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I'm going to die. I'm going to die. We're all going to die.

These are the thoughts that raced through my head atop a 200-ft. roller coaster a few days ago. I griped the handrails and braced myself for the 70 milehour plunge. Hair in my sweat-soaked face, my heart leapt into my throat. Finally, the big drop was behind me.

So I thought.

Just as my heart rate calmed, there came another loop and another, and another. As soon as I realized that there were more I loosened my grip and let myself go.

I swallowed hard and let my screams turn to laughter. I looked ahead to the drops and the corkscrews in front of me, and smiled.

Ironically, these are my feelings as I face the most dreaded two words any unemploy ed, loan-paying, graduate in a real world.

My outlook on the future changes from one minute to the next: it dips, turns, rises and plunges in a heartbeat. When friends and classmates are going off to grad school or having families, I find it difficult to see myself in the world (the greater world, of course, that exists outside South Bend).

Most of all, it's difficult to imagine stepping off this four-year thrill-a-watté we call Notre Dame and ready for real responsibility, for these funny, real-world things called "benefits."

Yes, I am. Because I know the ride had to end. I know that one day, my knees would finish. The Observer presses would stop and I would need to face the next daunting drop called adulthood.

Throughout the years, the drops have become less scary. I have terrific friends taking the same ride I've just taken, and the ones that lie ahead.

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**The ride of a lifetime**

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**Events of the Weekend**

FRIDAY, MAY 18

2-4 p.m. Convocation of Arts and Letters Honors

4 p.m. Baccalaureate Mass

Weworking Hall

7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Senior Reception

Century Center

SATURDAY, MAY 19

9 a.m. Mass Commissioning

Joyce Center — South Dome

10 a.m. Service Send-Off Ceremony

Washington Hall

12:00 noon Commencement

Court of LaManj Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 18

5 - 8:00 p.m. Commencement Mass

Joyce Center — South Dome

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Graduation Dinner

Joyce Center and North Dining Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 20

9:45 and 11:45 a.m. Commencement Liturgy

Church of Notre Dame

12:15 p.m. Distribution of Bachelor and Master of Arts Degrees

Joyce Center — North Dome.

Guests may begin entering Gate 10.

By 2 - 4 p.m.

Commencement and Conferment of Honorary Degrees

Joyce Center — South Dome

4:30 p.m.

Law School Diploma Ceremony

Hesburgh Library Reflecting Pool

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**ND, SMC award honorary degrees**

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will award honorary degrees to distinguished figures in a variety of fields this weekend.

Notre Dame recipients include: President Bush; John Babcock, distinguished astrophysicist; Father Cyriac Dhyan, professor of church history at Saint Meinrad School of Theology; Marino Elfled, president of Saint Mary's; Louis Gerstner, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of IBM; John Jordan II, founder of The Jordan Company and a Notre Dame trustee; William Kennedy, Pulitzer Prize-winning author; Archbishop Giuseppe Piau, secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education; Sandra Martini, head of ICM International Solutions; and Andrew Viterbi, cofounder of Qualcomm and now president of Viterbi Group, LLC.

Saint Mary's recipients include: Brother Richard Gilman, president of Holy Cross College; Margaret McCarthy, an accomplished writer and lecturer for the college; and Ernestine Reiner, a leader in business, education and voluntary community and social service activities at the local, state and national levels.
Farewell to graduating seniors

By KIFLIN TURNER
Assistant News Editor

In a few days, nearly 3,000 students will receive their diplomas and become alumni, no longer students of their respective schools. There will be more football games, basketball championships and sub-zero temperatures for future classes, but for 2001 graduates this weekend's commencement marks the last and most monumental milestone of their time spent at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

"I think most importantly, I've grown up a lot over the last four years. I have a much stronger sense of myself, what's important to me, and what I want to do with my life," said Notre Dame senior Joe Napolitano.

"I don't think I could say enough good things, actually. I loved it here. I've had a great time. I know that I've changed over the past four years — I have gained self confidence like no other — I feel like a totally different person than when I came here," said Saint Mary's senior Kelly Sterritt.

For Notre Dame senior Katie Fitzpatrick, the beauty of the campus will be missed. "I think the coolest thing is running around campus and how beautiful it is," said Fitzpatrick. "I just think it's such a beautiful campus and I appreciate the time that they take to make it such a beautiful place."

Just as the landscape continues to change throughout a student's four years at Notre Dame or Saint Mary's, so do the lives of each of those students within passing day and year. Yet one thing continues to remain the same — the realization that the four years spent in college will be one of the most influential and momentous experiences of a lifetime.

"My experience at Notre Dame has been a very good one, I wouldn't change it for the world. I've been through a lot of trying times and good times too — and that comes with life," said Notre Dame senior Antione Tobias. The academic experience has also been important in forming and completing the entire college experience for Saint Mary's former student body president, Griselle Renner.

"The knowledge that I've gained from both my peers and the faculty here at Saint Mary's is something that I will carry with me for a long time because I have kind of grown in an environment that inspires me to grow in my knowledge each and every day," said Renner.

The friends met in class, at a party, an SYR, or maybe just by walking around campus are all a part of what makes the experience a rich and unfading one.

"The most important thing I've learned here are how important friendships are, especially considering the fact that we're not all from the same place — people are from all over the country and we really have to make huge efforts to show each other how much we care," said Notre Dame senior Meagan Hurton.

Blizzards, SYR gag gifts, parietals and complaints about gender-relations may find their way in each new class, but the unique place created by each student will have impressed itself on the school in a way that no other could.

"I've definitely enjoyed my experience here, despite any complaints I might have about it, I wouldn't want to change it at all," said John Dickas.

Likewise, the University and the College will notably touch the lives of its students that will surpass both time and distance. "To me Notre Dame means family," said Notre Dame senior Kevin Cherry. "When else in your life are you going to make as many friends with closely knit relationships as you have here at Notre Dame?"

Change is inevitable throughout the passage of time, and for students, four short years have brought with it evolution, and discovery through exploration. To some, moving in as a freshman might have seemed as close as yesterday, but the person they once were then is a long cry from who they are today.

"My Notre Dame experience has been a complete transition, it has been a catalyst. I came in one way, and left another way," said Notre Dame senior Patience McHenry.

"I think for a lot of people, Notre Dame can force you to grow up rather quickly, and maybe for other people it might be really easy to not grow much at all over the four years," said Napolitano.

And now, regardless of how much one has grown or changed, the 2001 graduates are off to travel down their respective paths in life, to embark on what it takes to survive in the real world. But wherever these paths lead, they have at one time or another converged at one common point. The place that was called home for four years served as 

Two girls walk away from the sidewalks of God Quad on a path toward Bond Hall — a common path for students of ND and SMC that seniors will miles.

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Madison, Bush to deliver Commencement speeches

**LA TV president speaks at SMC**

Observer Staff Report

Paula Madison, president and general manager of KNBC-TV in Los Angeles, will deliver the Commencement address at Saint Mary's graduation ceremony. In addition to her duties at KNBC-TV, Madison also serves as the vice president of diversity for NBC, making her the first African-American woman to become a general manager at a network-owned station in a top-five market.

"She is one of the few women in the position she has," College President Marilou Eldred said. "And as far as we can tell, she holds the highest rank of any minority person in her field."

An active volunteer in the national community, Eldred hopes Madison will be able to deliver a relevant address.

"Each year we try to pick someone who is known to be a good speaker who will deliver a message that is relevant to the seniors," said Eldred. "We try to pick someone who will really provide a challenge to the class."

**Bush is fifth president to speak to ND graduates**

By SAM DERHEIMER

President George W. Bush will join the ranks of Dwight Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and his father, George Bush Sr., as he becomes the fifth American president to speak at a Notre Dame Commencement ceremony.

Several Notre Dame alumni in Congress, including Tim Roemer who district includes Notre Dame, and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, a former member of the Board of Trustees, recruited Bush as this year’s primary Commencement speaker.

The topics Bush will discuss in his speech have not yet been released, but Dennis Brown, associate director of Notre Dame Public Relations, said he is sure the speech will focus on the seniors.

"For most seniors, this is the high point in their lives," Brown said. "We are extremely proud of them and their achievements, and the University does its best to keep them at the forefront."

Protesters object to decision to honor Bush

By KERRY SMITH

The administration's decision to invite President Bush to give the Commencement address and award him an honorary doctor of laws at Commencement has sparked controversy from within the University community.

Many groups and individuals affiliated with Notre Dame have expressed concern that the invitation neglects the Catholic values and traditions on which the University is founded. Led by government professor Peter Walsh, a group of faculty, students and alumni created a petition to protest the decision.

"Does (University President Father Edward) Malloy really believe George W. Bush is a role model for the graduating class — someone worthy of an honorary degree?" Walshe said. "Commencement is a time to celebrate the values of the University and President Bush is incapable of doing this."

With 667 signatures, the petition has been signed by 115 faculty, 98 graduate students, 173 undergraduate students, 208 alumni, 22 staff members and 51 others.

Walshe, who wrote the petition, pinpointed the opposition to Bush, writing, "The policies of the Bush administration which will, inter alia, give a huge tax refund to the rich, cut by 86 percent programs that provide health care access for the uninsured, abandon the environment — both nationally and globally — to the predatory drive for corporate profits, and promote another arms race with its Strategic Defense Initiative, contradict Notre Dame's mission as a Catholic university."

Walshe thinks other issues need be addressed as well. "Our petition objects to a range of policies being pursued by President Bush. But it lets the president off too lightly," Walshe said. "As an adamant supporter of capital punishment, he stands in fundamental opposition to the U.S. Catholic Bishops and Pope John Paul II... The petition could also have drawn attention to President Bush's derisory contribution of $200 million of the international fund to counter the AIDS pandemic in Africa."

Petition supporters will protest Sunday in two ways. Some will gather at Leeper Park in the morning and march to the Joyce Center, where they will hold a rally and hand out leaflets to those entering the graduation.

The rally will include speeches on what protesters think are the four contradictions between Catholic values and Bush's policies: labor, the environment, capital punishment and the military. Protestors attending graduation will wear white armbands and/or white tape on their mortarboards signifying opposition to the administration's choice of a commencement speaker.

According to Walshe, Malloy defended his administration's decision to honor Bush in a letter to a concerned alumnus.

"Malloy has written a perfidious, less than thoughtful, four-sentence response to a long and carefully argued letter from an alumnus explaining why he considered the invitation to President Bush to be totally inappropriate," Walshe said. "Malloy wrote 'In inviting President Bush, we honor the office he holds, rather than any particular policy choices he makes as our national leader.' Had Bush been pro-choice he would not have been invited. That he seriously disregards Catholic social teaching in a host of other policies has been ignored."

Opposition to Bush does not stop at members of the Notre Dame community. Other protesters are expected, including members of the Indiana chapter of the American Atheist Organization.

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Thank you for your years of dedication, friendship, and commitment to quality journalism. You will be missed. Best wishes for the future from the 2001-2002 staff.
Fearing the loss of a unique identity as a university, the Notre Dame Board of Trustees voted against joining the Big Ten conference.

"The Board of Trustees affirmed the recommendation of the Officers that Notre Dame should retain its institutional independence," said University president Father Edward Malloy. "The decision was complex. It transcends many individual factors, academic and athletic. The ultimate [rationality behind the decision] lies in a loss of institutional identity."

If Notre Dame had joined the Big Ten it would have been one of only two private universities and the only member with a religious affiliation. "Notre Dame as a core identity: Catholic, private and independent. An association with the Big Ten would only involve one element of that identity, independence," said Malloy. "In our deliberations about joining the Big Ten, there was never the concern for our Catholic character being diminished."

"Fiscal factors were not a decisive determinant in the decision," Malloy added.

Profest Nathan Hatch pointed out that Notre Dame is in a position that other universities struggle to achieve.

"Officers of other universities toil and turn at night, trying to figure out how to make their institution unique," said Hatch.

The Board of Trustees, the highest decision-making body at the University who are also responsible for appointing the Board of Trustees, decided against membership in the Big Ten Dec. 1, 1998. Their decision, however, was kept secret pending approval by the Board of Trustees.

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Women's basketball head coach Muffet McGraw and the players gather around the NCAA championship trophy after their 68-66 victory over Purdue in St. Louis April 1. When team returned to campus that night they were welcomed by more than 1,500 cheering fans.

By KATE NAGENGAST

Associate News Editor

Sea of Red

The joys and frustrations of this Notre Dame football season began long before the team's crushing defeat at the Fiesta Bowl. The season's most anticipated game, when the Fighting Irish took on No. 1-ranked Nebraska Sept. 9, was played before a sea of red T-shirts and screaming 'Huskers — though the game actually happened in the House that Rockne Built.

Pre-game hype included ESPN's GameDay coverage from in front of Touchdown Jesus and a pep rally in the Stadium rather than the Joyce Center to accommodate fireworks and Dick Vitale's energy. But because of thousands of tickets usually reserved for Notre Dame fans were sold to Nebraska fans, season ending injuries for defensive end Grant Irons and quarterback Arnaz Battle and an overtime, three-point loss to Nebraska, Irish fans returned home torn between feelings of pride in the team's talent and shame about the greed of Irish ticket-holders.

SMC shirt cases controversy

Saint Mary's junior class stirred controversy on both the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses this fall when its class T-shirt was printed with an imitation of the painting "Il Bacio" on it. The painting on the shirt was altered to depict a young boy kissing a girl in a shirt with the Saint Mary's French Cross while a girl in a Notre Dame shirt looks on. The text around the altered painting read, "SMC 2002 ... Girl of Choice."

Saint Mary's Board of Governance prevented the sale of the T-shirt, citing potential repercussions it could have on gender relations between the College and the University. Although the junior class board held a forum to protest the decision, claiming it was censorship for BOG to stop their sales, BOG absorbed the $1,300 cost for the shirt's printing and the shirts were never distributed.

Sex assault policy changed

Promp ted by years of concern about rape on campus, Notre Dame changed its sexual assault policy and appointed Ava Preacher, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Letters, official resource person for victims of campus rape. The policy changes included a du Lac revision that states, "student victims will not be subject to disciplinary action in connection with alcohol or parietals violations related to sexual assault and the publication of two brochures. The University also established a committee to advise the University on issues and procedures pertaining to sexual assault.

Busted Bars

Going down in history with Bridget McGuire's and ICONN as busted student bars, Finnigan's and Benchwarmer's both experienced late night raids this year — the Finnigan's superbilious Oct. 13 bust resulted in 147 citations, while the Benchwarmer's Jan. 25 raid cited 18 students.

Although neither Finnigan's nor Benchwarmer's lost their liquor licenses, the Notre Dame students present at Finnigan's paid $100 fines to the University in addition to the $220 court fee and 40 hours of community service.

Although Jeff Shoup, director of Residence Life, could not...
comment specifically on the punishments for underage students at Benchwarner's bar. The university typically considers previous cases of similar nature when determining punishments. Saint Mary's students were only punished by state law, not the College.

Lieberman visits campus
During his travels as the Democratic vice presidential candidate, Senator Joseph Lieberman spoke at Washington Hall to a somewhat hostile audience of Notre Dame community members.

His speech about America's moral uncertainty and the country's defining need to return to faith and values in a public dialogue was interrupted by screams of 'What about abortion?' from some student candidates Steve Sanchez. Sanchez and members of organizations like Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Right to Life, the Progressive Student Alliance and the United Muslim Associated also protested with signs, banners, pins and flyers outside the auditorium before and during his speech.

Eldred bans "Monologues"
College President Marilou Eldred informed the student organization of "The Vagina Monologues" that the play would not make a reappearance on campus last January, and subsequently spurred widespread controversy.

As part of a nationwide movement to increase discussion about female sexuality on college campuses, the "Monologues" were performed at Notre Dame's campus during February 2000 sponsored by the Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE). In 2001, however, administration declared there was no need to perform the play again.

Upset by the sudden ban and the administration's unwillingness to explain their reasoning for the ban, students held a speak-out at D'Allesandro's on Jan. 24 and representatives from CARE met with Eldred on Jan. 31. When the administration had not changed its position, nearly 40 students staged a sit-in outside the Office of the President in LeMans Hall and presented a petition with more than 600 signatures demanding the performance on Feb. 9. By the end of February the play was still forbidden as an organized event. Left without an alternative and unwilling to abandon their "Monologues," entirely, 20 women from the Notre Dame's academic community performed the play for more than 150 students, faculty and community members in the lobby of Regina Hall Feb. 19.

This performance prompted Eldred to request a letters of apology to the Board of Trustees from individual members of CARE who were involved, though those participants who were not members of CARE never received such letters. CARE's four officers did send Eldred a letter, however, they interpreted apology not to mean a statement of regret, but instead as a defense of a position as the classical Greek definition suggests.

"The Vagina Monologues," written by Eve Ensler, are regularly performed off-Broadway by a cast of prominent actresses in New York City.

Leukemia claims two students
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ND joins the WRC
After the largest campus demonstration Notre Dame had seen in more than two years occurred Feb. 22, University President Father Edward Malloy announced his decision to become the 74th school in the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC) March 7.

Malloy's decision came after a year of anti-sweatshop campaigns by student activists. The University opted not to join the WRC last April.

The Notre Dame Family lost two students of this year's junior class to leukemia — Briannae Clary Sept. 20 and Conor Murphy Jan. 31.

Clary, an "enthusiastic" mechanical engineering student from Tyler, Texas and an active participant in interhall basketball, was re-diagnosed with the disease approximately one week before the beginning of the fall semester after going into remission during high school. A memorial mass was held Nov. 21.

After his condition inspired 610 people to join the National Marrow Donor Program in an on-campus drive during March 2000, Murphy developed pneumonia that compromised his immune system. Although the prayers of students who joined him in the switch to Zahn's chapel were not answered, Murphy is remembered by many students as "a fun-loving guy with a strong faith."

As an active participant in Campus Ministry and vice president of the College Democrats, Murphy's strength even inspired seven of his friends to shave their heads as a show of support during his chemotherapy treatment. Murphy's memory was honored with a mass and a tree-planting ceremony March 22, the week of what would have been his 21st birthday.

Women break barriers at ND
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Graduating with a double major in the Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) and theology, Weir will deliver the valedictory address on "faith, hope and love" at Commencement May 20, where she will also serve as a flag bearer.

"I would attribute a lot of my success to my faith. I don't think I could have done a lot of it without the grace and wisdom of God," said Weir. "(So the theme of my speech) is faith, hope and love and its coupling with the knowledge and skills that Notre Dame has given us to be actualized in leadership, and the responsibility we have to bring these gifts ... into the world."

After graduation, Weir will work as an education research associate in the Department of Education in Washington, D.C. — a position she believes Notre Dame has prepared her for well.

"I thought (my academic experience) was very unique as a PLS and theology major (because of the way I learned and the way I fostered an outlook on education that I felt was different than anywhere else, and really any other major)," said Weir. "But the spirituality at Notre Dame has been such an influence on my life as well, in particular my participation in the Notre Dame Folk Choir."

She participated in the Notre Dame Folk Choir for three years and acted as co-president of the choir this year — an experience she called "life changing." She also served as a resident assistant in Breen-Phillips during her senior year and worked on community service initiatives at the Center for the Homeless, Logan Center, Martin Luther King Center and Little Flower Parish.

Notre Dame, however, was not Weir's first college choice. She had planned to study music at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., but changed her mind during April of her senior year in high school. Having missed the application deadline for most colleges and universities, Weir spent her freshman year studying theology at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa. She transferred to Notre Dame during her sophomore year because she desired a larger school with a more reputable program. When she arrived at Notre Dame, however, Weir was attracted to PLS in addition to theology.

"I was intrigued by PLS for the broad range of readings ... the way the classes were conducted in small setting where you really get to know your students and professors through discussion and you (as a student) have the education in your hands," said Weir.

Weir grew up in Greensburg, Pa., a town she describes as similar to South Bend. The oldest of three children, her parents, John and Nancy Weir, own and operate Scholastica Travel, Inc., a company focused on educational tours for students.

She was also co-valedictorian at Greensburg Catholic High School — an honor she shared with Brian O'Donoghue, her roommate in a class of 18 students and this year's student body president of Notre Dame.

"Schein has no regrets about SMC career"

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

As a high school senior, Julia Scheib thought her college path would lead her straight down Notre Dame Avenue to the Golden Dome. With a rich family legacy tied to the University, she had always wanted to attend. But when a rejection letter arrived in the straight-A student's mailbox, Scheib suddenly found herself blazed a path less traveled.

Scheib had also sent in an application to the college across the street, where she had fallen in love with what she saw.

Four years later, the Saint Mary's valedictorian for the class of 2001 believes that things happen for a reason — and has the evidence of a successful college career to back it up.

"From the day I got to Saint Mary's, it's been no looking back," Scheib said. "God does things for a reason."

But for Scheib, who will graduate Saturday at the top of the class with a 3.98 GPA, the valedictory distinction wouldn't separate her from her classmates. She didn't even know she was in the running last fall. While teaching may not be what she wants to pursue as a permanent career, she is considering the possibility of eventually returning to school to work on a master's or Ph.D.

"I've always been a person who loves school," she said. "As a teacher you still get to study, because you have to learn the material to teach. I don't want to teach kids just the basics."

As far as providing guidance for her fellow classmates during her valedictory address Saturday, Scheib will stay away from giving advice, she said. The speech will be something that will reach out to each graduate in the class of 2001.

"As she walks down the final stretch of the path she never thought she'd take, she knows she made the right choice."

I applied to Notre Dame my junior year, just because if I could get in," Scheib said. "I just wanted to do that for myself. I got in, but I had no intentions of going there. I know I wasn't meant to go there. I'm just very happy it happened that way."

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Construction winds down on Hayes-Healy-Hurley, Malloy Hall

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER

When this year’s graduating seniors first stepped on campus, they bought their books in a small cramped bookstore at the site of the Coleman-Morse center, which will house the Philosophy and Theology departments this week. The new facilities will have taken place.

The International Studies department was housed in the Main Building until its renovation four years ago, and then moved to Hurley Hall. While Hurley was being renovated for the past two years, the department was housed in the Security Building, but is now in a new facility.

Work will continue this summer, with work on the Malloy Hall, which will house the Philosophy and Theology buildings, on a scheduled completion date of Aug. 1.

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Dear Graduates:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my prayers and best wishes to the members of the Class of 2001. I also want to express my gratitude for the rich contributions you have made to the University during your time here.

For those of you who are graduating seniors, I hope that we have achieved our goal of providing you with an education that integrates the life of the mind with the life of the heart. May your commitment to your faith in God and to the service of God's people match your dedication to your chosen vocation and profession. We have high expectations of our graduates. The tremendous contribution that our alumni make to society and to the Church is a testament to the importance of these high expectations.

For those of you leaving with graduate and professional degrees, I hope that you will carry with you the best of our traditions as they relate to your discipline. If you bring to your chosen field a strong set of ethical convictions and a commitment to justice, you will represent the very best of Notre Dame.

May Our Lady, Notre Dame, continue to watch over you in the years ahead. We are blessed to have you as members of the Notre Dame family.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C.
Vice President for Student Affairs
Notre Dame alumnus still missing in La Paz, Bolivia

By JASON MCFARLEY
News Editor

An FBI team has left Bolivia after investigating the disappearance of a 1999 Notre Dame graduate and Peace Corps volunteer who has been missing for seven weeks.

Peace Corps officials remain concerned about the disappearance of University alumnus Walter Poirier and pledge to continue the investigation, according to a May 11 statement released by the organization.

"After two months of intensive investigation, and despite the best efforts of the U.S. embassy [in La Paz, Bolivia], the Bolivian police, Peace Corps search specialists and the FBI, we still do not know what has happened to Walter," officials said in the statement.

Poirier disappeared on Feb. 22 in Bolivia's Zong Valley, where he worked on eco-tourism development projects. Poirier regularly traveled between La Paz and several villages in the valley.

"The FBI team reviewed all the investigative notes and evidence and conducted numerous interviews with residents of the Zongo Valley," the release said. "To date, the FBI has uncovered no credible evidence of foul play in his disappearance."

Posters offering a reward for information leading to Poirier's whereabouts are being distributed throughout Bolivia, and the U.S. embassy will continue to work with the Bolivian media to publicize the disappearance and reward, according to the release.

The FBI's regional representative will make monthly trips to Bolivia to review the case and an FBI emergency response team will be on standby to return to Bolivia should any new leads develop, the release said.

About a month ago, two Notre Dame residence halls teamed to organize a fundraiser to benefit a South Bend agency and raise awareness about Poirier's case.

The Dismas House fundraiser began in mid-April to collect proceeds for Dismas of Michigan, a local organization that reintroduces former offenders into society, and serve as a living prayer for Poirier.

Keenan and Zahm hall residents organized the campus-wide project, asking students to donate at least two dollars. Poirier is a former Zahm Hall resident and Dismas staff member.

Organizers hoped to raise $15,000 through the effort, said Father Gary Chambleland, Keenan Hall rector. By Wednesday, they had collected about $6,000, he said.

"We originally hoped to raise $15,000, but maybe that wasn't realistic to expect," Chambleland said. "We also hoped that this project would raise awareness about Wally's situation, and I hope we did that."

NEWS BRIEFS

Senior to make presentation at Cambridge: Saint Mary's senior Alyson Leatherman will spend her summer not only preparing for the work world, but also preparing a presentation for the Popular Culture Association International Conference at Cambridge in England. Leatherman will present her paper on the role of Osborne Liquor Company's advertising toward women on Wednesday, they had collected about $6,000, he said.

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"We didn't raise as much money as we thought we would," Leatherman said. "We didn't raise as much money as we thought we would."

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Graduating seniors leave behind lasting contributions

By MYRA McGRIFF
News Writer

Students see her painted face at almost all of Saint Mary's home athletic games. Behind the face paint and large bell adorning her head, though, lays a much larger message, the message of Belles Pride.

Her name is Emily Koelsch and as early as her freshman year, Koelsch saw an opportunity to unite the campus with a sense of pride. When Saint Mary's identity as a college was questioned in a 1997 letter, to the editor of The Observer that called the Saint Mary's student body parastisies, Koelsch felt it was time to evaluate how much students had invested in their school. To improve the college's image, Koelsch tried to get students to focus on the great features of Saint Mary's.

During her sophomore year, Koelsch worked to establish Saint Mary's Pride Day. With the help of SCA, the one-day event was able to encompass the entire student body. The student body met on the library green in the shape of a French Cross on Oct. 16, 1998 and an aerial photo was taken. The event solidified the fact that Saint Mary's students were proud to attend Saint Mary's and had a vested interest in their college.

Continuing to test the limits of Saint Mary's pride, Koelsch worked with BOG and SCA to create Pride Week, which she said is a time to get excited about Saint Mary's. With a host of academic, sport and spiritual events, Pride Week incorporates every aspect of campus. At the end of the week, Saint Mary's hosted a Notre Dame football pep rally. During this pep rally on Oct. 6, 1999, the new Saint Mary's mascot was unveiled.

"I told [Notre Dame] we had a mascot, and we didn't, so I had to come up with one," said Koelsch. With help from graduating senior Cindy Traub, Koelsch came up with the icon that would be the Belles' mascot. An icon that she hopes will bring excitement to Saint Mary's student body for years to come. Accompanying the Belles' new mascot came a previously unmatchable intensity of shouts of "Go Belles!" Combining pride week, the mascot and the new cheer, Koelsch feels that the student body has achieved a new level of pride for Saint Mary's.

"It gives Saint Mary's women a way to celebrate, it gives us an identity. It also brings the spirit of campus to the front."

This spirit that has trickled down to the rising classes. With Koelsch graduating, her term as the Belles mascot is over, but this new women's spirit of Saint Mary's is here to stay. Continuing to test the limits of Saint Mary's pride, Koelsch.
Author Events

The Following Events Are Happening At
The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore:

Friday, May 18, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mary Catherine Hillert, University of Notre Dame Professor, will be signing Speaking with Authority.

Friday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m., Jim Connelly and Donna Jones join us for a discussion and book signing. They will be discussing One More Sunset, a poignant and inspirational affirmation of the human spirit.

Saturday, May 19, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Father Bill Miscamble, C.S.C. will be signing his latest book, Keeping the Faith Making a Difference. It is a book that is a challenging but affirming message to young people, encouraging their positive contribution to society.

Saturday, May 19, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Ralph McInerny, University of Notre Dame Professor for over 40 years and author of a multitude of books, will be signing Triple Pursuit, a Father Dowling mystery.
Hall director, 4 rectors to leave Saint Mary's, Notre Dame

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

Students who return to Howard, Keough, LeMans, Lyons halls next fall will find a new face greeting them in their dorms as four rectors and one residence hall director will leave campuses for new positions.

Sister Kathleen Beauty is leaving Lyons Hall to be closer to her residence hall director will leave campus for new positions.

Sister Kathleen Beauty is leaving Lyons Hall to be closer to her family, and will become a pastoral associate at St. Catherine of Siena parish in Clearwater, Fla. "I left home at age 18 and entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph and I haven't been close to home since then. It's not the place that I would want to live, but there is a family need for me to be close to home," said Beauty. During her 10-year term as rectress of Lyons, Beauty also served as the advisor to Amnesty International and taught three semesters of a University seminar. In her new role as pastoral associate, she will work in a parish that serves 3,000 families. "It is an open-ended position, but some of the things that I will be doing are visiting people who are shut-ins and conducting an adult bible study," said Beauty. Beauty says her departure from Notre Dame will be bittersweet. "It's going to be difficult. I have been connected with this University since 1979, but I have to help my family. I will miss the students," said Beauty.

Seymore has served the men of Sorin Hall for the last four years — three as an assistant rector and this year as a rector. He is graduating Sunday with a PhD in chemistry and will be a professor of chemistry next year at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind.

In addition to serving on the residence hall staff, Seymore has worked as a teaching assistant in the chemistry department and in course development. "It kept me busy, but it gives me a unique perspective on the University to work in both a residence hall and in the classroom," said Seymore. Seymore lived in Sorin for four of his five years as a graduate student, but at Rose-Hulman he will not work in a residence hall. "I have lived in Sorin for four years, and have become somewhat attached to the dorm, but life moves on," said Seymore.

After serving as a hall director at LeMans Hall for two years, Sara Scalzo will be leaving Saint Mary's to become an assistant director of Student Life at Loyola University in Baltimore. Her new position will be similar to the one she fulfills here, but she will have more responsibilities, including supervising graduate students. I have mixed emotions. I am excited for myself professionally, but I will miss the students and the relationships I've developed here over the last two years," said Scalzo.

Father Tom Doyle has spent a total of 13 years at Notre Dame — five as Keough Hall rector. He will leave pursue an MBA at Harvard Business School. While studying at Harvard, he will serve in a Boston area parish. "I will primarily be pursuing my MBA and just assisting in a parish in the Boston area. Probably just by nature, I'll be involved in the business school community, but not in an official capacity," said Doyle.

Although Doyle may eventually return to Notre Dame, that decision must be made by the Congregation of the Holy Cross. "It was difficult but also beautiful. It was hard especially this year because usually you say 'I'll see you after the summer,' but this year it wasn't so certain. I am excited for them, and I am not worried about the future of the hall, but it is hard to leave," said Doyle.

Howard Hall Rectress Sister Anne Dougbery, a Franciscan sister, is transferring to St. Bonaventure University after being appointed vice president for university ministries, which entails overseeing the campus ministry department and social concerns center. The offer took her by surprise, because this was her first year at Howard; her contract here was supposed to last three years. Although Dougbery loves Notre Dame, she said she is looking forward to the more intimate nature of St. Bonaventure.

Andrew Thapar contributed to this report.
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Group files complaint against College

Saint Mary's accused of failing to report rapes

By MYRA MCGRFF
Saint Mary's Editor

Security on Campus, Inc. (SOC), a non-profit watchdog organization, filed a complaint of with the U.S. Department of Education (DOE), accusing the College of violating federal laws pertaining to the reporting and disclosure of sexual assaults on campus.

In the complaint filed May 8, SOC alleges that Saint Mary’s violated the 1990 Clery Act which requires schools to provide campus crime statistics and warnings of on-going threats to students.

The complaint alleges Saint Mary’s failed to record at least two sexual offenses in security reports, failed to categorize crimes accurately, failed to correctly identify crime locations and has both non-existent and incomplete policy statements.

According to the act, colleges must include: the geographical locations of crimes, all required crime categories, as well as adopt the Campus Sexual Assault Victims Bill of Rights.

SOC claims the alleged January 1999 rape of Saint Mary’s student Sarah Alter by a Notre Dame student was not “disclosed to students through Saint Mary’s official published security report, or to the U.S. Department of Education.”

In its complaint, SOC also states that an alleged April 1996 rape of another Saint Mary’s student also went unreported.

The complaint states, “During the course of our investigation we were contacted by a former student of the college who related that she had reported a rape to the institution, which they indicated, would never be counted in the statistics since it was merely an alleged incident.” This April 1996 rape was allegedly committed by a male musician from a foreign country visiting the campus as part of a cultural program. It was reported to both campus and local police (St. Joseph County). The college’s 1999 security report (exhibit A attached) reports “0” forcible rapes for 1996.

SOC vice president of finance and administration, Keith Dennis, said the procedure is an audit of all Saint Mary’s actions in regard to crime reporting and procedure. Keith Dennis, vice president of finance and administration, said he hopes Saint Mary’s can correct its infraction before such action is taken. Dennis, in reviewing the campus compliance with the Clery Act, says Saint Mary’s has not intentionally falsified or with held reports or statistics of crimes on campus. He explains missed data to a clerical error.

“We are trying to understand how we are reporting,” said Dennis. “The events were reported in the statistics but in the wrong year.”

Although Dennis does acknowledge not having an up to date crime log procedure, he does reassure the college hopes to improve.

He said after going to recent conferences and hearing reporting, he understands the college policy needs updating.

“Yes we can do a better job—we must make sure we are communicating with the campus,” said Dennis. “We have the summer to find out how to educate the campus.”

However even if Saint Mary’s amends the current practices of crime reporting, Carter still wants the college to be reviewed. Although the complaint concerns rape in a current Saint Mary’s student, Carter hopes it will speak as a wake up call to Notre Dame.

“We hope this will lead to better response and policy change from Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame,” said Carter.

Some students see the complaint filed by SOC as a starting point.

Alter, who was featured in a March Cosmopolitan article about campus rape, said Saint Mary’s needs to establish concrete guidelines on how to report crimes and provide victims of sexual assault with lists of counseling services in and just side Saint Mary’s community.

“I think the complaint is the first step to make sure Saint Mary’s is in compliance, which right now they are not. There is definitely more that can be done. I think CARE (Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination) is great, but Saint Mary’s need staff that is trained to handle rape and assault cases,” Alter said.

Jefferson named in civil rape suit

By JASON MCFARLEY
News Editor

A 19-year-old Saint Mary’s student recently filed a law suit against Notre Dame football player Clifford Jefferson Jr., claiming he sexually assaulted her in March.

The freshman alleges Jefferson raped her on March 21 at Saint Mary’s. No criminal charges are pending against the senior cornerback.

Contacted on Wednesday, Jefferson declined to comment on the civil suit.

“I have no comment on that matter,” he said.

While he said his refusal to comment was at the advice of his attorney, Jefferson would not disclose his counsel’s name, claiming that he was “between lawyers right now.”

On Wednesday, attorney Michael Anderson, who filed the suit in St. Joseph County Superior Court on behalf of the Saint Mary’s student, did not return phone calls from The Observer.

A representative at the lawyer’s law firm, Anderson, Agostino & Keller, said the suit seeks damages for medical bills incurred by the woman as well as physical and emotional suffering. The student also seeks damages to discourage her alleged assailant from future sexual assaults.

The representative said the woman met Jefferson at a downtown South Bend bar on the night of the alleged assault. She alleged Jefferson gave her a false name at the bar and later raped her on the Saint Mary’s campus while she was passed out from the effects of alcohol.

According to the representative, there is little physical evidence because a local hospital did not complete a “rape kit” after the victim took her to the hospital following the alleged incident.

Jefferson has reportedly denied the rape charge and claimed that the sex was consensual, the representative said.

University students who engage in pre-marital sex are subject to serious disciplinary action.

According to page 126 of the 2000-2001 edition of du Lac, “...the University believes that sexual union should occur only in marriage. Students found in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary suspension or permanent dismissal.”

However, Jefferson said Wednesday that neither his status as a student nor as a football player has changed.

Asked about procedure for handling lawsuits, Dennis Mores, Notre Dame director of public relations and information, said it is not the University’s policy to intercede in cases in which it is not specifically involved as a party.

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Andrea Mechenbier,
winner of the Collins Award

Paul Nebosky,
winner of the Gardner Award

David Wyncott,
winner of the Student Affairs Special Recognition Award

Thank you for your contributions to our community. Best wishes as you begin your journey beyond Notre Dame.
Celebrate graduation heartache

Anne Marie Mattingly
Senior Staff Writer

Our day has come. After four years of papers, tests, late nights of studying, classes, meetings, parties, and countless other activities unique to each of our own lives, we, the members of the Class of 2001, have reached the end of the Notre Dame road. The last chapter of our collegiate books has closed, literally and figuratively.

As I reflect on this awareness, I can't help but feel somewhat unhappy. You see, Notre Dame has been a guiding force in my life for almost as long as I can remember.

I decided I wanted to attend school in South Bend during my second campus visit—I was in the third grade at the time. As my family walked around the reflecting pool near the Hesburgh Library, I told my father of my newfound ambition. He took this opportunity to inform me that grades such as the 'C' I had received in handwriting on my last report card wouldn't cut it for admission to ND.

"If it comes down to you and somebody else, you're a terrific writer," he told me. I went back to Cincinnati resolved to improve my penmanship, soberly believing that poor grades in such an academically-indicative subject as handwriting could threaten my chances to study under the Golden Dome and feeling determined not to let my new dream be thwarted by such a silly fault.

A similar desire to end up here fueled my journey through freshman year English in high school with the toughest teacher I've ever had (still) and through several weeks of late nights studying for my AP exams. Since I've been here, my purpose has been to succeed academically and personally—in essence, to make my Notre Dame experience live up to my expectations for it.

These things considered, I suppose it is not altogether unreasonable to feel just a hint of sadness at the realization that it is time for me to leave this University, which has been part of my dreams and my reality for the past 13 years. No longer can college life at Notre Dame be something I excitedly anticipate or blissfully live. Throughout the past two weeks, I have at every turn been painfully aware of my imminent departure—my last class, my last final, and, in all likelihood, the last time that all of The Observer’s most dedicated writers will be gathered in one room, ever.

When I was eight years old, my mother found me crying onto my pillow that night. "I want you to know my relationship to Notre Dame in the future will never be the same as it has been during my time as a student here. But graduation doesn't mean isolation from our lady's university (at least not as long as there's a fund-raising to be done!), and I can take heart in knowing that no matter where I go there will always be other Domers, ready and willing to relive their years here with me. After all, as Father Hesburgh told us during our 'Before You Go' Tour, 'This place is part of you and you are part of it. You can't get away from it if you try.'"

It's true that I'm sad to go because I know my relationship to Notre Dame in the future will never be the same as it has been during my time as a student here. But graduation doesn't mean isolation from our lady's university (at least not as long as there's a fund-raising to be done!), and I can take heart in knowing that no matter where I go there will always be other Domers, ready and willing to relive their years here with me. After all, as Father Hesburgh told us during our 'Before You Go' Tour, "This place is part of you and you are part of it. You can't get away from it if you try."

Anne Marie Mattingly is graduating from Notre Dame with a degree in biology. She served as News Editor of The Observer last year and owes her love for great college experience to God, her parents, her fellow Observerites, the McGinn girls and Flat 7.
What have we learned?

I’ve spent a lot of time thinking about what I was going to write because the compositions that wind up on these pages are long-winded but very poetic speeches about what Notre Dame means and how we can take each other as much into the real world. But I’m terrible at that kind of writing, so I’ll spare you.

Another format is the “Survival Guide for Underclassmen” about how to endure the rigors of scholarship in one’s final year. But having the last few weeks of classes be as exhilarating as Gandhi coaching Bengal Bouts — just plain wrong. As I write, I’m swirling in an insomnia­

So as I devoted more and more thought to how I can boil down years of learning into rough notes, I didn’t only occur to me that most of the things I’ve learned here have not been in classrooms. Who would think it, those boring old clichéphrases at Freshman Orientation turned out to be true. So, these are the lessons I’ve learned at Notre Dame that, at least in my mind, will stand out more in the future than anything I might have perused in some dusty textbook.

And what a long, strange trip it’s been. Away from most things related to college in London. Yes, it was fantastic, blah, blah — but that’s not the point. I felt I had graduated, minus the “Pomp & Circumstance” (literally). No surveys filled out or silly hats. Few tearful good-byes. Away from most things related to the Golden Dome, I had a taste of the real world.

In the fall, it was as if I was blessed with a bonus year to come back and do all the things I really wanted to do. I promised myself that I would do what I felt would make me happy, and so I did. Even if that was watching a movie with that person I know from psychology class instead of recking to Coach’s, or going out instead of making that club meeting.

Now that my graduation is truly here, I find that I don’t regret a thing. Not even napping, walking around the lakes, hav­ing late night laughing sessions when I should be studying, cram scheduling on the quad, attending other people’s lectures, chatting about how amazing God is, following my passion for ice cream, making friends with freshmen, wearing a flower behind my ear, telling that girl I’ve never officially met that I’ve always thought she has beautiful hair. These things make me happy, and I think I might keep this philosophy indefi­nely.

Mike Marchand
Senior Columnist

Four years’ progression remembered

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I should clarify only that while I regard myself as fairly liberal, I do not personally belong to a particular party. I find the two-party system followed absolutely to be frequently destruc­tive, polarizing issues that should not be polarized at all. I want to explain why I am not willing to sign the letter circulating among us for signatures to protest President George W. Bush because our Commencement address and receiving an honorary degree.

First, I am not “angered” by Father Malloy’s offer of Bush’s visit; I, on the other hand, was a little more nervous. But things worked out fine. After all the hubbub of Freshman Orientation and the first few weeks of school, I settled into life at Notre Dame. This place became much more than just a football team to watch on Saturdays; it became a home.

And my understanding of it grew deeper.

I walked around the lakes on a clear afternoon. I discussed spirituality in classroom. I learned from the upperclassmen in my section TV lounge. I did all the little things that you don’t see when you come to visit this school on a football weekend, but that make it an incredible place.

As four years flew by, I did more of these little things, and the guys I lived with and ate with in September of freshmen year have the same guy I lived with and eat with today. Much as my dad talks about Kevin and Jones and Knoets — the lifelong friends who are a part of my memories here — I have my own.

Along the way I picked up a bunch of my own Notre Dame memories: late nights at The Observer, Friday night at the Grotto, the Michigan game sophomore year and way too many other things to list here.

But there are also memories that I share with my dad, who graduated 34 years ago this weekend. These are the memories that each of us share with nearly everyone who has ever graduated from this University: the way the sun reflects off the Dome on a nice day, trips to the Grotto on a quiet night, our first football game as a student. There are less laughable experiences that we have all shared, too: that inexplicable spirit which pervades our student body, the bonds that form in our common life.

These are the things that generations of Notre Dame students share, the common threads holding each class together even as each class, and each person, forms their own experiences. I could call the true meaning of the “Notre Dame Family,” but that’s probably too clichéd; it is just what makes Notre Dame the unique place it is.

Ten and a half years ago, on a perfect October afternoon, my dad tried to impart to me an understanding of this place we have all come to call home.

Now, after a set of Notre Dame experiences that were quite different, but also quite similar, from his, I think I’ve got it.

Tim Logan is a former News Editor of The Observer. He would like to thank his dad for introducing him to this wonderful place, and his mom for always encouraging him to get her.

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We all have the chance of a lifetime to be at a commencement speech given by the leader of the free world. No matter what your opinions on his policies, it is our chance to show him the respect due to him. I am sure Mr. Bush received many letters from Congressmen from many Universities urging him to go to their alma mater. But he chose Notre Dame. I say for once just be thankful of what we have here.

Matt Friedman
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I would like to thank President Bush’s decision to increase our military arsenal, this is a subject we should discuss seriously rather than dismissing him out of hand. At the very least, we should consider what means that the Uni­versity is one of the largest ROTC training univer­sities in the country and theplace

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Thank you for coming to my party

The last four years have been...an experience. I would not get kicked out of any party of The Observer. I have been fortunate to have three wonderful sisters, both of you, an overall loving, supportive family and many, many friends.

We have all been through the same school, and eventually, the signature on the check written to Saint Mary's College. Excuse me — can someone get the bill?

Thank you to my girlfriends over the years. I am not going to lie to you, overall there is a love/hate relationship with the department: I love the fact that you know me so well and have pushed me to be the writer that I am, to be honest in doing so, I have had to admit that I was wrong at some points. God, you guys are good! Thank you to my young men of Morrissey Manor — all right of you. You know exactly who you are, but do not think you will ever know how much you truly meant to me. You have helped make my last year a very...interesting one, shall we say? If nothing else, I love you all for it, and don't get all worried out just because I said I love you, okay? I still have a few people to thank, but I won't take up much more space.

My mom's preschool class sings a song to close out their day that sums up much more eloquently than I could my feelings as I approach graduation. It goes as follows, "It's time to go...I hate to leave, but it's time to go. I hate to leave, but it's time to go. I have had so much fun that I really like to stay but I'll be back again sometime. So long, so long, so long." Her preschoolers sing each day the words that describe my emotions as I get ready to wear my cap and gown. I feel a lot like a preschooler as I get ready to wear my cap and gown. I feel exactly like that. I want to be "independent" (whatever that means) and control what my life will bring.

However, when I actually get to leave the place where my meals are cooked, my hallway is vacuumed and security will give me a ride home, I feel crying. In some ways, I want to be an adult and do it myself. Molly McVoy, I'm tired that they're letting me do it myself from now on.

Teachers are always telling little kids to hold someone's hand as they cross the street and to look both ways. I want to be able to do the same thing. I want to be able to do the same thing. I could say goodbye to my friends and family, but I would not be able to decide, as there is so much fun that I have had here. I have been through the entire lot of us so many times this year. I hope we didn't frighten the children too much. I don't think anyone will believe half the stories I'll be telling for the next few years, but I wouldn't trade the memories for anything.

Wow, it really is impossible to sum up four years with mere words, but I'd be happy to do that. I could thank, but I won't take up much more space.

My roommates and I are watching West Wing, and I just realized I'll be watching next season (if I have time, hopefully) without them, they'll be scattered to the winds, for lack of a better way to put it. This is a good thing, but the sadness I feel when I consider the closeness of my undergraduate years only accentuates how amazing they have been, how many unbelievable memories I have.

And now that I'm done for real, I sincerely hope that everyone has enjoyed the last weeks. I know I have. And as much as I will miss you all, I know in my heart we'll all meet again. You'll see me at my next adventure brings that is so strong that I feel ready to take on anything. It's time to go.

I had so much fun that I'd really like to stay. The memories that will stay with me are some of the best, I hate to leave behind all the places and people that have become a second home and family to me. Some days I feel like they're pushing me toward the door, the way "But don't you know, I'm not ready to go yet." I hate to leave. But enough fortune cookie wisdom. As I get ready to wear my cap and gown, I have many more stories to tell. As I leave this place, I will be that alumna in the bar and at the games that really doesn't understand she doesn't go here any more. And, I will be proud to be her.

I feel a lot like a preschooler as I get ready to wear my cap and gown. I feel exactly like that. I want to be "independent" (whatever that means) and control what my life will bring. God bless and keep each and every member of this senior class.

Molly McVoy
Senior Staff Writer

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The Observer
What a long, strange trip
Paul Grush reflects on his Notre Dame education

By AMANDA GRECO
Scene Editor

It is a cold Monday morning. Your alarm clock screams to rouse you in time to make it to your 8 a.m. class. More than a foot of snow has come down to cover South Bend — and Notre Dame, with all her luxuries, is not yet immune to such displays of Mother Nature’s midwestern might. As you hit the snooze button and snuggle down under the covers, you think “There’s no way I’m walking across campus in this weather.”

For MBA student Paul Grush, a simple walk across campus was never an option. When the alarm clock rang for this student, husband and father of four, it was time to rise and shine, no matter how few hours he slept, no matter how hard it was snowing. Not only did he have to face the responsibilities of family life before his first class each day, but a two-hour commute lay between his home in the small town of Gravel Hill, Ind., and the University.

Receiving a degree from Notre Dame has been a lifelong dream for Paul; this Sunday — after two grueling years of hard work and thousands of miles passed on the toll road — that dream will become a reality.

After 16 years as a software engineer for Logikos, a custom software engineering company, Paul decided in July of 1999 that he wanted more. The computer science degree he had received from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology did not provide him the business background to support the management or ownership positions he wanted to pursue. “I decided to go back to school to supplement my technical skills,” Paul said.

One day during lunch with Kristal, his wife of nine years, he popped the question: “What do you think about me going to school?”

Kristal knew that school would be a large commitment for Paul to undertake, one that would require him spending long hours attending classes, studying and working on projects. She knew that his schooling would require her to support the family financially with her salary from her career as a software quality engineer at Baytheon. She also knew she would have to take a majority of the child rearing on herself. What she didn’t know was that the kids no longer wanted him to go. “He never had enough time to play with us or treat us like a family again,” Paul’s daughter Michelle, 18, said.

One evening, as Paul tucked in his daughter Michelle, she asked if he was going to Notre Dame the following day. When he replied that yes, he would be going, she began to cry, telling her father that the kids no longer wanted him to go to school because it kept them from seeing him. “That was hard,” Paul admitted, “but the kids were really good troopers.”

Perhaps the strongest trooper in the

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SCENE ASKS

What was the greatest sacrifice you made for your education?

“In living so far away from home and feeling so detached.”

Crystal Aguilar-McMillan senior, Le Mans Hall

“My parents gave things up so I could go here. For me, giving up my summers so I could work for my education was a big sacrifice.”

Kathy Fech senior, Le Mans Hall

“We’ve had to sacrifice a lot to get me home, or for my family to come visit me. I haven’t been able to go home for many holidays.”

Megan Kosel senior, Annunciata Hall

“When I wanted to go to Spain, all my mom’s paychecks went towards that instead of anything else.”

Alyson Leatherman senior, Le Mans Hall

“Loans, debts, financial sacrifices — but we knew we were getting into it at the beginning. I knew that Saint Mary’s would be worth it.”

Cindy Traub senior, Annunciata Hall

What sacrifices did you make for school?

“Now that classes are over and finals have been taken, Paul (left to right) Michelle, John, Jennifer and Megan. Paul Grush reflects on his Notre Dame education.”

Photo by KYLE CASTER / The Observer
family has been Paul's wife Kristal, who ran a household as would a single, working mom — all while supporting her husband and his quest for higher learning. Paul isn't shy in admitting that he couldn't have made it without Kristal. "She has been so supportive," Paul said. "I call her my 'pioneer woman.'"

It seems the trials have only strengthened their relationship. "I knew it was going to be hard," Kristal said. "But I also knew it was for a finite period of time. You can endure anything if you know it is finite," she added. It was hardest at the beginning. Kristal said, when Megan was only eight months old. It didn't take long, though, before the morning routine of waking, dressing, feeding and delivering four children and the afternoon juggling of rides, meals, homework, bathing and activities became simple for Kristal and the children. "I have been working for 19 years," she said. "In a normal family, the changes would never have happened. Now, the family is returning to normal."

Outside of his hard work, Paul owes his successful completion of the MBA program to his wife, Kristal. Not only were they also paying for the added expense of tuition, family income and taking on office jobs she made for her husband, but Kristal also contributed for her husband, her only request is that she "see a return on [her] investment."

Looking back over the last two years, the Grushes are able to breathe a deep sigh of relief and feel a great sense of accomplishment. "I never thought we wouldn't get through it," Kristal said. "Only sometimes, I just begged 'God, please hurry up!'" In his two years of two hour commutes, Paul only once missed a day of classes — not because he didn't want to get out of bed or because of inclement weather, but because his brother was undergoing a serious surgery. Even then, Paul contemplated trying to make his evening class. "There were never any days where I didn't want to go," he said. "School was something that I wanted to do for my family." In retrospect, Paul sums up his commute to school as "amazingly simple." Soon he will have his degree — and all without a single speeding ticket.
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leading the Irish to the Sweet 16. She averaged 18 points per game in Notre Dame's three NCAA tournament games.

Riley's effectiveness on the floor increased year-by-year. She contributed in small part to her work ethic and dedication that served as a model for her teammates.

"Ruth is the type of player that you look at and point to and say this is what we want everybody else to do," McGrath said.

As a senior, the one-shy Riley began to take on a leadership role in the program and often serving as a spokesperson.

"She led by example I think every year that she was here," McGrath said. "This year she was more vocal, and I thought that was a big improvement for her.

The biggest adjustments Riley made as a senior, however, were her game on the court. She displayed a tendency to get into foul trouble at the worst possible times, including a Sweet 16 loss to Texas Tech in 2000 during which the Irish blew a 16-point lead.

During Notre Dame's championship run, Riley fouled out of just two contests but still averaged 3.1 blocked shots per contest.

"I think it's just that I started realizing that you don't have to block everything," Riley said. "I just knew that I wanted to be out there and be active and not be hindered by foul trouble. It was something I focused on all year.

That team spirit helped the Irish form a powerful bond. The seniors on this team, Riley's scoring was limited early on in the 2001 season, as she was limited early on and missed some time with a foot injury. But the seniors, who Riley frequently referred to as the "Leading Scorer" column more and more often.

"It definitely makes us a lot harder to guard," Riley said. "That's one of the reasons we were able to advance in the tournament. We didn't have to feature her, we didn't have to have her dominate the game, because they couldn't just focus on one player.

McGrath thinks that improvement set Riley apart from other talented scorers on less successful teams.

"I thought her passing was one of the best parts of her game this year," McGrath said. "She didn't care if she scored a lot of points, that's the best thing about Ruth. She never let us down. If we don't get frustrated if she's not scoring because it's not that important to her.

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The Alliance for Catholic Education is proud to welcome its eighth class of Catholic school teachers.
We give thanks for their gift of service to America's Catholic schools.
Please join us in congratulating the following graduates of Saint Mary’s College and the University of Notre Dame.

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Katherine Gaffney
Colleen Garvey
Jessica Gray
Tisha Greenslade
Brian Hobkins
Alison Hodrick
Charles Holden-Corbett
Molly Kahn
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Graf makes B-cut, leads Belles in final meet

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Junior transfer student Laura Graf made history for Saint Mary's College at the MIAA track championships last weekend as her 400-meter time was good enough for a provisional qualification for nationals.

Despite the fact that Graf's 1:25.28 time was good enough to break the previous MIAA record and set a new Saint Mary's outdoor record, it was only good enough to give her a third place finish in the race. Hope's Jennifer Price and Calvin's Sara Veltkamp finished ahead of Graf. Price won by nearly two seconds.

A provisional qualification gives Graf a chance to compete in the NCAA national meet if too few runners qualify automatically. However, it is unlikely that her time will be good enough to take her to the meet.

"We wanted to prove we have the girls who want to compete," Graf said. "We don't care what happened in the past. We are stronger this year."

The recently disbanded Saint Mary's track team finished in seventh place in the last meet of their current existence, defeating the Comets of Olivet.

Four women scored points for the Belles, including Graf. Junior Erica Burket led the Belles in scoring with three top eight finishes. A second place finish in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.50 seconds brought in seven points for the Belles, the most any runner scored. Her 4-foot, 10 inch high jump was enough to land her a fifth place finish, behind a 5-2 winning jump by Alma's Kristi Pykoz. She added an eighth place finish in the 400-meter hurdles, an event which she has run only twice, with a time of 1:13.61.

Jong Graf and Burket in scoring were freshmen Becky Shepkowski and Jaclyn Thompson. Shepkowski's sixth place finish in the triple jump was a surprise following a season where she generally took second place to Burket who holds the school record in the event. However, a 31-10 jump, which still fell short of her personal best 32-7, was enough to earn Shepkowski points for the team.

Thompson tied her personal best pole vault and tied the school record, which she holds. Her 8-6 jump landed her in fourth place in the MIAA, falling three feet short of the winning 11-6 jump.

The Saint Mary's 400-meter relay team took home a fifth place finish with a time of 44.14, wrapping up the scoring for the day. Calvin took home an unques­tioned MIAA title. The Knights claimed first place in 17 of the 20 events, including five new MIAA records. Only three runner were able to quench the fire Calvin began at the Hope field.

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Grow, Shay head to NCAAs

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

They started out as two teams of the many, working together for the best possible team finish at each weekend's competition. What remains are the few and the proud, athletes who already have or are working to qualify for the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field track athletes.

Eleven athletes — four men and seven women — remain at Notre Dame while the rest of the team ended their season with the Big East Championships on May 6. At that meet, the women's team finished third for the third consecutive year, while the men's squad took sixth.

Irish head coach Joe Piane feels that his teams could have placed even higher had it not been for injury. Piane believes that his teams could have placed even higher had it not been for injury. Piane thinks kept his squad took sixth. On the men's side, the defending champion Irish lost to graduation while sprinter Cochran and Marshaun West have got us into second place."

for the 100-meter hurdles and the long jump. Now she can concentrate on the pole vault exclusively, a focus she thinks will be beneficial. "I can put all my energy and focus all on vaulting," Volkmer said. "As far as nationals go, I think I'm going to need to jump 13-feet-13 2 to get in." The other athletes still competing on the men's side are freshman Kevin Somok and senior Derek Dyer in the discus. Each look good enough to give her a third place finish in the race. Hope's Jennifer Price and Calvin's Sara Veltkamp finished ahead of Graf. Price won by nearly two seconds.

A provisional qualification gives Graf a chance to compete in the NCAA national meet if too few runners qualify automatically. However, it is unlikely that her time will be good enough to take her to the meet.

"We wanted to prove we have the girls who want to compete," Graf said. "We don't care what happened in the past. We are stronger this year."

The recently disbanded Saint Mary's track team finished in seventh place in the last meet of their current existence, defeating the Comets of Olivet.

Four women scored points for the Belles, including Graf. Junior Erica Burket led the Belles in scoring with three top eight finishes. A second place finish in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.50 seconds brought in seven points for the Belles, the most any runner scored. Her 4-foot, 10 inch high jump was enough to land her a fifth place finish, behind a 5-2 winning jump by Alma's Kristi Pykoz. She added an eighth place finish in the 400-meter hurdles, an event which she has run only twice, with a time of 1:13.61.

Jong Graf and Burket in scoring were freshmen Becky Shepkowski and Jaclyn Thompson. Shepkowski's sixth place finish in the triple jump was a surprise following a season where she generally took second place to Burket who holds the school record in the event. However, a 31-10 jump, which still fell short of her personal best 32-7, was enough to earn Shepkowski points for the team.

Thompson tied her personal best pole vault and tied the school record, which she holds. Her 8-6 jump landed her in fourth place in the MIAA, falling three feet short of the winning 11-6 jump.

The Saint Mary's 400-meter relay team took home a fifth place finish with a time of 44.14, wrapping up the scoring for the day. Calvin took home an unques­tioned MIAA title. The Knights claimed first place in 17 of the 20 events, including five new MIAA records. Only three runner were able to quench the fire Calvin began at the Hope field.

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Notre Dame hopes for first Big East Tournament title

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame baseball team will most likely be at graduation this weekend, but don’t expect them to be especially peppy. The Irish will travel through the night on Sunday morning, leaving the Big East Championships in Bridgewater, N.J. at 4 a.m. and returning at 10 a.m. just in time to grab their sheepskins.

But before graduating, there’s baseball to be played.

The No. 2 Irish squared off against Virginia Tech Thursday, vying for a Big East Championship postseason championship that has eluded the program since it began Big East play six years ago. The Irish have already secured the regular season Big East title.

The results of Thursday’s game were not known Wednesday night when The Observer went to press.

“The idea is that you can say to them, ‘No matter what happens, I’m still with you,’” said senior captain Alec Porzel. “Some of them are going to be here, some of them are not, but I’m going to be here.”

While Mainieri said the seniors are not “an especially vocal group,” their leadership by example has been undeniable. The tandem of the All-American Heilman and Tamayo have won 21 games for the Irish, and have emerged as one of the top weekend starting duos in the country.

Porzel has recovered from a season opening slump to raise his average more than 100 points during the latter half of the 2001 campaign. The short-stop has proven effective in the clutch, hitting 333 with runners in scoring position.

And with Porzel’s resurgence has come the resurgence of the entire Irish offense. Notre Dame is hitting .321 as a team, and has increased run support.

Most of all, I’m looking forward to Virginia Tech,” Porzel said. “We’re going to have Tamayo on the hill, and they haven’t faced our big guns.”

It will be Tamayo’s first meeting with Virginia Tech this season. The senior right-hander owns an 8-1 record, and opposing hitters have batted .209 against the Miami native. He will use the same pitching formula that has proved successful the entire spring.

“I’m not going to be doing anything different against them,” he said.

Other than against Virginia Tech, the Irish have been dominant in Big East play with a 22-4 record. Today, the Irish will face either last year’s champions Rutgers or Seton Hall. Notre Dame is a combined 6-0 against these two squads this year, outscoring them 50-13.

While Mainieri said the seniors have come the resurgence of the Irish offense, Notre Dame has hit 321 as a team, and has provided the pitching staff with increased run support.

“Our offense is on a roll,” said Porzel. “Everyone’s looking to get RBIs — everyone’s stepped up.”

“This team has a lot of confidence — everyone knows what we expect,” said Tamayo.

For all their on-field accomplishments, Mainieri says that this year’s seniors will be remembered for different reasons as well.

“I think their legacy will be that they showed everyone the proper way to carry themselves as Notre Dame baseball players,” he said.

“Pitcher Mike Naumann delivers during an April 5 victory over Dayton. The Irish are looking for their first Big East title.”

“We’ve watched the fan support grow and grow and grow,” said Porzel. “We will play for ourselves and play for our fans.”

With so much success this season, it’s hard not to discuss Notre Dame baseball without mentioning the College World Series. The Irish haven’t visited Omaha mid-June since 1957. Mainieri was born three months later.

But its clear the 2001 team knows what they’re capable of achieving.

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Belles play hard, but can't make the grade

By KATIE McVOY

It wasn't a question of solid pitching or getting hits. The Saint Mary's softball team just couldn't put the two together to bring home enough wins to put the team over .500 this season.

The Belles finished in the same seventh place spot they finished last season in the MIAA, with a league record of 4-10 and an overall record of 14-19. Despite the losing record, senior Cindy Traub was happy with the team's performance.

"I think that our season, although people may not see it as a success with our wins and losses, was a success because of the way we were able to deal with adversity on and off the field," she said.

The team fell under the leadership of first-year head coach John Kovach, who served as an assistant coach last season. Kovach replaced last season's head coach, Joe Speybroeck, after he left the team shortly before the season began.

Senior Anne Senger led the team's pitching staff along with help from junior Kristin Martin. Senger, who pitched 41 innings on the season, finished up her senior year with an ERA of 4.43 and a record of 1-5. Freshman Libby Wilhelm rounded off Saint Mary's pitching with a 1.88 ERA after 26 innings of work.

"Overall, I was pretty pleased with pitching this year," Kovach said.

Sophomore catcher Susan Kutz led the Belles' hitting charge, racking up 10 RBIs, six doubles and one home run. Her .444 batting average was enough to get her named to second-team All-MIAA.

The highlight of the season came in the form of a 2-0 weekend sweep of the Knights of Calvin College in mid-April. Martin pitched a shutout during the first game, giving the Belles their biggest winning margin of the season at eight.

With Senger on the mound it was a close night cap, but Saint Mary's pulled out on top 13-12, tripling the number of wins it had taken in the MIAA up to that point.

The hits fell for the Belles during the doubleheader, as leading sluggers Rachel Deer and Kutz stole their way into home. "We had our hitting shoes on today," said Kovach of his team's strong hitting performance.

Four MIAA wins were not enough to boost the Belles into an MIAA playoff spot and the team ended its season with a disappointing loss to Goshen College in a doubleheader.

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Women's lacrosse

Fourth season makes firsts

By ANTHONY BISHOP
Sport Writer

The fourth season of Notre Dame women's lacrosse was a season of firsts. The team achieved its first-ever victory over a ranked team, Delaware, and then proceeded to defeat a top-10 team, Yale. These victories helped the Irish gain national recognition and their first ever ranking — peaking at No. 18 — and first ever 10-win season with an overall 10-5 record.

Head coach Tracy Coyne was very pleased about the results of this season. "We've come a long way," she said. "We accomplished a lot this year and it was exciting to be on the bubble for the playoffs."

On a sad note, the program also saw its first-ever recruiting class graduate. Standing out among the team is senior captain Lisl O'Shaughnessy, the first-ever athlete to sign an Irish women's lacrosse letter of intent. She is a season's first home loss to Georgetown. The next two games were solid victories against rival Ohio State and Rutgers before falling to 11th-ranked Syracuse in New York. The Syracuse loss came on quite a six-goal performance by Shearer. The Irish beat two of the six nationally-ranked teams they faced compared to zero in all previous years. In the inaugural season for Big East women's lacrosse, the Irish finished third with a 4-2 record. The team spent most of the year atop the standings with a 3-0 record before losing to Georgetown and Syracuse, who both finished ahead of the Irish.

Most of this leadership came from O'Shaughnessy, who earned the team's MVP and was voted to the first team all-Big East as well as the all-regional first team. She led the team in assists with 52. She was joined on the all-Big East team by two seniors — Tina Fedarcyk and Allisa Moser. Fedarcyk, who joined O'Shaughnessy on the first team, led the Irish with 42 ground balls and 30 caused turnovers.

Second team all-Big East honors went to Moser, who finished with record setting 40 draw controls. Junior captain Kathryn Lam joins O'Shaughnessy on the all-regional level, earning second team honors.

Men's lacrosse

Irish to make second quarterfinal appearance

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sport Writer

The Irish have been here before but this time everything is different. The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team makes its second straight quarterfinals appearance Sunday when it takes on John Hopkins in College Park, Md. The game will be a rematch of last year's quarterfinals which the Blue Jays won 15-11, but there are few similarities between the 2001 and 2000 versions of each team.

To start with, the Irish aren't just happy to be in the quarterfinals this year. They expected to win their first round game against Bucknell. Last year the 12th-seeded Irish shocked the 20th-seeded Loyola Greyhounds in the first round.

The joyous celebrations that followed the win against Loyola were noticeably absent after Notre Dame's 12-7 win against Bucknell. "After the game one of the fathers came up to me and said "Last year we celebrated like we had won the lot,"" head coach Kevin Corrigan said. "This year it was all business."

Still, the Irish are ready for the challenge of facing one of the top teams in the country. "They are still an extremely talented team but they don't have two guys who were two of the very best players in the country and made them very, very tough to play against," Corrigan said. "It was very difficult to concentrate on both those guys on the offensive end."

Those two guys — first team All-Americans Dan Donihan and A.J. Hogan — dominated in the last meeting. Donihan accounted for eight points while Hogan controlled the midfield. This time around, the Blue Jays won't have the benefit of either player but they are still a talented bunch.

Freshman Conor Ford has led the Blue Jay attack in the last three games with 13 goals in those contests. In the midfield, Hopkins features one of the toughest players in the country. Eric Wedin averages nearly 10 ground balls per game and wins 56.8 percent of his face-offs. Irish face-off specialist Chad DeBolt must force a draw with Wedin. "He's got to beat him," Corrigan said. "They are still an extremely talented team but they don't have two guys who were two of the very best players in the country and made them very, very tough to play against," Corrigan said. "It was very difficult to concentrate on both those guys on the offensive end."

"He's got to beat him," Corrigan said. "What we really hope for is for us to get a draw. If we can't beat him outright, he wants to tie him up and see if we can turn it into a 3-on-3 ground ball and make some plays."
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American — all as a freshman.

"You'd think he dominates all the time, but he gets in jams," Mainieri said. "The thing that sets him apart is that he has the ability to raise his game.

"The great ones can do that." Over the course of his next two seasons, Heilman didn't become just great — he was nearly invincible. He struck out a Notre Dame season-record 118 batters in both 1999 and 2000. He was named All-American for three straight years. He pitched for Texas A&M. He won 10 games in a row.

Heilman had pitched in plenty of memorable games. There was the 10-inning, 18-strikeout gem against West Virginia. Or his one-bitter against Villanova in Notre Dame's 3,000th ever baseball game. Or his five innings against Miami where Heilman gave up one hit on his way to a 1-0 victory — the first time the Hurricanes had been shut out in 20 years.

"Honestly, I don't know what more I could have accomplished," he said.

By the time he was drafted by the Minnesota Twins at the end of his junior year, it seemed a foregone conclusion that Heilman had earned his stripes as the greatest baseball player in Notre Dame history. But if his junior year was any indication, he still had big things to accomplish, as Mainieri said. "The thing that sets him apart is that he's so humble," Mainieri said. "He's just the greatest leader that I've ever been around, and he does it so much by example."

When he's not pitching, Heilman is in the dugout supporting his teammates. And after a game, he'll help rake the pitchers' mound and get it ready for the next game.

"When the other players on the team see the superstar doing those kid of things, then they realize there's not reason for him to be prima donna," said Mainieri. "If Aaron Heilman isn't a prima donna, nobody has the right to be.

But when Heilman steps on the mound, he becomes a different person. Mainieri calls him "possessed" and rarely goes out to the mound to talk to him because "he's not a very nice guy." In between innings, Heilman sits in the dugout stone-faced and silent.

"Off the field he's the nicest guy in the world," said Mainieri. "But when he walks across that white line, it's like a whole different personality. It's all business with him, and that's what you love in a kid."

Heilman's business still isn't finished. He wants to win a Big East Championship and pitch in the College World Series. He'll most likely be Notre Dame's first four-time All-American and is projected to be drafted in the first or second round this summer.

"It's been a tremendous ride," he said. "I hope we've got a few more tokens left in the machine." Regardless of how the Irish finish their season, Mainieri already recognizes the enormous influence Heilman will have on the program even after he moves on.

"Even though he'll be gone, his legacy will be so strong that it's really a standard that he set for the players that are going to follow him," Mainieri said. "When he's finished at Notre Dame, he'll be gone, but he won't be forgotten, that's for sure."

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Irish rowers miss out on NCAA Championship regatta

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

It will take two seconds to read this sentence. And two seconds was all that Irish rowing coach Martin Stone believed separated Notre Dame from a trip to its first NCAA Championship regatta.

"We were the next varsity eight they were going to take," said Stone, referring to the NCAA selections announced Tuesday. "I think if we had beaten Rutgers in the Big East we would have gone. We were out of it by two seconds.

The Irish finished the 2001 season ranked No. 16 in the USRowing-Collegiate Coaches Rowing Association poll, with the Scarlet Knights checking in at No. 15.

But to focus on being so close to making the NCAA finals would be an injustice to a season that, by all respects, was the finest in Notre Dame rowing's short history as a varsity program.

To start, the program saw Notre Dame in the USRowing poll for the first time in school history on April 4, breaking in at No. 14. The ranking directly followed the Irish response in a race where Bula said "everything clicked." blazing to a 6:38.7 finish in a race where Bula said "everything clicked." blazing to a 6:38.7 finish in a race where Bula said "everything clicked." blazing to a 6:38.7 finish in a race where Bula said "everything clicked." blazing to a 6:38.7 finish in a race where Bula said "everything clicked." blazing to a 6:38.7 finish in a race where Bula said "everything clicked." blazing to a 6:38.7 finish in a race where Bula said "everything clicked." blazing to a 6:38.7 finish in a race where Bula said "everything clicked." blazing to a 6:38.7 finish in a race where Bula said "everything clicked." blazing to a 6:38.7 finish in a race where Bula said "everything clicked." blazing to a 6:38.7 finish.

"It was do or die," said Bula. "We needed to make the finals to have a chance at the NCAAs."

Notre Dame responded in a race for the Irish rowers this season.

The Grand Final at the Central Championships would be the last race for the Irish rowers this season. Bula felt that though she wishes she could experience Notre Dame building on the foundation she and her fellow seniors help build, it was an unique experience to be part of the beginning.

"In some ways I wish I could be there," said Bula. "But it's a great feeling that we helped set the standard for how the program will be, and be part of Notre Dame history being on the first women's rowing varsity team."

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Women's tennis

BY KATIE McVOY

A small but lively crowd greeted the Saint Mary's tennis team May 7 — a day when most students were studying for finals. The 15 members of the tennis team were all smiles as they entered the gym.

"I am extremely proud and I still can't believe we accomplished that," junior co-captain Cathryn O'Connell-McGlinn Hall said. "Coach promised me we would have a championship.

"I have to give a lot of credit to the freshmen who came in that season," Annie Knish said. "They added a lot to our team." Senior Annie Knish led the doubles with a No. 1 doubles championship. Cook also claimed a third place finish in singles.

"The combination of being focused and having a good time as friends and partners helped us win that championship," Knish said.

Three doubles teams of sophomores Elisa Ryan and Trisha Jones also took home a championship.

The Doubles Team

The doubles team were the foundation of the Saint Mary's team this season, and proved to be so again during the MIAA tournament. All three teams took home a medal.

"I'm very proud of them," Knish said. "They worked together and made great improvements over the season." Senior Natalie Cook led the doubles with a No. 2 doubles championship. "Coach also claimed a third place finish in singles," said Knish.

"Hope, a possible favorite, was the top seed and we were second. It was a tough match, but Knish and Cook came out on top in three sets, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2."

"Natalie and Annie winning No. 1 doubles... they must have thought they could be big stars," a bigliard said.

Jennifer Geraci-Farley Hall

Jennifer Coleman took two early leads on the way to her upset victory over the second seeded player, coming back to take a 6-4 victory in the final.

"I have to give credit to the seniors," said Knish. "They wrapped up the second set and brought the match to us."

"Coach promised me we would have a championship before I graduated and I never believed him until the tournament."

The men's team was also a part of the championship round as Cutler won the championship medal and a second place finish in singles against the University of Kalamazoo. The team finished the year as the runner-up in the conference.

"I have to give a lot of credit to the freshmen who came in that season," said Coach Knish. "They added a lot to our team.

"The seniors made a perfect season in singles play. All three women playing their final year of college tennis came home with a championship.

"One of the singles matches was difficult for the seniors," said Knish. "But we were able to pull it off." The seniors played with a third place finish in doubles.

The seniors graduated and the team is set to return for the 2002 season.

Shane O'Donnell-McGlinn Hall

"We had to win every championship, including the one the juniors didn't win," senior class president Mike Riley-Farley Hall said.

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The seniors graduated and the team is set to return for the 2002 season.

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By TIM CASEY

One night. That's how long it took for the 2000 football campaign to change from being termed a surprising success to being treated as another Bob Davie-led failure. It all came apart on Jan. 1, in front of a national television audience when Oregon State destroyed Notre Dame's seven-game winning streak. The 27-21 loss at Michigan State, and alternated in the second half with freshman Matt LoVecchio. Davie, one of those freshmen quarterbacks, took over the reins for good starting with the Oct. 7 Stanford tilt. "I had no idea it would play so soon," LoVecchio said on Oct. 4, the day he was announced as the starter. "I still don't know what's going to happen." Neither did anyone else. But it became apparent that LoVecchio was not your typical 18-year-old quarterback. The 6-foot-7, 235-pound sophomore showed the first signs of sympathy from the Notre Dame nation. A 38-21 win against USC in Los Angeles capped a 9-2 regular season and virtually clinched a Bowl Championship Series berth. After the game, even some of Davie's harshest critics gave "Bullet Bob" partial credit for the Notre Dame seven-game winning streak.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Inglesby, Murphy spark Irish to regular season success

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Senior Staff Writer

Every year during the last decade, the Notre Dame men's basketball program found itself on the outside looking in at an exclusive party — March Madness. This year, the Irish earned themselves an invitation to the NCAA Tournament.

Sparked to success by senior point guard Martin Ingelsby and junior All-American Troy Murphy, the 20-10 Irish advanced to the second round of the tournament for the first time since 1989, where they lost to the Ole Miss Rebels 59-56.

Notre Dame also won its first league championship since joining the Big East in 1987, with a 14-3 record, good enough for the West Division title.

The transition to success wasn't the only one the Irish made in 2000-01. They also adjusted to yet another coach, as Mike Brey moved in after Matt Doherty's one-year tenure at Notre Dame ended.

Once Brey took over, he went to work winning over the current players. First up was Ingelsby, the lone starting senior and a player who started his first two seasons before slipping into a reserve role for Doherty. Brey made him a captain, and Ingelsby responded, averaging among the top 10 in the nation with 6.4 assists per game, along with a Big East-best 3.16 assist-to-turnover ratio. He also hit a game-winning shot against conference rival Boston College to put Notre Dame ahead for good 76-75.

"From day one, I knew that this was my team and I was going to be the point guard," Ingelsby said. "With me and Murphy being named captains, that really helped out, just trying to lead this team to the NCAA Tournament. That was our goal from day one this year."

A season ago, the Irish were NIT runners-up. Not content with Not In Tournament status this year, the Irish took their game to the next level.

Murphy repeated as a first-team All-American and Big East Player of the Year. The 6-foot-11 forward scored 21.8 points per game and pulled down 9.2 rebounds.

Joining Murphy in frontcourt dominance was junior transfer Ryan Humphrey, a 6-8 bundle of energy who rattled the Joyce Center with his backcourt-shaking dunks. His 14 points and nine rebounds per contest, contrasted with regulars, Michael Swanagan, and a junior forward, played well in both a starting role or as a sixth man, doing the little things that helped the team get to the tournament.

The other clutch performers for Notre Dame this year were sophomore shooting guard Matt Carroll and junior small forward Patrick Towrian. Freshman guard Torrian Jones will be expected to build on his minutes from this season, as well as reserve forwards Jere Macura and Tom Timmermans.

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Although they lose the two team captains, the Irish return the bulk of their scoring and core of their starting lineup in Carroll, Graves, Humphrey and Swanagan.

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The departed members of the Irish await their fates. Murphy will learn where his new home will be chosen by the NBA Draft committee or by the team himself. The Irish will take on his former team, Carolina, in the first round on Friday.

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Along the way, the Irish rose to the top 10 in the national polls, went on an eight-game winning streak in the conference and beat Xavier in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Senior Martin Ingelsby dribbles down the court in an Irish victory against St. John's. Ingelsby helped lead the Irish to their first playoff berth in the last 10 years.

Congratulations on your Graduation and a very Happy 25th Birthday. We are very proud of you. Good Luck in the future.

Congratulations, Kevin Green!

Finally, Something you CAN smile about about as you complete "our" Notre Dame family.

Love,

Dad (B.S. '65, M.S. '97), Mom (M.A. '97), Erin (B.B.A. '97), Brian (B.B.A. '99)
Teams face highs and lows in fall season

Saint Mary's Men's Soccer

It started with an injury for the Saint Mary's soccer team as the Belles landed in seventh place in the MIAA with a record of 3-13. The Belles missed five starters and lost 1-0 to Albion and Kenyon Colleges to conclude the season. The Belles ended 2-14 overall, with a 6-1-2 home mark. "The team's fighting spirit never left and they worked hard to get back into the game," head coach Brian Burke said.

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"We were excited," Burke said. "We had to fight hard and it gave us a lot of that energy. It was one of the high points. The team really pulled together." The Belles finished fourth in the conference in the last win, when the Belles scored a big victory against Albinon and Kenyon Colleges to round out the regular season.

The Belles didn't fare so well in the MIAA tournament, however. The squad suffered a tough loss to 27-8 Calvins (3-15, 5-15, 4-15). "We had to play our way into the tournament and we lost the first match," Burke said.

Notre Dame Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team finished fifth in the Big East Championships, while senior Shane Rayat finished third in the MIAA tournament with a 4-1-2 record. The team missed out on the MIAA tournament and finished fifth in the Big East.

"It was the first time since 1997 the squad won both in the same year," head coach Reggie McKnight said. "We're basically going to have our last game, so I'll have an injury for the Saint Mary's soccer team," McKnight said. "I think the fact that we competed with a lot of adversity and a lot of things maybe a lot of people just don't even know about it."

Former Stanford head coach Bobo Clark was hired to replace Apple in early February.

Kerry Smith

Notre Dame Women's Golf

The women's golf team finished sixth in the Big East Championships, while junior Steve Rayat finished third in the MIAA tournament with a 2-under-par 69, while senior Alex Kent finished with a personal victory. She finished in a tie for third at the Big East tournament.

"Steve Rayat did a fantastic job," said head coach George Thomas. "We got off to a mediocre start this year, but we set the tone that we didn't think we would perform as well as we hoped. I was pleased with our third place finish at Kent. I'm very optimistic for next year. I expect the freshmen and sophomore to take over with Rayat who has been the nucleus of this team."

Briana Burke

Saint Mary's Cross Country

The Saint Mary's cross country team didn't go the distance quite fast enough this season to remain in seventh place in the MIAA for the second consecutive year. A slate of young runners rounded out the Irish varsity team. Junior Hilary Burn, sophomore Karen Euston and senior Rachel Endress, Megan Johnson and Jean Fichuburn placed at the Notre Dame cross country meet.

"It's always hard not to meet your goals," said Karen Euston.

Kuestraer was the only senior on the Irish varsity squad, which placed in the top 10 for the first time in the program's history.

The 2000 season kicked off on a high note with five golfers playing on a team, but her play put us over the edge to win the last one at Illinois.

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Winter Sports

Winter sports wins, losses on Irish Belles

Irish senior captain Ryan Dolder skates during a fast break in a Feb. 9 game against Bowling Green. Freshman center Aaron Gills looks on. The Irish missed the CCHA playoffs.

Notre Dame Hockey

After making its first trip to the CCHA quarterfinals at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit after the 1999-2000 season, this year's Notre Dame hockey team looked to build on that momentum and get its first ever bid to the NCAA tournament.

But after stumbling to last place in the CCHA in the first few months of the season, not even a late season surge was enough for the Irish to claim a spot in the CCHA playoffs.

The low point for the team came on the first weekend of February when Notre Dame traveled to Ohio State and were swept by the young Buckeyes. By this point, the Irish were at the bottom of the CCHA standings with little hope of making the CCHA playoffs.

Notre Dame needed to sweep the next two series against Bowling Green and Alaska Fairbanks to have enough points to make the playoffs.

First, the Irish swept Bowling Green. Then came an improbable tie against the bottom team in the CCHA, Notre Dame's first non-loss at Michigan since 1982. Then, the Irish traveled to Alaska, where they took a tie and a win against the Nanooks.

With tiebreakers against the two teams ahead of them in the CCHA, Notre Dame looked to be in the playoffs. All they needed was a win over Bowling Green in the final two games of the regular season to be assured a spot in the playoffs. The Irish got their win on Friday against Western Michigan, but so did Bowling Green.

But it wasn't meant to be. While the Irish lost their last home game to Western Michigan 7-2, Bowling Green won in overtime to take over the last playoff spot, keeping the Irish out of the CCHA playoffs.

-Matt Oreneschuk

Notre Dame Fencing

A strong showing by the men and a breakthrough performance by the women's fencing team at the NCAA championships turned around what was considered a disappointing season for Notre Dame's fencing programs.

Sophomore Jan Viviani repeated as a first team All-American with his second straight second place finish in epee. Viviani was the only first team All-American for the Irish, but all five men earned All-American honors while Anna Caracick and Call were named All-Americans on the women's side.

Brian Casas and Forrest Walton both used strong second-round performances to move up the rankings into All-American status. Walton finished ninth and made second team All-American while Casas rallied to finish seventh and earn second team All-American honors for the second team. Casas finished eighth as a freshman in 1999.

Andrez Rednarski and Andre Compton each finished with All-American honors in sabre.

Sophomore team All-American Gere Debe just barely missed out on his second straight first team All-American award with a fifth place finish in foil.

With the exception of Caracick and Call in epee, the women struggled at the championships. Liza Beutskairis and Maggie Jordan finished 16th and 17th respectively in foil. Carl McCullough and Destanie Milo took home 15th and 17th place finishes.

Viviani still has some competition ahead of him, as he will be heading to two Senior World Cup events and the U.S. National Championships.

Mike Connolly

Notre Dame Men's Swimming

Call it a season of fours.

All season long, the men's swimming and diving team was led by four swimmers. Their greatest strength was their diving — Notre Dame had four of them.

And at the Big East championships, the men finished — surprise — fourth.

"I don't think we were capable of doing," Irish head coach Tim Walsh said. "Do we wish we were capable of more? Sure we do.

On a thin squad that finished 7-2, the focus was more on individual than team. Enzosetti had the best chance to go to the NCAA championships, but he finished tenth at the Zone Diving meet and was 13th at the NCAA championships.

Andrew Soukup

Notre Dame Women's Swimming

Make it five in a row for senior Colleen Sullivan. She added her name to the list of Notre Dame swimmers who have been All-Americans during the weekend, clocking new records in the 200, 400 and 200-yard butterfly events.

Senior Colleen Sullivan rounded out her impressive collegiate career with a record-breaking style, resetting the 100-yard freestyle mark for the Notre Dame women's swimming program.

While the team was disappointed in its third-place finish in the team standings, the Irish were still pleased with their strong individual performances.

"It's a new generation of kids. To be able to win again is really important," Bailey Weathers said.

It's hard to imagine how good the Irish would be when Nixon went down. But they didn't miss a beat and did what they do best — win.

Andrew Soukup

Saint Mary's Swimming

A freshman-dominated squad that finished fourth at the NCAA MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships in February proved that the Irish were ready to make a name for themselves by swimming by freshman standout Megan Roan to finish seventh at the 200 yard freestyle.

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Saint Mary's Basketball

A first for new head coach Suzanne Smith and assistant coach Sherry Donnelly, the Belles captured the MIAA championship for the first time on the court.

Despite a 14-19 record, Smith said the team needed stride in the right direction.

"I think if you really look at where we came from, although we weren't winning any more we were improved immensely," Smith said. "We really took some steps forward.".

After a disappointing 4-22 record in 1999, Dave Roeder resigned and was replaced by new sports information director Suzanne Smith. With Smith's help, the Belles started off the season on the right foot.

The Belles boasted a 6-3 non-conference record including a championship at the Marietta Turkey Shootout as they headed into league play in early January. A strong 61-52 win against Alma on Tuesday night started off Saint Mary's MIAA play.

However, an injury that bench loading scorer Kristen Matha put a damper on their win. She had surgery on her injured knee, Matha was named MIAA player of the week and was replaced by junior forward Jordan Hulick and Lisa Maggio.

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Without the help of their leading post player, the Belles struggled to claim victory. They went on to lose their first game of the season, eventually recovering to defeat Alma in their last game of the season.

Three disappointing losses in a row for Saint Mary's meant that Saint Mary's would not be recovering to defeat Alma in their last game of the season.

Andrew Soukup
Women win national championship

April 2, 2001

With 5.8 seconds remaining and the NCAA Championship game tied at 66, Kelley Siemon found Ruth Riley open under the basket. Riley missed the shot, but collected the foul. The 2000-01 Naismith Player of the Year sank both free throws, putting the Irish up 68-66.

Purdue inbounded the ball. All-American Katie Douglas missed a proper shot from just inside the key. Notre Dame's Alicia Balay grabbed the rebound and the Irish were champions. Monk Malloy embraced Irish coach Muffet McGraw, 1,500 fans showed up to welcome the Irish back to campus, and, two weeks later, the Irish were on the North Lawn of the White House receiving honors from President Bush.

But the Irish could not have achieved what they did without their three senior starters — Riley, Siemon and point guard Niele Ivey. The championship was especially sweet for Ivey, playing in front of her hometown fans in St. Louis. The 5-7 point guard overcame two torn knee ligaments in her career to emerge as a third-team All-American.

Riley — a three-time Big East Defensive Player of the Year — improved her game as a senior, limiting her fouls and increasing her assists. She was a unanimous first-team All-American, Horizon's Women's Academic All-American Athlete of the Year and Notre Dame's leading scorer.

Siemon, the Big East's Most Improved Player, played half of her season with her left hand in a brace after breaking bones in the hand late in the season. But the Irish in scoring their final regular season game at Pittsburgh only 24 hours after a stay in the infirmary with a stomach virus.

Riley now plays in the WNBA with the Miami Sol, while Ivey is a member of the Indiana Fever.

Football earns Fiesta Bowl bid

Dec. 12, 2000

After a horrendous 5-7 season, most predicted Irish head coach Bob Davie would be out of a job. But behind freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio, the Irish earned their first-ever BCS bid. However, against Oregon State in the Fiesta Bowl, the Irish were humiliated 41-9 and finished the season 9-3.

Irish teams earn No. 1 rankings

April 24, 2001

When the Irish basketball squad made the NCAA tournament, junior Troy Murphy announced his decision to leave Notre Dame early for the NBA draft.

The two time All-American led the Irish in scoring and was named the Big East player of the year in 2000 and 2001.

Brey's squad makes NCAA tourney

March 4, 2001

Under the direction of first-year head coach Mike Brey, the men's basketball team made the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1990. After earning a share of the Big East regular season title, the Irish lost to Pitt in the first round of the Big East Tournament. In the NCAA Tournament, the Irish beat Xavier before falling to Ole Miss.

Berticelli dies of heart attack

Jan. 26, 2000

Irish men's soccer head coach Mike Berticelli died suddenly of a heart attack. Berticelli, 48, coached the Irish for 10 of his 23 years as head coach and compiled an overall record of 104-80-19.

Tennis wins first MIAA crown

April 20, 2001

Only two years after Saint Mary's joined the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the Belles tennis team brought home an MIAA title.

Led by Natalie Cook and Annie Knish, the team claimed four singles championships and two doubles championships on the way to defeating defending champion Hope.

Brey takes over men's program

Aug. 19, 2000

After only one year of coaching, Matt Doherty abandoned Notre Dame to return to his alma mater, North Carolina.

One month later, Notre Dame hired former Duke assistant coach Mike Brey as its 11th head coach. Brey left his head coaching position at Delaware to take the Irish to an NCAA playoff berth.

Wadsworth resigns as AD

Feb. 8, 2000

When Michael Wadsworth resigned as the athletic director, President Edward Malloy announced the restructuring of the athletic department. Later that year, Malloy announced that Kevin White would become the new athletic director. The major decision was that White would hire head coach Bob Davie in a five-year extension.
The Irish men's tennis team ended its 2000-01 campaign in the second round of the tournament with a 4-1 loss to Washington-Ton, ending a path that started past expectations.

The Irish defeated No. 47 Harvard decisively 4-0 to advance to the second round in their 11th consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance.

The 19th-ranked doubles team of juniors Javier Taborga and Aaron Talicario defeated Harvard's Barker and Turner 8-5 on Monday, May 14, and Matt Daly and Luis Haddock-Morales defeated Chiu and Snyder at No. 3 doubles 8-3 to take the doubles point. Junior Aaron Talicario won 6-3, 6-3 over Harvard's Anthony Barker at No. 4 singles, said head coach Bob Bayliss. The last three singles matches were abandoned.

The Irish headed into the second round of NCAAs looking for their first trip to the final 16 since 1994, knowing what the 18th-ranked Washington Huskies were capable of doing.

"Washington has had an up and down year, but when they get it together, they're pretty talented," said head coach Bob Bayliss.

"They've only had one loss all year, to No. 1 Georgia," said head coach Bob Bayliss. Washington took Nos. 1 and 3 doubles, clinching the singles point to make the score 1-0, then Haddock-Morales defeated Jeremy Berman 6-2, 6-3 at No. 1 singles. The Huskies then won Nos. 1, 4 and 5 singles, winning the match 4-1, and advancing to play second-seeded UCLA.

"The score was a little misleading," said Bayliss. "Matt Daly and Javier Taborga were winning their matches. We missed a lot of very good opportunities in that process last some momentum. That was the beginning of a collapse for us. There were a lot of if's, but if wishes were horses, then you're getting somewhere." Senior Matt Daly was defeating Washington's Dillon Ruby 7-6, 2-1 when the match was abandoned.

Senior Matt Daly finished his last season for the Irish having won eight of nine dual singles matches.

"Matt Daly had as big a turnaround this year around as anyone we've had in a while," said Bayliss. "He's been a real beast and a real example this year. He's very team-oriented." The team's tournament run is finished but Taborga and Talicario will continue on to compete in the 11th round of the doubles tournament on Monday, May 21 in Athens, Ga.

"If we play together and play as a team, if we're on the same page, we can do some great things," said Taborga.

Javier Taborga tennis player

For 24 straight games, the Irish women's soccer team never found itself trailing when time ticked off the clock. For 17 straight games they held on to the No. 1 ranking in the country. For 45 minutes, they dominated defending champion North Carolina in the semifinals of the Women's College Cup.

But then 24 games of injury, 24 games of fatigue and North Carolina's quick strike offense caught up with the Irish.

"I was really proud of the effort, due to a lot of things we fought through all season due to injury," said head coach Randy Waldrum after the Tar Heels scored two second half goals to end Notre Dame's perfect season.

The Irish battled to a 2-1-0 record in Waldrum's second year leading the Irish but knee injuries to key players like Ashley Dryer, Kelly Lindsey and Any Wanner finally ended their run to a tie.

But what a run it was for Notre Dame opened the season with dominating wins against Detroit (6-0), Tulsa (2-0) and Providence (5-1) before facing its first real challenge of the season — the Santa Clara Broncos.

The Irish opened the previously undefeated Broncos out of the 1999 NCAA tournament. The Broncos entered Alumni Field with revenge on their minds but Anne Mekonnen sent them home with a 6-1 blowout loss. The senior from Finland who was later named the Hermann Trophy winner as the top women's college soccer player, assisted on two goals and converted a penalty kick for another goal as the Irish completed dominated the Broncos.

Our team is just not ready for this type of competition," Santa Clara head coach Jerry Smith said after the game. "They were just too fast for us."

Three wins against west coast soccer powers Stanford, the Washington Huskies and Portland propelled Notre Dame to its first No. 1 ranking in women's soccer since 1996.

"It's certainly a special moment but we hope there are many more to come for us," Waldrum said in a prepared statement.

There were nine more special moments for Notre Dame before it hit the only blemish on its regular season record. After winning 16 games in a row, the Irish had their first set back against the Connecticut Huskies. Connecticut played strong defense against the Irish and settled for a 0-0 tie.

Four games later, however, Notre Dame would have its revenge with a 1-0 win against the Huskies in the finals of the Big East Championships at Alumni Field.

The win gave the Irish their sixth straight Big East women's soccer championship. The Irish have won the Big East title in each of the last six years with the exception of the 1995 season.

The Irish entered NCAA play undefeated for just the second time in the history of the program. The Irish entered the 1997 tournament undefeated as well.

The Irish easily advanced to the semifinals of the Women's College Cup for the second straight year. They outscored their opponents 7-1 including a 2-1 win against Santa Clara in the quarterfinals.

Women's Soccer

Top-ranked season ends in semifinals

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Yo, Kevin!

Love, M, D, K, C, D, & K

Don't tell me where to go to college!

Congrats Meghan!!

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Women's Tennis

Irish make second consecutive trip to NCAA tournament

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Sixteen teams arrived in Georgia. Only one will leave with a championship.

For Notre Dame's women's tennis team, this is the last stop. The Irish landed in Georgia late Monday night to begin preparations for the NCAA Championships, and Irish head coach Jay Louderback feels the Irish are poised to make a strong run through the tournament.

"I think we're playing the best we can right now," he said. "We're easily playing our best tennis of the year." This is the second consecutive year that Notre Dame has advanced to the Sweet 16. But of the five times Notre Dame has qualified for the national finals, they've lost in the quarterfinals each time.

This time around, No. 13 seeded Notre Dame faces a familiar foe in No. 4 seeded Florida. Last year, the Gators knocked the Irish out of the championships, but Louderback expects a different ending this time around.

"Playing Florida last year helped us a lot," he said. "They lost quite a few people, and so they're not as good. By the same token, we're a lot better. It's gonna be a good match."

As she has all season, Michelle Dasso will lead the Irish at No. 1 singles. Dasso, the winningest singles player in Notre Dame history, has also qualified for the NCAA singles competition and teamed up with Becky Varnum in for the doubles championship. The Irish lineup will not change — Varnum will still compete at No. 2 singles and Nina Vaughan will play No. 3. Caylan Leslie, Lindsey Green, and Kimberly Guy will round out the singles lineup. The forecast calls for 80-degree weather with high humidity levels. Louderback doesn't expect the weather to affect the Irish.

"I was very surprised," Louderback said. "AKM is a really good team, and I thought they would give us some trouble."

In the second round, Notre Dame didn't have any trouble blowing by Tulane as they won 4-0 to advance to the Sweet 16. Dasso and Varnum started the Irish off with an 8-1 win at No. 1 doubles. But the Irish fell behind 6-4 in the other two matches before Green and Vaughan rallied to win 9-7 at No. 3 doubles, clinching the doubles point for the Irish.

In singles, Guy crushed Anneli Axsater 6-0, 6-1, while Vaughan won 6-0, 6-3 at No. 3 singles and Green won her match 6-1, 6-2 to move the Irish into the Sweet 16. Louderback believed the two wins gave the Irish a strong advantage heading into the NCAA finals. The Irish hadn't played a match since they won the Big East Championship three weeks ago.

"We're used to playing two matches during the season, have three or four days off, and then go at it again," he said. "We definitely have some momentum heading into the NCAA Tournament."

By TIM KACMAR The Observer

Junior Nina Vaughan returns a serve. The Irish tennis team will be travelling to Iowa to compete in the NCAA tournament.
Fox Trot

Hey, I read this book!

I thought the author should be on some odd tangents for a lot of it.

But overall, most of the points were good, and it raised some interesting parallels. I liked how it came full circle in the last chapter.

Jason, it's a math book!

20/20! Woohoo!

What an ending!

The sudden thing about graduating... is telling your parents that you're moving back home.

Eugenia Last

Crossword

ACROSS
1. Beasts of burden
2. Ten-ke
3. Kill, in mob slang
4. Kind of acid
5. Limits of
6. Major
7. Softball material
8. Television manufacturer
9. Like some colleges
10. Saying about colognes
11. Shower
12. Like some
13. One who prays
14. Plato's home
15. Simba, for one
16. Greek vowel
17. One who prays
18. Dog food brand
19. It has a ball at one end
20. Manager's catchphrase
21. War film
22. Egyptian peninsula
23. PC alternative
24. TV manufacturer
25. Disembowel
26. One that's oohed and aahed
27. Increases
28. They're integrated into microchips
29. It has a ball at the circus
30. The Observer in your home.
31. Oohed and aahed
32. Shifts and averts
33. Fettuccine, e.g.
34. Before, in poetry
35. Actress Laura
36. Zigzag
37. It has a ball at one end
38. Soft ball material
39. A secret love affair will be not only unhealthy, but also short-lived and emotionally destructive.
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Tom Reid, Cindy Dyon, Robert Urich, Janie Fricke, Tyson, Robert Duvall, Trippi, Robert Hays, Robert Hays, Robert Hays.

Happy Birthday! Don't look back. It will take everything you've got to keep up with the fast pace you've set for you. The opportunities will be plentiful, but you will have to assess and act fast to take advantage of them. Romance is likely to take a passionate turn. Rekindle the relationship you are in or start something new. Your numbers: 3, 14, 30, 31, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your temper will flare if you don't get your way. Cush your slammed or you want to save the battle until tomorrow. You are not ready to part with your railway friends, so be patient.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An event love affair will be not only unhealthy, but also short-lived and emotionally destructive. Think twice before you compromise because you're only looking for something exciting.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't overspend an unnecessary luxury item. Although you will meet exciting new friends, don't pretend to pay for them. You will have opportunities to do things for free.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If 2610-1002-1002 on your home line if you have taken a position to save the battle until tomorrow. You will upset your home life when you make things work if you are willing to be patient. Your numbers: 16, 28, 31, 36, 42.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your outgoing nature will help you meet interesting people. You may put up a position to entertain and will get your points across easily. New relationships look stable and lasting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will handle other people's requests with care. Your overall outlook for today: Travel should be on your mind, and you should activities that will be conducive to passion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your partners will be erratic, and you will be in the state of panic. Channel all your energy into making peace, not war. You can make things work if you are willing to bend to each other's needs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your/may be much harder to deal with your work and personal life. Put yourself into a corner. Discover all the facts before you make a decision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Develop a new hobby. On things you enjoy for relaxation. Laundry isn't going to be the thing you're doing in social events. Work events will lead to a passionate relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You and your partner have not been completely honest with yourselves or one another. Back up and see if you can salvage your relationship. Venus here has gotten the better of you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You should work on getting your home environment if you have taken a risk that involves property. Expect to have more people living under your roof.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You mustn't let others talk you out of your hard-earned money. You mustn't let others talk you out of your hard-earned money.

EUGENIA LAST

Birthday Baby! You are smart, quick and ready to conquer the world. You have the right attitude and the proper protocol to make new relationships look stable and lasting. You will upset your home life when you make things work if you are willing to be patient. Your numbers: 16, 28, 31, 36, 42.

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Irish baseball resurgence

Top of the class

By ANDREW SOUKUP
American Sports Editor

One inning. Just one inning. That's how long it took Notre Dame baseball coach Paul Mainieri to realize just how good Aaron Heilman was going to be. Notre Dame was in the process of dismantling Florida State 10-1 in the 1998 season opener when Mainieri decided to have an unknown freshman pitch the final inning.

"I wanted to bring him along slowly to get his feet wet," Mainieri said. "I didn't want him to get shellshocked his first time out."

It turns out that Mainieri didn't have anything to worry about. In his first collegiate outing, he threw the ball so hard and so fast that he shocked the entire Irish coaching staff.

"He threw that ball so good, I turned to (pitching coach) Brian O'Connor and said, 'I think we may have something here,'" Mainieri said. "And that was after the first inning of a freshman year in a game that had already been decided."

"I'll never forget that game as long as I live. "Coach gave me the opportunity the first game of the season and I just ran with it," said Heilman, The Observer's 2000-01 Notre Dame Male Athlete of the Year. "I looked at it as an opportunity to prove that I belonged at this level and that I could be successful." Little did Heilman know just how successful he was going to be. As a closer, Heilman led the nation in ERA, recorded nine saves, won seven games and was named an All-American. "(Pitching coach) Brian O'Connor and said, 'I'll never forget that game as long as I live."

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By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Sad circumstances brought her to Saint Mary's, but senior Natalie Cook will leave with a smile. Cook, who came to Saint Mary's after the death of her tennis coach, wrapped up two years of personal and athletic success last Saturday with a team conference tennis championship, an individual tennis championship and public recognition for an attitude her teammates have been aware of all along.

"(Natalie) is a tremendous leader and a great role model," doubles partner Annie Knish said. "That's probably why she won the sportsmanship award. There is no athlete more deserving."

Cook received the Sue Little sportsmanship award from the MIAA Saturday, the same day the Belles tennis team won Saint Mary's first league championship in any sport. "(Natalie) is not so easy at Notre Dame. When she first came to South Bend from the small town of Macy, Ind. in the fall of 1997, Riley was a tall and gangly project. "I think when she came in she wasn't really ready for the pace of the game," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw.

But Riley adjusted quickly, starting the final 26 games of the season and leading the Irish to the Sweet 16. She finished second in the MIAA with 11.9 points as a senior to go along with 7.8 rebounds, efforts that helped her earn recognition as the Naismith Women's College Player of the Year. But the 6-6-3 center didn't always have it so easy at Notre Dame. When she first came to South Bend from the small town of Macy, Ind. in the fall of 1997, Riley was a tall and gangly project. "I think when she came in she wasn't really ready for the pace of the game," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw.

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