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By JASON McFARLEY

A memory: It is a cold February night in the days prior to Notre Dame's 2001 student body presidential election. In between leading Student Senate meetings, studying and running an ambitious campaign for student body president, Brooke Norton makes her way from her third-floor Walsh Hall room to the nearby Grotto. She lights a candle, and amid thoughtful prayer and reflection, the current student body vice president, considers the University's namesake — Notre Dame du Lac, translated "our lady of the lake."

"I was thinking about Mary as the patron of our school," she said. "I kept wondering if the time was right for a woman to take the top leadership role at Mary's university."

The answer came just days later — and some three decades after the University first admitted women — when Norton was elected Notre Dame's first female student body president. Norton and running mate Brian Moscona emerged as the clear leader in a six-way primary race on Feb. 12, and on Friday the pair captured 56 percent of run-off election votes, defeating the Ryan Becker-Nikki McCord ticket.

Norton's victory makes her the first vice president to win the presidency since Dennis Etienne succeeded to the post of president in 1973.

And while her election signals the end of what Norton admits was an exhausting balancing act of juggling campaign responsibilities with current duties, it may also mark the beginning of challenges for her over mixed student expectations and personal reservations.

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Student Reactions

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Thank you ...

My mom is a firm believer that angels enter our lives to help us wade through rough waters. I never took her seriously, until now. This weekend was hell. I found myself in the all too familiar surroundings of Saint Joe's ER. The smell of the oder remains a blur. I was hooked up to machines and dealing with a mixture of other drugs and professionals. But out of the blue, a young man went from being another passing face to someone whom I knew by name—just because he took the time to care.

This was a person who wasn't being paid and more than anyone else was nameless to others in the high paced ER. He wanted to be noticed, and he is to whom I attribute my current state to volunteer. Realize that you will be a good doctor, and you will be a great doctor because you take the time to care.

To the young man who left worrying about all the bad things he witnessed that evening: know that no other drug can claim that you calmed fears and reassured hope. You gave them more than just a coloring book.

To the young man who offered my worried buds a drink and remembered that I said yes, thank you. Sometimes stickers offer a relief to pain besides candy and coloring books as they waited in textbooks.

To the young man who asked questions instead of assuming, I admire your ability to grasp knowledge. From the thoughts, words, actions and deeds of those of The Observer.

To the young man who asked me if I wanted a picture from pornographic magazines.

To the young man who offered his Russian language skills on his application, now called the Kellogg Graduate School of Management. He is accused of spying for more than three years in exchange for $600,000 in cash and diamonds and $800,000 placed in an offshore account. Hanssen, 56, was arrested Sunday night in suburban Virginia after he was spotted nearby that they say was intended for Hanssen.

Student's murder trial continues

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OUTSIDE THE DOME

Fraternity return to LSU stirs controversy

Baton Rouge, La.

As Kappa Sigma fraternity recruits new members to restart the chapter at Louisiana State University, some students are concerned the old chapter's ways will resurface, damaging the reputation of the Greek community and the university. However, other students believe the fraternity earned the right to start fresh with a new group of recruits and a more dedicated national chapter.

The majority suspended the fraternity's recognition as a student organization in March 1998 after issuing several violations at its annual barnyard party, including cruelty to Animals, hazing and underage drinking.

Sara McMorris, a student staff member at the Women's Center, said a freshman sorority member came to the Center after the fraternity's barnyard party in 1998.

"If that had happened I would know."

Annual tourney honors deceased ND student

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

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Berchou said the senate did not want to put specific times or days on the referendum in case negotiations had to occur.
"The victory is going to come on the weeknights," Berchou said. "We'll see if we can win this battle before we take on more."
In other senate news:
♦ At the senate's February 14 meeting, the Residence Life Committee announced that St. Edward's senator Seth Whetzel was elected co-chair of the committee.
♦ Meg Julian was unanimously approved as a member to the Judicial Council Executive Council.
♦ Andrew Oxenreiter was nominated as 2001-2002 assistant Student Union treasurer.
♦ St. Edward's senator Seth Whetzel was elected as a senator member to the Campus Life Council.
♦ The Student Union Board presented nominations for next year's officers: Paul Kivickas as board manager, Kathleen Hammond as director of programming, Jacqueline Gelzheiser as director of operations, Gabriel Brown as director of creativity and Melissa Kane as chief controller.

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**World News Briefs**

**Brazil inmates end prison riot:** Rebellion ended in a Brazilian penitentiary released seven hostages on Wednesday, ending a riot that began one day after police quelled the biggest prison rebellion in the nation's history. The latest uprising broke out Tuesday when six prisoners at the Pirajui Penitentiary, 210 miles northwest of Sao Paulo, overwhelmed guards in the exercise yard and forced them to open the prison's cells, the Sao Paulo state prison administration department said.

Kennedy priest to import AIDS drug: Expanding an international campaign to make AIDS drugs affordable in the poorest nations, an American priest working with HIV-positive orphans in Kenya said Wednesday he planned to import cheap, generic medicines from India.

**National News Briefs**

Oregon law helps end lives: As Oregon reports that 27 terminally ill people used the state's assisted suicide law to end their lives last year, one of the state's senators urged some Republicans may try again to undo the ordinary means to overturn Oregon's law, "compel the federal government to pursue extra-

There is no evidence of a crisis that would 

Recent reports have instead insisted that the country is not facing an HIV crisis because of the high number of people living with HIV/AIDS, the senator said in a statement.

Neither Hillary nor I had any knowledge of 

The senator, who is running for re-election, said at least 12 people were lightly 

Associated Press

**Indiana News Briefs**

Government delays time zone resolution: Prospects for the adoption of daylight-saving time in Indiana appear to be dimming. Lawmakers haven't even been able to reach a consensus on a compromise measure that would explore moving the state from the Eastern to the Central time zone. Members of the House Public Policy Committee on Wednesday postponed voting on a resolution that asks the federal government to study whether all of Indiana could move to the Central time zone.

**Europe News Briefs**

Students march on U.S. Embassy: Students march on the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad as they gather to protest recent U.S.-British air raids in Baghdad. At least four students were injured in the protest, which was held near the U.S. Embassy in the Green Zone of Baghdad.

**Market Watch**

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**Lebanon News Briefs**

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Associated Press

U.S. officials said at least 12 people were lightly injured.

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Dillon Hall Senator Brendan Dowdall said Norton’s position as vice president legitimized her as a presidential candidate.

"I thought she was the best qualified for the office. As vice president, I’m sure she gained a lot of experience in working with University administrators and other student government officials," said Dowdall, a senior.

He said Norton’s gender did not play a role in his decision to vote for her, but other students said gender was a determining factor.

Sophomore Erin Harridge said electing a female student body president was an important step for the University.

"Before I voted, I considered the gender of the candidates," she said. "I thought voting for Brooke would move us in the right direction."

Harridge expressed some concerns, however, about Norton completing the same programs and services as the current administration.

"Looking at her as vice president now and as president in the future, it seems like Brooke’s presidency might only be a continuation of the current one," Harridge said.

Dowdall did not share her doubts.

Norton’s own concerns Harridge’s worries are nothing Norton hasn’t heard before.

"Many people may think that everything’s going to stay the same, but there are going to be changes," she said.

Norton said she plans to keep current programs that have proven successful and implement innovative new ideas. She said the Office of the President only has one year to make significant changes, and she’s at an advantage because she can continue working on present projects and add new ones.

"There’s still a lot of things that we need to improve in student life. One thing I’d like to do is help students serve others and begin thinking with their hearts," she said.

But Norton also has some very personal concerns about taking office, among them that being the first female president will place increased pressure on her. According to Norton, her election puts her in a position in which she must be competent in order to prove to others that a woman can do the job as well as a man.

Norton said she also feels somewhat obligated to tackle such so-called women’s issues as campus safety, gender relations and eating disorders.

"I think anyone should be paying close attention to those issues," she said. "Maybe as a woman I have more of an acute sense of these issues, but that doesn’t make them any easier to solve.”

Learning the ropes When she arrived on campus almost three years ago, the now-20-year-old Norton did not envision herself becoming the first female student body president. But Norton’s own concerns Norton’s new colleague, vice president-elect Brian Moscona, agreed.

As the current sophomore class president, Moscona said he has also been impressed with Norton’s leadership skills.

"Brooke’s great with people. I really believe in her," he said. "She has a lot of great ideas, and she’s a phenomenal leader.”

Ready to take office According to Norton, people have asked about her intentions almost a year ago and waited until winter break in the 2000 election.

"This year has seen Brooke in leadership as much as me. She’s exhibited an amazing devotion to the student body," said O’Donoghue, a senior.

Norton’s election puts her in a position in which she must be competent in order to prove to others that a woman can do the job as well as a man.

But it was well worth the effort, Norton said, crediting her victory to students who trust her abilities and experience and to a supportive body of family, friends and campaign workers.

"It’s amazing to have the honor of being elected student body president of Notre Dame," she said. "To see the smiles on people’s faces and to hear the words of congratulations because of the election ... it’s a good feeling.”

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Body Image Awareness Week

"Making Weight: Men’s & Women’s Conflicts with Food, Weight, Shape & Appearance" Leigh Cohn, Author

Sunday, Feb. 25 7pm 101 DeBartolo

Body Image Awareness Fair

Monday & Tuesday, Feb. 26 & 27 10-4 Dooley, La Fortune

Eating Concerns Survey 2000: “The student response”

Monday, Feb. 26 7pm Center for Social Concerns

“What to say. Tips for talking with a struggling friend”

Wednesday, Feb. 28 5:30 Montgomery, La Fortune

“Developing a Healthy Lifestyle without the Quick Fix”

Judy Molnar - Founder of Rosie O’Donnell’s “Chub Club”

Thursday, March 1 7pm 153 DeBartolo

“Are you a perfectionist? Can self-acceptance be that bad?”

Friday, March 2 11am RM 309, Counseling Center

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SOS talk attempts to debunk sexual assault myths

By KRISTEN FITZPATRICK

Sex Offense Services (SOS) representative Lynn Bradford attempted to demystify procedures surrounding the report of a sexual assault Wednesday in the hope that increasing awareness will lead to further discussion and reporting.

According to Bradford, one in three women and one in 10 men will be a victim of sexual assault in their lifetimes, with one in seven women being assaulted during college. She also said that the consumption of alcohol is a large factor in most sexual assaults and rapes, with 90 percent on-campus rapes involving alcohol.

"We handle about 30 cases a month," said Bradford. "Those are the only reported cases. It's vital that we get these issues out in the open so that women are not afraid to talk about (the assault) if it happens to them."

Bradford emphasized the importance about telling the truth about rape.

"It's important that we get a positive message out there," she said. "It's important that everyone knows that rape is a crime of violence, of power and control and not about sex. It's important that sexual assault victims know that it was not their fault and that they are not less of a person because of it."

Bradford brought in a rape kit and explained what would happen to a woman when she was brought to the hospital as a victim. The evidence collection starts with the woman placing a large cloth on the floor and undressing on it so that any debris from her clothing or herself can be collected.

The nurse will take her underewear and most likely the rest of her clothing for DNA collection. Finally, blood will be taken and a shot will be given to protect against other sexually transmitted diseases.

Bradford said that a good percentage of the advocates from SOS are Notre Dame or Saint Mary's students. The advocates present stressed the importance of getting help soon after being sexually assaulted, adding that one will not be punished for a partial or voluntary act. If the assault occurs under one of these circumstances, SOS is the rape crisis center for St. Joseph County. They provide confidential support for victims and their families, as well as a 24-hour hotline for support at any time.

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SMC trustees to meet today, Friday

By KATIE MILLER

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees will meet on campus today and Friday to discuss topics ranging from student life to the Master Plan. The agenda includes reports on the Master Plan, the Strategic plan and student committees, according to Molly Kahn, student representative to the Board of Trustees.

Thursday's activities will consist of committee meetings where Saint Mary's students will be present.

"I have worked with the chair of the Committee on Student Life and the administration to design the agenda for the meeting. I am also a member of the Committee on Mission," said Kahn. "Other Saint Mary's College students serve on the Committee on Student Life, the Committee on Education, the Committee on Finance and Budget, the Committee on College Relations and the Committee on Mission."

In addition to committee meetings today, each Trustee will eat with an assigned student at Noble Family Dining Hall.

"This is an exciting opportunity for students to speak once on one with a trustee in order to share their ideas and concerns for Saint Mary's," said Kahn. "The trustees are always interested in student opinions, so this is a good chance for both parties."

On Friday, full Board meetings will take place. Important topics at these meetings will include the working style of the Board. The Board has recently been focusing on issues of fundraising for the Master Plan," said Kahn. "Also, the Board has been giving input on the Strategic Plan and working on further developing the working style of the Board."

This is the second time the Board of Trustees has met this school year.
WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22 - 28

- 2/23: Friday, 101.155, DeBartolo 1030PM.
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Acousticafe.
- 2/22: Thursday, LaFortune Huddle 0900PM-1200AM.

Blood Drive.
- 2/22: Thursday, RSRC 0900AM-0300PM.

Christmas in April Sign ups.
- 2/22: Thursday, Lafun and Reckers 1100-0200PM, 0300-0800PM.

Bengal Bouts - preliminaries.
- 2/22: Thursday, JACC 0730PM.

"The Winter's Tale" performed by Actors from the London Stage.
- 2/22: Thursday, Snite Auditorium 0730PM.

"It's All True."
- 2/23: Friday, Snite 0730PM.

Celebration of "Carnaval!"
- 2/23: Friday, LaFun Ballroom 0300PM.

"12 Angry Men"
- 2/23: Friday, Moreau Seminary Aud 0800PM.

Sorin Formal; Badin Dance; Howard Dance; Dillon Formal; Engineering Ball.
- 2/23: Friday, Snite Mestrovic Gallery 0800PM.

ND Men’s Tennis vs Northwestern.
- 2/24: Saturday, Eck Tennis Pavilion 0800PM.

Zahm Winter Carnival.
- 2/24: Saturday, North Quad 0800PM.

ND Women's B-ball vs. Georgetown.
- 2/24: Saturday, JACC 0800PM.

ND Men/Women’s Swimming Shamrock Classic.
- 2/24: Saturday, Roll's Aquatic Ctr 0800PM.

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- 2/25: Sunday, Basilica 0800PM.

26 Bengal Bouts - Quarterfinals.
- 2/26: Monday, JACC 0800PM.

Zahm December Dance; O’Neill Mardi Gras.
- 2/26: Sunday, Snite 0800PM.

Justin Braumbaugh Memorial 3 on 3 b-ball tournament.
- 2/26: Sunday, Stepan Ctr 0800PM.

Ash Wednesday; Latin Film Series movie - TBA.
- 2/28: Wednesday, Hesburgh Auditorium 0800PM.

Bengal Bouts - Semi-finals.
- 2/28: Wednesday, JACC 0800PM.

Tickets: $2.

WEEK OF MARCH 1 - 7

All day Collegiate Jazz Band Festival.
- 3/1: Thursday, LaFun Ballroom 0700PM.

ND Concert Band and ND Symphony Orchestra Winter Concert.
- 3/1: Thursday, Washington Hall 0700PM.

Movies: Unbreakable. The Sixth Sense.
- 3/2: Thursday, 101.155, DeBartolo 1030PM.

Blood Drive.
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Hogestadt Dance.
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Sophomore Class Retreat Day 1.
- 3/2: Saturday, 07 Lewis Block Party, 0400 - 0700PM.

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April.
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- 0600PM: 02 Alumni Processional, 0400 - 0700PM.
- 0700PM: 03 Lewis Chicken Run, 0400 - 0700PM.
- 0700PM: 04 Alumni Wake.
- 0700PM: 05 Lewis Crush.
- 0700PM: 06 Badin Block Party, 0400 - 0700PM.
- 0700PM: 07 Sorin Dance.
- 0700PM: 08 Walsh Formal.
- 0700PM: 09 Carroll Hall Fusic Festival, 1200 - 0700PM.
- 0700PM: 10 Howard Concert, South Quad 0400 - 0700PM.
- 0700PM: 11 Fisher Regatta, 0200 - 0500PM.
- 0700PM: 12 Pangborn/Fisher Dance.
LOS ANGELES

Veteran rockers U2 and Steely Dan, and country singer Faith Hill stole some of the Grammy spotlight Wednesday from Eminem, whose angry lyrics entangled the ceremonies in controversy.

Steely Dan, who won their first three Grammys, earned the year's honor of the prestigious first three Grammys, won best R&B album and his song, "Unreal (How Does It Feel)", best R&B male artist performance, best R&B song, best R&B album and best R&B performance by a group.

Hill's "Breeze" won best country vocal performance and her duet with her husband, Tim McGraw, won best country collaboration with vocals. She also won best country album.

The two of the fired members of Destiny's Child could have appeared on stage with the trio when they picked up their two Grammys, but did not. Lead singer Beyonce Knowles briefly alluded to the group's lineup drama when she thanked her fellow nominees, promised to keep their Grammys - criticized for being "inappropriate," said U2's Bono, who said fellow nominee Macy Gray and others should share the band's award. "I'm completely not used to it."

"It's a very unique emotion," said Hill. "I'm feeling it now. I think it's called humility."

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Over the past several years, the Grammys — criticized for being "inappropriate," said U2's Bono, who said fellow nominee Macy Gray and others should share the band's award. "I'm completely not used to it."

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Remove the “Trojan Horse”

While flipping through my roommate’s issue of Notre Dame Magazine, I recently learned of the statute of Mary dedicated to victims of abortion by the Knights of Columbus. Sad to say, I was not shocked by such a display of insensitivity, deliberately manipulation and the current backlash against women. It’s what I have grown to expect.

Now, I’m not concerned that the Knights of Columbus are somehow going to gain the power to revoke my or any woman’s right to choose. What I am concerned about are the many women who must walk by that statue every single day and face judgement by their own school. Loose as any one may be to admit it, there are many, many women on campus who have had abortions. I for one believe they should not be ostracized nor should those who believe in choice.

I ask Pro-Lifeers at Notre Dame, specifically the Knights of Columbus, to remember that women who have abortions don’t do it for entertainment value. It’s not a Sunday walk in the park, my friends, it’s a violating and shattering experience, one I wish were unnecessary. A focus on assisting women instead of abusing them might give a little more credence to any Notre Dame Pro-Life’s stance. Unfortunately, these women are forced into the mold of baby-killers, manipulative language if I ever heard it.

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How can I be proud of my degree? How can I reconcile my beliefs with a school that denies my beliefs? Please, remember the other innocent victims of abortion and if you have any humanity whatsoever, stop victimizing them.

Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillece
New York, New York
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The dating game with a dwarf

There’s a Federico Fellini film in which a character, over his failings with the ladies, climbs a tree and refuses to come down. When his family tries to coax him down from the tree, he answers, “I need a woman.” When they climb a ladder to get him down, he throws stones at them, then shouts, “I need a woman!” It’s an absurd scene, but, watching it, I thought immediately of gender relations at Notre Dame.

Of course, I grant that some of us here are in healthy relationships, the kind that run deeper than Notre Dame’s peculiar mating dance involving formal, a useless gift and a fifth of beer. For the rest of us, it’s awfully cold outside during this Valentine’s Day hangover, with supermarkets still hocking stale chocolate and dead flowers.

This is why I thought it might prove beneficial to explore a few gaffs common to courtship. Along the way, I’ll try to provide ways to avoid these types of disasters. And as a result, if this column instigates one meaningful relationship or even one future random hookup at a freshman piss party in Lavin, I’ll take liberation in that. So, if you sit by yourself with your favorite Austin Powers sound track in South Dining Hall and I suspect you do, I urge you to take out a pen and paper.

Many of courtship’s relationships are dependent on dialogue. They always have been except for the silent movie era, when pick-up lines were pronounced. Nowadays, unless you’re at The Bucker, you must have her on the line. Let’s analyze some routine discourse.

Him: Hello, I’m Steve.
Her: Hi, I’m Suzie.

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Him: How are you doing?
Her: Not too bad. My father works at a faucet company in Boston.

Great. Steve and Suzie have established a rapport and Suzie has offered up a topic of conversation. Steve can go on for hours about this father-faucet-Gary information. I expect good things for this couple. Unfortunately, most encounters don’t run this smoothly.

Say, for instance, a month from now, a different guy, let’s call him Ben, on Suzie.

Ben: Hi, I’m Ben. What’s your name?
Suzie: Suzie, but my boyfriend calls me Sue.

Okay. A little painful for Ben, but the message is clearly sent and Ben and Suzie will go their separate ways. Ben may cry a little on the inside, but on the outside he will most likely just play more Goldeneye. Believe me, there are more ways to lose things.

Consider Kelly.

Ben: Hi, Kelly.
Kelly: Hello.

Ben: How are you?
Kelly: My boyfriend is not you.

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The dating game with a dwarf is perhaps the coolest name ever (and (2) the relationship is founded on fallacy. Knowing you want in a serious relationship is for the other person to find out who you really are. Truth and love are like PLS majors; they will never complement each other. It’s true. My uncle was once married a fake robot and has never realized it. Theirs is the most harmonious relationship I’ve ever seen.

Uncle Vito, if I remember correctly, is the name of the Fellini character straddling himself in the tree and I know you’re dying to find out what happens to him. It’s quite predictable, actually. A dwarf run climbs up the ladder and coaxes him out of the tree. And, if you’ll allow me to wax sentimental for a moment, isn’t that what each of us is really waiting for, a dwarf run to convince us down from our tree of loneliness? I know in my fantasy, for instance, it’s not an Italian dwarf run but a 5’9” French maid and she’s not coaxing me out of a tall maple, but tying me to a piano. But these insignificant details.

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**Flying the evil skies**

Amy Schill

Dazed and Amused

Whether one is a stand-up comic or a humanCivilian, he comes a time in every aspir­ing funny person's life when bohie must face the greatest fear of all: Lack of material. When the humor does not find the proper audience at the right time, it can cause the performer to lose confidence and become discouraged. Unfortunately, because of a certain flight attendant's diligent effort to keep the classes apart, I was able to yell, "I am the bough man!" at only one snotty old woman before being escorted back to coach.

Finally, someone found the fuel receipt and we took off. Realizing I would probably miss my connection, I decided to find happiness in food, consuming roughly 18 Bistro Bites. On the plane I could make my South Bend flight if I ran. However, TWA had sold 53,060 tickets. A good flight and distrested, I had a brief conversation with the woman at the counter.

Me: But flight the plane still there?

Random TWA minion on whom I choose to blame all of my problems: The plane is still but the flight is full.

Me (waving my boarding pass frantically): But I have a ticket.

TWA woman: Yes, but we're overbooked.

Me: But if I pay for a ticket shouldn't I expect to get a seat?

TWA woman: In a perfect world maybe.

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And so it goes. TWA may be on its way out, but there are others out there waiting to take our money and our souls. Without a ticket...

An eagle's eye on parietals

It's a little unusual that I am writing to The Observer since I have no real affiliation with Notre Dame, but on a recent trip to your University, I was bothered enough by one of the school's policies to compose this letter. My complaint has to do with a term that is familiar to everyone at Notre Dame. Most students here have three options; suicide, drop out or significant other in competition for your last tournament to watch Pete Ryan, who has been winning the veterans who boxes with precision and out of support for his six weeks of training to the oldest of all the school's policies to compose this letter.

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Sometimes when all the planets are aligned, the young man spilling his blood to fill the mouths of children he will never know. At the end of the night, we invite you to put your hands togeth­er for the fighters who fought a brave battle, not against each other, but against Bangladeshi poverty.

Joshua Thompson

Brian Hubbard
Co-President

Notre Dame Boxing Club

February 21, 2001

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Watch the Bouts, support Bangladesh

Tonight, many Notre Dame stu­dents are going to mix it up. Tonight, punches will be thrown and noses bloodied, but don't be too worried about it. At the end of the fight, the students will embrace their bet­ter friends than when they began.

Tonight, one of the greatest tradi­tions on the Notre Dame campus, The Bengal Bouts, will begin.

The Bouts are an offset of Knute Rockne's boxing program that under the management of Dominic "Nappy" Napolitano took on a charitable goal. They have been a fixture on this campus for 71 years and have seen 15,000 to $7,000 to our brothers and sisters in Bangladesh.

There are plenty of reasons to attend the Bengal Bouts over the next week. Come to hear the outra­geous nicknames people come up with. Watch why a roommate or significant other in competition with you is the most fascinating thing to watch. Come to attend the Bengal Bouts over the next week.

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Chris Rock’s “Down to Earth” should

By JEFFREY Q. IRISH
Scene Movie Critic

Chris Rock is a sell out. With “Down to Earth,” he has made a PG-13 rated comedy for the masses.

How ironic is it that just last week on MTV’s “Diary” he verbally assaulted a record store clerk for selling him a censored version of Jay-Z’s “The Dynasty.” And then went out and attempted to make a kiddie movie about his explicit it comedy routine? “Down to Earth” looked like it had potential. The TV spots advertised the combination of two of today’s funniest people — Rock and Eugene Levy (“American Pie”). So making fun of the difference between blacks and whites?

This has been the overriding theme of much of Rock’s stand-up routines and it’s easy to see how “American Pie” directors Chris and Paul Weitz would be interested.

The movie starts out with Rock as an average comedian trying to earn one of four coveted amateur spots to play in a sold out crowd at the Apollo theatre. It has been his dream since he was a kid and it is the only thing that he has ever wanted to do.

Then one day he is riding his bike, is hit by a truck and dies. After his death, he is quickly sent to heaven where he meets his guardian angel (Levy). It just so happens that Levy made a mistake and Rock wasn’t supposed to die.

In order to make up for this, Rock is allowed to return to earth and is given his choice of bodies of people who are dead, but have not yet been discovered.

After some consideration, he chooses the body of the 15th richest man in the world. Charles Wellington, a white, health industry tycoon (there comes the comedy).

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Chris Rock co-wrote and stars in “Down to Earth,” a remake of Warren Beatty’s “Heaven Can Wait.” Chris and Paul Weitz, who scored with “American Pie,” try their hand at broader comedy.

Cult director Sam Raimi brings visual flair to an otherworldly setting. The film as a whole just seems a little too similar to Thompson’s debut effort, “Sling Blade.” “Blade” seems to leave a residue on much of the “Gift’s” similar terms of setting and characters.

While such setting and characters work well in a drama, they just seem to bog down the horror aspects.

If Raimi wants to write a horror movie or a thriller, he has to escape some of the trappings of “Sling Blade” and extend himself.

However, none of these flaws make the film any less worthy in terms of what it is. It delivers thrills and does it competently with a certain amount of visual flair.

Although there are elements that keep it from excelling in a more general scope, it fits nicely into its niche.

“The Gift” is much more enjoyable than many other horror films or thrillers that have been released lately. It displays artistic maturity and it certainly surpasses the vast amount of teen thrillers that seem to have been filling the area of suspense films since the success of Wes Craven’s “Scream.”

“The Gift” is a glimpse of something better and leaves much to be expected from Raimi’s next project, in which he will bring the Spider-Man comic book series to the big screen.

The story focuses on Annie, a gas station mechanic with psychological problems, and Kevin Balsford (Valerie Baskdale) a timid victim of her husband’s domestic abuse. Indeed, Valerie’s husband, Donnie (Keau Reeves), is threatening Annie because she has been advising Valerie to leave him.

Eventually, Annie becomes engulfed in a murder mystery when popular town socialite, Jessica King (Katie Holmes), turns up dead. Annie’s visions lead police to find Jessica’s body in Donnie’s pond. Now she must use her gift to help unravel the truth behind the murder, all while protecting herself and her family.

Solving the mystery is a thoroughly enjoyable ride, however, the superlatives should have stop there.

Raimi’s talent is evident, he creates some great visual elements that demonstrate artistic flair beyond just throwing gore on the camera lens (a technique grossly overused in recent horror flicks). He also demonstrates a good sense of suspense by pacing the important moments of the film well.

However, although the direction holds the film together as an above average scary movie, the rest of the elements never really extend themselves.

A number of “big name” stars compose the cast, but they never do anything remarkable. Cate Blanchett has done much better work in other films (“Elizabeth,” in particular); Hilary Swank exhibited more talent as being an abused redhead in “Boys Don’t Cry.” Katie Holmes has trouble escaping her television persona, and Kevin Reeves, well, he is probably extending himself as far as he can go, which has never been very far.

But the unremarkable performance cannot be blamed solely on the actors. In fact, they are less to blame than the script, written by Billy Bob Thornton (director of “All the Pretty Horses”) and Tom Epperson. One is hard pressed to imagine what else the actors could have done with such thinly developed characters.

Indeed, a whole aspect of the story involving Libbie’s character is somewhat unnecessary and makes the film drag at the mid-way point. Also, the script falls outside of the characterization. For example, the setting of the film, the swamps of the South, is rather perfunctory and has been used before in other efforts.

While Raimi utilizes this setting effectively, the film could have been more dynamic had it gone outside its rather conventional setting.

The movie starts out with Donnie as a simple village boy who is dead, but have not yet been discovered. He is told he has to escape some of the world’s dead, but have not yet been discovered.

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hoped to profit from this action and was planning on kicking the poor sick people out onto the street.

Rock sees that what the tyrant was doing to the poor people of Brooklyn is wrong and quickly uses his comic skills and newfound wealth to become a philanthropist and win the heart of Suntee.

One of the many problems with "Down to Earth" is that the film is credited to six writers: Warren Beatty (the director), Rock, Elaine May, King and Eugene Levy and Louis CK. Anytime there are numerous writers it is hard to see the original vision. Throughout the film, there are times when Rock has to hide his style of corny, edgy in favor of something more bland. It just doesn't fit.

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out of five shamrocks

Director: Chris and Paul Weitz
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"Down to Earth"

"Waking the Dead," though, is Fielding's own emotional ghost story about a man's visions of his dead girlfriend. Billy Crudup (right) and Jennifer Connelly star in "Waking the Dead," an emotional ghost story about a man's visions of his dead girlfriend.

Video Pick of the Week

Emotionally intense 'Dead' touches a raw nerve

By Matt Nania
Some Movie Editor

Absolutely gripping from its first frame, "Waking the Dead" begins in 1974 with a young Fielding Pierce (Billy Crudup) being torn apart from the inside out as he watches news coverage of a car-bombing that killed his peace activist girlfriend (Jennifer Connelly).

Although the movie has yet to reveal any thing discernible about these two people, simply watching Crudup shake uncontrollably in an eruption of tears is enough to take hold of your empathy through the heartbreak and borderline dementia that consume him throughout the story's decade span.

"Waking the Dead," which opened back in March 2000, is an eerie, enigmatic, intellectually romantic tragedy about a rising politician haunted by memories of his murdered love. Adapted from the novel by Scott Spencer and directed by Keith Gordon ("A Midsummer Night's Dream"), engrossing film is masterful in putting us inside Fielding's broken-mirror mind.

Sliding back and forward effortlessly between time periods, "Waking the Dead" tracks both Fielding's cerebral and spiritual romance with Sarah (Connelly) in the years before her death, and his growing obsession with seeing visions of her 10 years later as he's being groomed for a seat in congress.

From '72-'74, Fielding is a determined idealist, building a devoted relationship with Sarah, who has dedicated herself to a sanctuary movement in war-torn Chile. Turned on by each other's intellects and convictions, Crudup and Connelly powerfully portray a realistic screen love presence. Their flirting, their philosophical give-and-take and even their arguments are electric and absorbing.

Without Sarah to keep him grounded, by 1982 Fielding has become a district attorney, hand-picked by the governor to run in a special election for a senator's abandoned office.

Now colder and almost perfunctory, he's on the verge of losing his soul to the political machine when he begins having visions of Sarah that shake him to his core and threaten his sanity.

To call this movie a love story is a little limiting. The heart of the film is the relationship between the two leads, but the real focus is Crudup's character and the motions he takes in dealing with that relationship. Fielding is about to become everything he's always wanted to be: a leader, someone who can make a difference, someone who stands for something.

But, under the glare of the microscope, his past starts to haunt him. He keeps seeing the woman he hit, the woman who has never been able to let go of the woman who died 10 years ago.

With each apparition, his world begins to unravel. His mind takes him deeper and deeper into the past, until he can't tell whether he's self-destructing or finally coming to truth and closure.

Normally, films progress from A to Z. But "Waking the Dead" jumps back and forth across a 10-year gap, and each period informs the other. In seeing Fielding later and seeing how he's changed since losing Sarah, we care about him much more. Going back and seeing these earlier love scenes has a great deal of poignancy and depth. It adds an extra layer of power because every time the story goes back to look at that scene, we know about the future.

Not only does Gordon have confidence in his storytelling abilities, but he also has enough confidence in Crudup to let his under-appreciated actor take his character to exhaustive depths of grief and delusion.

Gordon does the same for Connelly, who is finally given an opportunity to play a character of real substance (much like her role in "Requiem for a Dream," only without the supernatural trappings). Here she gives the best performance of her career.

"Waking the Dead," though, is Fielding's story, and Crudup, who's in practically every scene of the film, is terrific. His role is a very difficult one. On the one hand, Fielding is a very charismatic, Robert Kennedy-esque politician. But, on the other hand, he's someone who's incredibly tormented, in a very spiritual, inner way. Crudup (last seen in "Almost Famous" and "Jesus Son"), with his enormous range, is able to do both — brilliantly.

Despite the presence of some apparitions, "Waking the Dead" isn't a "Sixth Sense" type of thriller. There are no spooky "I see dead people" chills here. It is more of an emotional ghost story, in a quiet, uneasy way. Perhaps the most unsettling aspect of 'Dead' is the fact that it is so intimately about one man's nervous breakdown. Watching a man crumble emotionally is never easy to watch, and the sheer rawness of Crudup's performance alone is startling.

The languid pace and intimacy of "Waking the Dead" will frustrate and disquiet many moviegoers, but it does what good art should: it rattles you, makes you think and makes you feel...
Tuesday night, again featuring a Big Ten record with 108 of those victories for one fewer Big Ten loss this season. Andre Hutson had 15 points and Zach Randolph added 14 as the fifth-ranked Spartans (21-3, 10-3) beat Indiana 66-57 Tuesday night, again featuring their suffocating defense and tenacious rebounding.

"The 108 wins is big, but the Big Ten championship would be so much sweeter," Hutson said. "I'm definitely going to be rooting for Ohio State [against Illinois on Thursday]. To win a fourth consecutive Big Ten title, Michigan State has to win its final three conferences and games and needs Illinois (21-5, 11-2, No. 4 ESPN/USA Today, No. 4 AP) to lose at least one of its final three.

"The 108th win for Michigan State's senior class tied the Big Ten record set by Indiana teams from 1972-76 and 1990-91, said Davie.

David Thomas had 11 points and eight rebounds for the Spartans.

The Hoosiers (16-11, 7-6) had won four of their previous five final regular-season games.

Indiana's Kirk Haston, who had nine rebounds, also expected to snap Michigan State's 23-game winning streak on Jan. 7, having 18 points and 11 rebounds. Jared Jeffries scored nine points on 4-for-15 shooting.

"I thought they were too strong and physical for us," Indiana coach Mike Davis said. It was clear that Randolph was inspired to play well when he had an extra bounce in his step and a smile on his face before the game started.

The Marion, Ind., native missed seven of eight field goals in the first five minutes in the loss at Indiana and he was the player guarding Randolph all night on the winning shot.

Huston finished second to Jeffries for the state's Mr. Notre Dame point guard Martin Ingelsby drives past the Yellow Jackets, 98-54. Victory over the Irish, 58-46 lead with five minutes left. The Spartans shot just 42.9 percent, but they turned 16 offensive rebounds into 20 points and held Indiana to 33 percent shooting.

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The Hoosiers trailed by double digits for much of the first half and were behind by as many as 14 points in the second half, but they cut the deficit to four times.

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Calendar of Events

Monday, February 5 through February 23

- Sign-up for Senior Retreat #5
  (March 2-3, 2001)
- Pick up applications at 103 Hesburgh Library
  or print one out online
  at www.nd.edu/~ministry/seniorform.html

Monday, February 19 through February 23

- Sign-up Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #65
  (March 30-April 1, 2001)
- Pick up applications at 103 Hesburgh Library
  or print one out online
  at www.nd.edu/~ministry/deform.html

Thursday, February 22

- 6:30 p.m.
  RCIA Study Session

- 3:00 p.m.
  Morrissey Chapel

- 8:00 p.m.
  Spanish Mass

- 1:30 p.m.
  Zahm Hall Chapel

- 11:30 a.m.
  Confessions: An Afternoon of Recollection

- 5:00 p.m.
  Presiders: Fr. J. Steele, c.s.c.

- 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
  Freshmen Retreat #34

Sunday, February 25

- 10:00 a.m.
  Basilica of the Sacred Heart
  Graduation Mass

- 11:30 a.m.
  Gathering of family and friends
  at the Joyce Center for graduation

Sunday, February 25 - 1:30 p.m.

- Handbell & Celebration Choir Tour

Sunday, February 25 - 3:00 p.m.

- Freshmen Retreat #35
  (March 30-31, 2001)
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Monday, February 26 - 27: 11:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

- Confirmation: An Afternoon of Recollection

Tuesday, February 27 - 7:00 p.m.

- Basilica of the Sacred Heart
  Ash Wednesday Liturgies

Wednesday, February 28: 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

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- Campus Bible Study

Thursday, February 22 - 6:30 p.m.

- Morrissey Chapel

- Valentine’s Day Mass & Reconciliation

Friday, February 23 - 3:00 p.m.

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Saturday, February 24 - 5:00 p.m.

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- Morrissey Hall Chapel
  Intercultural Christian Night Prayer

Eighth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Weekend Presiders

- Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, February 24

- Mass: 5:00 p.m.
  Rev. Richard V. Warner, c.s.c.

Sunday, February 25

- Mass: 10:00 a.m.
  Rev. David J. Scheidler, c.s.c.

Scripture Readings

- 1st Reading: Sir 27: 4-7
- 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58
- Gospel: Lk 6: 39-45

Make every day count

by Fr. John Herman, c.s.c.

87 days. Only 87 days stand between today and the gathering of family and friends
in the Joyce Center for graduation to celebrate the many accomplishments of their daughters
and sons, their brothers and sisters and their friends during these past four years at Notre
Dame. The Class of 2001 will join the ranks of the alumni of this great university that day,
and will move on to the next chapter of their lives, wherever that will take place. It may not
be time yet to run over to the Bookstore for those Notre Dame packing boxes, but it’s all
rapidly approaching, isn’t it? 87 days...

It’s not my intention to get you seniors into a countdown to lift off. My hope is
simply that you will realize just how precious the time is that you have left here as Notre
Dame students. There are so many other college students who tried to get in here four years
ago and still would give anything to be students here, even if for only the time that you have
remaining. To be at Notre Dame is a privilege that a relatively few people will ever enjoy. To
be at Notre Dame is a gift from God. Realizing this, what are you going to do with the time
that you have left here? How are we going to make the most of it all?

Although questions about the rest of this semester may seem good and appropriate,
the question that probably feels much more pressing for many seniors is more likely the one
that everyone is asking them: “What are you going to do after graduation?” Many seniors
cannot even begin to answer that question. Those who can answer it have other questions
that weigh heavily on them regarding where they will live, what their lives in the “real world”
will be like, who their friends will be, etc. So many questions about the future! There is a
danger, however, in the focus that seniors can have as they look to answer questions about
their future beyond Notre Dame. The danger is that in focusing on the future we may lose a
sizable chunk of the present, of today. We may not be able to live today for today. We may
not be able to see the great gift that today is or that it can be for us. We may lose some of our
most important moments at Notre Dame to our preoccupation with questions about the future.

The challenge of living in the present is not just a challenge for seniors about to
graduate. It is so easy for all people to lose the present, either bound up in the past or riveted on
the future. The present is where life is. The present is where our friends are. The present is
where God is. The present is everything. Right here. Right now.

How might we make the most of the time that we have remaining at Notre Dame?
What are some things that we might do to take advantage of the meaningful opportunities
that still lie before us here? There are so many possibilities...talk with that inspirational
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Tennessee leapfrogs Notre Dame into top spot in AP poll

Volunteers return to No. 1 for first time since 1999; Huskies are No. 3

Associated Press

Tennessee replaced Notre Dame at No. 1 in The AP women's basketball poll Monday, a familiar spot for the Vols but one they had not held since 1999.

It was the 59th appearance at No. 1 for Tennessee (26-1), which received 33 of 40 first-place votes and 992 points from the national media panel. Though Tennessee has been No. 1 more often than anyone, the Vols' last appearance at the top had been Feb. 16, 1999.

Louisiana Tech is second in No. 1 appearances with 83. Tennessee moved up from No. 2 after Notre Dame lost for the first time, 54-53 at Rutgers on Saturday night. The Irish (23-1), who had been the last unbeaten team in Division I, slipped to second with four first-place votes and 938 points.

Tennessee made it back to No. 1 after Xavier, Utah, LSU, Texas Tech and Colorado. North Carolina State, Vanderbilt, Penn State and Southwest Missouri State completed the Top 20.

The final five were Wisconsin, Texas, Arizona State, Baylor and Iowa.

Baylor, which had been ranked three out of four weeks in January, has bounced back from a three-game losing streak to win its last three. When the Bears first joined the poll on Jan. 8, it was their first national ranking in 23 years.

Washington, which came in last week at No. 23, dropped out after splitting two road games. Oregon State but lost to Oregon in overtime.

North Carolina State made the biggest jump within the poll, going from 21st to 12th after its upset of Duke, which had won its two previous games last week by 20 points each.

Southwest Missouri State's fall from 15th to 20th was the biggest drop. The Bears lost at Northern Iowa 99-80 on Sunday after beating Bradley 81-55 two days earlier.

Forward Ericka Haney skies to the basket on Jan. 15 as guard Alicia Ratay watches. The No. 3 Huskies sit right behind the Irish in the Associated Press poll.
Jerry Stackhouse scored 32 points Wednesday night, surviving a fourth-quarter rally by the Knicks.

The Pistons led by as much as 80-55 at the end of the period. Detroit went on a 9-0 run early in the third to take a 56-41 lead. It outscored New York 10-1 later in the quarter and led 75-52, its largest lead of the game.

76ers 107, Grizzlies 91

Allen Iverson had 36 points Wednesday night, snapping the Grizzlies franchise-record five-game winning streak.

Iverson shot 3-for-17 from the line as the Sixers won their fifth straight.

Philadelphia led 20-15 after the first quarter and 45-37 at the half. Both teams missed 20 of their first 27 shots in the first half.

The Grizzlies made just one 3-point attempt from the corner against the Sixers. Michael Jordan was way off on a 3-pointer on Jan. 19, most since joining the NBA in 1994.

Vancouver rallied and tied it and then got the win.

The teams combined for 84 three-pointers and scored 120 points in the second half. Each team scored more than 100 points. Matt Geiger added 10 points and a season-high 10 rebounds, and Tyrone Hill finished with 12 rebounds.

Keith Van Horn added 28 points for the Nets but made just one of two free throws with 2.2 seconds left. That gave the Raptors one more chance, but Mark Jackson was way off on a three-point attempt from the corner at the buzzer.

Luccious Harris made four 3-pointers and scored 16 for the Nets, while Kenyon Martin added 15 points. Marbury also had four 3-pointers, and Van Horn tied his career-high with five.

Morris Peterson added 17 points and Jackson 16 for Toronto.

Neither team seemed particularly interested in playing defense, and the game had an offensive pace that is rare in the NBA these days.

The Nets looked to run their offense capitalizing on the slow-footed Jackson, while the Raptors continually tried to exploit the matchup of Martin trying to defend Carter.

**Stackhouse powers Pistons past Knicks with 32 points**
Lemieux overcomes injured back to score game-winner

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Penguins almost wanted Mario Lemieux to take the night off and rest his sore back. Good thing for them he didn’t.

Lemieux, not expected to play, scored a power-play goal 2:10 in overtime and the Penguins rallied after squandering a two-goal lead in the third period to beat Florida 3-2 Wednesday night.

The goal kept Lemieux from going without a point for three consecutive games for only the second time in his career. The first time came in March 1997, several months before he retired.

Lemieux played despite hinting strongly Tuesday he might sit out because of the recurring back pain that has troubled him since he injured himself in practice Feb. 9. He missed nearly 150 games because of back pain during his first 12 NHL seasons.

“The back was pretty much the same,” said Lemieux, who was averaging more than 25 minutes a game recently despite the sore back. “We got the feel of it down to about six or seven minutes a period, where we wanted it to be.”

Lemieux skipped the pregame skate Wednesday, and decided to play only after receiving therapy and back massage for most of the afternoon.

“The best thing for him probably would have been to stay off and rest, but this shows his drive and passion,” defenseman Bob Boughner said. “It was tremendous for our team.”

The Panthers didn’t manage a shot until nearly 22 minutes into the game and trailed 2-0 when Alexei Kovalev scored at 5:24 of the third, only to tie it on goals by Pavel Bure and Viktor Kozlov. But the Penguins — 1-for-32 on the power play against Florida dating to last season — got a chance to win it when Florida’s Vaclav Prospal was called for cross-checking Darius Kasparaitis at 1:43 of overtime.

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"The shot more free throws than our entire team," said Skinner, whose team only went to the line 14 times. "We have Skinner, whose team only went than our entire team," said

"They fouled me more than we fouled their whole team," he said.

Skinner may be calling foul play, but perhaps he should take some of his own advice.

"The numbers tell the story," he said following the game. That's right coach Skinner; they do.

Northeast 76, Boston College 75.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 3 Hope blows out Saint Mary's 95-48 in MIAA playoffs

By KATIE MCVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's basketball team finished off its season with a great effort but disappointing results in a 95-48 loss to Hope College in round one of MIAA tournament play.

"I thought we gave a great effort," said head coach Suzanne Smith. "Things didn't go our way but we went out there and went after it." Unfortunately, No. 1 ranked Hope (23-2, 15-0 in the MIAA) went after the win as well. With every Flying Dutch woman scoring at least two points, Hope came out victorious.

"They have incredible depth," Smith said. "They just keep bringing people in off the bench. They outlasted us."

Hope head coach Brian Morehouse played all 13 women that sat on the team's 19th straight win of the season. The last time Hope lost a game was Dec. 7.

The aggressive Saint Mary's team just couldn't compete with Hope's tough defense. The Flying Dutch kept the Belles from taking many shots, and held the team to 30 percent from the court during the second half.

"I thought we were pretty aggressive. We looked to push the ball to push the basket," Smith said. "That's what we said we wanted to do."

Rebounding caused trouble for the Belles again, as the Flying Dutch grabbed 52 boards to Saint Mary's 34. "They out-rebounded us pretty bad," Smith said.

In addition to missing rebounds, Saint Mary's sent Hope players to the foul line 39 times during the course of the game, costing the team 34 points. The Belles only logged on 12 points from foul shots.

Senior Julie Norman led the Belles in scoring during the last game of her college career.

"Julie Norman played a good game for her last game," Smith said.

Norman totaled 13 points and three rebounds. Sophomore Katie Christiansen and junior Kelly Roberts each added eight points and Roberts tallied seven rebounds.

Hope senior Kristen Koegelknet made school history when her first basket of the game made her one of only six women in Hope history to have scored 1,000 points or more in her career. Koegelknet's total of six points brought her total number of points to 1,004.

Freshman center Laura Geurink off the bench to lead the Flying Dutch both offensively and defensively with 21 points and six rebounds. Amanda Kerkstra added 12 to the effort, and teammate Kim Pett totaled eight points for the game.

Despite the disappointing end to the season, Smith felt that it was a good year for her team.

"I think if you really look at where we came from, although our wins came early, we improved immensely," she said. "We really took some steps forward."

Saint Mary's finished 8-17 overall, a much better record than last year's four-win season.

"I think we wanted to do."

In the last game of her college career, the senior put in 13 points for Saint Mary's Wednesday night in her final collegiate game.
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the hoop and pulling up at the left elbow for an off-balanced floater. The shot sailed through the net to make the score 76-75 Irish.

"He made a hard move toward the basket," said Boston College coach Al Skinner. "Those are the kinds of moves, sometimes, that win basketball games."

Following an Eagles timeout with 3.7 seconds to go, the Irish just needed to hold on. To cling the hoop and pulling up at the net to make the score 76-75 left elbow for an off-balanced floater. The shot sailed through the basket," said Boston College Irish.

You just tap it, in those situations, because you don't want to get any contact," Graves said. "You just want him to bobble the ball, and luckily, he did."

"I was even thinking about not playing him this morning. Maybe we just sat him out and get him healthy," Brey said. "Of course, at pre-game meal, he didn't want to hear any of that, and I wasn't going to wrestle him."

Harold Swanagan took Humphrey's cue by hitting a reverse lay-up and the ensuing free throw. The Irish then began their work of shutting down Kenny Hurley and Kenny Walls, who combined for 27 points in the first period, but went scoreless in the second stanza. Switching from zone to man-to-man defense was a factor in that shutdown. Ingelsby rebounded a failed Harley putback, taking it coastal, but dishing off to Humphrey at the left wing. Humphrey maneuvered home the dunk, getting fouled in the process.

Carroll grabbed the long rebound, one of his 11 in the game, and sent it back through the hoop with a 3-pointer from the left wing. The Irish kept it up with an Ingelsby steal and another trey by Carroll.

"You see a guy who's a good shooter, but he's a complete basketball player," Brey said. "He was guarding Bell down the stretch."

At the Eagles' end, Murphy nabbed a rebound, and Humphrey tried to cap off the run by throwing a lob into Murphy. His pass was off, but the Irish were glad, as the toss dropped right through the net for a behind-the-arc shot, just the fifth of his career.

But Bell, who was quiet with just five points in the first half, brought his team back into it. He scored 10 in the second half, and Jonathan Beerbom added nine.

"Never was he able to get on a roll that broke our backs," Brey said of Bell.

The Irish got the best of their Catholic school rivals in the end. Murphy hit 13-of-18 free throws from the charity stripe to boost his team to victory, with Carroll's 17 points and Humphrey's 15 coming up big as well.

"Good teams rise to the occasion," Murphy said.

With three games remaining before the Big East Tournament, the Irish are close to a stranglehold on a West Division title. They rest two games ahead of Syracuse (20-6, 8-5) and three ahead of both Georgetown (20-6, 7-6) and West Virginia (16-8, 7-6), with the top two division finishers earning a first-round tournament bye.

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Bouts offer fighters chance to compete, support cause

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Brian Bobbins mused over what the Bengal Bouts means to him for about a half-second before giving his reply. "It's the best thing I've ever done in my life," the senior co-captain said. "It's defined everything about what I've done at Notre Dame."

And if you ask just about anyone else on the boxing club, they would agree with Bobbins.

When the 71st annual Bengal Bouts begin today, it's more than just another annual boxing competition. It's a chance to raise money for an important cause.

Since Dominic "Nappy" Napolitano took over the boxing program 1932, the Bengal Bouts have been held every year to raise money for the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh. Last year, Bengal Bouts raised some $70,000 breaking their old record by nearly $21,000. This year, the captains of the boxing club set a higher goal.

"We're hoping to raise $71,000 and one cent," Bobbins said.

Bobbins realizes this is a rather lofty goal and said he realistically expects somewhere around $50,000.

But this isn't just a casual tournament thrown together by Don King to raise a buck. This is real, Olympic-style boxing.

The boxing club began their most intense training right after winter break ended. They practiced for about three hours a day, six days a week.

According to Bobbins, a typical practice begins with 30 minutes of concentrated calisthenics, a combination of push-ups, sit-ups, jumping jacks and jump rope. Then, the boxers spend some time working on boxing fundamentals before actually getting in the ring and sparring.

All of the practices are led by the captains who, as Bobbins says, "do all the stuff."

The captains, seniors Bobbins, Josh Thompson, Dennis Abdelnour, Peter Ryan and juniors Rob Joyce, Mark Crinti and Matt Fumagalli, handle everything from coordinating practices to managing logistical issues.

"It's a paper tornado," Bobbins says about the boxing office.

But the captains are more than simple coaches or organizers. They help the younger boxers, and not just in the boxing ring.

"There's things outside of just the team, and someone who might be scared might see us for advice," Bobbins says. "They just look at you as someone who's been there."

It is this attitude that exemplifies the spirit of Bengal Bouts. When Napolitano coined the slogan, "Strong bodies fight that weak bodies can be nourished," he had no idea that it would survive seven decades and become one of the most identifiable icons with the charity boxing tournament.

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"God gave you every advantage, and we have so much," he said. "We have to give ourselves up to give help to others."

The Bengal Bouts begin today at 7:30 in the Joyce Center with preliminary bouts. The action continues on Feb. 26 and 28, with the tournament culminating in the March 2 finals.

2000 graduate J.R. Mellin celebrates after defeating Dennis Abdelnour in the Bengal Bouts finals last year. Abdelnour is now a captain of the boxing club.

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Emotion flows for victors

Irish point guard Martin Ingelsby attempts his winning last second jumper. The shot gave Notre Dame the 76-75 win and moved Notre Dame to 10-3 in Big East play and 1-6 overall.

It seems no one deserves Big East player of the year honors more than Troy Murphy. Wednesday night’s game was built up as the Battle of Troys, with the victor likely walking away with the award. The Irish literally one-upped the Eagles and Murphy got the better of the showdown with Bell. Each player won the entire 40 minutes with neither man shooting particularly well. But Murphy scored 23 points on 4-of-12 shooting and grabbed eight boards, including seven in the second half. Bell only scored 15 points on 5-of-12 shooting and had nine rebounds. However, he committed five turnovers and nine fouls.

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Irish head coach Mike Brey blinded senior point guard Martin Ingelsby and jumped onto his back as students poured onto the Joyce Center floor Wednesday night. How fitting. After all, it was Ingelsby who carried Notre Dame on his back in the final moments of a thriller against No. 9 Boston College and led them to a 76-75 victory. With time winding down and the Irish trailing by a point, Ingelsby drove the lane, leaned into a defender and put up a prayer from the left elbow. It was answered. Eagles’ guard Troy Bell raced down the court with 3.7 seconds left, but junior David Graves poked the ball away from behind to secure the win.

"It was from the heart," said Brey about jumping onto Ingelsby. "I was really excited for him." Ingelsby said of the final sequence. "I saw the lane, got by and hit a lucky shot." That lucky shot propelled the 18-6 Irish into first place in the Big East conference. They share the best conference mark (10-3) with the Eagles, but now own the tiebreaker since the two teams will not meet again during the regular season. "This team has the chance to hang the first league championship banner," Brey said. "I drew a picture of one on the board before the Seton Hall game. This is new territory for these guys, but they’re ready to handle it. No one deserves it as much as they do."