time of year, the personal aspect of fate must take center stage. One more time, I will go over this fate business. If it is Valentine’s Day and you think you are fated to have a wonderful evening with the person of your dreams, but you never call that person, if you never do anything for that person, all I have to say is good luck because you will need it. On the other hand, if it is Valentine’s Day and you think you are forever destined to be alone on this day o’ love, but you go to a party anyway or finally send a card to that special “friend,” your chances of being alone forever are not so good.

Some say there is no escaping destiny, but I think that sometimes it is easy to escape your destiny especially if you don’t do anything about it.

On this Valentine’s Day of year, everybody’s getting all mushy again when asked, you’ve got to say your soul mate is "worth dying for."

Anna Barbour

Defending Notre Dame athletes

The introduction to Peyton Berg’s interview of Chris Zorich in the Feb. 9 Observer contains an unfortunate and very sloppy assessment of "athletes." While trying to credit Zorich for his "Christopher Zorich Foundation," Berg paints all athletes with a wide brush, saying that we are “in an age where athletes routinely find themselves in trouble with the law.”

Does he have any idea how many athletes there are in the world? Even investing himself to the NFL, NBA, NHL and Major League Baseball, Mr. Berg can’t be saying that all of those guys are a bunch of recidivist criminals, can he?

Or does he mean to say, “In an age where the headlines routinely feature celebrity athletes in trouble with the law,” Zorich instead ... ? Such a statement would make a lot more sense to me and would be fairer to Mr. Zorich’s teammates and the many other athletes in the world, very few of whom make the headlines and very few of whom are criminals.

Joe DeMerit

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Smile, Alice. It won’t hurt.

Stan’s Dog

Scott Adams

Grrrake! I found out I can kill people by looking at them.

I wondered why you were smiling.

Quote of the Day

"Remember, to hate, to be violent, is demeaning. It means you’re afraid of the other side of the coin — to love and to be loved."

James Baldwin

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I want someone to get shot (by cupid)

Mike Marchand
Questionable Freedoms 2000

Wednesday is Valentine’s Day. I’m already dreading it. The other 11 1/2 months of the year, a date doesn’t really mean much to me. Luckily, I don’t have to worry about it. The real nice ones, gold-plated with fancy lettering and a really romantic poem inside, which run up to $60 or even $120. For one card. That’s a lot more than the cards I usually get, which feature some sort of cartoon and usually an even cruder joke involving some disgusting bodily function. But at least those are funny, good Valentine’s Day cards aren’t even funny at all. And when I’ve purchased them, I need to get a heart-shaped box of candy, a stuffed teddy bear, a bottle of maple syrup, some artsy-crafty candles, some jewelry and a bottle of wine and then before I know it, I’ve got more gifts than I can hold and a maxed-out credit card. But that’s not the problem. The problem is I have no one to buy them for. So I wouldn’t ordinarily care—I don’t mind being single. I don’t have time around classes and everything else I do. I don’t have time for a serious relationship and I don’t have the money to buy nice things or do anything anywhere. Even more expensive than the cards are the flowers. (“You want cheese on your Whopper? I don’t have that kind of money!”)

But being alone on Valentine’s Day is just unfair. Every other commercial on television has something to do with the holiday. Give these flowers to show how much you love someone. Buy this Hallmark card to show how much you love someone. Get this expensive necklace to show how much you love someone. If you don’t love someone, buy stuff and maybe someone might love you.

I don’t mind the barrage of commercialism. I love shopping and being romantic. Ask my last girlfriend. I bought her so many things I had to sell one of my kidneys. She started a small teddy bear collection, I single-handedly turned it into the Teddy Bear Smithsonian. She could have been a dress out of the petals from all of the roses I gave her. (Don’t think that idea never crossed my mind.) I had to siphon gas to make it back to South Bend.

But when you’re not seeing anyone, Valentine’s Day gifts are a tad inappropriate. “Hi, I sit behind you in theology and, uh, there’s some roses and some candies and—oh, here, look! Hallmark teddy bears that kiss magnetically! SMOOCH! You wanna go out with me tonight?” Meanwhile, her psycho radar is screaming red alert.

When you’re single and don’t want to be on Valentine’s Day, it seems like everyone you know has somebody. My best friend is married. My ex is practically engaged. My twice-divorced father is living with someone. My sister has an Internet relationship. Even my dog has a “special friend.” I swear there’s a stereotype. Someone who understands my mystique and beauty of the campus? Someone who knows how I’m going to be aфер graduation? Someone who knows that Saturdays in autumn are off-limits to extracurricular activities? My ex wanted me to skip the USC game in 1999—which turned out to be a thrilling come­back victory—to go to her friend’s wedding. Her father was an alum­nus, so she should have known better than to even ask. But one thing I do know is that nobody loves a whiner. Complaining is just so unsexy. So what if I’ll be the only person alone on the Big V-Day, if or not, I’ll feel like the only person alone? It means I don’t have to buy big expensive gifts and I can save enough money to possibly ask someone for dinner at T.G.I. Friday’s as opposed to Burger King. It means I can buy a lot of little gifts for a lot of people and it means I could pack the boxes. Arrows. I’m toting a shotgun—I can hit a wider target.

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Broader issues need student recognition

The Campus Life Council, Founder’s Day, football ticket distribution, NDSU student relations and social/24-hour space. These are the concerns that The Observer decided were most pressing to the student body here at Notre Dame and upon which they based their views with regards the upcoming election. Excuse me, but when exactly did I get to be so vapid?

My apologies if I am completely wrong in this (and I sincerely hope that I am not), but I refuse to believe that the Notre Dame student body is so self-centered. Yes, I do realize that there are problems surrounding all these issues. I have spent as much time as anyone else complaining about parietals or about football tickets. But I think these are far from being the most important issues here. In addition, the problems with address things like parietals is that they will probably continue to exist year after year and all these “solutions” won’t really do much of anything in light of this, maybe the average Notre Dame student would like to think about larger issues.

Here, I’m afraid that my personal feelings about this election are going to intrude, but so be it. The biggest problem I see around here is that Notre Dame seems to have lost its sense of community. One of the things that really attracted me to this school was that it was supposed to be like family, a Notre Dame Family (as they say every week at Mass). But what kind of family excludes so many of its family members?

What I am getting at here is that too much of the time we complain about our own minor problems and think of what would make us happy while ignoring those of someone who might have more serious problems. I believe that many of the candidates fall prey to this mentality. For example, there may be many of us who aren’t Catholic, yet it’s suggested that more student body masses would somehow help strengthen our community. Or what about the problems with race and gender relations that divide us (and yes, they do exist)—why else would we have offices for dealing with these problems? Why are these issues not considered in your evaluation of the candidates?

This having been said, what about the fact that we are part of a larger community, a community that we largely ignore? Did you ever wonder why most of South Bend has signs up for Indiana Basketball, but not for Notre Dame? We here on campus tend to be a bit full of ourselves (with good reason—it is Notre Dame, after all) and as a result, we mistreat the community that has to deal with us. This bond with the people of South Bend is something that I feel needs to be re-established, and this can only be accomplished through interacting with the people of South Bend and giving back to them.

For me, the only ticket that cares about such issues is Demetra Smith and Yugeld Andre. The Observer’s coverage of the election dismisses their platform because it doesn’t cater to “issues of broader appeal to students.” But so what if they don’t talk about things like Founder’s Day? How many of us really went to that anyway? Perhaps they feel as I do, that there are larger issues at stake than whether my life here is as easy and carefree as possible. They want to push me to be a more caring person and a better part of this community. They want to make sure that our Notre Dame experience is something that we can be proud of.

We are blessed to be here at Notre Dame, but I think that making the most our years here depends on more than whether parietals are abolished or not. Perhaps I am being too naive in my idea of what students here will care about. I guess this election will prove me right or wrong. But if you think it’s about time for student government to lead us somewhere for a change, vote for Smith and Andre on Monday.
Curing the doldrums

Ah, February in South Bend. Yes, it isn't lovely? Look outside. There's dirty, brown snow on the ground. The sidewalks are quick, but didn't invite white and brown.

The doldrums and enjoy a type of intoxicating because they're no fun. This, many students entertain the idea of gaining a boyfriend/girlfriend to avoid this. They have to make out with you. They'll tell you nice things about yourself. They have to make out with you. They'll tell you nice things about yourself.

Oh, I forgot, you also get to walk in the quad holding hands like you won't be talking to anyone but your boyfriend/girlfriend. This way, you still get to forget how miserable your life is but ultimately everyone you come into contact with will be putty in your hand. Plus, they have to make out with you.

At three in the morning, they won't want to hang out with your friends anymore, so they will make you leave and you won't be able to have that next drink, which would have ultimately catalyzed you into stupidity.

Third, if your girlfriend/boyfriend is there, you're not going to kiss anyone you don't love. They have to make out with you. They'll tell you nice things about yourself.

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**Scene**

**Monday, February 12, 2001**

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**Clubs bring out students' special interests**

By C. SPENCER BEGGS  
*Scene Writer*

You know that guy that sits next to you in Orgo? Yeah, that guy... sort of quiet, a little shyly, always doing that annoying twirly thing with his pencil? On the surface, he may seem to be your average Joe. In fact, that's his name, Joe. But you didn't know that. Nevertheless, just by looking at him you'd never guess that Joe is an incredible dancer. We're not talking the drunken grinding and semi-spastic jerking that defines "dancing" at most student parties. Joe can do the Foxtrot, Charleston that is something more than just a few of the eclectic Special Interest Club offerings:

**The University of Notre Dame Humor Artists**

**HAI! No, they're not laughing at you...** no, wait, they are. They're HAI, the Notre Dame Humor Artists. About 20 students meet twice a week in the Hesburgh Library auditorium to compose, perform, and practice improv games for the three comedy shows that they perform every year. **"Well, we all can't take ourselves too seriously, now can we?" asks HAI club president Tony Bondi. **"Somebody's got to keep things interesting around here."

**Actually, I just have nothing better to do with my time." says Mike Boreale a veteran of HAI!**

All joking aside (of course, joking is the heart of the operation), HAI is possibly the best club at Notre Dame. According to the university, there are even more if you count the groups that meet without being officially recognized. Never heard of these groups? Not to fear, today Scene takes a look at just a few of the many clubs that fit into the category of Special Interest Clubs that are officially recognized by the university.

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**Things to do this week**

**Monday**

- "Gilda," $2 admission, Annenburg Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- Sophomore Literary Festival: Dana Gioia, "Can Poetry Matter?" LaForte Coffee House, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday**

- "The Gingko Tree," International Film Festival (Korea), Montgomery Theater in LaFortune, 7-9 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.
- Sophomore Literary Festival: Student Coffee House, LaFortune, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday**

- Sophomore Literary Festival: W.P. Kimball, author of "Shoeless Joe," LaFortune Ballroom, 8 p.m.

**Thursday**

- "Girlfight," 155 Debartolo, "The 6th Day," 101 Debartolo, $2 admission, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
- Blak Coffee House, $3 admission, LaFortune Ballroom, 8 p.m.

**Friday**

- "Girlfight," 155 Debartolo, "The 6th Day," 101 Debartolo, $2 admission, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
- Blak Coffee House, $3 admission, LaFortune Ballroom, 8 p.m.

**Saturday**

- "Girlfight," 155 Debartolo, "The 6th Day," 101 Debartolo, $2 admission, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

**Sunday**

- Chess Games, North Dining Hall, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Molly's Club**

By far the most interesting Notre Dame club is known only as "Molly's Club," a title that allegedly refers to Badin Hall resident Molly McShane. While the specifics of what Molly's Club actually does are shrouded in mystery, emails obtained by the Observer reveal its highly organized, bureaucratic structure. The group is known for its paramilitary bent, dressing their members in uniforms and having an extensive secret code and use of symbolic language. The queenpin, Ms. McShane, refused attempts by the Observer for an interview; however, we were able to speak with one of the initiate Molly's Club underlings. He/she would only speak with us on conditions of anonymity and only identified himself/herself as Freshmeat. 

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The exact number of the members of the organization is sketchy. Most estimates run around 40. Although their stylish Molly's Club T-shirts denote more vocal members of the club, the number of grassroots supporters is vague at best. If you wish to join Molly's Club, don't bother trying to call them. They'll call you.

Whether your secret passion is juggling, figure skating or playing the Bagpipes, Notre Dame probably has a club that fits your interests. If they don't, you can make one. Just stop by the Student Activities Office and file for club status.

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**Members of last year's HAI! group rehearse a skit for one of their shows.**

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**Funding**

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NBA ALL-STAR GAME

East overcomes 21-point deficit to defeat West 111-110

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Turns out the West isn't all that better than the East. Anyone who said so this season — and anyone who said so early in the All-Star quarter Sunday — spoke a little too soon.

All season turned that notion on its head with an outstanding fourth-quarter performance that transformed the NBA All-Star Game from a blowout into a thriller as he led the Eastern Conference to an improbable 111-110 victory.

Iverson scored 15 of his 25 points in the final nine minutes, and Stephon Marbury hit two 3-pointers in the final 53 seconds as the East came back from a 21-point deficit.

While presenting the MVP award to Iverson, NBA commissioner David Stern, with a sly grin on his face, told Iverson that great basketball "can be wrapped — if you pardon the expression — in very small packages."

The comment was a clever reference to Iverson's height — he is an inch or two shy of 6 feet — and Iverson's rap album, which was criticized for its lyrics and led to a meeting with the commissioner.

The East trailed 95-74 with nine minutes left after the West dominated the first 39 minutes of the game behind its superior size.

It appeared the game would come out looking like a mismatch that would back up all the Western Conference superiority theories that have been thrown around so frequently this season.

But the East started pecking away, and Iverson walked over to the scorer's table during a timeout and asked if anyone wanted to wager whether the East would make a comeback.

That's exactly what the East proceeded to do, with Jerry Stackhouse and Vince Carter making 3-point shots that were answered by a three-point play by Iverson to cut the West's lead to 100-96.

Iverson scored the East's next two points from the line, and Tracy McGrady tied it on a putback with 3:10 left.

But that chart might have revved up someone else, instead.

Someone named Kobe Bryant.

In a down-the-stretch performance reminiscent of his play in the Lakers' Game 4 overtime victory over Indiana in last year's NBA finals, Bryant kept getting the ball and putting it in the basket.

His short jumper made it 106-105, and his 20-footer gave the West a 108-105 lead with a minute left. Marbury, ecstatic over making his first All-Star appearance, tied on a 3-pointer with 35 seconds left.

Bryant answered right back with another jumper, but Marbury did him one better with another 3-pointer that gave the East a 111-110 lead with 28 seconds left.

The West set up for a final shot after inbounding with 10.9 seconds left. Bryant got the ball, but with everybody in the building intending him to shoot — his injured teammate Shaquille O'Neal was probably certain of it — Bryant faked Marbury off his feet and then threw the ball to Duncan for a short shot that missed just before the buzzer.

"I was actually expecting him to shoot," Duncan said. "I was wide open, he got me the ball and I should have finished it. It just didn't go down. It was a great final four minutes.

Prior to that, it was almost an embarrassment for the East.

How bad was it? They fell behind 11-0, committed 10 turnovers in the first quarter and seemed incapable of stopping any of the big men from the West.

The starting frontcourt of Duncan, Chris Webber and Kevin Garnett finished with 14 points apiece, although Duncan was scoreless and Webber and Garnett had only two apiece in the fourth.


Bryant led the West with 19.

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A Webber-to-Garnett alley-oop play made the score 15-2, and the West took a 30-17 lead into the second quarter thanks in large part to 10 turnovers by the East.

The East started to run more in the second quarter with Allen scoring nine of his first 11 points.

Carter spun 360-degrees in the air — just like he did in last year's dunk contest — for a dunk that made it 45-36 with five minutes left in the half.

Carter converted a three-point play with 2:27 left in the half to make it 49-44, then slammed home a crowd-pleasing windmill dunk that made it a three-point game.

The West's Jason Kidd hit a wide-open 3-pointer from the corner before sinking a shot from behind midcourt at the halftime buzzer to make it 61-50.

Bryant bounced an alley-oop pass to Garnett off the backboard early in the third quarter for a one-handed slam that gave the West a 69-54 lead, and Antonio McDyess closed the quarter with a follow slam to give the West an 89-70 lead entering the fourth.

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Williams scores 23 to lead No. 3 Duke past N.C. State


The Blue Devils shot 53 percent from the field and had eight assists. "In college basketball, you have four or five months. We haven't been attacking," said Williams, who was 8-for-12 from the field and had eight assists. "In college basketball, the games against Florida State used a 17-0 first-half run to take the lead. Duke has decided to start the second half to go up by 30 with 11:02 left. Tinsley's strong play down the stretch helped the Blue Devils on both ends of the court. "Such a great game," said Tinsley, who had 19 points and 13-of-29 from beyond the arc for the game.

The win keeps the Blue Devils one game behind No. 1 North Carolina in the race for the ACC regular-season crown and gives them 51 straight victories over unranked league opponents.

Iowa State 72, Missouri 64

The Missouri Tigers proved to be a handful for No. 12 Iowa State. Iowa State needed Jamaal Tinsley's strong play down the stretch to turn back the short-handed Tigers and stay in first place in the Big 12, a half-game in front of Kansas.

Tarkaian said, "But we had just too many turnovers." Eleven days earlier, Hawaii snapped Fresno State's 13-game winning streak with a 91-73 home victory. "Their pressure got to us much more today than it did in the first game," said Eustachy.

Fresno State 86, Hawaii 63

Fresno State turned up the defensive pressure to get back at Hawaii. Motion Ely scored 22 points and No. 23 Fresno State forced 26 turnovers in the victory. "Defensively, our guys played an incredible game," coach Jerry Tarkanian said. "But defensively, we still need work. We had just too many turnovers." Eleven days earlier, Hawaii snapped Fresno State's 13-game winning streak with a 91-73 home victory. "Their pressure got to us much more today than it did in the first game," said Eustachy.

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XFL appears to be more about TV ratings than football

The XFL, man.
I don't know who I was talking to when I muttered that in the direction of my computer 10 seconds ago, but it does sum up the feelings of a sports fan trying to figure out what to make of this new football league. There have been two weeks of XFL action now, complete with everybody's favorite WWF play-by-play voice, Jim Ross, yelling about some "hellacious" hits, and I'm wondering: Are you setting your VCR to tape the Chicago Enforcers game yet? Are you making plans to road trip down to Orlando and catch the 2-0 Rage even starts?

Maybe you are, maybe you aren't, but I've formed a couple of my own opinions so far. First, what's good about the new league: it gives players, coaches, trainers and anyone else associated with football teams who haven't made it in the NFL a chance to keep playing. For them, the XFL is a way to stay in professional football and maybe even improve their chances of one day making it to, or for some, back to the NFL.

And right about here, my list of what I like starts to run pretty thin. I'm not going to lie and say that watching scantily clad cheerleaders doesn't have a certain amount of appeal. However, that's one of this league's biggest problems. Every time the camera leaves the perspective of the lacrosse helmet-wearing field photographer and ventures to the something uninitiated cheering section, football ceases to be the focus of the broadcast.

Sex appeal takes over. Even some of the on-field rules leave me asking, "Why?" Take the "Dash for the Dash," which has taken the place of the coin toss to determine possession. Matt Duda, a writer on XFL.com, says it: "... condenses all the attributes that make football the greatest of America's sports into four testosterone-filled seconds." Basically, both players start side-by-side, 20 yards away from the ball, the referee tells them when to go, and the guy who comes up with the ball wins.

Sound a little dangerous? Yeah, but don't worry, there's only been one separated shoulder so far. Before the game even starts.

Besides, isn't that a small price to pay to get back to the glory days of smash mouth football? Back when Vince Lombardi would pick his fastest player to go tearing after the ball placed at Lambeau's 50? Now don't you remember those days?

Neither do I. In all fairness to the new league, I realize I could be completely off the XFL black and red ball. I took a leisurely Sunday walk around my dorm and asked someone a lot more in touch with football than me, Notre Dame junior long snapper John Crowther, what he thought of Saturday night's newest ratings contender.

"I like to watch football, so I kind of like it," Crowther said. "But they try to be too flashy, almost too much like wrestling. I guess that's probably their point. The only thing that I really like that's different than the NFL is when they do the opening coin toss."

Damaging testimony from an expert witness. I'm still not a big fan of the dash, though, maybe because I'd be grabbing my helmet than ball with my hands.

Furthermore, I'm still not quite sure why the governor of Minnesota is trying to give me analysis. I'm not sure why real football involves putting nicknames like "E-Rupt" on the back of your jersey or having the announcers try to convince us just how legitimate the league is.

What we have, maybe for the first time in sports history, is a league that was created for TV. This isn't a struggling football league, or even a prosperous one looking to gain exposure by getting TV coverage. And we'd be living somewhere outside of Candy Land if we didn't notice the increasing commercialization of all sports, including the NFL (C'mon — the "MTV Presents the E-Trade Super Bowl Halftime Show?").

But the XFL, itself, not just its advertising campaign, is a marketing play, an attitude, complete with sex appeal, violence, fireworks, rotating camera angles and smoke. Football is merely the means to deliver that WWF image. If bowling could have worked, we'd probably be watching the XFL right now, as guys rolled some hellacious strikes in the true tradition of smash mouth sports.

Maybe there is some hope. Mike Celzic, a contributor to MSNBC.com, noted how the XFL seemed to violate some of its charge in week two, devoting more of its time to the game and less to the cheerleaders. Maybe these games could actually be about football eventually and not NBC ratings on Saturday nights.

Like Crowther told me: "If someone said you could go and play (in the XFL), I'd probably go play, because it's basically like football. When you got in the game, it pretty much looks the same."

But if it becomes about football, will people still watch? When you're created for TV, you better hope so.

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Saint Mary's forward Kelly Roberts defends an Olivet player in the Belles victory Saturday. Roberts had 12 points and three reboudu in the contest.

Women

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Kelly Roberts stepped up her play, scoring 12 points and grabbing three rebounds in a team-high 32 minutes.

"Kelly really stepped up and took her spot and performed," Smith said.

The Belles built a 23-17 lead midway through the first half before allowing Olivet to go on a 14-2 run. Shaun Russell hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to pull the Belles within 33-30.

First-year coach Paul Hewitt had his team's offense. Grill also finished with a game-high 15 rebounds.

The Comets were playing without guard Lindsey Brunworth, the team's second leading scorer, who was attending her grandmother's funeral.

When Grill went out with a knee injury midway through the second half, the Olivet offense fell apart.

"I have two sophomores leading us in offense," said Olivet coach Audrey Seymour. "When those two kids aren't on the floor, our offense completely stops.

The victory improves Saint Mary's MIAA conference record to 2-10, which ties the Belles with Adrian College for the worst in the league. Saint Mary's travels to Adrian on Wednesday before playing Kalamazoo on Saturday in the season finale.

Notes:
The game marked the final career home game for senior guard Julie Norman.

Norman, who finished the game with eight points, is a two-year captain who holds the school record for points scored in one game with her 36-point performance against Defiance on Feb. 13, 1999.

Norman was honored before the game with flowers as she stood on the court with her parents.

"There's no better way to go out than on a win," Norman said. "It was a lot of fun to be out there and have it be like my day."
WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

King wins three events at Windsor Classic

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Last weekend, Tameisha King had a rather disappointing Meyo Invitational. Although the sophomore All-American won the long jump, she jumped out of the blocks too early in both the 60-meter dash and the 60-meter hurdles and was disqualified. Something Irish sprints coach John Millar attributed to anticipating the gun and losing concentration.

This weekend, a focused King made sure it didn't happen again. King was nearly un-touchable as she won the 60-meter dash, the 60-meter hurdles and the long jump en route to being named The Most Outstanding Female Athlete at the Windsor Classic.

"Obviously, she bounced back from the week before and had an excellent performance," said Irish sprints coach John Millar. "She showed what she's capable of. We worked on focusing more on the gun instead of anticipating the gun. Now, she has some confidence heading into next week."

King's 20-foot, 1/4 inch long jump, her best of the season, not only set a meet record, but it also was a provisional qualifying mark for the indoor NCAA championships.

"She just keeps going further and further every meet," said Irish field events coach Scott Wilson. In the running events, King ran her fastest times in the preliminaries, not in the finals. In the 60-meter dash, she ran a blistering 7.66 seconds in the prelims and followed that up with a 7.69 in the finals. Meanwhile, in the 60-meter hurdles, King ran a season-best 8.56 in the prelims and won the event with a 8.62.

In fact, Millar wasn't even planning to run King in the final events. He intended to give her a break this weekend. "I think the schedule worked out, we didn't really feel she was overdoing it," Millar said. "And she wanted to run and have a chance to win. My whole intention is to give her opportunities to win the competitions she's in."

Notre Dame completely dominated the 60-meter dash.

Freshman Ayesha Boyd was hot on the heels of King, finishing one-hundredth of a second behind the All-American. Boyd's classmate Kristen Dodd took third in 7.88.

Meanwhile, in the 300-meter dash, sophomore Kymia Love took second place in 39.30 seconds, while Dodd finished only two-tenths of a second behind her.

"I think the whole weekend was real positive," Millar said. "They all ran well, didn't run flat, we were very pleased with how they performed well and competed well."

As they have all season long, the Irish dominated the pole vault competition.

Sophomore Jaime Volkmert won the event with a vault of 12 feet. Freshman Jill Van Weelden and junior Natalie Hallett both cleared 11-1, but Van Weelden was able to win the competition with two more misses. She finished tied for third, while Hallett took fifth. Senior Bethany Bergeman said, "I think we did really well," she said. "We all set our own goals and we all strive to do better than ourselves."

The team may have felt differently, however. "The team overall was a little bit disappointed," Bergeman said. "But it was really person-specific as to whether we were happy with our performance."

Five women participated in the meet at Chicago, although nine attended.

Injuries during the last week prevented several women from participating in the meet. "We're still training," Graf said. "We're using the [indoors] meets really as training for the outdoor season."

The track team will participate in one more indoor meet at the Huntington Indoor in two weeks.

Belles' Graf sets record in 800 meter

By KATIE MCVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

It was another red letter day for junior Laura Graf as she broke the second Saint Mary's school indoor track record of her career at the University of Chicago five-team meet on Saturday.

Graf led the Belles with a record-breaking two-minute, 20.32 second 800-meter run, taking second place in the event. She left the event with team support and self-satisfaction.

"We were really happy with Laura," team captain Kara Bergeman said. "I felt good," Graf said of her performance. "It was a nice facility and a nice meet. It was fun to go out there and try to break some records."

Graf's time broke a record set in 1997 by over six seconds by Kelly Tufko, who ran the race in 2:56.89. Saturday's meet marked only the second in Graf's career as a Belle. She transferred to Saint Mary's from Augustana College in South Dakota earlier this year. So far, she has been successful. Two weeks ago at the Lewis Invitational, Graf broke another school indoor record in the 400-meter dash. Her time of 50.08 shattered a 10-year-old record held by Helen Finnell by more than four seconds.

"The women on the team are all very supportive," Graf said. "I hear them cheering for me when I run."

Junior captain Erica Burkett also placed in the meet. She finished in sixth place in both the 55-meter hurdles and the triple jump.

Bergeman was happy with the weekend's results. "I thing we did really well," she said. "We all set our own goals and we all strive to do better than ourselves."

The team may have felt differently, however. "The team overall was a little bit disappointed," Bergeman said. "But it was really person-specific as to whether we were happy with our performance."

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Saint Mary's College's Palette

Friday, February 16, 2001
10 p.m.

Saturday, February 17, 2001
8:00 p.m.

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19-11 lead on a trey by Ingelsby, the Mountaineers took over with a dominant performance on the boards and a 17-3 run. West Virginia held onto the lead nearly the entire rest of the game.
"We've been in that situation before," Ingelsby said. "I don't think anyone on our team had a doubt we were going to win the game. We just stayed poised throughout and we came out with a big win."
Murphy finally tied the score at 57-57 on a three-pointer with 3:23 left to play.
Although West Virginia pulled off a 41-32 rebounding edge in the game, Murphy — playing with four fouls — grabbed the next board on a Chris Moss miss. With nothing working for the Irish, Ingelsby pushed the ball up the lane, pump faked and forcing Lyles to foul him. The captain then nailed both free throws to tie the game at 59-59.
Graves was fouled at the top of the key, and dropped in both free throws. His foul put the Irish ahead 60-59 with 26.7 seconds left to play for the final margin of victory.
Notre Dame's defense, a stumbling block in the early stages, came up big. After a 52 percent Mountaineer shooting mark in the first half, the Irish limited their opponents to 45 percent in the second stanza.
"In the first half, we didn't play defense like we have in the past," Ingelsby said. "They played well. They hit some big shots today. We just buckled down defensively in the last couple minutes."
Next up for the Irish is a road date with the Rutgers Scarlet Knights (10-11, 2-8) on Wednesday night.

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sign of how the game would go for the Irish. Dan Carlson and Connor Zasowski netted goals in a three-minute span, and suddenly Notre Dame was sitting pretty at 2-0.
But Bowling Green, with as much riding on this contest as the Irish, brought the score to 2-1 when Curtis Valentine took advantage of the power play.
Notre Dame has struggled the entire season while a man down, and Saturday night was no exception as the Falcons converted on two of their five power plays.
The second period would go solidly to Bowling Green, which sandwiched two goals by Austin de Luix and Valentine around Ryan Dolder's goal at 10:04. Dolder was assisted by freshman Aaron Gill and Nielsen.
"We were playing 20 minutes for our entire season," said Nielsen. "The 3-3 tie was held for over 19 minutes in the third period. Notre Dame fired 22 shots at Masters in the period, after only 16 shots the rest of the game. The Falcons managed only six shots on Irish goalie Tony Zasowski, as Notre Dame's defenders tightened and kept the puck consistently above the Irish blue line.
Just when overtime seemed imminent, Carlson, a left winger, flipped a long distance pass to Nielsen from deep inside the Irish zone to assist in Nielsen's go-ahead score.
"We had a good week of practice, and I know we had a really good chance to beat Bowling Green," said Zasowski.
Bowling Green this weekend.
"We were playing 20 minutes for our entire season," said Nielsen. "I had a couple of big shifts in there, and I felt like I owed it to the guys playing well to step up."
Notre Dame managed only two shots in the second period, but still scored when Rob Gobrecht scored his 13th of the season unassisted.
The freshman is tied for the team lead in goals with Carlson and Dolder, and sports the best shooting percentage on the team, with 18.7 percent.
Bowling Green again found the net on a power play when Scott Hewson beat Zasowski at 3:35. The 2-2 tie continued until 12:54, when Carlson once more assisted Gobrecht for the eventual winning goal.
Having completed its most successful weekend of the 2000-01 season, Notre Dame looks to continue to roll against nemesis Michigan in Ann Arbor on Friday. The Wolverines gutted the Irish 9-0 on Jan. 23.
"We can't think about last time," commented Zasowski. "I know we can do well on Friday night."

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The Irish men's track team traveled to Canada this weekend to take part in the Windsor Team Challenge at the University of Windsor. The limited group of athletes who made the trip posted impressive performances in preparation for the Big East Indoor Championships this weekend at Syracuse.

Freshman Godwin Mbagwu led the way for the Irish, taking first in both the long jump and triple jump. Mbagwu's leap of 22 feet, 4 1/2 inches in the long-jump was his second-best jump of the season, as was his triple jump of 48-3 1/2.

Field events coach Scott Winsor was impressed with Mbagwu's performance as the team heads into the Big East.

"He's doing a fine job. He's pretty good competitor," Winsor said. "I think the competition this weekend at the Big East is going to be a little bit better than what we saw up there."

Sophomore Tom Gilbert, the team's top long jumper all season, struggled with his approach and took sixth. Gilbert was also competing in the 60-meter dash, which was going on at the same time as the long jump.

"It was right in the middle of the 60's and he just really got fatigued," Winsor said. "I'm not too concerned about him having a bad meet in the long jump."

Nick Setta took another gold medal for the Irish, placing first in the 600-meter run. Setta led the race from start to finish, winning in a time of 1:22.74.

"He ran really well," said sprints coach John Millar. "He took the race right from the start, controlled the race the whole way."

The final Irish top-finisher was Brian Thornburg in the 3,000 meters. Winsor expects more from that event this season, and Winsor expects his top thrower to improve in Syracuse.

"He's trying to throw too much on adrenaline, and he's kind of losing his focus a little bit on execution," Winsor said.

In the shot-put, Derek Dyer took second with a throw of 14.91 meters. Winsor expects more in the shot as well.

"We're still struggling in that event," he said.

The Irish placed well in the two sprint events. In the 300 meters, freshman James Bracken took third place in a time of 35.40 seconds. Luis Vega Penso and Christian Myers of York University, who took first and second in the event, are ranked nationally in Canada.

"Bracken, out of all of them, ran probably the best, and felt the most comfortable running it," Millar said. "I was pleased with his performance there."

Terry Wray took fifth in the event for the Irish in 35.64 seconds while William "Red" Croker took seventh, running 36.11.

"I thought they ran pretty well," Millar said. "Not only was it in their first time on a 300-meter track, but 300-meters is a race that they're not really familiar with. So it's a difficult distance to really know how to run, because it's a little too far to run a 200, yet you have to run it faster than what you'd run a 400 in."

In the 60-meter dash, senior Travis Davey finished third in 6.98 seconds, less than three hundredths of a second behind winner Victor Richards of Western Ontario. Gilbert took fifth, running 7.10 seconds.

"It was a competitive race," said Millar. "Travis, I think, led for the first part of it. They competed very well."

The only distance runner on the trip, Sean McManus, just missed qualifying for the Big East meet in the 3,000 meters.

"He's still struggling a little bit, he's not performing up to his capability," Winsor said.

"Hopefully he can break through that this weekend."

The team leaves Thursday night for the meet in Syracuse, which runs Friday through Sunday.

The Irish track and field team sent a limited number of athletes to the Windsor Team Challenge this weekend as a final tuneup for the Big East Championships.
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By NOAH AMSTADTER  
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In the minutes before tip-off Saturday at the Angela Athletic Facility, John Fogerty’s song “Center Field” blasted over the loudspeaker. Apparently Saint Mary’s basketball coach Suzanne Smith took note of the song’s lyrics, “Put me in coach, I’m ready to play,” as 11 players scored to lead the Belles to a 75-61 victory over Olivet College.

Anne Blair led the way with 12 second-half points as the Belles erased a 33-30 halftime deficit. Blair led the team with 14 points and five rebounds in only 17 minutes. She was a perfect five-for-five from the free-throw line.

Smith echoed her team’s victory — Saint Mary’s first following 10 consecutive losses since Jan. 3. “We’ve been down lately, this feels great. It’s like the definition of team. We all played with each other,” Blair said. “Everybody contributed. It just feels great.”

Saint Mary’s made seven of 11 three-point attempts for the game — led by Jaime Dindeen’s three treys.

By JEFF BALTRUZAK  
Sports Writer

Forward Ryan Humphrey hobbled through the final seconds on a sprained ankle Sunday, managing to hold onto a rebound at the buzzer as his one-legged play carried Notre Dame to victory and the Irish carried the injured Humphrey off the court.

Humphrey blocked a three-point attempt by West Virginia’s Tobias Seldon in the final 20 seconds, spraying his ankle on the way down. The 6-foot-8 junior hopped his way through the Mountaineers’ last possession on one foot.

When it happened, I felt like I got shot,” Humphrey said. “I knew I had to get up because it would have been four on five if I had just laid on the ground. I think I would have felt worse if I had left my teammates to try to win the game without me.”

After West Virginia rebounded a missed three-pointer by Josh Yeager, Mountaineer guard Tim Lyles threw up another three-point attempt. Humphrey grabbed the board, and the Irish survived 69-66 for their seventh straight league victory, four more than the school record prior to this season.

Irish reserves carried Humphrey, who will have his ankle examined this morning, to the locker room.

“It’s very sore,” Humphrey said. “We have to play it by ear. If it’s all right, I’ll play Wednesday night.”

Notre Dame (16-5, 8-2 Big East) came from behind to win despite a wild West Virginia (13-8, 4-6) crowd and foul trouble by Notre Dame post players Harold Swanagan (who fouled out), Troy Murphy and Humphrey.

With the victory, the Irish remained a full game in front of Syracuse in the race for the Big East West Division title. With the Mountaineers keeping the ball away from All-American Murphy, Irish guards Martin Ingelsby and Matt Carroll picked up the slack.

“Each first option is always to go inside,” Carroll said. “Seams aren’t going to let us do that sometimes. Trey, Ryan and Harold are very unselfish, and they kicked it back out.”

Ingelsby, a senior point guard, drove the team to success with a team-high 17 points, including five-for-seven shooting from behind the arc. He stole the show and the win from West Virginia with three steals, including one in the final minute of play.

“They really did a good job double-teaming Troy in the post,” Ingelsby said. “My man kind of sagged in, and I was able to get some open shots. For his part, Carroll put up 15 points on six-for-12 shooting. He also put the defensive clamp down on hot-handed Brooks Berry, who scored a career-high 21 points, 18 of which came in the first half. After the Irish took an early