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Busted...now what?
Consequences for parietal violations vary across campus

By MARIBEL MOREY
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Many prospective students are awed by the cradled football, the Golden Dome or the sense of community that is sensed throughout campus, especially within residence halls. There might not be fraternities or the sense of community that is sensed on campus.

"Yes, parietals have a larger effect on social life. I would have picked another school if I would have seen the effect it has on the social life," said Michelle Merlo, sophomore math and business major.

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You just got caught breaking parietals...but at what time?

PAST 30 mins:
Warning
Start Looking At Apartments

UP TO 10 mins:
Fines

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UP TO 30 mins:
Most Handled In Dorm

Outcomes vary depending on dorm

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Brian Becker (right) and Nikki McCord (center) debate with Brooke Norton and Brian Moscona Tuesday night in the Hesburgh Library.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

It's Valentine's Day

I am tired of the cookies, the chocolate covered strawberries as Martha Stewart, and the dozens upon dozens of roses. It does not seem romantic at all. The holiday has become a race to determine who gives the biggest and most expensive gift. It is no longer about love but on how we can buy.

According to the History Channel, which means I did not watch it but had someone do it for me, St. Valentine was a dude who defined Emperor Claudius decree that no one could marry because it made him a bad soldier. St. Valentine would marry young couples in private. He may have tortured. Also, while he was free Christians from the prison where they were often tortured, while he was in jail he fell in love with a young girl, might have been the jailer's daughter, and wrote her love letters that were addressed "From Your Valentine."

The holiday was meant to remember St. Valentine. It was definitely not meant to shower each other with decorative pieces of paper and dead flowers. St. Valentine acted out of love, not to empty his wallet on meaningless gifts of little or no sentimental value.

Yet every year, since Kindergarten, I was told to bring Valentine cards to school. The last minute rush to empty his wallet on meaningless gifts of little or no sentimental value.

It was not the rejection that made me this way. It was the constant reminder that on this one day, I am supposed to profess my love. But instead of finding love, I become aware of pain and of remorse the day after.

**OUTSIDE THE DOME**

Drug incidents skyrocket at U. Washington

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Sgt. David Girtz

police officer

incidents to non-students. "We feel that approximately 80 percent of the incidents involve non-students. We are an urban campus and a lot of people from the surrounding area come onto campus. I don't believe UW has any larger problem with illegal drugs than other universities in similar circumstances," said Girtz. The WPD has monitors reside the hall. Girtz found that some officers were not spending as much time in the halls as she felt was necessary.

"I have strongly encouraged officers assigned to the residence halls to spend time in the halls. I want the dorm officers to know what is going on inside the dorms," said Girtz.

Three or four years ago there was a policy change that may have contributed to the increased numbers. Resident advisors on each floor were instructed to call the police if they suspected drug use in the residence halls.

**UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI**

Biochemist makes AIDS discovery

CINCINNATI

Discovering a protein found within the AIDS infection process does not have a concrete structure came as a surprise to a University of Cincinnati biochemist last month. "The region of this protein appears to be structurally flexible. That has astounded a lot of people," said Pearl Tsang, an assistant professor of chemistry for 10 years at UC. According to Tsang, there are two proteins which combine to make the virus. By understanding the binding process, AIDS researchers could stop the interaction, thus block infection. However, one protein does not always bind the same way. The second protein changes its structure to fit different proteins. The body of the second protein is not a concrete structure, which makes the infection process hard to pinpoint. These findings are crucial to the development of vaccines for AIDS. "We have to look everywhere," said Tsang. "You can't design something to attack this."

**NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**

McClain plugs finance reform plan

Evanston, Ill.

Continuing their six-year fight to pass bipartisan campaign finance reform legislation, Sens. John McCain and Russ Feingold brought their quest to Northwestern University on Monday, trying to drum up support from students and community members. About 375 people packed in for a question-and-answer session about the proposed McCain-Feingold bill. The bill is set to be heard before the Senate at the end of March. The bill would ban the soft money that corporations, special interest groups and wealthy individuals give political parties to finance campaigns. "We need to take government out of the hands of special interests and give it back to the people of this country," McCain said. "It's very difficult trying to do the Lord's work in the city of Satan, and we need your help." In past years, the bill has died on the Senate floor in a filibuster, which prolongs debate in an attempt to kill the legislation. But McCain said he is confident he has the required 60 Senate votes to block a filibuster this year.

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The Outlook for high temperature zones for the day.
NSA resigns from Board of Trustees

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

Serving the Notre Dame community has long been Condoleezza Rice’s focus. Now the 75 grad will shift her focus away from the Golden Dome and look towards the Capitol’s dome. She has stepped down from Notre Dame’s Board of Trustees due to her new role as the national security advisor to President Bush.

“She’s one of the more prominent graduates in our history.”

Daniel Lindley
government professor

President Bush has surrounded himself with smart and powerful people. Rice has been friends with Bush for a while and he feels comfortable with her,” Lindley said.

Brown.

As national security advisor, Rice’s duties have yet to be clearly defined. Lindley cited several recent’s floating around political journals regarding the prominence of the National Security Council (NSC) during the Bush administration.

“The NSC staff appears to be shrinking as compared to the Clinton administration,” Lindley said.

The national security advisor could lose a lot of influence relative to staffers in the previous administration as Cheney aims to take an active role. He is just as bureaucratically savvy but with lots more political experience (than Rice).

With the Bush administration still settling into the White House, Lindley said that potential buffeting by staffers and political players could reduce Rice’s role. However, he also pointed out that Bush made his decisions based on a long and positive history with Rice.

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Since 1981, Rice has also been a member of Stanford University’s political science faculty, serving as the university’s provost from 1993-99.

Students at both schools can look to her as a positive example, Brown said.

“Dr. Rice is a delightful person and an incredibly bright individual. She has made several contributions to this country and will continue to do so. She is someone students can look to as a role model,” Brown said.

Within the past month, McAffee released an updated version of the software. Matz recommends Fitzpatrick, but he takes a month.

"Antivirus software works best as an inoculation,” said Matz. “It's not like an antibiotic; it can’t cure you once you're infected.”

Saint Mary’s was not troubled by the Kournikova virus. “I don’t know of anyone’s machine who's actually gotten infected from it,” said Goldberg, Saint Mary’s IT and systems administrator.

According to Goldberg, Saint Mary’s has installed a mail filter that will prevent the virus from getting on campus. All incoming and outgoing Saint Mary’s email goes through a program called send mail. The program is configured to filter out specific subject lines, including that of the Kournikova virus.

“It shouldn’t be able to get on campus any more,” said Goldberg.
According to Merlo, however, she cannot enter Howard this year. "I want to live with my friends, but without speaking to Bill Kirk, I cannot go to dorm next year nor can she visit the dorm."

"I would be naive to think they [don't break parietals]. I'm not out to catch them but something was taken away," said Emilie Robb, Merlo's friend and so phom ore Howard resident. Robb continued from page 1

Sister Adrienne Piennette, Welsh Family recto r, said Piennette said she had a situation where a student had repeated parietal violations. "I think they [Merlo and Robb] could have complete control whether students move hall to hall because rectors have to sign pull-in forms. When a student is forced out of his or her dorm, the rector decides whether to let him or her back in."

Merlo's best friend and former roommate, Maureen Boyle, is aware of each rector's discretion and was hesitant to talk. "I'm trying to get into Walsh and I don't want to jeopardize that," she said.

Merlo moved out in the Fall, but now Doyle spends most of her time with Merlo in Walsh. "Any time you lose a member of the community it hurts," Doyle said.

Before that morning in Carroll, Merlo lived in a quad on the north side of Howard. Now she lives in a quint in Walsh with two other girls. "I feel like our relationships [with friends] haven't changed, but now something was taken away," Merlo said.

Each dorm has discretion on parietal issues. Although Sister Kathleen Beary, rector of Badin Hall, has not encountered a case in her dorm where a resident is uprooted from campus, "I'm tired of it. I just stick to the book. I've been here for 10 years," Beary said.

A lthough Piennette understands that there must be students who break parietals in Welsh Family, she has not seen a violation of the policy until this year. University administrators are aware that there are repeatedly occurring parietal violations that they never hear about.

"In any given night there are hundreds of parietal violations, but it's like looking at the speed limit — it's a good guideline. A majority of students still follow it and are respectful of it. And for the overall good of the community, parietals are good guidelines," Shoup said.

Some however, feel parietal punishments cause a negative effect on the community. "Notre Dame's big thing is about community. Merlo, has taken away from that for a semester — extending that punishment is really extreme now," said Emi le Robb, Merlo's friend and sophomore Howard resident.

Freshman year loved this school and now I just think that rectors have too much control. There's no uniformity across the board, and it takes away from campus life," said Merlo. "It took away from my sophomore year."

Debate continued from page 

Strangers, an event that is currently being tested as a pilot program by Multicultural Student Programs and Services. Norton/Moscona voiced commitment to introducing service-based scholarships, as well as Parecm in Terris, a pro gram designed to bring students from war-torn countries to Notre Dame for their education.

Becker, mean­ while, stated his ticket's plan to apply things learned in the classroom to the community through increased experien­ tial learning projects. This type of program would be ideal for Notre Dame, he said, based on students' "service orientation" and "acade­ mic drive."

Among the other issues discussed was the Norton/Moscona proposal for hosting a hip-hop conference at Notre Dame—a plan that they admit has met with critical opposition. According to Moscona, he and Norton borrowed the idea from a successful event at Harvard, though they plan to expand the conference as an academic forum for discus­ sions of race and diversity on campus. McCord, however, was not as enthusiastic. "I'd love to see someone call Nelly on the phone and tell him we want him to come to Notre Dame to speak about diversity," she said but did not think the plan plausible.

"Becker a re addressing diversity issues by using existing programs, rather than creating new ones."

"We need to do work together with the program we have in place," said McCord.

In terms of programming and scheduling events, Becker and McCord also pledged to create a board devoted solely to planning and promoting more non-alcoholic events. Norton and Moscona, meanwhile, proposed adding more restaurant facilities to the Alumni-­Senior Club to make it a place for students of all ages, while still serving alcohol to those of legal age.

"The problem is that we don't have enough [social] space on campus," Norton said. They also discussed an expansion of Founder's Day events, as well as a week to commemorate the 30th anniversary of co-education at Notre Dame. Both tickets stressed the importance of getting students involved in student government and increasing the communication between their offices and student body.

Moscona suggested using emails to keep students informed, while McCord proposed sitting in on hall council meetings around campus to gather student input. Becker and McCord highlighted the need for getting more students involved in student government and defended themselves against accusations of increasing student government bureaucracy from their opponent.

"It's not a bureaucracy if you get students who have never participated before," Becker said.
China prosecutes website owner: Seeking to stamp its authority on cyberspace, China put the organizer of a Web site on trial Tuesday for publishing articles about democracy, the banned Falun Gong spiritual sect and other materials deemed subversive by prosecutors. Huang Qi is the first Chinese Webmaster known to have been prosecuted for publishing political materials.

11 killed in Kashmir: Separatist militants attacked the army patrol in the disputed territory of Kashmir on Tuesday, killing two soldiers and injuring three others. Nine separatists were also killed in the firefight. The three patrol members were operating in Poonch district, about 130 miles northwest of Jammu, Kashmir's winter capital, following the massacre of 13 villagers in the area last week.

Lt. Governor uses racial slur: In his speech during his campaign for the lieutenant governor's post, a 41-year-old African American state police investigator said he was at a Pennsylvanias gas station attendant over the weekend. Fant, 37, has focused on improving race relations, said in what he called an embarrassing slip of the tongue. Fant said he meant to use the word "Negro" but slipped and said another n-word during his speech about the black union movement.

New Jersey man confesses to machete killing: A man suspected of killing two people with a machete during a four-state crime spree has confessed to one of the slayings, according to court documents released Tuesday. "I took his head off," Eric Fant allegedly told a New Jersey State Police investigator about slaying of a Pennsylvania gas station attendant over the weekend. Fant, 37, was ordered held in lieu of $250,000 bail on New Jersey charges that include being a fugitive from justice and weapons possession.

People walk through the streets in the town of San Vicente, El Salvador, Feb. 13. San Vicente was hit by an earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale. The earthquake killed at least 92 people and injured 800.

El Salvador suffers from quake

Associated Press

EL SALVADOR

A powerful earthquake shook El Salvador Tuesday, toppling hundreds of buildings and killing at least 127 people in a country still mourning more than 800 who died in an even stronger quake exactly one month ago.

The quake flattened much of the heart of San Vicente, 35 miles east of San Salvador, and damaged most of the homes and buildings in four surrounding towns.

At least 127 people were killed and more than 1,200 were injured, said Salvadoran Red Cross spokesman Carlos Lopez. He said there were numerous reports of landslides that could add to the death toll.

The earthquake struck at 6:25 a.m. and was centered halfway between San Vicente and San Salvador. The U.S. Geological Survey measured its magnitude at 6.6, a strong quake but not as devastating as the 7.6 magnitude temblor that killed at least 844 people last month.

"It is true that this is another blow for El Salvador, but I call for tranquility. We have to be calm," President Francisco Flores told The Associated Press during a helicopter tour to assess the damage. "There are dead here, and very many people have lost their houses," the president said during a stop in San Vicente. He said the brunt of the damage was in a corridor between Ilopango, just east of San Salvador, and San Vicente.

Flores said he was told the quake damaged or destroyed hundreds of homes in the provinces of San Vicente, La Paz and Cuscatlan. Lopez said at least 71 people were killed in Cuscatlan alone. At least 12 adults and three children were killed in San Vicente, the region's army commander Col. Juan Armando Reyes, told Flores. He said half its houses were damaged, along with 90 percent of the houses in the nearby towns of San Cayetano, Guadalupe, Verapaz and Textepeque.

Landslides blocked several highways that were still being restored after the Jan. 13 quake, including the Panamanian Highway to Guatemala.

Telephone service was patchy to much of the country, and San Salvador's airport also was briefly closed.

El Salvador suffers from quake

Associated Press

HONOLULU

Two Army Black Hawk helicopters crashed in a remote area during a nighttime exercise, killing six soldiers on one of the aircraft and injuring 11 others.

The aircraft "somehow came in contact" with each other, but it was still unclear whether they collided. Navy Rear Adm. Craig Quigley said Tuesday in a briefing at the Pentagon.

The pilots of both aircraft were wearing night vision goggles, he said. Light rain was falling at the time. The helicopters, carrying a total of 17 people, crashed about 200 yards apart, said Capt. Stephen Johnson, whose fire company came from the nearby Sunset Beach station.

Quigley said he had received conflicting reports and was not certain how the two Black Hawks touched each other. He said it appeared they were not both in the air at the time, but did not elaborate.

He said all six dead were aboard one helicopter. The two UH60 helicopters went down late Monday while participating in an exercise over Kauhoku on the island of Oahu, said Maj. Nancy Makowski, a spokeswoman for the 25th Infantry Division based at Schofield Barracks.

"I heard a big clud," said Perry Dane, who lives on Kamehameha Highway about a mile from the crash site. "It sounded like thunder. It shook, too, like a big rattle."

The accident came just three days after a Navy submarine crashed into a Japanese fishing trawler off the coast of Oahu.
Mendoza's $35 million donation ranks nationally

Special to the Observer

A $35-million gift to the University of Notre Dame from Thomas and Kathy Mendoza has been ranked the 24th largest in the nation last year, according to the annual Slate 60 survey compiled by the online magazine Slate and the Chronicle of Philanthropy.

Bill and Melinda Gates, with a donation of $5 billion to their foundation, topped the survey, which ranks the 60 leading donors in America. The survey began in 1996 at the suggestion of broadcast entrepreneur Ted Turner, who hoped the publication of a prestigious list would provide an incentive to giving.

Announced March 21, the Mendozas' gift is the largest single donation in Notre Dame's history and is in support of the University's business college, which has been named in the couple's honor. The Mendozas were among seven philanthropists in the Slate 60 who contributed directly to college or university business schools.

Thomas Mendoza, a 1973 Notre Dame graduate, is president of Network Appliance (NetApp), a Sunnyvale, Calif., company that is the leading provider of network attached storage access and management solutions. Kathy Mendoza, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, is president of worldwide strategic alliances for NetApp.

Founded in 1921, the Mendoza College of Business is ranked by Forbes magazine as one of the nation's top 20 in giving MBA students the best return on their investment. The college's business ethics curriculum was rated the best in American higher education.

The college is Notre Dame's second largest with some 1,800 undergraduates, 780 advanced degree students (MBA, Executive MBA, master of accountancy, and master of science in administration) and 130 faculty.

The college is divided into four departments - accounting, finance and business economics, management, and marketing - and also includes courses and concentrations in fields such as marketing and information systems, e-commerce, human resources, international business and management consulting.

In addition, the college has developed six centers for scholarly research and teaching, the Center for Research in Banking, the Center for Research in Business, the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, the Center for U.S.-Japanese Business Studies, the Eugene D. Fanning Center for Business Communication and the Gigt Center for Entrepreneurial Studies.

University presents service award to Italian religious

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame Award for International Service will be given to Andrea Riccardi, founder of the Community of Sant'Egidio. Riccardi will receive the award at a ceremony on campus March 27.

"Andrea Riccardi and his companions are truly evangelists of deed," said University president Father Edward Malloy. "He and they preach the Gospel by living it, and by living it, they soften the world had known to be hardened, resolve quarrels the world had known to be intractable, and win friends the world had known to be enemies. We are privileged to honor their witness."

Riccardi is a professor of contemporary history at the Third University of Rome, where he teaches courses in modern church history. He has also taught at the Sapienza University and the University of Bari. He specializes in relationships among the world's religions and has written or edited several books, including "French Catholicism, Neo-Galicenism and Bourgeois Catholicism," "From the Conciliation to the Sturzo Operation," "The Human Party After World War II," "The Power of the Pope from Pius XII to John Paul II," "The Mediterranean Christianity and Islam Between Globalization and Conflict," and "A Century of Blood and Faith: Christians in the 20th century."

Riccardi is internationally known as the founder of the Sant'Egidio Community, whose mediation was instrumental in the 1992 agreement which brought a fragile peace to Mozambique after 16 years of civil war. The community, begun in 1968 by Riccardi and a few of his classmates from Rome's Virgilio High School, today has 40,000 members in 60 countries on four continents.

Opposed to all forms of violence, whether legal or illegal, Sant'Egidio members have attempted to mediate and resolve conflict in Albania, Angola, Guatemala, Kosovo, Lebanon, Somalia and, most recently, in Burundi. The community also has been active in recent international efforts to abolish capital punishment, gathering 2.7 million of the 3.2 million signatures on a petition to that end which was presented to Kofi Annan, secretary general of the United Nations. The Sant'Egidio Community has received numerous awards for its witness and accomplishments and was a candidate for the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize.

The Sant'Egidio Community is named for the Carmelite convent in Rome's Trastevere neighborhood where Riccardi and his friends first began to gather to pray, run a soup kitchen, and tutor children of the neighborhood's poor people. Among their inspirations was Pope John XXIII's insistence that the Catholic Church is "for everyone, especially the poor."

Shred Your X Party!

TONIGHT, the Club will host a special Valentine's Day Party, particularly for those with stories of former significant others.

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Republicans expand Rich pardon investigation

**President Bush suggests 'It's time to move on'**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Republicans in Congress expanded their inquiry into former President Clinton's eleventh-hour pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich, even as President Bush suggested Tuesday that it's time to move on.

A Senate Judiciary Committee, meanwhile, planned to hold its first hearing Wednesday on Clinton's pardon. A senior member of the panel, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., has suggested the pardons might warrant a new impeachment effort against the former president or amending the Constitution to weaken the presidency's pardon authority.

Specter said Justice Department pardon guidelines were ignored in the case and questioned whether all of the documents that supplemented the pardon were signed before Clinton's term ended as noon on Jan. 20.

That perspective is supported by the Justice Department official in charge of reviewing pardon applications.

U.S. Pardon Attorney Roger C. Adams plans to tell the committee that "none of the regular procedures were followed," according to The Washington Post. In Adams' prepared testimony, which has been submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee, he says that the White House had virtually no information on Rich in the final hours before the pardon. Adams said his staff had to perform an Internet search to gather more information.

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In a hearing at the Santiago Court of Appeals, Rodriguez also argued that the 85-year-old Pinochet is not healthy enough to stand trial.

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The charges stem from the "Caravan of Death," one of the most notorious cases of human rights abuses during Pinochet's 1973-90 dictatorship. The caravan was a military group that executed 75 political prisoners shortly after the 1973 coup led by Pinochet. The remains of 18 of the victims were never recovered.

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WASHINGTON

As if low crop prices weren’t tough enough, the nation’s farm economy is now being battered by soaring costs for energy and fertilizer, Congress was told Tuesday.

Net farm income is likely to drop 20 percent, or $9 billion, over the next two years unless there is a fresh outpouring of federal aid, according to the congresionally funded Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute, based at the University of Missouri.

The cost of fuel that farmers need for tractors, combines and irrigation equipment jumped 31 percent last year. Prices may drop slightly in coming months, but growers are expected to be hit this year with a 33 percent increase in fertilizer costs, the report said.

Leading production costs. Agriculture economist Bruce Babcock, an Iowa State University economist, said Nebraska farmer Keith Dittrich said he expects to pay $40 an acre, up from $22 an acre in 2000. Fertilizer costs are running $40 an acre, up from $25 last year.

Meanwhile, the price of corn has averaged under $2 a bushel without a significant increase for several years.

"You keep looking for ways to find better efficiencies in your operation, but there’s a limit to that," Dittrich said. "It’s to the point where there is no place to cut.

The financial squeeze isn’t just in the Midwest. Cotton farms in California and Texas that rely heavily on irrigation are likely to be among the hardest hit over the next few years, according to an analysis by Texas A&M University. Rice farms of all sizes are likely to lose money, too.

A 2,000-acre cotton farm in California is expected to have $1.05 in costs for every $1 in income over the next five years. Cattle producers are in the best shape, in part because of rising beef consumption and the low grain prices, which result in lower feed costs.

Crop prices plummeted in the late 1990s because of lagging exports and heavy worldwide production, and Congress responded by passing multibillion-dollar packages of supplemental assistance in each of the past three years. Last year, farmers received $8 billion in emergency aid.

Lawmakers have virtually come to pass another bailout this year, and they’re starting hearings this month on whether federal aid in a long-term overhaul of farm policy that includes proposals for a new system for subsidizing growers when crop income is down.

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"Crouching Tiger" leads Oscar field

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. - Hollywood's resurrection of Rome marches on. "Gladiator," the glitzy successor to "Ben-Hur" and "Spartacus," led the Oscar field Tuesday with 12 nominations, including best picture, actor and director.

Another tale of ancient warriors, the Mandarin-language "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," was next with 10 - picture, director and foreign-language film among them.

Also receiving best picture nominations were the candy-shop romance "Chocolat," the legal drama "Erin Brockovich" and the drug-trade saga "Traffic."

Steven Soderbergh grabbed two of the five best-director slots, for "Erin Brockovich" and "Traffic" - which could hurt his chances of winning if the two films siphon votes from each other. The last time a director was nominated twice in the same year was Michael Curtiz in 1938, for "Angels with Dirty Faces" and "Four Stories." The other director nominees Tuesday were Stephen Daldry for "Shakespeare in Love," Doug Liman for "Go" and Richard Attenborough for "Cinderella Man."

"Gladiator," the first Roman spectacle since the 1960s, also grabbed nominations for best actor Russell Crowe, supporting actor Joaquin Phoenix and Hans Zimmer's score. The computer wizardry used to recreate ancient Rome was named for visual effects.

"Those effects were crucial," said David Franzoni, a producer on "Gladiator" who also shared an original screenplay nomination for the film. "I'd never seen Rome rebuilt where it looked real. It always looked like a set. I was never convinced from those old movies that I was looking at ancient Rome. But we were able to show what Rome looked like. That's how they shot it." (He lost.)

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On top of its stunning visuals, "Gladiator" caught on because the frenzy of deadly spectator sports resonated with audiences, said Douglas Wick, another of its producers.

"There's much of Rome that feels very contemporary," Wick said. "A population distracted by entertainment from more serious issues. The idea of celebrity athletes ... it always felt relevant."

It was the second year in a row that DreamWorks, the studio co-founded by Steven Spielberg, had the film with the most nominations. "Gladiator" was co-produced by Universal and DreamWorks, with the latter releasing the film domestically. A year ago, DreamWorks won best-picture honors with "American Beauty."

"Crouching Tiger" is only the third film to earn both best-picture and foreign-language film nominations. The others were "Life Is Beautiful" in 1999 and "2" in 1969. Last weekend, "Crouching Tiger" hit $60 million, passing "Life is Beautiful" as the domestic box-office champ among foreign-language films.

Top categories shaped up largely as expected, but there were a few surprises. Ed Harris was nominated for best actor and Marcia Gay Harden for supporting actress for "Pollock," a film biography of painter Jackson Pollock that generally had been overlooked for earlier movie honors.

Lieberman stresses peace between parties

WASHINGTON

Sen. Joe Lieberman urged his fellow Democrats Tuesday night to put aside their anger over the 2000 presidential campaign and "re-engage Republican in a great national debate about the future of our country."

"It would be easy to continue to be angry about the way last year's election was decided," Lieberman said. "But that would be an abdication of the values and programs in which we believe and a disservice to the millions of hard-working families for whom we waged that campaign."

Lieberman told those attending the winter dinner of the New Democrat Network that the centrist Democrats in their group will play a vital role in setting the national agenda because of the closely divided House and Senate.

The New Democrat Network was founded in 1996 by Lieberman, one of the founders of the political action group that raises money and recruits candidates to run on the centrist ideals of the New Democrat movement. The movement was founded in the mid-1980s to move the party toward the center and regain the White House. Former President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, the unsuccessful presidential candidate, used many of those ideas to run for the White House in 1992.

"Over the past decade, the New Democrat movement has grown from a rump faction to the mainstream of the Democratic Party," he told the crowd that included members of Congress, party activists and political consultants who attended the dinner and fundraiser, that raised $1.2 million. "I need not remind you that the past three Democratic presidential tickets have been thoroughly New Democratic ones, and all three won the most votes."

Rep. Harold Ford of Tennessee said in the closely divided Congress "if any legislation is going to get done, New Democrats will have to help get it done." Simon Rosenberg, president of the New Democrat Network, called Tuesday "a big night for New Democrats in Congress."

The New Democrat Network was founded in 1996 by Lieberman, Sen. John Breaux of Louisiana and Rosenberg.
Sigh no more, ladies, sigh no more,
Men were deceivers ever,
One foot in sea, and one on shore,
To one thing constant never.
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MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

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Navy to use robots to examine fishing boat sinking

Associated Press

HONOLULU

The Navy will use a deep-sea robot to investigate the ocean floor where a Japanese fishing vessel sank after it was struck by a U.S. submarine, a Navy spokesman said Monday.

Lt. Col. Christy Samuels, spokesman for the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii, said no decision about a salvage operation had been made.

She did not say when the remote-controlled submersible would be dropped.

The remotely operated vehicle Scorpio II and the Klein 2000 Side Scan Sonar System were flown to Hawaii on Monday night from a Navy base in Coronado, Calif., the Navy said in a news release.

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And being flown to Hawaii from the mainland is "Deep Drone," a remotely operated vehicle "designed to meet the needs for deep ocean recovery," the news release said, indicating the Navy may be preparing a recovery operation.

The possibility of a salvage operation — which has been urged by the Japanese — was the subject of a meeting planned Monday between Adm. Dennis Blair, commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, and Yoshitaka Sakurada, Japan's parliamentary secretary for foreign affairs.

The Ehime Maru went down in 1,800 feet of water nine miles from Honolulu on Friday after it was hit by the surfaced USS Greeneville.

Twenty-six people were rescued, but nine are missing and feared dead.

The Navy and Coast Guard have searched more than 5,000 square miles with no signs of the missing, who include four Japanese students, two instructors and three crewman.

Anguished relatives have urged the Navy to conduct a salvage operation and Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori has said rescuers should use "all available means" to raise the vessel.

The Ehime Maru is 180 feet long and 499 tons. Bringing it nearly one-third of a mile to the surface would be costly and risky, experts said.

"It's a salvage operation that I think is unrealistic," said Charles Vick of the Federation of American Scientists in Washington. "I know it's hard to say that to people."

Others said risks and expense will be weighed against a strong interest in avoiding damage to U.S. relations with Japan.

"The pressure is on us very, very strongly to do something along this line," said John Craven, a professor of ocean studies at the University of Hawaii who helped develop the Navy's deep-submergence program.

Craven said he could not recall the raising of an entire boat the size of the Ehime Maru from a similar depth. He said the Navy must first determine whether the ocean floor at the site is sandy or muddy and whether the vessel has broken apart.

If it is relatively intact, Craven said, "lift bags" could be attached and inflated, raising the ship.

But the depth at the site would pose a huge challenge.

"Can divers operate freely in the water at 2,000 feet?" Craven asked. "The answer is probably not," meaning the Navy would have to rely on remotely controlled robots.

Sonar and Surfacing: How a submarine works

A submarine dives by filling its ballast tanks with water to make it heavier, causing it to submerge. To surface again, compressed air pushes water out of the tanks, making the vessel lighter so it rises.

Sonar

Sonar, which is sound navigation and ranging, is used to detect objects in the water.

Active sonar produces a ping, or sound wave, which travels to another object, bounces off it and returns to the source. The returning echoes identify the direction and distance of other vessels. (Unfortunately, this type of sonar also gives away the submarine's position.

Emergency Surfacing Drill

In an emergency surfacing drill, the captain first uses sonar, then rises to periscope depth (about 50 feet below the surface) to check the surface to see if it's clear. The sub dives again, injects high pressure air into its ballast tanks that push hundreds of tons of water out in a matter of seconds, propelling the vessel out of the water.

Passive sonar listens. It detects the sound of other vessels' propellers or engines by using microphones called hydrophones, and it does not reveal the submarine's position.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

What are your clothes saying?

Skintight red tube top, short tight black miniskirt. Figure clearly revealed, little left to the imagination. Who am I describing? A typical Notre Dame girl on her way to a bar or a dorm party? Yes and no. Yes, this description fits many of my Notre Dame sisters on their way to a social event. Unfortunately it also describes one of the prostitutions among the crowd of "sinner" characters dur- ing this past weekend's performance of Guys and Dolls in Washington Hall. What does it say when everyone's favorite Friday night fashion is adopted as the costume for a prosti­ tute? Some may argue that it doesn't say anything, that the girls who go out in these tight clothes simply think they look "prety­ ty" in them. But like it or not these clothes make a statement and their statement is not "Let's have an intellgent and enjoy­ able conversation possibly leading to a healthy friendship or romance." You can figure out for yourself what these clothes are saying — and I don't think the majority of my fellow Notre Dame girls want to be saying it.

I don't think they truly want a guy to talk to them just because they look sexy. I don't think they want a relationship to be based on the allure of skintight clothes. I think deep down we all want a guy to be attracted to us because of our intelligence, humor, integrity, loyalty and kindness. Not because of our cleavage. Girls, take a look in the mirror this weekend and ask your­ self honestly what your outfit is saying. There's nothing wrong with looking attractive as long as you are still respecting your body instead of flaunting it. Do your clothes say "I respect myself and am proud to look so nice" or do they say "I want to seduce you?"

Do you really want to say that? Do you think it's right to say that? Are you prepared for the answer?

Shella Payne
Sophomore
Covington Hall
February 13, 2001

**FOCUS ON THE DAY**

"To fall in love is to create a religion that has a fallible god."

Jorge Luis Borges

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"If he sees me, I'll be mid-stride, just passing by."

Scott Adams

**DILBERT**

**THE SMALL BUREAUCRAT IS WORKING.**
Wednesday, February 14, 2001

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students promote chaste lifestyle

This letter, like many of those printed in this space, must be read with the same kind of persis­
tent awareness to a topic that is of inter­
etest to all. It seems to me that the youth of today are
to blame for what is happening concerning their
to keep their bodies pure. Here at Notre Dame, many
will want to look at our raw numbers of how many
and how often people are having sex or doing
other impure actions in reassurance that we as a
university are doing great com­
pared to the big state schools which have
coved dorms and no parietals. However,
 chastity is not just an action
but a attitude and a way of life. It is true
that there are many people on campus
who are not sexually active, which is very
good, but we all know there is room for
improvement.

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speech. Ask yourselves the two questions posed by Dr.
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in reaction to the prohibition of "The Vagina Monologues" on
 campus, but free speech is free speech and if we don't
support that, what does that say about our definition of
humanity or democracy?

Practicing ideals without double standards

"What does it really mean to be human? What does it
mean to practice democratic ideals?" These were just a
couple of the questions that Dr. Cornel West asked his audience
in DeBello Hall a few weeks ago. In
today's society, as far as I can tell, the attempt to
use sexuality to promote unity and love among all people is very
difficult. It seems that fifty years ago it would
have been unheard of to use the word "sex"
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Notre Dame set an example for Catholic
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understand the deeper issues involved.

Carolyn Kelley
Notre Dame Student for Living Love

February 13, 2001

Visiting off-campus

This week, the nation's chastity organi­
zations would love to pull this week's
overnight to an Earth that respects all
their inhabitants and all of their bodies.
Realistically however, they wish only to
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To commit or not: holiday sparks the tough questions

It is upon us again. The candy, the carnations and the sentiment cards. Valentine’s Day has arrived in South Bend — the perpetual holiday of loving, yearning and overall melancholy. However, on this national day of affection and afflication, one question remains to be asked: has monogamy become the exception rather than the rule?

We are in college. We are supposed to date. A lot. We are supposed to be charming, articulate and potential mates to everyone we meet. Quite frankly, it’s exhausting.

But in the hazy days of break-ups, make-ups and random hook-ups, people don’t seem to be looking for commitment. We seem to be on the lookout for quite the opposite — something short, sweet and convenient.

Even while in relationships, we constantly second guess ourselves wondering if we’re doing the right thing. If we really should commit.

We look over our shoulders, asking ourselves if there might be something better out there, not minding how much, exactly, we’re so busy seeking legitimacy that we don’t have the time for fidelity.

Can there possibly be one person out there with whom we can happily share the rest of our lives, or at least until spring break? Do we even want to?

With the possibilities heightened on by dimly lit bar scenes and Natural Light at our fingertips, monogamy becomes a rare and exceptional thing. Glancing in the door of a typical dorm party or two, it certainly seems to be the case — with the exception of one sugary, candy-coated day in February.

Welcome to Valentine’s Day. The most celebrated, luxurious and glossy promotion of commitment we have to offer. This is the day when we all want someone, anyone to adore us.

We’ll happily get over the one who scuffed at commitment, suddenly feel the need to have someone of the opposite sex in our life. Those already in committed relationships stop wondering if monogamy is worth it, and suddenly are perfectly happy to be in a relationship.

As a result, the holiday has become a skyrocketing day for Hallmark stock options, but the one day of the year when the cards recycled, are we any further along? It’s almost as if we’re doing the right thing, if we’re doing the right thing, if we’re doing the right thing.

As a result, the holiday isn’t only a skyrocketing day for Hallmark stock options, but the one day of the year when we ask ourselves if you’ve chosen the right path, and if you’re sure of your relationship. It is certain that you can be a holiday.

Do you need to rely on a holiday to verify your feelings. It’s true that the look of commitment may be an exceptional thing these days. But when you’re with the right person, every day can be a holiday.

We can all celebrate Valentine’s Day. Whether we’re committed or single, the day will come and go relatively quickly. We won’t have our expectations dashed, meeting and dating people along the way.

We all have our own philosophies on love and dating — a holiday shouldn’t change that. As long as we keep looking for more than what we have, maybe monogamy and commitment are too much for us. Maybe, some people, more, someone, right, comes along, they won’t be.

Valentine’s lovers and haters

By LAURA KELLY

For those lucky lovers who have someone special in their life, the question of how to spend this Valentine’s Day looms large. New couples puzzle over how to surprise each other, while those in serious relationships rely on tried-and-true ways to express their love.

No matter how young or how weathered the relationship, there are always creative ways to spend the holiday, often without spending much money or doing extensive planning.

Thus, here are the top 10 ways to spend Valentine’s Day when you have a significant other.

10. Go out to dinner. The classic romantic fall-back: soft candlelight, gentle music and the two of you gazing up at the stars. "Lady and the Tramp." Taking that special someone in your life out for an elegant meal is always a sure way to win brownie points and show off your good taste.

Try a French cuisine for this holiday of love, as the Europeans are notorious Casanovas. Many area restaurants offer Valentine’s Day specials, but be sure to call ahead for reservations as you don’t want your plans cut short and dining to fall through at the last moment.

9. Cook dinner. For those who are a little low in the funds department and are looking for other creative ways to treat the ones they love, try cooking at home.

No excuses here — you can flex many of the ingredients for a gourmet meal at the good of “Houdle, and dorm life is easy everywhere.

Find a good cookbook, whip up something quick and easy and your love is sure to be impressed. This goes for both genders — food may be the way to a man’s heart, but any woman would be swept off her feet by her public husband’s attempts to cook. If you don’t have the time to devote to a full meal, go for the classic SYR batch of cookies or brownies. The thought is what counts.

8. Spend a night at the movies. Hollywood has one goal: to provide us with “lovebirds” and “romantic comedy" South Bend’s own version of Hollywood.

16 and Movies are offering several holiday- appropriate flicks. For those looking for a fun or romantic film date, try the awkwardness of first love in “Save the Last Dance” or the Italian or French seduction of “Chocolat.”

If you are up for a good scare or just want your girl to leap into your arms with fright, check out the newly named “Valentine” to see some holiday horror. And if your relationship is wrought with stress, you’re looking to take it to the next level, “The Wedding Planner” may be a way to subtly bridge the subject.

7. Get out. For some reason misses the carefree days of the playground, especially those of us who’ve spent our days with homework and the study hall. Why not spend this Valentine’s Day the way you would have in the seventh grade? Take your crush and fly kites on a trip back in time.

Find a local playground, race on the monkey bars, play for the highest. Indulge your inner six-year-old and visit Chuck E Cheese — play skee-ball and take a jump in the ball pit.

Lace up a pair of roller or ice skates and head to the South Bend skating rink. Laugh at how you would have teased each other if you had gone to grade school together.

6. Take a day trip. Two destinations within reason: the travels of a beach day and a trip into Chicago. The Sail and the Shore hotel provides regular and affordable service to downtown Chicago, where you can see a show or just window shop down Michigan Avenue.

While Feb. 14 may not provide for more than two, the weather, two lovers can still choose their day to the beach or sit and watch a roller coaster roll in. A quick romantic getaway might just be worth skipping a day of class.

Wherever or whenever they will admit it, almost everyone loves to be surprised. And Valentine’s Day provides just the opportunity to treat the ones they love, with the southward- southward, no matter how far or how short the distance are Chicago and the Indiana or Michigan dunes.

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Matthew McConaughey and Wedding Planner, a perfect Valentine’s Day

Ten Top Movies to Watch if You Love Valentine’s Day

10. “Ghost” You, the one you love and a potter’s wheel — the night is covered. So are you. May 20th, no because she’s Julia Roberts.

9. “Notting Hill” She’s just a girl, standing in front of a boy, asking him to love her. And he probably won’t say yes because she’s Julia Roberts.

8. “Sixteen Candles” Every girl desires her own Jake Ryan.

7. “Shakespeare In Love” She wrote about it, he lived it, and despite recent attacks on his sexuality, the man knows about romance.

6. “Beauty and the Beast” You’re never going to say anything about your friend’s personal life.

5. “Love Story” Love means never having to say you’re sorry, at least if you’re a wealthy Harvard Law grad.

4. “Unmarried Heart” He gave her everything, his heart. What did you get your heartbreak this year? 

3. “Far and Away” If they can make it on the wild frontier, you can make it at Notre Dame.

2. “When Harry Met Sally” Yes, yes, yes.

1. “An Affair to Remember” You might not be able to meet your sweetheart at the top of the Empire State building, but at least consider Planner Hall as a viable alternative. Remember to look both ways before crossing Juniper, though.

---compiled by Katie Malmquist
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6. Volunteer. Spend the afternoon helping create a safer, less violent campus.
7. Get a gift card to a restaurant you and your significant other love.
8. Share a movie night at home. Rent the latest rom-com and cuddle up.
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Shaquille O’Neal returned to the Lakers lineup on Tuesday night without showing any ill effects from a two-week layoff caused by a strained arch in his right foot. O’Neal had 32 points, 14 rebounds, six assists and five blocks in 43 minutes in helping the Lakers to a 113-110 overtime victory over the New York Knicks on Tuesday night.

“I felt pretty good,” O’Neal said after playing for the first time since Jan. 26. “I was anxious to get back and start the second half with a vengeance, and I believe I started on pretty good note tonight.”


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The Montreal Canadiens ended their five-year feud with Patrick Roy on Tuesday night, honoring their former goaltender in a pregame ceremony. Former teammates Benoit Brunet, Patrice Brisebois and Guy Carbonneau handed Roy a painting by Quebec artist Andre Lapensee. Astronaut Marc Garneau also was honored in the center-ice ceremony before the Canadiens’ game against Roy’s Colorado Avalanche.

The tribute to Roy, which drew a standing ovation from the Molson Centre crowd, was seen as a reconciliation of Roy’s bitter departure from the team in December, 1995. But on a day in which Roy was making peace with the Canadiens, he received a local newspaper columnist.

Hockey’s winningest goaltender brushed past a crowd of reporters in the Avalanche dressing room Tuesday morning to pull aside Le Journal de Montreal writer Bertrand Raymond for some harsh words.

Roy was upset at a front page headline over his picture that said: “To Forget, is to Forgive — Patrick Roy.” Just above was a smaller headline for an unrelated story that read “No Prison Term.”

Apparently, Roy took the headlines as a reference to his being charged with domestic violence at his home in Denver earlier this season; his frightened wife phoned 911, but charges later were dropped.

When Raymond, a longtime supporter of Roy and a member of the media section of the Hockey Hall of Fame, protested he doesn’t write the headlines, Raymond said Roy shouted back: “It’s your team, it’s your newspaper, you should check.”

During it all, Roy was the same heated glare he had on Dec. 2, 1995, when coach Mario Tremblay left him in net for nine goals of an 11-1 drubbing by the Detroit Red Wings at the Montreal Forum.

After an earlier goal, Roy defiantly raised his arms in the booming crowd.

When Tremblay finally pulled him from the game, Roy leaned over to then team president Ronald Corey behind the bench and said he had played his last game for the Canadiens.

Four days later, Roy was traded to Colorado, along with team captain Mike Keane, for Martin Rucinsky, Andrei Kovalenko and goaltender Jocelyn Thibault. Only Rucinsky remains with the Canadiens, while Roy won a Stanley Cup in Colorado.

It is still considered one of the worst trades in Canadiens history.

Roy, 35, played his first 10 NHL seasons in Montreal, leading them to Stanley Cups in 1986 and 1993 — when he won a record 10 consecutive overtime games.

He was the most popular Canadian since scoring star Guy Lafleur in the 1970s.
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When the Yankees open spring training Wednesday, it could be the beginning of the end. P a u l O 'n e i l l says this will be his last season. Ti no Martinez and Scott Brosius are in the final years of their contracts, as is manager Joe Torre. Five years of their contracts, as is manager Joe Torre. Still, there is another championship to be won, always the focus on the Yankees. Last October, they became just the fourth team to win three straight World Series titles.

"I want to look back when I'm all done and say I played at the beginning of this sport and played all the way through it," O 'neil said. "With the core of people coming back, this is still the team that won the championships. A couple years down the road it might not be the same team anymore." Only two teams put together longer streaks: the Yankees of 1936-39 and the Yankees of 1946-53.

The run for No. 4 — and the fifth in six seasons — begins Wednesday when pitchers and catchers report.

Many of the Yankees have been in Florida for weeks, working out at New York's minor league complexes.

"You get excited about spring training because hopefully one or two of our young kids could make the big league club and help the New York Yankees win," vice president of player personnel Billy Connors said. The most notable departure during the offseason was David Cone.

New York offered to bring him back following a 4-14 season, but he would have had to win the No. 5 starter's job in spring training. Instead, he signed with Boston.

Mike Mussina, given an $88.5 million, six-year contract, is the chief addition, joining Roger Clemens, Orlando Hernandez and Andy Pettitte in the rotation. "It's unbelievable," left fielder Shane Spencer said of the Yankees' rotation. "Other teams will be like, 'Who are we going to put our No. 1 against?' We have potentially four No. 1s."

The fifth spot is open. Cu b a n d e f e c t o r J o e He r n a n d e z — not related to "El Duque" — has looked impressive in early workouts and lefty Randy Keisler also figures to get a chance. While closer Mariano Rivera is back and left-hander Mike Stanton returns as a setup man, right-handed setup man Jeff Nelson returned to Seattle after five seasons with the Padres.

Ramiro Mendoza, who missed most of last season because of shoulder problems, is throwing following surgery but the Yankees likely will limit his innings. Lefty Allen Watson, also coming back from an injury-marred season, is not expected to be ready for opening day.

New York has brought in a half-dozen pitchers to audition for the role, a group that includes Dwight Gooden, Brian Boehringer, Scott Kamieniecki, Darrell O'Neill outfielder

Emerson and Ed Beynoso. The everyday lineup is set, barring injuries. The only questions are whether second baseman Chuck Knoblaugh has solved his throwing problems and whether Spencer has healed following knee surgery.

"The elbow is great. No problems," said Knoblaugh, who arrived at spring training a month early. Spencer expects his surgically repaired knee to be ready for opening day. "I'm doing pretty good," he said Tuesday. "I'm doing all the little things I need to do. Hopefully by the second week of spring training I'll be playing some games."

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Paul O'neil outfielder

Duggers hope pitching brings play-off birth

"We believe we've improved. I think we've got the talent and we're positioned to have a very good season," Malone said. "Now, we've got to go out and perform."

In Kevin Brown, Chan Ho Park and free-agent addition Andy Ashby, the Dodgers have four proven starters. Brown, Park and Dreifort were a combined 43-25 last season, while others who started for Los Angeles were 11-26.

The 33-year-old Ashby, who signed a $22.5 million, three-year contract, was 12-13 with Philadelphia and Atlanta in 2000, but pitched in the 1998 and 1999 All-Star games. "Our 1-2-3 starters were comparable to any other front-line guys," Malone said. "Our objec­tive was to try and improve the pitching, and we tried to address that with the addition of Andy Ashby and bringing Ramon Martinez back."

The 32-year-old Martinez was 10-8 with a 6.13 ERA in 27 starts with the Boston Red Sox last season. He pitched for the Dodgers for nearly nine years before undergoing season-ending shoulder surgery in June 1998. He figures to compete with Eric Gagne, 4-6 with a 5.15 ERA last season, for the fifth spot.

"I think we're improved there," he said. "But, we've got more depth." Malone said. "We're just trying to return to the Dodger tradition of success with pitching, and we're going to emphasize and focus on defense."

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No. 4 Illini rally from deficit to defeat No. 19 Badgers

Associated Press

Marcus Griffin scored off an inbounds pass from Sean Harrington with 0.6 seconds left as No. 4 Illinois beat No. 19 Wisconsin 68-67 Tuesday night.

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Williams had collided with two defenders on a short jumper with 2 seconds left. Wisconsin grabbed Williams’ miss, but lost control of the rebound.

The Illini kept the ball and Griffin had barely had time to catch it five feet from the basket and toss an arching shot back in.

Williams then intercepted the Badgers’ inbounds pass with 6.6 seconds left to seal the win for Illinois (20-5, 10-2 Big Ten).

Kirk Penney led Wisconsin (15-7, 6-5) with 18 points, including four 3-pointers. Penney made the two free throws that gave the Badgers a 67-66 lead with 9.5 seconds left. Griffin hit a 3-pointer with 5.34 left that started a 12-1 run and gave the Huskies a 59-54 lead.

With the shot clock winding down, Brown hit a 3-pointer with 5.34 left that started a 12-1 run and gave the Huskies a 59-54 lead.

Brown made four free throws to close the run and the Huskies made six more in a row to keep the Eagles at bay and avenge the 85-68 loss on Jan. 3 that ended their 23-game winning streak in the series.

Singletary and freshman Ryan Sidney each had 18 points for the Eagles, while Treg Bell had 16. Bell finished 5-for-16 from the field, including 3-for-10 from 3-point range. The Eagles, who had won a school-record seven straight conference games, were 6-for-26 from beyond the arc, 2-for-13 in the second half.

No. 12 Florida B2, LSU 74

Teddy Dupay scored 11 points in Florida’s overtime win over LSU.

Dupay, who had surgery for a herniated disc on Jan. 10, had just six points in regulation, but scored all but eight of Florida’s 19 points in overtime.

Udonis Haslem and Brett Nelson each scored 18 points for Florida (17-5, 7-4 Southeastern Conference). Matt Bonner added 17.

Ronald Dupree led LSU (11-11, 1-10) with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Collis Temple III had 14 points, Jermain Williams 12, and Bright 11.

The Gators struggled against LSU’s defense and trailed most of the game. With 5:32 left in regulation, Haslem made his first free throw, pulling Florida within one point at 57-56.

Haslem’s second attempt bounced out and LSU’s Ronald Dupree grabbed it.

A missed shot and a foul by LSU sent Major Parker to the line for the Gators. He made one of two free throws to tie it at 57 with 51 seconds remaining.

Cornell Bright hit a 3-pointer to give the Tigers a 60-57 lead with 27 seconds left. Then Dupay hit a field goal and a free throw to tie it at 60.

Jason Williams made two free throws with 3.2 seconds remaining to give LSU 62-60 lead. Florida’s ensuing inbounds pass sailed the length of the floor from Haslem, who was fouled. He made both shots, tying it at 62 and forcing overtime.

LSU pulled within one point, 75-74, on a 3-pointer by Bright with 1.16 remaining. Dupay matched the 3-pointer and added a free throw as the Gators sealed the victory.

Florida had been averaging 83.3 points. LSU, the second-ranked scoring defense in the SEC, had limited opponents to 65.6 points.

The Tigers outscored Florida 8-5 over the first three minutes of the second half and stretched their lead to 10 points, 40-30. But LSU failed to score for the next 5:47 and the Gators cut the lead to two points, 43-41, on a 3-pointer by Bonner.

Florida used a 7-0 run to tie the game at 48 with 9.90 left. The run was fueled by five points from Bonner.
**Irish lose Rosburg to Browns**

By TIM CASEY

assistant Sports Editor

Although it appears Joker Phillips will be named an assistant, the Irish still must fill two other coaching vacancies. Former safeties coach Lou West is now the defensive coordinator at Toledo.

And on Monday, cornerbacks coach Jerry Rosburg bolted to the National Football League. Rosburg was named as the special teams coach for the Cleveland Browns.

During the 2000 season, Rosburg coached a punt return unit that ranked 12th in the nation and blocked six punts.

"He was a mastermind at the whole special teams thing," said Jason Beckstrom, the national and blocked six punts.

"I'm sad about him leaving," Beckstrom said. "I really got to know him and think highly of him as a coach. He helped me develop as a player as far as knowing him and think highly of him as a coach. He helped me know him and think highly of him as a coach."

Jason Beckstrom special teams player

Phillips continued from page 28

assistant but sources at Minnesota confirmed that he has been offered the position.

"It's pretty much a done deal," an employee in Minnesota's media relations department said.

Officials in Notre Dame's sports information department declined comment.

Urban Meyer, Notre Dame's wide receivers coach for the past five years, left after the Fiesta Bowl to take over as head coach at Bowling Green. It is believed that Phillips will assume Meyer's duties.

Phillips, a four-year letter-winner at wide receiver, graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1986 and played sparingly for the Washington Redskins and the Canadian Football League's Toronto Argonauts.

He served as a graduate assistant at Kentucky in 1989 and 1990 and then became an assistant recruiting coordinator in 1990. He coached Kentucky's receivers from 1991-96 before heading to Cincinnati where he was wide receivers coach in 1997 and defensive backs coach in 1998.

"He's a real good receivers coach," Jones said. "He knows his stuff. That's for sure."

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**NFL**

**Tempe chosen as new stadium site**

Associated Press

The new stadium for the Arizona Cardinals will be built in Tempe, just a mile from where the team now plays.

The Arizona Tourism and Sports Authority board voted 7-2 Tuesday to choose the Tempe site over an undeveloped tract of land in suburban west Phoenix.

The stadium, with a retractable roof and natural grass field that would slide out of the structure when not in use, is to open for the 2004 season.

The Cardinals, an original NFL member with a long history of mediocrity or worse, have played at Sun Devil Stadium on the Arizona State campus since moving from St. Louis 13 years ago.

Although no threats were made, there was a widespread belief the team would have left town if the stadium vote had failed last November.

An $18 million pledge to Tempe by the Cardinals last Thursday may have been the deciding factor in the board's decision. The Fiesta Bowl also strongly endorsed the Tempe site.

"I think it was the financial package and the relationship we had with the Cardinals and the Fiesta Bowl to start with," Tempe Mayor Neil Giannulis said.

The Cardinals' late pledge allowed Tempe to secure an 88-year lease of the land from the Salt River Project, one of two major electric utilities serving the Phoenix area. The west side proposal included a promise by 80-year-old developer John Long to donate 40 acres of land.

The fact that it was from the Cardinals really wasn't relevant to me," authority board member Rod Howlett said. "But with the multipurpose factor I just couldn't get past those obstacles the other sites had." Board member Rod Williams, one of the two dissenters, detailed a long list of concerns about the Tempe site.

The stadium was authorized by county voters last November. Virtually all the public money will come from a hotel-motel tax and a surcharge on rental cars.

The stadium cost has risen from $331 million to $344 million with Tempe promising the extra $3 million to cover costs associated with a bedrock problem at the site.

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Riley, Murphy receive honors in Big East, nationally

♦ Murphy, Riley among Naismith Awards finalists

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame All-Americans Troy Murphy and Ruth Riley are among the 15 male and female finalists for the Atlanta Tipoff Club Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Awards.

The Naismith Board of Selectors, which includes some of the country’s leading basketball coaches, journalists, administrators, began the selection process in the fall. The winners of the Naismith Awards, the most prestigious awards in college basketball, will be honored in Atlanta in April.

Murphy was one of four Big East male players to the final list of 15 — Troy Bell of Boston College, Michael Bradley of Villanova and Eddie Griffin of Seton Hall were the other three. Riley was joined on the final ballot by two players from Connecticut — Svetlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph. Abrosimova, however, will miss the rest of the year with an injury.

Murphy, a first-team consensus All-American as a sophomore, ranks third nationally in scoring, averaging a team-leading, career-best 23.2 points per game. He is second on the team in rebounding with a 9.3 rebounding average and leads the team with 10 double-doubles.

Murphy, who has scored in double figures in 84 of 85 games during his career, is one of only two players in the history of the Notre Dame men’s basketball program to score more than 1,400 points and grab more than 800 rebounds (843).

Riley, also a first-team All-American as a senior, leads the top-ranked Irish in scoring and rebounding and has been named Big East player of the week on four occasions this season — more than any other Big East player. She has recorded double-doubles in three consecutive games and in seven games total this season. She has scored at least 20 points in eight of the last 12 games.

According to the most recent NCAA statistics, Riley is the only player in the country among the top 20 leaders in blocks and field-goal percentage. Riley enters the week two blocks from breaking the Notre Dame record for career free throws – 447, which is held by Beth Morgan — and needs just two rebounds to become the third Irish player to reach the 900-rebound milestone.

Murphy was named Big-East player of the week for fourth time this season

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame forward Troy Murphy has been named the Big East Player of the Week. This award is the fourth time this season that Murphy has received player of the week honors.

The 6-11 junior shares the honor this week with Rutgers sophomore guard Todd Billet. Murphy averaged 24.3 points and 10.5 rebounds in leading the Irish to a 2-0 week with wins over St. John’s (83-73) at home and West Virginia (69-66) on the road.

He posted double-doubles in both contests as he scored 34 points and grabbed 11 rebounds against the Red Storm.

Murphy then followed that performance with his 42nd career double-double as he tallied 15 points and hauled in 10 rebounds versus the Mountaineers.

Murphy has won the league’s player-of-the-week honors 10 times in his career. As a freshman, he claimed rookie-of-the-week accolades on eight occasions.

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...counting," Humphrey said, "but I have to be smart about it, because it's a long season."

If Humphrey does not play, the starting lineup will include forwards Harold Swanagan and All-American Troy Murphy, guard/forward David Graves, guard Matt Carroll and point guard Martin Ingelsby. With those five used to playing long minutes even with Humphrey in tow, Irish coach Mike Brey will likely turn to sophomore Jere Macura and freshman Torrian Jones to pick up a few extra minutes so the starters can get a bit of rest. "Depth can be very overrated," Brey said last week before Humphrey's injury. "There's something about getting a nucleus of guys to play with each other." That's been true with a six-person nucleus, as the Irish are on a seven-game roll. Whether it works with five will become clear tonight.

Although Rutgers is at the bottom of the Big East West Division and Notre Dame perches in first place, the Scarlet Knights have won two in a row. They beat the Seton Hall Pirates on the road, a place the Irish lost, and defeated Pittsburgh by 20.

Guard Todd Billet shared Big East Player of the Week honors this past week. Billet scored 26 in his team's win over Pittsburgh.

In the first Irish-Scarlet Knight matchup this season, the Irish won 87-80 for their first league win of the season. Since then, the Irish have won seven of eight games within the conference to take a two-game lead for the division title.

Facing Rutgers is always a challenge for Murphy, a New Jersey native. He exploded against his in-state rival for a career-high 37 points on Jan. 6, and a repeat performance would likely allow him and the Irish to go home with an eighth straight win. Murphy will have to overcome a hostile crowd to do that, however. "When people say things, he kind of laughs at them instead of saying, 'Let's answer it,'" Brey said last week. "He's a lightning rod for all of us." Aside from Murphy, who leads the league in points per game, Ingelsby tops the Big East in assists-to-turnover ratio, with Carroll not far behind. Graves is the third-leading scorer, with Swanagan counted on to rebound.

For the Scarlet Knights, forwards Jeff Greer and Rashed Kent complement Billet's attack. "You have to go in and fight," Ingelsby said, "or anyone can beat you on any given day."
Belles need win to advance in tournament standings

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

With a playoff seed hanging in the balance, the Belles are looking to put out the Bulldogs of Adrian College. Saint Mary's is coming off a victory over Olivet College and a win tonight would move the team one step closer to a better MIAA playoff spot.

"We've put ourselves in a great opportunity now to move up in the tournament," head coach Suzanne Smith said. "We know we can get this win and we played two great games last week."

Currently, the Belles (7-14, 2-10 in the MIAA) are tied with the Bulldogs (8-14, 2-10 in the MIAA) for last place in the MIAA. When playoffs begin late next week, the team in last place will have to take on No. 1 Alma College instead.

"We won't know 100 percent until everything is done Saturday," Smith said. "Instead of playing Hope we could move up and play Alma who we've played two really tough games against and we would love that opportunity."

A win over Adrian is an important part of Saint Mary's move towards that matchup. Adrian took home the W the last time these two teams faced off at Angela Athletic Facility. On the road, however, Smith and her team are looking for success.

"I always think we play a little better on the road," Smith said.

As of Tuesday night's practice, post players Kelly Roberts and Anne Blair will be joining guards Julie Norman, Katie Christiansen and Mary Campione in the starting positions. Sophomore Kristen Matha will be sitting out again after she aggravated a concussion during Saturday's contest. Besides Matha, however, the team is healthy.

"We're past the illnesses," Smith said. "Being the end of the season there are some nagging injuries, but, for the most part, everybody is pretty healthy."

The Belles offense will be playing hard again tonight following Saturday's aggressive win and looking for Adrian to mix it up on defense. The Bulldogs usually begin their defensive attack with a 2-1-2 press and then fall back to a zone. The Belles are looking to break that defense by scoring first and scoring early.

"We want to look to score right away," Smith said. "We'll get them to come out of those defenses and make them come man-on-man, where we can really get into our half court offense."

The defense will have to keep its eye on Sarah Vincke. Adrian's leading scorer, Vincke currently holds the top four spots for most points in a game with 35, 34, 31 and 31. She also holds the MIAA record for most 3-pointers in a single game with nine.

"We'll definitely key on [Vincke] and keep someone in her face," Smith said. "We'll switch it up to keep someone fresh on her."

In addition to keeping on eye on Vincke, the Belles will have to control sophomore post player Allison Keebaugh and junior Annie Morton, who joined Vincke as leading scorers during the teams' last meeting.

"Our post defense has really picked up," Smith said. "I think (the team) is ready again."

Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m. at the Merillat Sport and Fitness Center at Adrian College.

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Irish need to buckle down, win against Orangewomen

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

"I just go out there and play well to take on the Orangewoman tonight when they travel to Syracuse.

The Irish, who are 5-3 this season at Manley Field House, including a close 76-63 loss to No. 3 Connecticut, are capable team and we really need to go in there ready to play," McGraw said. "We played last Wednesday and usually I'd have to take a day off because it's so sore.

"I think our problem has been that we haven't been in practice a lot of days our goal has been to play the practice floor with her fellow starters a little bit better. We're trying to play different combinations."

"This is what most teams went through back in November and December. We're still trying to find those combinations. The last couple of days our goal has been to play the together starters a little bit longer."

Following difficult practices on Friday and Saturday and a weekend off, the team now feels that those combinations are back in the mode that led this team to No. 1.

"We had a great practice yesterday and I think we're really ready for this week," Siemon said. "Defense is what we have to start working on a little bit more and we have been doing that."

The Orangewomen (10-11, 4-7 in the Big East) looks to improve its play with only five regular season games remaining. Last Wednesday, coach Muffet McGraw's team struggled both offensively and defensively in a 72-58 home victory over Pitt.

"They've got a couple of good shooters," said Irish All-American center Ruth Riley. "Their post players are pretty accurate as well. We just have to go in there and play the whole game.

Despite their record, Syracuse has proven to be a tough opponent on their home court. The Orangewomen are 5-3 this season at Manley Field House, including a close 76-63 loss to No. 3 Connecticut.

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**FOOTBALL**

**Phillips heads for Notre Dame**

By TIM CASETY
Assistant Sports Editor

"He's on his way to Notre Dame," an anonymous Minnesota football official told The Observer on Tuesday. "He's not with us anymore."

According to Devin Jones, a junior receiver at Minnesota, Phillips informed "around five" receivers on Sunday afternoon that he would be heading to Notre Dame. See Also "Irish lose Rutgers receivers to Browns" page 15

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Irish focused on win, not Humphrey's injury

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish will find out just how far a short bench can go tonight against the Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

The No. 14 Irish normally use a six-man rotation, one which may need a few adjustments with starting power forward Ryan Humphrey nursing a sprained ankle. Humphrey sprained his ankle in the final minute of Sunday's win over West Virginia, and is questionable for tonight's conference road match.

"It's swollen and it's sore," Humphrey said Monday after visiting the doctor. "I'm going to try to play it by ear. We're in the stretch now where each win