Losing tickets make endorsements

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

With 35 percent of the student body's vote going to the four tickets eliminated in Monday's primary election for student body president, certain tickets have decided to support either Becker/McCord or Norton/Moscona.

The Smith/Andre ticket said their platform, which focused on social concerns, has more in common with the Norton/Moscona ticket.

"I feel strong about supporting Brooke and Brian," Demetra Smith said. "Although I am impressed by the Becker/McCord ticket, I feel Norton and Moscona are best equipped to accomplish all their goals."

The Zimmerman/Nelson ticket said their main concern was to have student government accessible to the needs of every student on campus. Chris Zimmerman said the Becker/McCord ticket addresses this issue best.

"We feel Ryan and Nikki will best represent the student body here at Notre Dame," Zimmerman said. "It is time to get some new blood into the office of the president."

The Zeidler/Henley ticket chose not to endorse either ticket.

"I think they both would do a wonderful job if elected," Zeidler said.

Renowned political philosopher Young to lecture at SMC tonight

By KATIE MCVY
News Writer

One of the pre-eminent female political philosophers in the United States will take center stage at Saint Mary's when Iris Marion Young speaks at the College tonight.

Young, a political science professor at the University of Chicago, will speak as part of the third annual "Women in Philosophical Landscape Lectures."

"The idea [of the lecture series] is to bring in distinguished women philosophers in a variety of fields," said Patti Sayre, philosophy department chair. "[The speakers] lecture on why philosophy is important drawing on their special field."

Young's field of philosophy includes political theory, normative analysis of public policy and feminist social theory. Much of her work involves connecting theory to practical application in policy and politics. She argues against repressing group identity and encourages affirming present differences between gender and cultural groups.

Young's lecture, entitled "Self-Sufficiency, Autonomy and Welfare Justice," will be in the Stapleton Lounge in LeMans Hall at 7 p.m.

Young will also be part of a colloquium discussion entitled "Power, Violence and Legitimacy" on Friday at 12:30 p.m. in Stapleton.

Young received her Ph.D. in philosophy from Penn State University and is currently teaching at New College of the Chicago where she is also associated with the Gender Studies Center and the Human Rights program.

Before going to Chicago, Young taught political theory to graduate students at the University of Pittsburgh.

Young is the third speaker to be a part of the "Women in Philosophical Landscape Lectures."

Other speakers were Naomi Schueman and Mary Mahowald. The lecture series began three years ago and is sponsored by the Saint Mary's philosophy department.
Roses make me sneeze.

Dorothy's trip through the poppies was nothing compared to walking past my hall's front desk yesterday morning. Even Glenda the Good Witch couldn't revive me. I was in awe, but luckily, I was ready. A previous Valentine performance had prepared me.

Last year I was in shock when I left my room and saw the stacks and stacks of flowers and gifts at the front desk. Never before had I seen such an array of color. The students put on a show for all to see.

They were all over, I was surrounded.

There were lilies, daisies, roses. There were teddy bears, kittens, goldfish. There were girls standing in line to claim their roses. There were teddy bears, kittens, goldfish.

It was like a war zone.

On Valentine's Day, it seems like everyone can be divided into two categories: those who got something and those who didn't. And, even further than that, there are those who care about not getting anything and those who couldn't care less. I am one of those people. I just don't use the need for all the hoopla. My view: Save a tree, boycott Valentine's Day.

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By GEOFFREY BRODIE

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Later in the lecture, Woo spoke of the importance of trustworthiness, and how it is a proper attribute for the faculty that are trying to instill in their students. This is due to the current trend of unethical practices in the business world today and the tolerance that has grown in society for such actions. Extreme views of tolerance have often lead to feelings of unaccountability.

These practices can also end up being illegal, and are "playing with fire," according to Woo. When business practices become a legal matter, it begins to involve society as a whole, the give and take of the business world and society is quite strong. Strong values are needed to keep the relationship balanced.

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Campus events honor Black History Month

By KELLY HAGER

Halfway through Black History Month, the events continue on the Notre Dame and Mendoza campuses. Philippines, director of the Office for Multicultural Affairs, Saint Mary’s, is pleased with the turnout of events so far.

"It is really important to learn about the history and traditions of different cultures," said Johnson.

Kevin Hule, assistant director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) for Notre Dame agrees.

"The programs try to give opportunities for people to celebrate their own culture and give other people the opportunity to learn about each other," said Hule. Together, MSPS has been involved with the Saint Mary’s organization to promote events on both campuses.

The Notre Dame community will continue the events on Black Coffee House. "The lecture will be legible in time by 8 p.m.," said Woo. "One cannot succeed on a narrow view of self interest.

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The forum will focus on inter-racial relationships. Deneva Milner and C. McGriff will facilitate the discussion, co-authors of the above titled book. "What Brothers Think, What Sistahs Know." At the forum, students will be encouraged to share their own experiences and comment on the continuing inter-racial dating. This event will begin at 7 p.m. at LaFortune Auditorium.

Sociologist Ronald D. McGriff will be lecturing on inter-racial discrimination, Monday, Feb. 19. In this lecture, he will explore the historical roots of this genre of prejudice and how it has been played over time. He will also discuss different strategies that we will hopefully mitigate this ongoing issue, McGriff is the author of "Inter-racial Prejudice and the Myth of the Brotherhood." The lecture will be in Baggar Parlor, Saint Mary’s.

There will be an Interfaith Prayer Service at the University Center on Feb. 22. The New Horizon’s Church of South Bend will be in attendance to help lead the community in song and prayer. Also, the campus Ministry Love Choir will be presenting a music ministry in song. The service will begin at 7:15 p.m. at Sacred Heart Chapel Holy Cross, Saint Mary’s. Anyone of all faiths and backgrounds are encouraged to attend.

Journalist and contributing writer for Essence magazine Joan Morgan will be giving a lecture explaining the importance of hip-hop culture on Monday, Feb. 26. Morgan, author of the book, "When Chickenheads Become Goddesses," will come to Notre Dame to present her thesis. "If you don't attend, you're missing out on an important hip-hop culture," said Morgan Jones. "You learn by meeting new people and making new challenges and when given the opportunity to learn, you should."
STUDENT SENATE

O'Donoghue runs for finish line

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY

Notre Dame's 2000-01 student government team will keep working for the student body through their last day in office, said representatives from the Office of the President at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

In his opening remarks, student body president Brian O'Donoghue said his administration will not shut down between today's election and the end of their term April 1. "We are not going to do that this year," he said. "There won't be a lame duck president this year."

O'Donoghue noted that he, student body vice president Brooke Norton and others in their administration have 45 more days in office and 16-17 projects in progress. Norton encouraged the senate to stay active, and chief of staff Jay Smith reiterated O'Donoghue's comments.

In other Senate news:
* Mary Edgington, acting director of Student Activities, announced that the computer lab in the basement of LaFortune is now open 24 hours. Students may access the lab by showing their ID to security personnel, who will then give them a key code.
* Student union secretary Trip Foley announced that the Blessing Unto Others campaign had raised a total of approximately $10,000 for Chilean orphanages, including $2,000 in proceeds from two concerts.
* Senate Parliamentarian John Osborne announced that in coordination with the "Affairs of the Heart" celebration, a blood drive will be held at Rolfs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 22 and 23. The celebration will also offer free aerobics training.
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Worker sparks morning fire in Main Building

Observer Staff Report

A fire Wednesday morning in the Main Building caused no damage to a second-floor office and resulted in no injuries, Notre Dame Security/Police officials said.

According to Rex Rakow, director of Security/Police, the fire occurred at a meeting in Room 218 at 7:10 a.m. after a student caterer knocked over a heating unit which ignited a tablecloth. Workers responded quickly to the fire, and damage was contained to the tablecloth, Rakow said.

"The employees grabbed an extinguisher and had the fire out in a matter of a few seconds. There was some smoke but no damage," he said.

Rakow said the room remained open for use Wednesday, and the fire did not affect operations in other classrooms and administrative offices housed in the Main Building.

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Notre Dame & St. Mary's students accepted will be enrolled in "Shakespeare in Performance," a Summer Session course team-taught by Professor Paul Rathburn (Notre Dame) and Kate Pogue (Houston Shakespeare Festival). 

students accepted for the cost of Much Ado About Nothing will receive:

- a summer stipend
- a summer tuition scholarship
- a role in an equity production

for more information call or email

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Summer Shakespeare

university of notre dame

production of

much ado about nothing

audition dates:

friday, february 16
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

saturday, february 17
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

audition location:

mckenna hall
(across the street from the morris inn)
lower level ets theatre

prepare:
3-4 minute selection from the Shakespearean comedy of your choice
**World News Briefs**

Afghan opposition gains major city: Opposition troops captured a key city in central Afghanistan, cutting the only road that links the capital of Kabul to northern areas of the country. The capture of Bamyan is the first major military victory for the opposition, led by ousted President Burhanuddin Rabbani, in more than one year, opposition spokesman Gulam Rasul Azizzada said Wednesday.

Couples marry in the buff: Wearing top bai, veils and body paint, 11 couples married in the buff in Jamaica on Wednesday. "Bridal loons, scuba diving," said one bride, Jane Jones, a 43-year-old native of California. "It's just nice to do something different." The nuptials sparked protests from clergy, the government and about 12 demonstrators. But the pasteur was undeterred.

**National News Briefs**

Judge decides Internet case: A St. Louis custody battle that is part of the tangled international dispute over the Internet adoption of twin girls should be closed to the public, a judge ruled Wednesday. Circuit Judge Steven Ohmer, assigned to the case after the lawyer representing the twins' natural mother asked for a change of judges, decided a hearing on the case should be delayed indefinitely and ordered it closed, attorneys in the case said.

Democrats to unveil tax cut: Congress' top Democrats planned to lay out their own broad principles for cutting taxes on Thursday, following weeks of attacking President Bush's $1.6 trillion, 10-year plan as being too big and tilted toward the rich. House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., will have no specific proposals. But their goal is to try taking the offensive in a tax debate that Bush has so far dominated and give their rank-and-file lawmakers something to favor, rather than only attacking Bush's plan.

**Indiana News Briefs**

State trooper under investigation: An off-duty Indiana State Police trooper who provided security at a fraternity party in Bloomington is under investigation in connection with the death of a student. The officer was working at the time for Alliance Security, a security company operated by the Indiana State Police Alliance, the executive director of the trooper group, Don Cook, said Wednesday. Cook would not disclose the name of the trooper or the nature of his duties at the party.

**Ecuador**

Kidnappers agree to ransom, 7 hostage

Associated Press

**Ecuador**

Kidnappers who murdered a U.S. oil worker last month agreed to a ransom offer shortly before a deadline to kill another captive, Ecuador's military chief said Wednesday. Four of their seven hostages are American.

"The criminal group said it would not execute anyone else and I understand they have reached some economic arrangement," said Vice Adm. Miguel Saona, adding that he did not know details of the ransom plan.

The body of kidnap victim Ronald Sander, 54, of Sunrise Beach, Mo., was found in the jungle Jan. 31. He had been shot five times in the back and was covered in a white sheet that read: "I am a gringo. For non-payment of ransom, HP company."

Sander, a technician with Tulsa, Okla.-based Helimerich & Payne Inc., was seized from oil camps in October in the El Coca jungle region, some 150 miles east of Quito. Nine others were seized — four other Americans, a Chilean, an Argentine, a New Zealander and two Frenchmen. The two Frenchmen escaped. Unconfirmed media reports here said that the kidnappers had warned they would kill another of the hostages if ransom was not paid by Feb. 15.

"With relation to the deadline of today or tomorrow to execute a second captive, I have information that yesterday negotiations were restarted," said Saona, who is head of Ecuador's military Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"The information that we have about this is not very broad because all negotiations are being conducted between the criminal group and the embassies or companies that employ the captives," Saona said.

**World Watch 2/13**

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Culligan discusses Super Bowl ads
By CECILIA OLECK
An estimated 46 million people watched the Super Bowl this year and not all of those people were paying attention to the game. The Super Bowl is as important to advertisers as it is to football fans.

The unveiling of new commercials has become a much-anticipated event, becoming competition for the game itself. There are the good ones, there are the bad ones and there are the forgettable ones. So what actually makes a Super Bowl ad successful?

Sponsored by the department of Business Administration and Economics, Executive-in-Residence Beth Culligan addressed that issue Tuesday and Wednesday at various speaking engagements at Saint Mary’s. Currently the chief operating officer of ACP, a grocery chain on the East Coast, Culligan began her career with a strong interest in marketing.

As the executive-in-residence for 2001, Culligan will spend most of this week speaking to and working with business classes and clubs.

At her lecture Tuesday night, Culligan highlighted 30 ads that featured in marketing. “A commercial is meant to sell a product. Yes, it can be entertaining or provocative, but the bottom line is to communicate the product.”

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Friday, February 16
6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Romance Language Department’s Italian Coffee Hour, Decio 131
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8:00 p.m. Mary Lee O’Connell speaking on “Women and Sexuality,” A women’s only presentation, Farley Hall
8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Open Rec Lacrosse, Court 1, SRSC
8:30 p.m.-Midnight New Year Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
9:00 p.m.-Midnight Best of Acousti Café, LaFortune Student Center
10:00 p.m.-Midnight Stepan Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball
10:30 p.m. Movie, “The 6th Day”, DeBartolo 101* and “Girlfriend”, DeBartolo155*

Saturday, February 17
5:30 p.m. Junior Parents’ Weekend Mass - Joyce Center
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8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
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* Denotes a $5 admission charge for ND/SMC students

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Student murder suspect: robbery was motive

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A 20-year-old freshman accused of murdering two fellow students at Gallaudet University admitted in a videotaped confession that robbery was the reason he stabbed one classmate to death and fatally beat the other, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Joseph Mesa Jr. of Guam was ordered held without bond after an appearance in District of Columbia Superior Court.

"There is substantial probability that Mr. Mesa committed these murders," said the hearing commissioner, J. Dennis Doyle, who rejected a defense request that Mesa be released to a halfway house. A preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 23.

Mesa's lawyer, Feree Bond, did not contest the evidence that Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Collins presented. "We'll have a lot to say about that later," Bond told Doyle.

Mesa is charged with two counts of felony murder while armed in the deaths of two 19-year-old freshmen killed about five months apart at the nation's only liberal arts university for the deaf.

Both Eric Plunkett of Burnsville, Minn., and Benjamin Varner of San Antonio were killed in the dormitory, Gagowall Hall, which is next door to Krug Hall, where Mesa lived.

Plunkett was found beaten to death Sept. 21 in his fourth-floor room. Varner was found Feb. 3 stabbed to death in his fourth-floor room.

Details about the videotaped confession and the crimes were provided in a statement outside the U.S. attorney's office.

According to prosecutors, Mesa said robbery was the motive for both killings. There is evidence that on Feb. 2 — within an hour of Varner's murder — Mesa cashed a $650 check on Varner's account. Also, Plunkett's debit card was used in several transactions after the time they believe Plunkett died.

Prosecutors said Mesa said stabbed Varner in the neck with a knife he found on top of a microwave oven in the victim's room, and beat Plunkett to death.

Mesa spoke to detectives for the first time on Monday, but did not admit to the killings until Tuesday, when he provided the videotaped statement with the aid of interpreters, authorities said.

Mesa's arrest lifts the cloud of suspicion from former Gallaudet student Thomas Minch, 18, of Greenland, N.H., who was arrested five days after Plunkett's death but later released. He has not been allowed on campus since that time.

"Mr. Minch was not involved in the murder of Eric Plunkett," said the city's police chief, Charles Ramsey.

Clinton book deal gets go-ahead

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has received approval from the Senate Ethics Committee for her $8 million book deal.

While Republican critics for the former first lady's book deal have been muted, watchdog groups questioned its ethics. Gary Ruskin of the Congressional Accountability Project wrote a Dec. 18 letter to Clinton urging her to submit the deal to the committee and asking her to forego an advance in favor of straight royalties.

"I am pleased that the Senate Ethics Committee has found that my agreement with Simon & Schuster fully complies with the Senate ethics rules," Clinton said Tuesday.

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How is your (prayer) life?

by Fr. Bill Wack, c.s.c.

While walking on campus or eating in the dining hall or waiting for a class to begin it is very common to see two people greeting each other. Usually the conversation starts off with “How was your weekend?”, or “How was your break?”, or just, “How’s it going?” It’s an easy way to begin a conversation from scratch.

What would happen if, when passing a friend on the quad, you did something completely different and asked her, “How’s your prayer life?” Now I’m not advocating a total change in the way we relate to each other in the dining hall. Nor am I saying that something like our prayer life can (or should) be discussed in a 30-second conversation before a class. I simply want to suggest that, if we really care about each other and want to know how the other person is doing, it is very appropriate that we ask about and encourage one another’s spiritual life.

So how IS your prayer life? Are you satisfied with the way you pray each day and throughout the week? Are you doing more or less than you did before you came here? If you are like most people in the world, you’re probably not totally content with the way you pray or the amount of time you put into nourishing your relationship with God. I know I’m not.

Fortunately, it’s never too late to start praying well.

The saints from St. Paul onward tell us to pray without ceasing. St. Teresa of Avila simply invited us to “Pray always.” A quote from the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross comes to mind: “To serve [the Lord] honestly we must pray always and never give up” (#25). There is much evidence that, when he wasn’t teaching or healing or performing miracles, Jesus spent the bulk of his time in prayer to his Father.

While most of us would probably agree that constant prayer would be the ideal, we tend to think that this is something best left up to monks and nuns. After all, we are engaged in all sorts of activities that take up a lot of time: studying, eating, traveling, working, sleeping, socializing, etc. How can we “pray always” when we are doing so much already?

It is true – many prayer activities involve a certain amount of commitment and time, and there is no shortage of prayer forms available to us on campus. We can spend time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, read the Bible or other spiritual books, pray the rosary, join a prayer group (like Emmaus or Interfaith Christian Night Prayer), go on a retreat, or simply sit in our room and quietly converse with God. It is most helpful to have a routine or a regular time of prayer, other than a time set aside for prayer; for example, for 10 minutes in the morning or at night, or reading one book of the Bible a day or stopping by the chapel or a church a couple of times a week.

In addition to all of that (which, believe me, CAN be fit easily into our busy lives), we would do well to communicate constantly with Christ. By that I mean that we could go throughout our day – whatever we are doing – keeping in mind that we are never alone. While walking to class or driving in a car or waiting in line for tickets or admission to something or even while eating, we can be praying. I’m not saying we need to be on our knees 24 hours a day engaged in contemplative prayer, but I do hold that we can all do better in our relationship with God.

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I constantly hear myself and others saying, “I just don’t have time to pray.” As Christians who rely on God for the very air we breathe, that is unacceptable. There is always time for prayer. God waits for us and invites us: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will enter your house and stay with you” (cf. Rev. 3:20). May the doors of our souls be opened constantly to God.

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AFL-CIO to oppose Bush tax cut

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

The nation's union leaders on Wednesday endorsed a one-year $460-per-person "prosperity dividend" payment from the government as part of an alternative to President Bush's tax cut plan.

A payroll credit and an increased child tax credit also won support from the AFL-CIO executive committee as organized labor leaders pledged at their winter meeting to fight Bush's $1.6 trillion, across-the-board tax proposal.

"Workers believe the surplus should be directed at their priorities like prescription drugs and Social Security and children's health care and education -- and not a huge tax cut to those who need it the least," AFL-CIO President John Sweeney said. Also Wednesday, Labor Secretary Elaine Chao met with the council and said later she was "very encouraged" by the meeting and looked forward to "a very productive, cordial and long and productive relationship." She did tell the labor leaders that she and the Bush administration would disagree with unions on labor-management partnership agreements, said Denise Mitchell, AFL-CIO official. Bush is considering disbursing such agreements created by President Clinton.

"I am going to work very, very hard to find areas of commonality in which labor and the department can work," Chao said.

The resolution on tax cuts said the AFL-CIO supports a one-year, $10 billion "prosperity dividend" of $400 per person paid this year to all Americans regardless of income.

A refundable income tax credit that exempts the first $5,700 in earnings from the employee portion of the payroll tax. The plan would cost about $45 billion annually and yield an annual tax cut of $42 billion a person.

"Increasing the child tax credit from $500 to $1,000 and making it refundable, which would cost $44 billion annually. The average benefit would be $1,120."

"For tax relief to provide an efficient and effective stimulus, it must flow to those who will most likely spend it," the resolution said. "This means ensuring that low and middle-income families receive the bulk of the tax cuts."

The dividend, compared to companies' payouts to shareholders, "would put money in people's hands quickly rather than out in the sixth year" of Bush's plan, said Richard Trumka, AFL-CIO secretary-treasurer.

The dividend plan is similar to a proposal in Congress by Rep. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., which would offer a $300 rebate to each person. Sanders' plan also suspends the dividend if there is no budget surplus.

"Right now, we have a surplus and some of it can be returned to the American people. But it should go to everyone equally, not given mostly to the rich," Sanders said.

Leaders who met with Chao said she did not provide substantive answers to policy questions such as Labor Department cuts or the future of the new ergonomics standards, saying she had only been on the job eight days.

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"We'll be mobilizing and organizing in whatever political atmosphere and whatever economic atmosphere we're faced with," he said.

U.S. attorney to probe Clinton's Rich pardon

Associated Press

NEW YORK

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Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, through a spokesman, declined comment and whatever questions to her husband's transition office, which did not immediately return a call.

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The power of your vote

Today is the run-off election for the 2001 Student Body President/Vice President race. When I took an ob of elections commissioner a year ago, there was a great deal of skepticism and I doubt about the value of student government and the quality of the elections process here at Notre Dame.

Over the past year, Judicial Council and I have worked to provide the students with the best possible atmosphere for an election. Many people have worked hard to bring you organized campaigning, a candidate forum and a debate. Perhaps the people who have worked hardest however are the candidates themselves.

As a government major I have listened to many distinguished professors and scholars discuss elections in a variety of contexts. A number of my professors have addressed the significance of the vote. "One vote," they have said, "does not matter." According to their views, which I highly respect, the only case where a vote matters is when a decision is made by only one vote. Statistically speaking, I suppose that this is indeed correct. However, as a social science major and in the spirit of election day here at Notre Dame, I would like to offer a varying perspective to the Notre Dame student body.

A vote, be it limited to its numerical value, is a vote, to begin with, an expression. Whether you choose to vote for a candidate because they are your best friend, because you believe in their platforms or maybe just because you like their last name, a vote is an expression of what you believe.

There is no reason for why one casts a vote. Many people will not vote today. I do see this as an abomination of civic duty. However, I would like to offer today I have no doubt that a vote can mean.

Every candidate in this election has worked long and hard to discuss ideas, propose changes and solicit your support. By voting you show appreciation for their efforts. Whether a candidate gets 1,000 votes or one vote, that one vote recognizes the efforts they have made to serve others.

When this day is over, one ticket will ascend to the office of student body president/vice president, but there will not be five losing tickets. The power of that one vote can give any student, person or candidate the support they need to realize that their contribution was valuable. Having worked with all six tickets in this year's election, I have realized the quality of the student body here in a way I never experienced before.

Everyone who has run this year has been truly committed to serving students to the best of their abilities. Though they can not all win this election, they have demanded the respect of Notre Dame students for the efforts they have made to offer you a choice. We are all privileged to have the opportunity to choose a candidate and marks this year's election will all leave Notre Dame and continue to serve and lead in life wherever they go. They have attained many new skills and strengths from their experiences in this election.

It is my belief that your vote matters. While it might not be the statistical significance that sets your vote apart from the rest in the end, by marking that ballot today, you have endorsed leadership, service and hard work. You have acknowledged the efforts your peers are making to create a better Notre Dame and you are solidifying those qualities that will make them successful when they leave here. Having said this, I ask only that you reflect for a moment on one time when you put all your efforts into a task.

The most wonderful feeling is knowing that other people found value in your contribution. Don't let numbers interfere with expression. Support. Conform. Create. Your vote is what will turn students into leaders.

Thank you also to everyone who has worked so hard to make this election the success it has been. I can't believe I will actually regain my social life this weekend. Most importantly though, thank you to the 12 candidates who participated in this year's election. Your diverse range of backgrounds, ideas and modes of creativity has reinspired my faith in the future. You all have much to be proud of.

John Bauters
Korean Hall
February 14, 2001

Complaining just for sake of it

Another issue of The Observer, another batch of startling philosophical insights into the human psyche. Needless to say, I await each new Viewpoint section of The Observer with breathless anticipation, because as a typical Notre Dame student, I'm utterly incapable of believing anything that hasn't been handed down to me by the Church or the Administration.

The Feb. 14 Observer certainly didn't disappoint in this respect. Let's recap, shall we? Don't break pintailts. Women shouldn't wear revealing clothing. Students shouldn't have sex, nobody's signing our damn petition and the Keenan Revue is "harmful." Does that about cover everything?

And I'm paying how much a year to attend school with a general air of boredom and apathy on this campus. And finally, there's a big difference between trying to seriously open up important lines of discussion and simply complaining for the sake of complaining. A lot of my new letter-writing buddies in the Viewpoint section need to figure this out.

And yes, that does make this letter hypocritical. Thanks for asking.

Jeremy Slater
s/o
February 14, 2001

Be with the person you love and don't let society or this school dictate the details of your relationship. Make your own decisions because you want them, not because du Lac is threatening you with possible expulsion. Think for yourself.

Choose your battles wisely. Not every little thing needs to be offensive. Realize that everybody has different tastes and opinions to create. Order to make up for the general air of boredom and apathy on this campus.

Most of the time, the best course of action is to simply live and let live. Deal with it.

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"It's all right letting yourself go, as long as you can get yourself back." ~ Mick Jagger

Scott Adams
FEBRUARY 15, 2001

The Observer
Valentine's Day is a good day for the vagina

On Saturday night, I went to a party with a lady friend of mine. Rather than get sloppy like most of the party goers, I left the party and went back to my room to watch some Austin Powers. We got back to my room a little after the showing. We spent the rest of the night watching the movie, and then all of a sudden, the lights went out; the lights in the hallway that are lined up next to the hallway lights. This is one of our campus symbol that boys and girls are no longer allowed to play together. At this point, Dr. Evil had not yet expressed the inconsequential details of his life and I realized something that a lot of students have probably noticed at this same time: Parietals suck. Rather than just complain about these rules that we are subject to during our stay on campus, I would like to propose a challenge. I want someone to actually explain why we have parietals. I will not take any answer referring to tradition seriously, because as the renovation of the stadium recently showed, traditions can change. I would like to hear about all the benefits of parietals from an objective perspective. I will soon stake my claim as to why I feel we do not need parietals, but I am willing to consider the argument that I will explain.

Du Lac states that parietals are instituted in order to "foster the personal and social development of Notre Dame students. This is one of the largest reasons that this campus suffers from strained gender relations." Based on this past weekend, I would say that taking my friend back to her dorm rather than hanging out with her clearly did not foster our relationship. Telling someone to go home usually is not the best way to strengthen a relationship. Cutting off these male-female relations probably also leads to some personal development problems. Some guys just do not know how to interact with women, due in part to the shadow cast on this campus by parietals. Some examples could be the freshman down the hall from me who scorned his SYR date (before even meeting her) in favor of a case of beer. Some guys just look to get as much action as possible before two a.m. and Zahm. Obviously, this also works for women who do not know how to interact with men, due in part to the shadow cast on this campus by parietals.

Finding the folly in parietals

Of all, some may argue that they would, in fact, lose their privacy if parietals didn't exist. For example, one might say, "How would you feel if your roommate kicked you out so his girlfriend can sleep over tonight?" I think this is a case where roommates can install their own sets of parietals. That is, they should have the say over who sleeps in their room, not the administration. Other objections would be based around life without parietals. If the administration feels they are such a necessity, then maybe they could still keep some rules. For example, if they feel that girls' dorms will be drastically more dangerous for its residents, then maybe they could have parietals in girls' dorms still. I would probably protest against this also, but limited freedom is better than lack of freedom. Maybe the most plausible way would be having sign-ins on the weekends, as most women's dorms do. The only difference is that you would not have to worry about getting kicked out of school if you don't sign out until the next morning.

I realize that some people do like having parietals. In a poll taken last year, the same number of people wanted to keep parietals as those who wanted to merely extend them. But, I am afraid that not enough people are truly thinking about this situation. Too many students are just accepting that parietals are here whether we like it or not. Some abide by them, some break them. I just think we shouldn't have them. We shouldn't have to live in fear of getting kicked out of school just for hanging out with a friend of the opposite sex. I really feel that everyone can do the same thing at five as they can at five in the morning. But I will address this further when I discuss how we can survive without parietals.

As for privacy, I do not think that there should be a difference if the opposite sex or the same sex surrounds someone, because we have little privacy in those close quarters anyway. As for me personally, I don't think guys can claim that having girls in their dorm would restrict them from walking around naked (the basis for the policy) because they shouldn't be walking around the dorm naked anyway. Simply, I don't want to see that. Besides, we have cleaning ladies walking around the dorm well before parietals are over. There seems to be no problem of lost privacy or anything like this case.

One of the more popular reasons that most students feel we have parietals is to prevent us from having sex. As we all know, having sex is reason enough to kick us out of the University. I feel that most of Catholic standards (which, by the way, I feel is unfair to non-Catholics who have different beliefs). First of all, as I said before, people can do the same thing at five as they can at five in the morning. Secondly, many Notre Dame students do not feel casual sex is acceptable. Finally, if the good Catholic students are being good Catholic boys and girls, then they will not even think of having sex.

My argument is not based on sex though, I just feel that we would be better off having the opportunity to extend relations with the opposite sex as far as the next day as we see fit. Without leaving the comfort of our own room. If my roommates and I want to finish watching the second tape of Braveheart with some of our male friends, we would be able to if my roommate wants to sleep beside his girlfriend, then he should be allowed to be in the same space that his girl is in. If I want to have my sister come visit me without getting her a hotel room, I should be able to do so. Some objections come up immediately, so I will try to tackle them and save some people the effort of writing their opinions to The Observer. First of all, some may argue that they would, in fact, lose their privacy if parietals didn't exist. For example, one might say, "How would you feel if your roommate kicked you out so his girlfriend can sleep over tonight?" I think this is a case where roommates can install their own sets of parietals. That is, they should have the say over who sleeps in their room, not the administration.
'Gladiator,' 'Tiger' lead Oscar nominations

By V. VAN BUREN GILES

Hopkins is on the loose in 'Hannibal'

Anthony Hopkins returns to the role that made him a household name, playing the disturbed, but extremely learned psychopath, Hannibal Lecter. Commonly misunderstood as a sequel, "Hannibal" is actually the third installment in the psychological drama series that has turned the highly intelligent, but monstrous dangerous doctor into a cultural icon. Director Michael Mann's "Hannibal" is based on Thomas Harris' novel of the same name, was the big winner at the box office this weekend as people flocked to the theater to get a taste, so to speak, of the chilling can­

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"Goodfellas," one of Martin Scorsese's greatest efforts, stars Ray Liotta (center, on left), Robert DeNiro (center), Joe Pesci (center, on right) and Lorraine Bracco (right) as participants in the mafia lifestyle. The film spans three decades, tracing Henry Hill's (Liotta) involvement in gambling, robbery and drug trafficking.

By MATT NANNIA
Scene Move Editor

The success of Martin Scorsese's stunning Mafia epic "Goodfellas" is twofold. First, he makes a strong argument for why a gangster's life of crime and violence would be so tantalizing to the film's central character; and secondly, he portrays how that life paid off for a while, but eventually led to his self destruction and the destruction of all those around him. Indeed, the film's main strength lies in Scorsese's ability to make the Mafia life completely appealing and completely repulsive at the same time.

"Goodfellas" tells the true story of Henry Hill (Ray Liotta), a lifetime gangster who is not an anonymous suburban resident in the government's witness relocation program. He told his story to journalist Nicholas Pileggi, who worked with Scorsese in adapting the book "Wiseguy: Life in a Mafia Family" for the screen.

An Irish-Italian kid who grew up in the streets of New York, Henry watched all the gangsters on his block get everything in his narration, he describes how they could park in front of fire hydrants and not get tickets, and stay up all night playing cards, and no one ever called and complained.

Henry quickly found a way to get into the lifestyle: running odd jobs for Paulie (Paul Sorvino), the neighborhood boss. At 14, Henry proved his worth, and soon he was skipping school on a regular basis, and making the Mafia his full-time job. When his father found out he had been skipping school, his Mafia buddies took care of the situation by beating the tar out of the mailman who delivered the school's letter. When Henry got pinched selling stolen cigarettes, all the Mafiosos met him outside the courthouse with open arms, proud of him for "taking it like a man."

All these scenes work intricately together to show how the lifestyle was irresistible to a young kid from a blue-collar family. He was part of something important, and he didn't see how it could ever go bad.

By the time he was 21, Henry was a full-time member, along with his buddy Tommy (Joe Pesci), and the older, sly Jimmy Conway (Robert De Niro). Everything in life was sweet because he had power and respect, even though he was really just a middleman. According to Henry, "Anything I wanted was a phone call away." This was the life he led, and he admits that he and the rest of the Mafiosos thought that living any other way was "nuts."

Henry met and married a Jewish girl named Karen (Lorraine Bracco), who was nervously entranced with his power and money. Their marital bliss was short, as Henry quickly understood that she was left behind with the kids and the cooking while Henry was out taking full advantage of the lifestyle.

After enticing the audience with everything that Henry and his partners have, it is the wrecking ball Scorsese throws at us that sets this apart from all its rehashes. As we see how quickly things can go wrong, and, in fact, how nothing was ever truly bad in the first place, we begin to see exactly where Martin Scorsese was going with the film. This is not necessarily a propaganda picture for crime, but a condemnation of the things that make it so mesmerizing. The flash of the guns, the unending cash flow, everything is dependent on throwing your life into an oblivion that will, almost certainly, lead to your death.

In its two and a half hour running time, "Goodfellas" covers a lot of ground. It dips deep into its characters' minds, whether that be Henry's inability to know where to draw the line, the confusion and frustrations of his wife, or the random psychotic impulses of Tommy, who is just as capable of telling a hilarious joke as shooting someone in cold blood for no reason. Every actor in this film is in top form, easily conveying their characters' changing attitudes as situations around them evolve and decline over three decades.

Scorsese is at his best in the most intense moments. There is no pull away delusion that any of this is glorified. The violence is raw and sickening, and it doesn't discriminate. These characters lead a violent life, and they receive just as much as they dish out. And anyone can murder anyone else. Loyalty is an illusion, and betrayal is an everyday part of life.

As a cinematic experience, "Goodfellas" is a feast for the eyes and ears. Scorsese punctuates the action and period with a searing soundtrack of rock songs. Since Robert DeNiro made his entrance in "Mean Streets" as Moe Green's (Joe Pesci)合伙人, the film's music has been a major part of the experience. Scorsese's use of an ironic soundtrack, "Goodfellas" when it first came out in 1990, represented the new standards of black humor that would become very popular a few years later during the Tarantino era.

The soundtrack is most effective when it is used as ironic comment: easy listening tunes make a strong emotional contrast to the scenes of violence and bloodshed. With the use of an ironic soundtrack, "Goodfellas" when it first came out in 1990, represented the new standards of black humor that would become very popular a few years later during the Tarantino era.

Logistics aside, "Goodfellas" is an unforgettable movie experience. Scorsese simply throws together all of the pure passion Scorsese embodied in every frame. You can feel the screen pulsating with emotions, whether it be anger or greed or joy or paranoia. In the last third of the film, Scorsese alters the plot structure by taking us through a day in the life of Henry Hill as he, in his lower moments, attempts to pull off a cocaine deal, trade guns, and cook dinner for his family, all while sniffing half his profits, and sweating in paranoia that a helicopter is following him. Everything about the sequence, from the editing to the acting to the pacing, is an example of filmmaking at its very finest.

By MATT NANNIA
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Top Five Memorable Quotes from "Goodfellas"

1. "As far back as I can remember, I always wanted to be a gangster." - Henry Hill

2. "But, I'm funny how? Funny like a clown? I amuse you? I make you laugh? I'm here to f--n' amuse you?" - Tommy

3. "One day the kids from the neighborhood carried my mother's groceries all the way home. You know why? It was outta respect." - Henry, voice-over

4. "Sure, mom, I settle down with a nice girl every night, then I'm free the next morning." - Tommy

5. "Today everything is different ... I have to wait around like everyone else ... I'm an average nobody. I get to live the rest of my life like a schnook." - Henry Hill

Scorsese manages to create a vision which is effective and complete despite being full of contradictions that would have ripped the film apart in the hands of a less talented filmmaker. The world depicted in "Goodfellas" is both ordinary and fascinating. Scorsese spares no effort in showing all the violence, hypocrisy and inherent paranoia of organized crime, yet it manages to make it both seductive and funny. After being exposed to two and half hours of the film and three decades of criminal history, the audience understands why the characters chose such dangerous life paths, trading the superficial and short-lasting glamour and prosperity of a criminal to the dullness and poverty of honest citizens.

Despite the ambitious narrative and active pace, Scorsese does not rush the story. He has never directed with as much assurance, expertly blending narration, period music, and his own dynamic tableaux (quick, jerky zooms into faces signal an almost telepathic communication between characters), to create an energetic, dully funny, and unforgettable portrait of life among the Mob's bottom feeders.

Many critics agree that Scorsese's "Taxi Driver" was the best film of the '70s, and "Raging Bull" the best of the '80s. Somehow I have the feeling that several years from now, many will be making strong arguments that "Goodfellas" was one of the best of the '90s, if not the best. It is, in a word, brilliant.
The Notre Dame signs four to play for Class of 2005

Associated Press

CHICAGO

The team doctors, the specialist, the Toronto Blue Jays and the Chicago White Sox all agree: Mike Sirotka has some problems in his throwing shoulder.

"That doesn't bother that - now badly he's hurt, when he'll be able to pitch again, who owns what and whether David Wells will be wearing a White Sox uniform this year - is still unknown," Sirotka's manager Bob Seldig and his staff probably will be the ones to settle this mess.

"This is starting to appear as if it's some sad soap opera," White Sox general manager Ken Williams said Wednesday. Sirotka was traded to the Blue Jays on Jan. 14 as part of a six-player deal that sent Wells to the White Sox. Though he passed one Toronto physical, a second test showed a possible torn labrum so the Blue Jays sent him to Dr. James Andrews, renowned orthopedic surgeon in Alabama.

"He's a special opinion," the Blue Jays said Andrews' examination showed Sirotka had a partial tear of the rotator cuff and a torn labrum in his left shoulder. Andrews isn't recommending surgery now, but, the Blue Jays said the specialist calls the situation a two-year-old "long-term surgical candidate."

While Sirotka still could pitch this season, Toronto general manager Bob Seldig said that doesn't matter. They didn't get the pitcher they thought they were getting, and he wants the White Sox to pay up to make it all better.

"This is a player that has significant concerns, whether it's...two weeks from now or six months from now," Ash said. "That is not what we thought we were getting." 

"It's not the honorable thing to be recognized that and...proceed from there," said Seldig. "No way, Williams said. Not when the White Sox are getting what they really wanted to be able to the16 all on the ball. he - said, he - said Williams, whose anger was evident despite his calm demeanor, "I've been reduced to that, and I resent that."

"I believe we're back to where we started from. I do not feel as though the compensation of any sort is entitled," he said. "According to Dr. Boscardin's conversation with Dave Andrews, this has played out. I've had enough [of] this deal dead issue."

But Ash isn't going to go to that easily. He's giving Williams until the end of the week to reach some sort of agreement, or he'll ask his office to set it.

Go ahead, Williams said."

Sirotkas injuries throwing shoulder, unsure of future

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Women's Soccer

Notre Dame signs for top to play for Class of 2005

Special To The Observer

The Notre Dame women's soccer program has signed a diversely-talented group of four high school seniors to National Letters of Intent, as announced today by head coach R andy Waldrum.

The signs include midfielder Mary Boland (Gainesville, Fla.), forward Candace Chapman (Ajax, Ontario), defender Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (Seljalands, Iceland) and midfielder Reagan Jones (Tampa, Fla.).

Boland was named a high school All-American after leading Hagerty High School to the Ohio state title that scored twice in the final six minutes of that 2-1 win and Jones is a leading scorer for one of the nation's top club teams, Blackwatch Stirling (both players attended the Notre Dame Soccer Camp ranked No. 1 in the summer of 2000), while Chapman has starred for Canada's under-18 national team and Gunnarsdottir is a starter with Iceland's up-and-coming national team.

"We return 13 of its top 17 players from the 2000 squad that spent most of the season ranked No. 1, advanced to the NCAA semifinals and finished with a final record of 20-3-1," said Waldrum, whose squad also includes top two scorers and four total starters, led by midfielder and consensus national player of the year Anne Makinen (assistant 13 assists in 2000; Notre Dame's fourth all-time leading scorer with 63G-63A-6A).

"We essentially view Melissa Tancredi as part of this newcomers group and she will combine with Candace and our returning forwards to provide tremendous quickness and athleticism to our offense. Overall, we have added significantly to our team speed and should provide fans with a very attractive style of soccer; our goal was to match up better athletically with the other top teams while still maintaining the high level of soccer skill that has characterized past Notre Dame teams.

"In the midfield, we know that there is no way to have a player of Anne's ability but at this point we anticipate moving (Bolanda) Andrews into that attacking mid- field role. Reagan Jones is the type of player that can provide solid depth for us in the midfield and she has the playmaking and distribution skills that are so important to our system of three midfielders."

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Boland and Sirotka signed with beginning experience on Canada's national team and having had the high level of soccer skill that has characterized past Notre Dame teams.

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2/19 Monday Zahm Hall Lounge 0700PM
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4/20: Sorin
4/21: Walsh Formal

3/05: McGlinn Casino Night
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4/06: Alumni's Processional, 4-7PM
4/07: Lewis Chicken Run, 4-7PM
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4/27: Howard Concert, South Quad, 4-7PM
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**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

**Notre Dame sweeps weekend with wins**

By STEVE KEPPEL
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It was a great weekend for Notre Dame women's tennis as they went 3-0 and will most likely move up in the rankings for the first time this season. The Irish lost only one team point as they defeated Virginia Tech 7-0 on Friday, 8th ranked Wake Forest 5-0 on Saturday, and Notre Dame 7-0 on Sunday.

The weekend was once again highlighted by the play of Michelle Dasso as she improved her career record to 121-31 on victory shy of a record set just last year by Kelly Zalinski. Dasso lead the way for the Irish in No. 1 doubles and singles and did not one a match the entire weekend.

The third ranked all-American is an on a role this spring after impressive performances at each tournament and is very important to the Irish squad in team competition.

"She's a huge asset to the team, she really gets us going and I don't think we would be the team without her," said Dasso's doubles partner, Becky Varnum. Varnum, a junior also played well this weekend. She went undefeated in both doubles and singles at the No. 2 spots behind Dasso.

After beating Virginia Tech on Friday the Irish prepared to take on eighth ranked Wake Forest lead by number one player in the country Becca Billicek. But to their surprise Dasso and Varnum, along with the doubles and singles bracket and the Deaomon Deacons had to forfeit matches at No. 3 and No. 5 spots.

Notre Dame once again rallied around the play of Michelle Dasso as she won the last nine games of the No. 1 singles match and defeated fifth ranked Janet Bergman 6-1, 6-0. Dasso and Varnum also continued her solid play as she and Katie Cunha wrapped up the doubles point with an 8-5 decision over Wake Forest's Jackie and Michelle Hocker. Dasso and Varnum later clinched the match for the Irish after a win at No. 5 singles over Smith. "They [Wake Forest] had to default the match so we were up 2-0 right away," said junior Becky Varnum. "Everyone just played awesome and Michelle destroyed Janet Bergman at No. 1." "We were ready to play and were really inspired to go against the eight ranked team in the country," said junior Casey Smith.

The win over the 8th ranked Deaomon Deacons marks the highest ranked team the Irish have defeated since 1996 when they beat 5th ranked Texas 7-0.

The Irish improve to 3-1 against the Deaomon Deacons winning three of the last four.

After their impressive victory on Saturday the Irish then took on a solid North Carolina team lead by No. 11 Marlene Mejia. North Carolina came out tough and surprised the Notre Dame women by winning the doubles point beating Cunha and Guy and Vaughn both 8-6.

The Irish rallied, however, sweeping the singles matches and winning 6-1. The singles play was highlighted by a 6-0, 6-1 thrashing of Marlene Mejia courtesy of Michelle Dasso and an important victory by Kimberly Guy who improved to 1-3 in singles matches this year.

"We were a little bit down after we lost the doubles points but we didn't let it ruin the rest of the match," said Becky Varnum who defeated Kate Pinchbeck 6-2, 3-6 (6-5) in a tough three set tie-breaker. "Everyone just fought so hard through the match and we were winning or losing and we ended up playing great tennis and winning." With the three victories this weekend the Irish have won five in a row and are set to break into the top ten before they travel to Wisconsin for the National Indoor Team Championships next Thursday.

"I think we will be in the top ten," said Varnum, "but most importantly we will get a good seed next weekend at the national Indoors, our goal is to make it past the second round this year."
Saint Mary's looks to top 2001 MIAA Swimming and Diving

By JANEL MILLER
Sports Writer

They're young, but they're not weak. Individually, they are a threat. Together they are dangerous. The battleground: the 2001 MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships. The victims: anyone who stands in their way.

Saint Mary's swimming and diving team will depart today for the long awaited conference meet in Hope, Mich.

"This meet is what we have been working towards all season long. This is it," said senior distance swimmer and co-captain, Olivia Smith.

The Belles are in very good contention for fourth place, according to Gretchen Hildebrandt, head coach. Coming off a tough regular season, the Belles are ready to face the teams which beat them by small margins again. Both Alma and Albion were very close meets for the Belles, losing by one point and 12 points, respectively.

Both swimmers and coach feel they can come home to South Bend with a fourth place finish. Last year the Belles tied with Alma for fifth. As it looks right now, Hildebrandt is confident in their position. The swimmers are as well.

"Coach gave us each our psych sheets and we are in good standings. We've highlighted the Alma and Albion swimmers next to us and we're focusing on them," said Smith.

The weekend kicks off Thursday morning with preliminary swimming.

Smith, Megan Ramsey, and Candace Polisky will lead the Belles as the first individual racers in the 500-yard freestyle. Hildebrandt is looking to this group to set the pace. Smith, who has been battling serious shoulder problems this season, will enter this race with nothing to lose and everything to gain.

"She's been very tough this season. Her times haven't been reflecting her hard work and attitude. This is her chance to finally let everything go and just swim," said Hildebrandt.

Smith and Polisky will also have a grab at the 1650-yard freestyle on Saturday. Hildebrandt sees both women doing very well.

"They've dropped times drastically in practice. I'm really excited for this event to finally happen," she said.

Ramsey, the freshman powerhouse who has single handedly rewritten the record books, will focus more on her 200-yard butterfly on Friday and 100-yard butterfly on Saturday. Within a second of qualifying for NCAA Nationals in both events, Ramsey is staying focused on swimming as she's done for many years.

Friday will also feature the 50-yard freestyle and the powerful combination of senior co-captain Colleen Sullivan and freshman Maureen Palchak. Both, according to Hildebrandt have the school record within reach. The record was set by Sullivan at last year's conference meet. They pair will also battle it out in the 200-yard freestyle along with Elizabeth Doro, who hasn't swam the event since high school.

The breaststrokers and backstrokers have excellent positions, according to Hildebrandt. Both Lauren Smith and Katy Lebiedz are seeded very high in the 100-yard breast. Smith also has great standings in the 200-yard event. All three Belles in the 100-yard backstroke have very high chances at making the top 12 on Saturday.

Thursday will also highlight the Belles 400-yard free relay and 1-meter diving. Diver Ryann Cox is up against tough competition but recent performances show she has done well thus far.

"The diving in this conference is very high caliber and they are powerful but Ryann performs very well when up against pressure," said Hildebrandt.

Hildebrandt sees everyone swimming well, dropping times, and outswimming Alma and Albion.
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But Murphy ignored them all. "They didn't get me to me all," Murphy said.

"Forget his numbers, he just got the ball to open people all the time. He was so poised, not worrying about getting shots, just looked for open people and getting open looks for his teammates."

Although Murphy scored 18 points and finished with five rebounds, he did an excellent job in escaping the double team. Every time the Irish passed the ball down to the 6-11 forward, two Rutgers defenders would immediately collapse on him. Murphy worked the ball back out to the perimeter, where guards Martin Ingelsby and David Graves rained down wide open jump shots.

"Our perimeter was so handy," Bray said. "They really set us up. They gave us nothing good in it and get the ball in. That really helped us down the stretch.

"We knew coming in here that the crowd was really going to be after Troy," Ingelsby said. "He really did a great job kicking the ball out to the perimeter and finding the open man."

The patience of the perimeter offense was a tremendous factor in Notre Dame's victory. With Murphy inside, and the Scarlet Knights defensive on the offensive end, the Irish tried to run screens on the perimeter to free the guards.

The plan worked. Notre Dame was never behind by more than three points, and the Scarlet Knights, intent on shutting down Murphy, visibly ignored Carroll and Ingelsby.

Notre Dame also turned in a solid defensive performance. The Irish mixed up their man-to-man defense by playing a 3-2 zone to contain the Scarlet Knights dangerous three point shooters.

In fact, the Irish held last week's co-Big East Player of the Week for Rutgers 6-foot-11 forward Ryan Murphy to 12 points, six rebounds and four assists, at one point forcing Murphy to look good in front of a bunch of people.

But the problems did not miraculously disappear when Matt Doherty bolted for North Carolina. As recently as the Kentucky game, the Irish were an inconsistent team with a 9-5 record, a squad on the verge of missing the NCAA's for the twelfth straight year.

Following the 82-71 loss to the Wildcats on Jan. 13, Harold Swannegan entered the locker room, flipped over a table and threw a Gatorade bottle on the floor.

"Harold came in there and kind of questioned everybody and said we were a bunch of imitators," Murphy said. "And we were.

Murphy had alluded to Irish problems after their loss to Miami (Ohio) on Dec. 9. He mentioned that the Irish did not deserve to be ranked in the top 10 and questioned whether the early season wins over Cincinnati and Seton Hall were a result of who they've been around."

"That's not to say that students should book their tickets to the Sweet 16 or the Final Four: Several questions still remain. Last night, Murphy struggled, shot just 3-for-8 from the line and committed four turnovers. And even though Bray referred to Murphy as the definitive choice for Big East Player of the Year after the game, the Irish don't believe the court to be a formidable conference opponent when their star up sets similar numbers.

The Irish frontcourt also had trouble stopping the Rutgers forwards and centers from getting good looks at the basket. Twelve of the Scarlet Knights first 15 points were scored from within five feet of the basket. And Martin Ingelsby still has difficulty in on-ball defense, guarding quick point guards.

But at least now, a Big East win does not cause the Irish players to celebrate like they just won the NCAA's. "With each game we win, the bullseye gets bigger," Murphy said. "It's a blessing. But it's also a scare."

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Iverson scores forty points to lead Philadelphia's win

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PHILADELPHIA

Allen Iverson got a standing ovation for what he did in the All-Star game, then added another accolade — an "M-V-P" chant from the Philadelphia fans — in his wonderful week.

Iverson scored 40 points and made Kobe Bryant look silly on defense Wednesday night as the Philadelphia 76ers had their way with the Los Angeles Lakers in a 112-97 victory.

Iverson, who reached 40 points for the second consecutive night and the 11th time this season, basked in the adoration of fans and the fans — to his wonderful week.

A 3-pointer by Snow and a dunk by MacCulloch gave the Sixers an 82-78 lead at the end of the third, and the left the court to another standing ovation.

A 3-pointer with 2:59 remaining to cut Atlanta's lead to 94-92. His two free throws 1:22 later tied it.

The Bucks, recovering from a 107-104 loss to Philadelphia on Saturday night, avoided losing three straight for the first time since they lost a season-high four games Nov. 18-25.

Milwaukee had won 11 of 13 before losing its last two. The Bucks got 18 points from Glenn Robinson, including a big 3-pointer with 33 seconds remaining, and 18 from reserve Lindsey Hunter.

**Bucks 102, Hawks 98**

Sam Cassell scored 23 points and Ray Allen added 19 as the Milwaukee Bucks went on a 16-0 tear in the final five minutes to beat the Atlanta Hawks 102-98 Wednesday night.

**Jazz 106, Knicks 90**

Karl Malone scored 33 points and John Starks had 16 against his former team as the Utah Jazz beat the New York Knicks 106-90 Wednesday night.

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Men's Swimming

Notre Dame hopes for upset win in Big East games

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame enters the three-day meet at the Goodwill Games Swimming Center with a 7-2 dual meet record and a second place finish at the Notre Dame Invitational in early December. Six men's events will be contested today, including the 200-yard freestyle relay, one-meter diving, 500-yard freestyle, 200-yard individual medley, 50-year freestyle and the 400-yard medley relay.

Senior Dan Szilier is seeded first in the 200-yard breaststroke and sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke. He won the 200 Big East title as a sophomore in a school-record time of 2:00.09 and finished second last year. In Saturday's race, Szilier will be challenged by Pittsburgh freshman Randy Gertenbach, whose season-best time in the 200 is just 2 seconds slower than Szilier's. Notre Dame junior Mike Koss, who finished fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke last year, is seeded third in the 100 and fifth in the 200.

Whereas Szilier and Koss compete with their heads bobbing in and out of the water, junior Jonathan Pierce swims a more conventional stroke.

Pierce looks to defend his title in the 1,650-yard freestyle on Sunday.

The distance freestyle specialist swam a school-record 15:33.16 at the 2000 Big East Championships. He also set Notre Dame marks in the 500-yard free (4:30.96, good for second in the conference) and the 1,000-yard free (9:20.99) during last year's meet. Pierce won the 1,650 title in 1999, as well, to become the first Irish swimmer to record an individual victory at the Big East championships.

Co-captain Ryan Verlin posted a second-place (and Notre Dame record time) time of 2:00.09 in the 200-yard butterfly last year and enters Saturday's race ranked third in the conference.

The senior from Rye, New York is also seeded seventh in the 200-yard individual medley and fourth in the 400-yard individual medley.

Coach Tim Welsh's squad will also rely on freshman Matt Obringer (the sixth seed in the 500-yard freestyle and tenth in the 200-yard individual medley) and junior David Hurak (the fourth seed in the 100-yard butterfly, fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke and fifth in the 200-yard breaststroke) in its quest to dethrone Pittsburgh.

It will be an imposing challenge. Pittsburgh has the number one seed in 17 of the 18 swimming events and junior Michael Wells is one of the favorites in the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events.

Verlin (200-yard individual medley), Obringer (100-yard freestyle) and diver Herb Huesman (one-meter diving, an event in which he finished fourth last year), are the most likely Irish swimmers to record high finishes in today's races.

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Performances. Notre Dame has used the past three weeks to taper down their training in order to achieve qualifying times for the NCAA Championships next month. So far, only Hecking and freshman Marie Labosky have achieved provisional qualifying times.

Weathers hopes senior co-captain Kristen Van Saun will be one of those athletes who makes the NCAA cut. The only returning Big East individual champion, aside from Hecking, Van Saun is seeded sixth in the 500-yard freestyle with a season-best time of 4:58.42. The senior will also compete in the 1,650-yard freestyle.

But Van Saun, along with many of the other upperclassmen, has been outshined by Notre Dame's talented freshman class this season. In particular, Labosky, arguably one of Notre Dame's most versatile swimmers, has been a major factor in Notre Dame's success this season. Labosky is seeded first in three events, two of which she will compete in side by side with Van Saun and sophomore Lindsay Moorthaid and second in another. However, two of the events, the 500 freestyle and the 200 individual medley, that Labosky is seeded first in are swum back-to-back, and it was unclear if Weathers was planning on swimming the freshman in both events.

One of the most consistent performers this year for the Irish has been Heather Mattingly. The junior diver, who holds all four Notre Dame diving records, has won her last six consecutive diving competitions. But Mattingly will face a difficult opponent in Miami's Jenny Keim. The senior won last year's Big East title and took eighth at the Sydney Olympics. Mattingly has picked up some of the slack left by Carrie Nixon, and even may contend for a Big East title in the shorter freestyle events. The freshman is seeded fifth in both the 50 and the 100-yard freestyle events. In addition, Hulick will most likely swim on most of Notre Dame's relay teams.

The Irish also have incredible depth in the individual medley events. Labosky, senior Tiffany O'Brien, Deger and Garcia sit in the top ten of the 200-yard individual medley. In the 400-yard individual medley, although Labosky is seeded second, her fastest time this season in still seven seconds behind Villanova's Maddy Grippen, who took sixth in this event at the Sydney Olympics. Still, the Irish have four swimmers ranked in the top eight.

The Irish butterfly specialists, mostly freshmen, are also seeded very high. Sophomore Amy Leger and freshmen Lisa Garcia, Lisa O' Reill and Sarah Bowman are ranked among the top eight in the 100 yard butterfly and sit in the top five of the 200 yard butterfly.

Junior Allison Lloyd and freshman Laurie Mugray are only eight hundredths of a second apart in the 100-yard breaststroke and have three tenths of a second between them in the 200-yard breaststroke. Both are seeded among the top six in each event.

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Irish jump back into the game following a week's rest

By NOAH AMSTADER Assistant Sports Editor

Following a week-long layoff, the Notre Dame women’s basketball team began a stretch of three games in seven days with a 75-61 victory at Syracuse Wednesday night.

The Irish used a balanced attack, with four of five starters scoring in double figures, led by center Ruth Riley’s 24 points. Riley added 11 rebounds and three blocked shots.

“Basically, we did an overall good job,” Syracuse forward Beth Recchi told the Associated Press following the game. “I think we made her [Riley] flustered a little bit. We played tough on her.

With the Orangewomen playing tough defense on Riley as well as guards Alicia Ratay and Nicole Ivey, forward Ericka Haney was left open. Haney took advantage of the opportunity, scoring 16 points — including a perfect six-for-six from the free-throw attempts.

“I thought Ericka Haney had a great game,” McGraw said. “Kelley shot really well. Those two really had a good game.”

Siemon was less than thrilled with her play following the game. The senior forward pulled down only four rebounds in 30 minutes while still playing with an injured hand.

“I don’t have a lot of grip on my left hand, which can get kind of frustrating. That’s something that bothers me because I’m used to getting some boards and now I’m not getting so many.”

Ratay spent most of Tuesday in the infirmary suffering from food poisoning, but still managed to score 10 points and pull down 5 rebounds.

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Each of the starters played at least 30 minutes, with only freshmen guards Jeneka Joyce and Le’Tania Severe playing significant minutes off the bench.

“My concern right now is that the starters get back to the level they were playing at for the Connecticut game,” McGraw said. “I need to play them together a lot for that to happen.”

The Irish jumped out to a 37-27 lead at halftime, led by Riley’s 11 first-half points. Syracuse — playing without injured seniors Leigh Aziz and Jakia Ervin — hit five three-pointers in the opening 20 minutes.

The Orangewomen never let the Irish break away. Record led the way, scoring 18 second-half points to finish with a game-high 25 for the night. Record also pulled down a team-high seven rebounds.

The downfall for Syracuse was its defense. The Orangewomen sent the Irish to the line 15 times in the final 20 minutes. The Irish converted 13 of those free-throw attempts.

“We played two halves,” Syracuse coach Marianna Freeman told the Associated Press. “Had it not been for the free-throw line, it could have been a much different story. We didn’t win the battle, but we played very, very hard.”

The Irish return to Notre Dame today before departing to New Jersey Friday night to take on Rutgers on Saturday.

“I thought Ericka Haney had a great game,” McGraw said. “I think that we’re a better team against Rutgers.”

Irish center Ruth Riley boxes out against Syracuse center Paula Moore during Wednesday’s 75-61 Irish victory.

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Doherty's push for team bonding leads to winning streak

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

The Tar Heels needed more than extra practice when Matt Doherty got into town.

The new coach inherited a strong team, but something wasn't right. The players didn't like each other much.

"We had too many attitudes and egos," senior center Brendan Haywood said.

Doherty, a starter on North Carolina's 1982 NCAA national title team, wouldn't stand for it.

The Tar Heels, with virtually the same players that lost in the Final Four last season, had to get along or else. So Doherty helped the players bond, forcing them to go to football games and out to dinner together.

It worked. With a new attitude—and some better basketball—of course—the Tar Heels are the nation's No. 1 team.

A 18-game winning streak — their longest in 15 years. The season came three weeks later when North Carolina beat No. 24 UCLA 80-70 on the road.

Julius Peppers, Curry's football teammate who led the nation in sacks, also joined the basketball squad.

"From that point on they really responded and they listened and applied what we're trying to teach them," Doherty said. "You can't ask for anything more. They work hard, they listen and they try to apply what you say on and off the floor."

Since that win over UCLA, the Tar Heels have beaten No. 17 Maryland, No. 3 Duke and No. 23 Wake Forest away from the Smith Center. They are 11-0 in the ACC.

North Carolina's star is sophomore Joseph Forte, second in the ACC in scoring at more than 21 points a game. Doherty has no problem comparing the 6-foot-4 guard to Michael Jordan, whom the coach played with at Notre Dame for three seasons.

They both hit big shots. There are similarities in that they both feel comfortable when the game is on the line with the ball in their hands," Doherty said. The Tar Heels also have a powerful inside game with the 7-foot Haywood and 6-11 Lang. The 6-6, 270-pound Peppers is a force coming off the bench.

"You may drive by them on the outside, but then you're faced with Jericho's Wall," Wake Forest coach Dave Odom said.

While Guthridge was reluctant to develop much of a bench in his three successful years after replacing Smith, Doherty has shown confidence in his younger players and even seldom-used veterans like Max Owens.

Owens doesn't get much time because Guthridge's sudden retirement jolted the program, which took some time to adjust to his way. Roy Williams — Dean Smith's hand-picked successor as head coach —decided to stay at Kansas.

Some fans, boosters and alumni cringed when the Tar Heels insisted on hiring one of their own. When he arrived, the 38-year-old Doherty had just one year of head-coaching experience, at Notre Dame.

No one was questioning now.

The Tar Heels (21-2) have an 18-game winning streak— their longest in 15 years —heading into Sunday's game at Clemson. The most recent Associated Press ranking was the school's 500th in the top 10.

"I came here to put a banner up," Capel said. "We came close last year, but under different circumstances. I like the way this year is going a lot better."

Capel and his teammates said last year's squad was fragmented and waited until the postseason to start playing unselfish ball.

The only major loss from that team was point guard Ed Cota, who led the Atlantic Coast Conference in assists for four seasons but was quick to criticize the play of teammates.

"It's almost the same personnel, but last year we weren't a close-knit unit," Haywood said. "We were a bunch of individuals who played basketball together."

While the Tar Heels look as if they've got a good chance to return to the Final Four in Minneapolis, the season didn't start the way they wanted.

After mediocre performances early against Winthrop and Tulsa, the Tar Heels dropped consecutive games to No. 5 Michigan State and No. 22 Kentucky.

The 23-point home loss to the Wildcats on Dec. 2 left the Tar Heels at 3-2 and showed that freshmen point guards Adam Boone and Brian Morrison needed more seasoning.

Help came days later from quarterback Donald Curry, the nation's top high school player in both sports four years ago. He missed last basketball season with a ruptured Achilles' tendon.

Doherty handed the ball to Curry against Miami and the Tar Heels haven't lost since.

But the coach insists the key to the season came three weeks later when North Carolina beat No. 24 UCLA 80-70 on the road.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame takes over Rutgers with 81-59 victory

- Murphy returns home, scores 18 in front of rowdy crowd

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

PISCATAWAY, N.J.
The first thing Troy Murphy heard when he went on the court for warm-ups was a single cry from a member in the raucous Rutgers band.

"Welcome back to Jersey, Troy!"

And this was an hour before the game. Imagine the abuse Murphy endured throughout the entire game.

But the All-American forward calmly handled the verbal onslaught as the Irish visited here last year, Murphy the raucous Rutgers band.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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MURPHY'S DEMEANOR WAS MUCH DIFFERENT this year than last year. When Murphy went on the court for warm-up, he didn't even close his eyes.

The All-American was so confident coming into the game that he was seen seated on the Irish bench.

"Troy Murphy was great," said Irish forward Mike Brey. "I don't want to hear other players being talked about for Player of the Year in this league. It ain't even close."

Murphy's demeanor was much different this year than last year. When the Irish visited here last year, Murphy was knocked completely out of sync by the crowd. This time around, Murphy was much more relaxed and in control.

Every time the Irish forward touched the ball, a chorus of boos broke out among the New Jersey crowd who felt betrayed by his decision to pursue Rutgers in favor of Notre Dame. Many fans shouted, "Murphy, Murphy, Murphy!"

Irish forward David Graves moves through the lane as teammates Jere Macura and Troy Murphy look on during Notre Dame's 81-59 victory.

PISCATAWAY, N.J.
About three minutes before the beginning of the second half, as the Irish players emerged from their locker room, a trio of Rutgers students greeted New Jersey native Troy Murphy.

"Where's your Valentine, Troy?" the threesome screamed.

Murphy ignored the "insult" and an injured Ivan Kartelo glanced straight at the student section.

Kartelo, dressed in a navy blue Notre Dame warm-up suit, a white T-shirt and low-top addidas sneakers, smirked, said nothing and casually strolled back to his permanent seat on the Irish bench.

Those two responses symbolized the growing maturity and increasing confidence of the Big East West Division's leading team. In the past three months, Notre Dame has gone from a streaky squad to a consistent crew.

And last night, the Irish surged with a convincing win over Rutgers, their eighth straight victory.

On Tuesday, Murphy viewed the tape of last year's game at Rutgers. In that contest, he shot just 5-for-16 from the field and fouled out in 31 minutes of playing time. Murphy was also whistled for a technical after showing Scarlet.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame looks to dominate Big East Championships

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

It's not a question of if the women's swim team will win their fifth consecutive Big East title this weekend.

It's how many they will win by.

The No. 15 Notre Dame women's swim team begins their defense of the Big East Conference Championship today in Long Island, N.Y., and assistant coaches are expecting yet another conference championship.

The women have won the Big East title for the last four years, an amazing feat considering that the Irish have only been in the Big East for five years.

In fact, when Notre Dame won last year with 829.5 points, they crushed runner-up Rutgers by 392.5 points.

Of course, last year the Irish had Carrie Nixon, who won three individual events and anchored four relays, along with winning the title of Big East Swimmer of the Year. But early this year, the All-American was knocked out of competition with a shoulder injury.

However, even without Nixon, Notre Dame head coach Bailey Weathers still expects to win this weekend.

One of the main reasons Weathers is so confident is because he has a solid group of veterans returning that have championship meet experience.

Five Irish swimmers who won individual events or competed on winning relays will be returning to the pool this weekend.

Kelly Hecking headlines the list of returning champions. The junior backstroker has been virtually unstoppable in her specialty events so far this season. In the 100 yard backstroke, an event she has won since 1999 at the conference meet, Hecking's best time is 55.7 seconds, nearly two seconds ahead of her nearest challenge, and in the 200-yard backstroke, her 2:00.32 is three seconds ahead of the second-seeded swimmer.

At last year's Big East Championships, Notre Dame won all five relay events, but this season, the relays haven't received much attention. Weathers likes to switch his relay teams around, and at press time, he had not yet decided which swimmers would be on which relay. Nevertheless, Irish relays are seeded among the top five in all five relays, including a No. 1 seed in both the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard medley relay.

Hecking is among those expected to be on a relay team, as is Danielle Hulick, Amy Deger, Brooke Davey, Allison Lloyd and Brenda Reilly.

With their fifth straight title an almost certainty, the Irish are turning their attention toward achieving solid individual performances. Notre Dame has used the past three weeks to taper down their training in order to achieve qualifying times for the