Philbin donates to arts center

By HILARY BURN

Television personality Regis Philbin made a $2.75 million donation for a studio theater that will bear his name in the new Marie DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

Philbin, the popular host of the game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" and talk show "Live! With Regis and Kelly," has already given several gifts to the University, including the endowment of a scholarship.

"Regis Philbin is not only one of Notre Dame's most recognized graduates, he also is among our most generous," said University President Father Edward Malloy. "With his talent and resources, Regis has made numerous contributions to the University and our surrounding community. We are most appreciative of this latest gift, which will do much to enhance our growing commitment to and reputation in the dramatic arts."

The contribution will supplement the DeBartolo family's original pledge of $33 million. The gift was intended for DeBartolo Hall and the new performing arts center.

The construction of the center had been stalled while the University waited for the DeBartolo pledge to be met. Having recently received the whole donation, the University sought other donors to meet the added costs that have emerged since the initial proposal. Along with Philbin's donation, several other significant donations have provided enough to build the $54 million facility.

"We would welcome this gift for any purpose, but it is designated to support a theater that will be the home space for our lab and performance-art productions and other new initiatives," said Don Crafton, the chair of the Film, Television and Theater department.

"It will greatly increase the University's ability to present cutting-edge theater," said Crafton. "It provides an opportunity for students to work on avant-garde performance pieces and any kind of dramatic performance requiring minimal-stage support."

The studio theater is just one of the features of the new center. The 900-seat concert hall, a 350-seat Proscenium theatre, and any kind of dramatic performance requiring minimal-stage support.

The 100-seat theater will be used for some theater classes, lab performances and other departmental productions. The sophisticated seating and sound systems will provide students with artistic and technical freedom.

"It was all the little things that made this happen," Norton said. "I want to thank all of those who did the work."
Inside Column
Choices, Good and Bad

Two weeks ago, I got a set of emails from my parents. The basic theme was "I know you are busy but you really need to call home. We haven't heard from you since you drove back from break."

My dad also threw an extra line in his email "You can just call us from work if you have to. You can talk on the phone and still get work done on your computer."

Now you would think that those two emails would prompt you to immediately pick up the phone and call my parents. But of course that wasn't the case.

When I was younger they taught me about responsibility or tell me what to do. They just wanted to make decisions. I was forgetting about the people who taught me how to make good decisions.

When I was younger they taught me about cooperation and thinking things through. Every time I heard "You have to take responsibility for your actions" from my mom after I really screwed up, I learned how to make wiser decisions.

So this weekend, my parents come into town for Junior Parents Weekend. It's a chance for my parents to see the results of all the choices I have made in my 2.5 years at college.

And that's what I think JPSW is all about. Sharing the choices and decisions that will affect your life with the people who gave you the confidence and wisdom to make those decisions.

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This Week in ND/SMC History

The candidates and their platforms
Feb. 19, 1976

A bond fund for students arrested for underage drinking and a reduction of parietal violations to the level of a hall offense are two major points in a platform offered by Student Body President candidate Mike Sweigart and Student Body Vice President candidate Bill Walsh to the student body. Other major points include finding a solution to the "Summer Storage Hassle."

Outside the Dome

New Mexico athlete fights work program

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. Sean Tollison came to the University of New Mexico three years on a swimming scholarship, anxious and thrilled by the prospect of competing in his hometown. Now Tollison has no team, no scholarship and his only connection to swimming is through coaching.

Tollison is one of 56 male athletes on the swimming, wrestling and gymnastics teams that were cut by the UNM Athletic Department in March of 1999. In dealing with budgets cuts, the field competitive sports in the newly-formed Mountain West Conference and come closer to complying with U.S. Department of Education equity laws — better known as Title IX.

When the sports were cut, Athletic Director Boyd Davals said nothing could be done to save the programs, but promised that the University would look after the athletes, help them transfer to other programs and honor their scholarships through their fourth year at UNM if they decided to stay. In the fall of 1999, Tollison said he and his peers were told they had to work for the Athletic Department to retain their scholarships. Some athletes were assigned to clean the weight room after the football team used the facility. Others were assigned to answer phones and other clerical work for Athletic Department administrators.

Tollison tried to transfer to the University of Denver, but couldn't get enough financial aid in time to attend the school. When he returned for his sophomore year after one season of Division I swimming competition, he was sent to film other teams' games and practices.

"I didn't mind the work really, but it just didn't seem right because I came here to swim," he said.

"It's a really relaxed system and a lot of people just don't go to their jobs. My boss felt bad for me, so he started paying me through student employment."

University of Wisconsin

Student government to file suit

Student government officials indicated Wednesday that they will likely move ahead with a lawsuit against University of Wisconsin-Madison for failing to comply with an open-records request for last semester's course evaluation data. After four months, nearly 50 percent of departments still have not provided the Associated Students of Madison with the requested information. The Freedom of Information Act makes university documents, including course evaluations, open to the public. Two weeks ago, ASM officials said they would file a lawsuit against the university if departments did not comply by today. At tonight's ASM Student Council meeting, representatives will decide whether they will file suit against the university. ASM uses the data in the semianual publication of course evaluation guides, which are supposed to help students make registration decisions. Because of the lack of cooperation by departments, the publication of the spring guide has been delayed.

Michigan State University

Martin Luther King holiday remains

The Michigan State University Board of Trustees voted unanimously Wednesday to indefinitely continue allowing the cancellation of classes to honor Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Trustee Dorothy Gonzales, a longtime supporter of canceling classes to honor the slain civil rights leader, said she glad the issue is finalized. "I'm very pleased that the majority of us were in agreement," she said Wednesday afternoon. In 1999, upon the urging of administrators, faculty and students, a three-year trial period of university-wide observance was allotted with the caution that MLK Day would remain on MSU's academic calendar only if students were using the day to attend commemorative events. Attendance at university-sponsored events would determine the holiday's fate, administrators said. Event organizers say more than 1,000 people joined in the Jan. 15 march from Beaumont Tower to the Wharton Center and nearly 3,000 people crowded into the Wharton Center's Pasatiempo Theatre to hear a speech from Kwesi MMume, president and chief executive officer of the NAMP.

Local Weather

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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The Palestinians, for their part, have accepted the principle of a Palestinian state in 22 percent of what was at one time the British mandate of Palestine," Dowty said. "In other words accepting not only the legitimacy of Israel, but also an Israel that occupies the other 78 percent of the original Palestinian mandate which from their perspective was a very huge concession."

He added, however, that a peace agreement is still a long way off. Some smaller problems have been solved, and now the two groups are trying to solve the larger, more difficult problems, such as who should control Jerusalem. Another issue to be decided is what to do about Palestinian refugees who want to reclaim the land their ancestors lost when the United Nations established Israel after World War II.

Peter Wallensteen, the head of the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University in Sweden said that in past world crises, effective solutions were not ones that involved violence or repressive measures. He said effective solutions have been achieved by coming up with "new ideas, a new formula of new suggestion" to approach the problem. He gave three ideas about how to help achieve peace.

First, he said secret negotiations between Sharon and Arafat were possible. A second possibility is a unilateral move by one of the two groups.

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Panelists met at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Thursday to discuss the possibilities for peace between Israelis and Palestinians. Although peace agreements will still take time, panelists were optimistic.

"Many ideas have already been tried in the peace process and have been rejected," Wallensteen said. "That means one has to think harder to come up with ideas."

"The third thing," he said, "is that there is a need for a third party (in negotiations). The Clinton administration had played that role, and we don't know yet about the Bush administration and what (Secretary of State Colin) Powell will do when he is traveling around the Middle East. But I think that there is an expectation that the U.S. should play such a role."

The last speaker, Notre Dame government professor Dan Lindley, said he does not believe that peace will come to the region anytime soon. "No one wants peace in terms acceptable to the other," he said. "It's not clear that anyone wants peace at all. Furthermore, both sides are pervaded by the perception that they have been duped by the other and that the other is not a very sincere peace partner. For these reasons, I don't think that peace is likely in the near term."

He also discussed U.S. strategic interests in the region. "First and foremost," he said, "the primary U.S. strategic and material interest in the Middle East is oil ... oil affects us, our allies, and world stability. Our second interest is weapons of mass destruction, missile proliferation by enemy states now called the states of concern."

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Young visits SMC, discusses attitudes toward welfare today

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

Thomas Jefferson may have had the wrong idea when he said that self-sufficient families create the ideal republic. According to political philosopher Iris Marion Young, Jefferson and most current political theorists and politicians have confused the idea of self-sufficiency with autonomy and this is where the problem with our welfare system lies.

During her lecture on "Autonomy, Self-sufficiency, and Welfare Justice" Thursday night, Young suggested that the continuous problem with the American welfare system is that it supports the idea that we can meet our material and emotional needs without having to rely on other people. Young said. "The idea of self-sufficiency is an illusion, why are appeals to it so successful."

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Young's conclusion was that a system of interdependence is the only way we can meet our material and emotional needs without having to answer to anyone else for those goals and without having to obey their orders about how you'll live your life.

Although many middle-class Americans do not recognize this interdependence, it is part of their daily lives. Workers depend on their employers and these employers, in turn, rely on each other, foreign competitors, and the market itself.

"We dwell in webs of interdependence," Young said. This question then arises that if self-sufficiency is an illusion, why are appeals to it so successful. Young replied to this question by saying that these appeals are successful because self-sufficiency is confused with autonomy, and it is autonomy that is truly the good ideal.

Making a distinction between moral and personal autonomy, Young defined personal autonomy as "being able to determine your own projects and goals and how you're going to live your life without having to answer to anyone else for those goals and without having to obey their orders about how you'll live your life."

It is in this ideal of autonomy that social welfare programs should be based. Young argued that interdependence was a necessary part of autonomy because making autonomous decisions requires social support. She said Americans achieve their skills through a system of interdependence. Based on this background, Young showed that any public policy built on the idea of self-sufficiency (which lacks interdependence) instead of autonomy will be ineffective.

Based on the idea that autonomy is grounded in interdependence, Young concluded that the autonomy of all people depends on social support. "Especially the poor people need a good deal of social support to be autonomous," Young said.

Although she did not specify a particular system, Young suggested a system of social welfare that is contrary to the 1996 Welfare Reform Act, which required time restrictions and work requirements in order for recipients to receive benefits.

Young spoke as part of the Women in Philosophical Landscapes series, which is in its third year at Saint Mary's. Young is a professor of political science at the University of Chicago.

Her focus is on political theory and feminist social theory, and she has authored several books including Justice and the Politics of Difference and Throwing Like a Girl and Other Essays in Feminist Philosophy and Social Theory. Young will return to Stapleton Lounge Friday at 12:30 p.m. to discuss "Power, Violence, and Legitimacy," a discussion which is open to the public.

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Giant panda numbers still low: The giant panda is still facing extinction because its mountain forest home is disappearing, the World Wildlife Fund said Thursday. In a report to mark the WWF's 40th anniversary, the organization said loss of suitable habitat in China's Sichuan province was the major threat to the survival of the panda, which has a wild population of about 1,000.

Farmers trade daughters for debt: Afghan dirt-poor farmers, unable to pay their debts because of the flower that produces opium, are trading their young daughters to clear their debts. U.N. and Taliban officials say. Farmers traditionally use opium as a source of credit to borrow against the poppy crop. 

T hurs day afternoon injuring 13 people, including members of a Chicago elementary school basketball team. A Chicago Fire Department spokesman said several of the victims are children ages 12- to 14-years old, including several doctors, set up a field hospital in a dusty soccer field.

In San Vicente Thursday, a 65-member delegation from the Mexican army, including several doctors, set up a field hospital in a dusty soccer field. Helicopters, trucks, rescue workers and construction crews were coming in from Guatemala, the United States, Taiwan, Venezuela, Panama and Nicaragua. Queen Sofia of Spain, who is visiting the region, was expected to announce a cash donation. In Rome, the World Food Program, running short of food for El Salvador's earthquake victims, appealed for money Thursday to replenish supplies. 

Soldiers of the Salvadoran army clear a street of debris Thursday in San Vicente following the second earthquake in El Salvador since Jan. 13. This week's earthquake destroyed tens of thousands of homes.

Quake victims search for refuge

Associated Press

The adobe houses in ruins, residents of this village amid sugar cane fields sought drinking water and food Thursday and prayed the ground would stop trembling. Many went to nearby rivers to wash clothes or draw water for cooking. A lucky few got a ration of drinking water from the Salvadoran Red Cross.

"We're out of everything, water, milk for my son," said Silvina Hernandez, who was carrying 1-year-old Miguel on her arm.

She was among 3,000 town residents in San Vicente province who suffered losses from Tuesday's 6.6-magnitude earthquake that left at least 276 dead. Government officials say they fear another 39 were buried by landslides.

The small Central American nation was struck by a magnitude-7.6 earthquake on Jan. 13 that killed at least 144 people.

Foreign aid has begun pouring into El Salvador but international agencies say they need more help.

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Executive Director Catherine Bertini said the agency has enough food for El Salvador for 200,000 people for two weeks.
Profs' book earns Choice Magazine award

Special to The Observer

Two political scientists at Notre Dame have received Choice Magazine's Outstanding Academic Title award for their book, "The Sanctions Decade: Assessing UN Strategies in the 1990s."

The book was written by George Lopez, professor of government and international studies and fellow in Notre Dame's Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, and David Cortright, guest lecturer in the Kroc Institute. Commissioned by the International Peace Academy and funded by the government of Canada, the book is published by Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Choice Magazine's Outstanding Academic Titles were chosen from approximately 6,700 titles reviewed during the year 2000. The selections were chosen for their excellence in scholarship and presentation, the significance of their contributions to the field, and their value as treatment of a specific subject.

In the book, Lopez and Cortright propose a set of criteria for judging the political, social, and humanitarian impact of economic sanctions and provide detailed case studies of the sanctions and embargoes imposed on Libya, Sudan, Afghanistan, Cambodia, Angola, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Liberia and Rwanda. They also recommend new sanctions policies to the international community.

The authors interviewed prominent U.N. policymakers, including the chairs of all sanctions committees, and the staffs of the international body's secretariat and Security Council. Among those assisting Lopez and Cortright were two former Notre Dame peace studies graduate students, Richard W. Conroy, who was graduated from the University in 1987 and received master's and doctoral degrees from Notre Dame in 1990 and 1994, respectively, and Jaleh Dash-H-Gibson, who received master's and doctoral degrees from the University in 1992 and 1998, respectively.

The award was announced in the January 2001 issue of Choice Magazine.
Nike strike tests WRC’s procedures

By MYRA McGriff

News Writer

The Workers’ Rights Commission is testing its procedures for protecting workers’ rights when Nike workers in Mexico went on strike.

On Jan. 9, 700 to 800 workers at the Kukdong Nike factory in Atlixco, Mexico went on a work stoppage to protest the management’s violation of their rights to unionize. With a newly established worker board, the WRC was able to react to the situation.

"We sent a small delegation to investigate on Jan. 23 after receiving a complaint from factory workers. When we got there we were the only monitors there at the time," said Markah Mancia.

Mancia, a Purdue student and member of United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS), accompanied the WRC on a trip to the Kukdong factory to verify the workers complaints. Working along with cereal, a non-governmental organization in Mexico, the WRC was able to verify the complaints of the workers.

"Workers were not being paid a minimum wage, they were abused physically, and they were served raw meat and food with worms," said Mancia.

Although other monitoring organizations, like the Fair Labor Association (FLA), visited the Kukdong factory, the WRC was the first to publish a preliminary report. The Jan. 24 report was released not only to the colleges on their register including Saint Mary’s but also to the public.

The report outlined the code of conduct violations in the factory and suggested actions for universities to take if the Nike apparel was produced in the Kukdong factory. The WRC recommended universities write a letter to Nike urging the factory to reinstate the strikers and let them fairly unionize. The WRC hopes that if a large college endorses a letter to Nike, the company will meet the workers’ demands.

University Associate Vice President and Counsel Bill Hoye said both the WRC and the FLA have been in contact and told him none of the college’s apparel is being produced in the Kukdong factory. Notre Dame did not and will not write a letter to Nike encouraging them to reinstate the striking workers as suggested by the WRC.

"We are working as a member of the FLA and the FLA is taking action. But also our code of conduct does not apply to the Kukdong incident," said Hoye.

After reading the report, the University of Michigan, one of Nike’s other large college endorsers wrote to Nike.

"The President of U of M wrote a letter to Nike saying that Nike violated its code of conduct and Nike should ensure a safe return for all the workers to their jobs and a fair union election," said University of Michigan student and WRC member Peter Bums-Friedman.

Although most workers have been on a work stoppage for the past four weeks and an agreement between factory management and workers has yet to be reached, students are pleased with the action of the WRC. They feel the WRC took immediate, progressive action to secure workers rights and get them back on the line.

"The FLA is still gathering information before putting those workers back on the line while the WRC is saying these are the findings and this is what needs to happen. These workers need to go back to work and that is what the WRC is trying to insure," said Maureen Capillo of Peace Makers.

CORRECTIONS

♦ Thursday’s Observer incorrectly stated that the Demseta Smith/Jogeld Andre ticket had endorsed Brooke Norton. Smith made the endorsement alone.

♦ In Wednesday’s Observer the photograph on page 1 misidentified presidential candidate Richard Mauken as Richard Becker. The Observer regrets these errors.

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CANADA
Ban on Brazilian beef may soon be lifted

Associated Press
OTTAWA

The senior Canadian scientist on a fact-finding mission to Brazil indicated Thursday the ban on Brazilian beef imports could be lifted next week.

Speaking from Brazil, Brian Evans of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said the inspectors from Canada, the United States and Mexico will return home by Monday, consult with their governments, and discuss a synthesis report Tuesday.

“I will then undertake to review and share with my counterparts in Washington and Mexico in hope we will have sufficient foundation to reconsider the [ban],” Evans said.

Canada banned the import of Brazilian beef — mostly canned corned beef — on Feb. 2, citing a risk of possible mad cow disease. It said Brazil failed to provide sufficient paperwork on several thousand animals imported from Europe.

The ban, automatically joined by Canada's NAFTA partners the United States and Mexico, cut Brazilian beef exports by 10 percent, according to officials in Brazil.

It also provoked a public backlash in Brazil, with street demonstrations, threats of retaliatory trade sanctions and the refusal by some dockworkers to unload Canadian cargo.

Evans said several thousand European cattle were imported to Brazil for breeding purposes, and Canada wants a guarantee they won’t end up in the meat supply.

He welcomed an announcement by the Brazilian government that it would try to buy all the imported European cattle to place them under government control.

“This underlines significantly the shared objective and investment that we and Brazil have to address this as a public health issue,” Evans said.

Mad cow disease has become a huge concern in Europe, where beef sales have plummeted. Consumption of beef from infected animals may cause variant Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease, a potentially fatal neurological disorder.

Brazil has never detected a case of mad cow disease and claims the Canadian ban was related to a dispute between the countries over subsidies for aircraft manufacturers.

Canada has received permission from the World Trade Organization to impose trade sanctions against Brazil over the airplane manufacturers dispute, but has yet to formally do so.

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O'Neill should adopt broad ideas

With his election of Brooke Norton and Briana Moscona as president and vice president, the Notre Dame student body has sent a message: they are happy with the way state government is running now.

Norton/Moscona will continue the programs begun by the O'Donoghue/Norton administration. It will expand some O'Donoghue/Norton initiatives as well as create new programs which continue the philosophies of the O'Donoghue/Norton administration.

Norton/Moscona has the platform the student body clearly believes is best. They are the leaders of the students and their programs should be given top priority.

The other six tickets' platforms should not be ignored. However, there were too many innovative and positive ideas not included in Norton/Moscona's platform that the new administration should adopt.

Norton/Moscona should extend an olive branch to their former rivals and integrate them into their administration.

Demetra Smith and Yogesh Andre brought up important issues of social justice and community service that could improve the relationship between Notre Dame and South Bend, and received kudos from much of the Notre Dame community.

Smith and Andre's plan to create service-oriented scholarships was one of the most innovative and intriguing plans of the election. Norton/Moscona should adopt this plan into their platform and make Smith/Andre's vision a reality.

Violet Fetterman and Maureen Gottlieb had a realistic and effective plan for increasing campus safety.

Gottlieb/Fetterman had a plan to walk around campus with security and identify the dark areas that need more light and the isolated areas that require call boxes. This would be a step toward increasing campus safety.

Norton/Moscona should ask Gottlieb and Fetterman to help implement this program at Notre Dame.

The runner-up ticket of Ryan Becker and Nikki McLeod should not also be ignored by Norton/Moscona. Plans to bring back SafeRide and elect more student representatives to the Campus Life Council are fresh solutions to old problems.

Norton/Moscona have the experience and the insider knowledge to solve the problems facing Notre Dame today. They must not forget, however, to bring new ideas and new programs to ensure student government does not go stale.

Remembering Junior Parent's Weekend

Junior Parent's Weekend is an extremely worthwhile way for Notre Dame students to share a moment with their parents and University officials. The events allow the University to promote itself, bringing great pride to parents whose children are living the Notre Dame "experience" and giving students the opportunity to showcase their collegiate lives to family and friends.

I recently came upon a photograph of my family speaking to then University President Father Theodore Hesburgh during my Junior Parent's Weekend more than two decades ago. The photograph, however, jogged my memory in quite a different way than expected.

Since I served as the chairman of the weekend's events, I should have been able to reminisce about my family sitting with University officials at the head table, about the countless hours of hard work our committee performed to secure hedge reservations and organize a concert, about the beautifully celebrated mass or about the Sunday morning breakfast where those who should have been sitting at the head table, sat in the audience.

Instead, I thought about another weekend in my life when I cleared out an office.

I thought of my lonely, painful task last Memorial Day weekend when I packed my father's memorabilia following his unexpected passing. It was a painful process that I alone performed. It was a weekend that bumpped its way above Junior Parent's Weekend in my mind.

For two days during last Memorial Day weekend I sorted and packed items representing decades worth of events and nearly 50 years of my father's tenure as mayor of our city. I had in my hands the public file of my father which was ending my symbolically in ten boxes.

Arranged in the mayor's office among the dozens of autographed photos of entertainment stars and politicians that included Presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton, we were prominently displayed photographs of me—talking to President Clinton, the other of me sitting at my desk, their positions in the office were symbols of his love for me. which made that the hardest item for me to pack. Throughout it all, the most personal item I handled was my father's handwritten calendar showing his hospital and surgical appointments the week before.

I wished that I had just one more hour from that calendar, any hour, to speak with him. How I wish now that I had spent more personal time with him during my Junior Parent's Weekend rather than serving as chairman of the events.

Today I think of how my father lost both of his parents before he reached the age of 30. How unfair it seems since I enjoyed his company for almost 50 years. I also think of my dentist, my classmate from first grade, who called himself "an orphan" when both of his parents passed away a dozen years ago. At the time, those words seemed so weak to me—they had little meaning since my parents were still with me.

It is truly tragic that most of us take family and friends for granted until one of them passes away. We are asked why it happened and how unfair it was. We ask why it happened and how unfair it was.

I recently served as a candidate version for juniors and their families who are celebrating this weekend. For those who partici­pate in the events this weekend, it will be an unforgettable experience for some of interest to most and remember to some extent by all. The outcome and significance will be what its participants make of their opportunities.

It can be the weekend to savor and remember for a lifetime even when another weekend of cleaning out an office creeps out of a calendar years from now.

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

Gary Caruso, Silk Road

NEXT ISSUE:

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The opinions expressed in this col­umn are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Dilbert

Supermodels don't good in people.

That's silly.

I don't know how to use a vase. Do you mind if I throw those in the trash?

Scott Adams

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The pressures of being a parent are equal to any pressure on earth. To be a conscious parent is a responsibility which most of us, including me, avoid most of the time because it's too hard."

John Lennon

Musician
Sex is not to be feared

I just finished reading Wednesday's article, "Students promote chaste lifestyle." Although I am finding it extremely difficult to sit quietly in this DeBartolo computer lab, painful not to run outside and explode in laughter, I am going to try and do so simply to convey my shear amusement at his argument. What don't agree or disagree with his claims on the appropriateness of sexual behavior before marriage — simply too big a topic to address this evening. I am amused by his argument about sexuality here on the Notre Dame campus. My main objection comes in Yeager's belief that, in terms of sexual activity, "one is an attractive match compared to big state schools which have co-ed dorms and no parietals." Hmm? Are we then, Are the co-ed relationships the Notre Dame community is fostering healthy ones? One could argue that locking up the girls and boys at 2 a.m. isn't a mature way to teach students about sex. Furthermore, one could also argue that these tactics are, in fact, counterproductive. Why turn the opposite sex into an enemy and off-lim its body? True, students in co-ed dorms do have a lot more opportunity to jump in bed with each other, but they also have a greatly lessened chance of seeing their neighbor with horrible hair in the morning or tooth paste drool dripping off their chins. By segregating men and women in dorms, we are alienating men and women respectively and not allowing them to learn the rules and safety and sacred thing. I am not condemning anyone's future partner. One shouldn't fear sex because du Lac condemns it, or hide from it because the National Chastity Taskforce is on the ramp - age. One shouldn't fear sex at all. It should be an activity that takes place between two people who deem each other worthy of sharing it. While Yeager's article does have some interesting points, I don't think "we are too closed- minded" to examine our own views of sex while images of Jesus, Mary, and Jesus and Mary, are all around us.

No, on the contrary, I think it would be closed-minded to take the images of Jesus and Mary and deem sex as a taboo and "improper" subject. It would be closed minded to accept rules and not have opinions on them. If we were to do so, if we were to follow as sheep without opinions of our own, I think it's the "thinkers" worst nightmare. Yeager seems so concerned with being a lot more closed-minded, a lot more doomed and a lot more bleak.

Katie Cleary
junior
off-campus
February 14, 2001

Parietal priorities leave students little choice

I was somewhat disheartened when I read today's article on parietal violations, particularly the portion about Michelle Merlo. I cannot believe that someone was given such a severe penalty for a parietal violation that was discovered because she exited a male dorm during a fire alarm. I had been under the mistaken impression that the University would consider the welfare of the individual in a case like this. I would think that a parietal violator, who would most likely not have been caught had there not been a fire alarm, would be treated more lightly. The forced move off-campus, eventually into another dorm, and ban from her former hall is appalling. I don't know the circumstances surrounding Michelle's case, but I know that almost anyone can fall asleep somewhere and wake up at an odd hour by accident. If it happens to be a boy's (or girl's) dorm, who wouldn't wait it out and leave after parietals are over?

Basically, if my understanding is correct, the University is saying, if you are breaking parietals for whatever reason and a fire alarm goes off, you 'd better not go outside, and you'd better not think that it's just a drill. Since if you do step outside, and someone in authority sees you, you will be mercilessly thrown out of Residence Life and effectively ostracized from the community. I don't see the sense in that.
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By TAI ROMERO
Scene Writer

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uncover the uncanny, the unbelievable and the “Uncandidate”

his campaign. To diversify the student body, Campus King proposed the recruitment of Yanamamo Indians from Southern Brazil. Kersten also suggested “really swell activities such as over-the-hump dances on Sunday mornings... and negotiation for a Rocks-Rocks discotheque franchise on campus.”

King also wanted to clean up the campus by remodeling the Old Fieldhouse into a crematorium for Notre Dame students. Another remodeling technique Kersten proposed intended to eliminate the problem of displaced campus by remodeling the Old Fieldhouse into a crematorium to be on campus.”

The observer File Photo

Kersten’s running mate only offered his campaign. To diversify the student body, apathetic towards all candidates, to vote blank ballots. The election resulted in an overwhelming 52 percent of abstentions, calling the King into his second term.

The sort of hoopla observed in the Campus King story and previous student government races may have seen the last of its days due to the increase of student signatures on the petition to run. Judicial Council’s tight control of the past election prevented any tampering with results. Yet, the same perception has also curbed the joke factor commonly associated with the student body presidential elections. Fear not — all hope has not faded.

Kueh Rector Father Thomas Doyle presided over the student body government in 1988-1989. He cited the reason for the withdrawal of term-holders being elected as ‘most people chosen as president are someone that has been in student government for awhile, but about once every four years people get thinking that they would like to have people from the outside. The former president offered his own theory after saying that some people get too serious about the position to which they are elected. According to this theory, we may have more shenanigans to look forward to next year. Thank God and the Prime Mover we have some more political excitement to go on its way!
No. 19 Irish start 2001 at Holiday Inn Invite

Special to The Observer

The No. 19-ranked Notre Dame softball team will begin the 2001 season this weekend, taking part in the Holiday Inn Invitational on the campus of the University of South Florida, Feb. 16-18.

The Irish will face a highly-competitive field, with No. Washington and No. 18 South Carolina in the tournament. Notre Dame has received votes in the preseason USA Today/NFCA Top 25.

Notre Dame posted a 17-7 (.708) record in five-in-season tournaments last season, including capturing the 2000 State Line Classic tournament title with victories over Kentucky and Tennessee and two wins over new 2001 Big East conference member Virginia Tech.

Notre Dame, which finished the last season ranked 24th in the final coaches' poll, returns seven starters from its 2000 Big East Championship title team last year. Led by captains Melanie Alkire, Danielle Klyzman, Lizzie Lenahan, and Shannon Sharran, the Irish have been picked to repeat as Big East champions by a vote from the league's coaches.

The Irish finished with a 14-2 record in Big East competition last season and swept through the Big East Championship in three straight games. Notre Dame outscored Boston College (5-2) and Connecticut (5-0, 7-0) 17-2 to earn its third consecutive conference championship title.

Seniors Melanie Alkire and Jenn Sharran became Notre Dame's first All-Americans since 1996 by earning NFCA second-team All-American honors last season.

Alkire finished the 2000 season with 13 home runs, 64 RBI and a 25.208 record in 55 in-season games last season, tossing 246-9085. THANKS.

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Irish head coach Liz Miller, entering her ninth season with the Irish, is entering her 26th season as a collegiate head coach. She boasts a 564-291-748 record over the last 25 years, 17 of which she coached at Lake Michigan College before heading to the Golden Dome in 1993.

In each of her previous eight seasons with the Irish, Miller has led the team to a conference title and the team has advanced to the NCAA tournament five times.

By JANEL MILLER

Records have begun to fall in the 50-yard freestyle directly ahead of Palchak with times 25.87 and 25.86 seconds respective-ly.

"It was a great race. I really set me up for tomorrow's race," said Sullivan.

Both are expected to put up excellent performances in today's 200-yard freestyle. The much awaited 500-yard freestyle gave head coach Gihlen Hildebrandt a positive outlook towards the rest of the weekend. All three women dropped significant time and placed very well.

The relay was great but this race really showed the hard work and efforts in the relay in the few weeks of practice," said Hildebrandt.

Captain Olivia Smith placed 11th with a season best time of 5:38.31. Teammates Candace Polsky and Megan Ramsey each contributed stellar performances as well.

Polsky brought a 14th place and a 13-second time drop to the Belles while Ramsey came in with a third place and within reach of the school record.

Notre Dame's schedule for the weekend:

Thursday, February 15

11:00 a.m. vs. Akron (OH)
2:00 p.m. vs. Purdue (IN)

Friday, February 16

11:00 a.m. vs. Western Michigan (MI)
2:00 p.m. vs. Notre Dame (IN)

Saturday, February 17

11:00 a.m. vs. Cleveland State (OH)
2:00 p.m. vs. Central Michigan (MI)

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HOCKEY

Irish travel to Ann Arbor with new-found playoff hopes

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

Last time it wasn’t pretty. Watching nine goals go in your own net never is.

Notre Dame travels to Ann Arbor, Mich., for a single game on today to face the fifth-ranked Michigan Wolverines. The Irish will look to do something they haven’t done since 1982 — win a regular season game at Yost Ice Arena.

On Jan. 23, the Wolverines thrashed the Irish 9-0, but Notre Dame is coming off a weekend sweep of Bowling Green, winning 3-2 and 5-3 at the Joyce Center last weekend. The Irish needed to win both games to remain in the playoff race.

The Irish are now 8-21-5 overall and 5-14-4 in CCHA play, good for a three-way tie for 10th with Lake Superior State and Bowling Green. Michigan is in second place in the CCHA and is coming off a split with Northern Michigan, winning 3-1 and losing 2-0.

With just five games remaining on the schedule, the Irish are feeling the playoff crunch. They need points, but it won’t be easy against the Wolverines.

Michigan has history on its side. The two teams have met 94 times in the all-time series with Michigan holding a 53-38-3 advantage and since ‘92-‘93, DM is 14-1-0 with the lone Irish win coming in the first game of the 1998 CCHA playoffs.

But if there were a time for the Irish to steal one against Michigan, Friday would be it. In a season with few peaks and many valleys, Notre Dame finds itself riding a peak after Bowling Green.

Freshman center Rob Globke, CCHA Rookie of the Week last week, returns to his home state following his most solid weekend yet. He netted two goals, including the game winner last Friday and had two assists in two wins against Bowling Green. Globke is tied for the team lead with 14 goals this season, the most goals for a Notre Dame freshman since 1984.

Also on a scoring tear is senior left winger Dan Carlson. He contributed three assists and a goal to the Irish cause against Bowling Green, to bring his season total to 36 points.

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Results from the Irish Iron Classic

Male Team Champions:
Alumni Hall

Female Team Champions:
Welsh Family Hall

Male Outstanding Lifter:
Nick Markovich (194% of body weight)

Female Outstanding Lifter:
Dora DeBartolo (195 lbs)

Male Results by Weight Class

140 and Under: 171-185:
Kevin Huie Byron Levkulich

141-150: 186-200:
Chris Pankiewicz-Nohr Doug Lawrence

151-160: 201-215:
Adam Oyster Shamus Rohn

161-170: Over 215:
Nick Markovich Dave Kowalski

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Happy 21st!
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WOMEN’S TENNIS

Notre Dame travels to National Indoors

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sporst Writer

This weekend the 11th-ranked Notre Dame women’s tennis team heads to Wisconsin for the National Team Indoor Championship from Feb. 15-18. The Irish face some of the top ranked teams in the country in the 16-team field.

After a successful weekend last week the Irish will be seeded in the 5-8 bracket and will take on No. 40 Oklahoma State in the first round.

“Our goal is to make it past the second round,” said junior Becky Varnum. “We’ve never done that in the past.”

Last weekend the Irish won three dual matches in three days — beating No. 61 Virginia Tech, No. 8 Wake Forest, and No. 28 North Carolina.

The highlight of the week was on Saturday, as the Irish blanked the Deamon Deacons of Seton Hall 6-0.

“Topsy Turvy Indoor?”

By KATHLEEN O’BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Observer

Sunday, February 18, 2001

Gaines

Topsy Turvy

Shall We Dance?

By ANDREW BARRETT
Sporst Writer

The Irish downed the Scarlet Knights by more than 20 on Wednesday with leading rebounder Ryan Humphrey sitting on the sidelines due to a sprained ankle.

“Without them making us better in practice, we wouldn’t be where we are today,” Brey said. "He's a great player," Irish forward Martin Ingelsby said.

"He’s going to make our big guys more relaxed, " Brey said. "It’s a huge asset to the team, she really gets us going,” said doubles partner Varnum, “I don’t think we would be the same without her.”

Also playing well lately is sophomore Kimberly Guy, who has moved up to the No. 5 singles spot and has a 9-0 dual match record so far this season.

Guy started the spring by winning the second flight singles at the adidas Invitational in January. Since then she has gone undefeated in singles play.

If the Irish get past the first round they will face the winner of the match between No. 2-ranked Georgia and host Wisconsin on Friday. This will mark the eight consecutive appearance for the Irish at the National Indoors.

Notre Dame is 9-12 in the tournament and has been inned by highly ranked teams Stanford, Florida and Vanderbilt.

Men’s Basketball

Irish shouldn’t overlook Pirates

By KATHLEEN O’BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Seton Hall hasn’t matched pre-season expectations, but that won’t fool Notre Dame into overlooking the young but talented Pirates.

"They have weapons," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "Everybody's kind of, Poor Seton Hall," but they’re very talented." Three Seton Hall starters are freshman, including point guard Andre Barrett and leading rebounder Eddie Griffin. The only seniors on the Pirates’ squad, Kevin Wilkins and Reggie Garrett, score a combined 1.3 points per game.

The youth has hurt the Pirates (12-9, 3-7 Big East), who were picked to win the league with 16 double-doubles.

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But the sophomore knocked off more than 12 seconds in the preliminary competition, and by swimming 4:54.82 earned NCAA finals consideration. Kohrt followed her performance with a 4:54.58 in the finals, fast enough for fifth place.

"I didn't even know what the cut was," she said. "I just got out of the water, and they told me 'you got the cut.' I was just in awe — that was so unexpected." The Irish put aside missed Carrie today.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Lindsay Moorhead finished just three tenths of a second behind Kohrt and placed seventh. But last year's Big East champion in the 500, Kristen Van Saun, who entered the competition seeded sixth, finished a disappointing 14th.

It was obvious that the Irish missed Nixon. Her time last year in the 50-yard freestyle, 22.58, was nearly three-quarters of a second faster than this year's champion. The only Irish entry in that event, Hulick, took 12th place with a personal best 23.92.

"We're satisfied with that," Weathers said. "That's about what we thought we'd get out of her. You can tell how much it hurts not having Carrie in that event and in the 200 free relay."

The 200-yard freestyle relay of Brooke Davy, Hulick, Sarah Bowman and Hecking took fifth place with a season-best time of 1:34.61, two seconds behind winner West Virginia.

The Irish will continue competition today and Saturday. Today's competition features a showdown between Labosky and Olympian Maddi Crigger in the 400-yard individual medley as well as the individual debut of Hecking, Lloyd, and Musgrave in their specialty events.

They both grew up in Cincinnati, dove on the same facility and have known each other for seven years.

Last night, however, sophomore Andy Maggio made his mark. The senior Herb Huesman, put aside his left shoulder in the three-meter event, Hulick, took fifth in the one-meter diving final.

And what an event it was for the Ohio natives. Maggio finished second and Huesman ended up fourth and led the Irish to a fourth place overall. The team, which showed off the first day of the Big East swimming and diving championships on Long Island.

Pittsburgh leads the field with 247 points, while St. John's (152 points) and Rutgers (134 points) are also ahead of Notre Dame's 117 points.

The competition continues today and ends on Saturday. The Irish have finished second for the last two seasons at this meet.

"We're always a little sluggish on the first day," junior Jonathan Pierce said. "It's tough getting accustomed to the pool. And we have 28 guys here and 15 are first-timers."

Pierce, a junior, had no trouble adjusting to the new settings. His clocking of 4:27.39 was good for third in the 500-yard freestyle and it also broke his own school-record by nearly three seconds.

Pierce's time also placed him in consideration for the NCAA meet, the first time an Irish swimmer has ever been under the consideration time in the 500 freestyle.

He led the race for 15 of the 25 laps but St. John's Michal Szapiel and Eric Limkemann caught Pierce in the final 150 yards. Notre Dame freshman Matt Obringer placed eighth with a season's best time of 4:34.60.

"That was (Pierce's) plan tonight to go out fast," Notre Dame coach Tim Welsh said. "He just returned to the pool three weeks ago and has competed in only two meets. And whereas he normally attempts 60-90 dives per day, Huesman only performed 15 dives per day before yesterday's event."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame faces tough late season contest at Rutgers

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

The last time Rutgers and Notre Dame met, Scarlet Knights' coach Vivian Stringer thought her team played like it was intimidated. Suffering a 21-point loss to the Irish at the Joyce Center Jan. 6, the Scarlet Knights could not hit their shots and were not tight enough on defense.

But a lot has happened in a month.

Still undefeated, Notre Dame has jumped from No. 3 to No. 1 in the polls while Rutgers has fallen from No. 9 to the 11th spot. And after a devastating 70-45 loss to No. 3 Connecticut on Wednesday, the Scarlet Knights are heading for another demotion in the rankings unless they can pull off an upset Saturday which no other team has been able to — a win against the Irish.

"I think they'll come out and play a lot harder than they did last time," Ericka Haney said. "It would be good for them to have a win over a top ranked team."

The Irish, as usual, are up for the challenge.

After a week-long rest, the Irish hit the court again Wednesday with a solid 75-61 win against unranked Syracuse.

Using a balanced attack, four starters scored in double figures, with Riley leading the pack netting 24 points.

Despite the team effort, the Irish need to stay steady as they round out the remainder of the regular season. As the team to beat across the country, the Irish need to stay motivated and not fall into a complacent routine. "We just need to stay focused," Haney said. "We need to go in there and play hard."

The Scarlet Knights will have to pay special attention to their defensive strategy if they hope to stifle the Irish offense.

Rutgers failed to shut down Connecticut's 3-point shooting in their last outing, allowing the Huskies to bury 8-11 attempts in the second half and put away the game. Behind-the-arc shooting is also a strength of the Irish. Guards Alicia Ratay, with a 56 percent shooting average from behind the arc, and Niele Ivey at an even 50 percent pose big threats for the Rutgers defense.

The Scarlet Knights also had trouble limiting Notre Dame's offensive power under the basket in the teams' last meeting. Center Ruth Riley and forward Kelley Siemon combined for half of Notre Dame's 67 points.
Youth give women hope at Indoors

By NOAH AMSTADTER Assistant Sports Editor

When the Irish women's track and field team steps onto the track Saturday for day one of the Big East Indoor Championships they will be relying on youth to improve upon last season's lackluster finish.

Two sophomores provide hope for the Irish in multiple events. Sophomore Tameisha King will compete in the 60-meter dash, the 60-meter hurdles and her specialty, the long jump. King's season-best mark of 6.10 meters sees her first in the long jump entering the meet. King also will be right in the hunt in the hurdles, where she is currently ranked fifth, three seconds of a second behind Charmaine Walker. In the dash, King's time of 7.56 seconds is currently ranked third.

"Tameisha is going to have to run a personal best in the hurdles," Winsor said. "He's not going to shave any seconds but he will be right in the hunt in the hurdles." King's classmate, Jaime Bienko will compete in the pole vault and triple jump. The school-record holder in the pole vault comes in ranked second in the event.

"Jaime's a heck of a competitor," Winsor said. "She went into the outdoor Big East last year ranked No. 2 and she won it." Vallenker enters the meet ranked No. 14 in the triple jump, but remains in striking distance. Junior Liz Grow enters the meet with her best time in the 400-meter dash. Grow's two-week old mark of 53.30 seconds is more than one second ahead of Georgetown's Sasha Spencer.

Grow will not compete in the 200-meter dash, where she has the No. 2 time in the Big East, because the 200-meters immediately follows the 400-meter finals on Saturday.

Grow will compete in the 60-meter dash alongside King, where she enters with an identical time of 7.56 seconds.

"I see Liz can pick up some points there," said Irish sprints coach John Millar. A young group of sprinters provide hope for the Irish. Sophomore Kymia Leeve and freshman Kristen Dodd have put up impressive times in the 400-meters this season, both running below 57 seconds.

"They're relatively inexperienced, both running on this type of track and running in the Big East Championship type atmosphere," said Irish sprints and hurdles coach John Millar. "I'm hoping both can reach the finals."

In the distance races, sophomore Jenna Hendley will compete in the 3,000 meters Saturday alongside senior Chrisy Kuenster. Kuenster will be competing one day after running the 5,000-meters.

First-year law student Emily Blenck will step into the ring to throw the shot-put for the Irish. Blencko competed in the pentathlon for the Irish their three of the last four years and is familiar with the Big East meet environment.

"I know she hasn't had the training under her belt that she has in the past, but if anybody can do it she can do it," Winsor said of Blencko. "It's going to take a good throw, but she has the ability to score."

In the sprints, senior Travis Davey will attempt the 400-meter dash. Davey brings in a time of 46.45 seconds ahead of Keane. Shay's time of 13:52.66 in the 5,000-meters is less than two seconds ahead of Providence's Keith Kelly, the NCAA Cross Country Champion.

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**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Loss puts slumping Belles in cellar**

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Going into halftime of Wednesday night’s contest against Adrian College, Saint Mary’s was facing a point deficit larger than the number of minutes left to play.

With 20 minutes left in the game, the Belles were losing to the Bulldogs 40-19. They never recovered.

A 36-point second half performance by the Belles wasn’t enough to top Adrian as Saint Mary’s dropped another MIAA contest 75-55. The loss dropped the Belles to last place in the league.

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**Norman has life-long love of basketball**

By MOLLY McVOY

Saint Mary’s Editor

When Julie Norman gets tired from juggling her internship, basketball practice and a full class load, she thinks of the last line of a poem her friend gave to her: “We are what few can claim—college athletes.”

“That poem just means a lot to me; it fits me,” said Norman, the lone senior on the Belles’ basketball team. “I mean, I’m not out there for the recognition or because I’m trying to move on or because I’m here on full scholarship. I’m out there because I love the game.”

For Norman, basketball has always been one of the things that she focuses on. In her earliest basketball days, Norman and her best friend were the only two girls in a YMCA league. They played together on the same team during the first grade.

“One of my friends still remembers pushing me down from that goodies,” she said. “He still apologizes because he thought I hated him.”

With three sisters and a father who played basketball, Norman was bound to be involved in the sport.

“My dad always jokes about having four girls and how he turned us around about having four girls and how he turned us all into athletes,” Norman said.

That love of the game carries on to the court where Norman plays with intensity and drive, according to Susan Smith, Norman’s coach.

“Julie is definitely a leader,” Smith said. “She brings a lot of intensity to the court. She’s very focused.”

“My style of play is to be aggressive,” Norman said. “I like to make things happen by being aggressive and taking it to the other team. There’s no sense in just sitting there.”

**Julie Norman dribbles at a recent Belles practice. She is the lone senior on the squad.**
In 1996, the Notre Dame Women's Water Polo team was one of the original members of what would eventually become the Midwestern division of the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA). Although the women's team still scrimmages with the men's team once a week in the winter, the women's team has improved substantially since the team's inception.

Senior captain Lisa Thomas attributes the program's success to the fact that "water polo has gotten a lot more serious in the Midwest." "It's pretty amazing," said Coughlin, who coaches the women's team. "Before, we had to teach everybody everything, now there are a lot of girls who've played in high school." When Thomas joined the team in 1997, between 8-12 women traveled with the team to weekend tournaments. The number varied greatly from week to week because most of the players were not committed to the team and did not attend practice on a regular basis. Thomas claims that when she attended her first water polo tournament, the number of participants was limited, and most of the players were not committed to the team and did not attend practice on a regular basis.

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Irish return to Starkville, look to open 2001 with success

By NOAH AMSTADER
Assistant Sports Editor

Kicking off what looks to be a magical season for the Irish baseball team, the Irish head to Mississippi State on a magic bus. Notre Dame flies from Chicago to Memphis today, then takes a high-tech bus from Memphis to Starkville, Miss., where they will take part in a weekend tournament. The bus comes equipped with Direct TV and data ports, providing luxury for the four-hour drive.

"It's unbelievable," said junior center-fielder Steve Stanley. "This guy that drives it his name is Everrett. He really treats us first-class. It's a great time.

Notre Dame opens its season Saturday against New Orleans in the same stadium where they ended their season last year. 2001 marks the first year in Notre Dame history that they open the season in the same stadium the previous season ended.

Taking on New Orleans has a special meaning for the Irish. Starkville, Miss., is Everrett's home. So, the Irish take on the host Bulldogs again at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Bush in a revamped Notre Dame squad. The team went 9-25 last year and won the Sun Belt conference. However, the Privaders return only nine letter winners. The Irish, on the other hand, return seven of nine starters from a 2000 squad that went 48-18 and was only one win away from the College World Series.

Tommy John surgery that sidelined him early in his career. Tamayo pitched a three-hit shutout over Mississippi State in the NCAA Regionals last season.

The Irish offense returns seven starters — including two dangerous offensive weapons in senior shortstop Alec Porzel and sophomore shortstop Brian Stavisky. Porzel led the team with 58 runs-batted-in while Stavisky. Porzel led the team with 58 runs-batted-in while Stavisky slugged a team-high 14 home runs.

Junior Paul O'Toole and the offense will be looked upon to add speed to the Irish offense. O'Toole provided strong defense behind the plate and stealing eight home runs.

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The Irish face an uphill battle this weekend, as they take on two teams that have the advantage of year-round warm weather to practice outdoors. Stanley considers Notre Dame's familiarity with Starkville will make up for any disadvantage in practice time.

"Going back to Starkville is going to help us, playing in a place we're familiar with," Stanley said. "We've got seven starters in the lineup that started last season. We've got a great pitching staff. I don't think not being outside is going to hurt us too much."

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Big East Women's Swimming and Diving Championships

Irish hold slim lead, break three school records

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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UNIONDALE, N.Y.
With 50 yards of freestyle left to go in the women's 200-yard individual medley, it appeared as if the duel between Notre Dame Marie Labosky and Miami's Jen Weir would be decided by fractions of a second.

After all, Labosky had pushed off the wall a mere three hundredths of a second ahead of the Irish in fourth after the first day of competition. Notre Dame has 184 points, followed by Miami, who has 176 points. Labosky broke Tanya Williams' 1990 mark, which was the oldest record remaining at Notre Dame.

"I felt worse [in the finals] than this morning," she said. "I'm a distance swimmer and I knew I could bring it home. I get touched out in the end so much, and I just thought 'I'm not going to let that happen this time.'"

The four members of the women's 400-yard medley relay team were the only other Irish swimmers to win an event, shattering the school record.

"They had a great time, and they even did it without Carrie Nixon, who is not competing because of an injury," he said.

The Irish completely dominated the 400-yard individual medley. In the preliminaries, both Labosky and freshman Lisa Garcia swam NCAA provisional qualifying times. In the finals, Garcia took fourth and D'Olier placed eighth.

Tiffany O'Brien won the consolation finals, while Laurie Musgrave and Lloyd took sixth and seventh. In all, Notre Dame scored 60 points in this event.

Senior captain Lisa Thomas passed the ball to a teammate after making a save at the Collegiate Club Nationals in Tucson, Arizona last May. The team placed seventh at the tournament.

Women's Water Polo

Notre Dame's fledgling squad looks to make a splash

In the spring of 1995, Mary Sundy, Bridgid Fitzpatrick and Katie McLoyd approached Brian Coughlin, then the captain of the men's water polo team and currently the rector of Carroll Hall, with a simple request: They wanted their own game; they were tired of playing with the men.

Although there had been women playing with the guys' team for a few years, there were never quite enough to form a separate team. However, by 1995, a handful of women were coming to practice consistently.

Coughlin agreed, but with one stipulation: there would have to be nine women at practice every night for two weeks. Then he would get them a game.

Amazingly, 14 women attended practice every night for three weeks. True to his promise, Coughlin called a fellow captain at Bowling Green State University and they set up a tournament between four Midwestern teams.

The original squad, comprised of nine women from Notre Dame and one from Saint Mary's, went to the tournament and proved to be far better than the other women's teams, having practiced with guys for so long.

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Baseballs, New Orleans at Mississippi State Saturday, 10 a.m.
Softball at Holiday Inn Invitational today - Sunday