Task forces review alcohol, tailgating

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Surveys will help two Campus Life Council task forces move toward drafting reports or resolutions, while another task force will send its recommendations in a letter to the Office of Student Affairs next month.

CLC members announced their plans at the council's regular meeting Monday, as the group appeared close to wrapping up work that has been the focus of three task forces this semester.

The task forces on alcohol use and off-campus living will present a report or resolution in December based on e-mail surveys of students and residence hall staff.

"We want to find ways of grabbing freshmen, finding ways to keep them away from less desirable events," Jesse Flores, the Student Senate representative to the CLC, said about discouraging first-year students from underage drinking.

The alcohol task force's survey will also be meant to generate ideas to deter students from drinking before attending dances, especially in residence halls, Flores said.

Sister Piennette, Welsh Family Hall rector, suggested that the task force explore ways to emphasize to drinking-age students who buy alcohol for their underage peers that they are breaking the law. Piennette said the problem seems much more rampant this year than in the past.

"I don't think they have any idea as to how serious that can be," Piennette said of students 21 years of age and older. "Until the older people who supply realize what kind of jeopardy they put themselves into, the vicious cycle will continue."

The subject of the University's alcohol policies also surfaced amid discussion of campus drinking. In particular, members expressed concern about Native American officials' criticism this year on student tailgating.

"It's important to know what rights a student does and does not have."

Matt LaFratta
Alumni Hall representative to the Senate

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BOG

Eldred elaborates on Strategic Plan

By SHANNON NELLIGAN
News Writer

Marilou Eldred, president of Saint Mary’s, updated the Board of Governance on the College’s progression of the Strategic Plan Monday night.

The Strategic Plan allows for renovations of the Noble Family Dining Hall and Angela Athletic Facility along with the construction of a new academic building to replace Madeleva Hall, explained Eldred.

“We hope to have ground breaking for the dining hall in the spring,” Eldred said.

However, plans are moving at a slow rate due to insufficient funds. Eldred stressed that there has been a decline in fundraising and donations due to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. When members of BOG asked what initiatives student government could take to help in the process, Eldred assured the body that the only thing it could do to help the implementation was to talk about fundraising.

According to Eldred, by increasing the amount of money generated by donations, Saint Mary’s would not only be able to break ground on planned projects but also promote interest in further development of the College by raising money for scholarships.

“It is exciting to see the change on campus. It creates a real positive feeling throughout the school,” student body vice president, Kristen Matha, said in response to Eldred’s remarks.

In other BOG news:

Matha updated the Board on the progress of the proposed study day. This past month it was low on the faculty meeting agenda so there was not much discussion. However, it will be further up on the agenda in the December meeting.

“The faculty will take into consideration student’s opinions when considering the possibility of implementing the study day proposal,” said Matha.

Contact Shannon Nelligan at nell2040@saintmarys.edu.
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ing to Jarotkiewicz, the task force's chair.
"We just want to test the waters, see what's out there ... get as many responses as we can," he said.
A second survey of only rector's and RA's will focus on seniors' involvement in campus activities.
"We want to find out what we can do to get seniors more involved," Jarotkiewicz said.
"Some seniors are RA's, but what about the rest of the seniors?"
The task force will likely forward results of the surveys via a report or resolution to the Office of Student Affairs, Jarotkiewicz said.

"We want to find out what we can do to get seniors more involved."
Tim Jarotkiewicz
Judicial Council president

FBI connects two anthrax letters

Associated Press
WASHINGTON
The FBI announced Monday it believes a letter to Sen. Patrick Leahy, belatedly found last week, was written by the same person who sent an anthrax-laced letter to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle last month.
Investigators are looking into the possibility that the letter to Leahy, D-Vt., was misdirected, which could have been the source of anthrax contamination at a State Department mail facility that sickened one worker.
Two buildings on Capitol Hill struck by the anthrax scare reopened, and U.S. health experts provided assistance to authorities in Chile who found a letter on condition of anonymity said. Those cleanups have not yet started.
Two of three Senate office buildings reopened Monday after being swept for anthrax contamination. The Hart Senate office building remained closed.

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World News Briefs

Earthquake rattles Colombia: A 6.0-magnitude earthquake struck in the mountains of northeast Colombia on Monday, swaying buildings as far away as the capital. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. The quake's epicenter was in the town of Sevita, located 150 miles from Bogota.

Bulgarian leader backs EU membership: Bulgaria's newly elected Socialist president Georgi Parvanov pledged to work for Bulgaria's membership in the European Union and NATO, while strengthening the role of the state. Parvanov pledged at a new conference to work for a stronger role of the state in alleviating economic burdens and to strengthen ties with the rest of Europe. Bulgaria hopes to join the EU in 2006 and is also seeking an invitation next year to join NATO.

National News Briefs

FDA approves controversial gel: The Food and Drug Administration made an unprecedented about-face Monday, approving a gel that promises less internal scarring for women undergoing certain surgeries — even though regulators originally deemed the product too risky. The FDA had initially rejected Lifecore Biomedical Inc.'s Intergel, which promises to reduce internal scarring from certain gynecologic operations.

Gore takes job at financial company: Al Gore has accepted the job of vice chairman of West Financial to his other duties as college professor, guest speaker and writing a book next year to join the EU in 2006 and is also seeking an
to NATO.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Prisoner attempts escape: A prison inmate used a dense fog as cover to climb a barbed wire fence in an escape attempt that ended when a guard spotted him less than three hours later in a nearby town. Despite extra officers patrolling the Westville Correctional Facility's grounds Sunday morning, Kimlynn Patton was able to slip from a group of inmates being led to breakfast, prison officials said. Patton, who is serving a six-year sentence for burglary, scaled the fence lining the grounds about 7 a.m. A prison guard captured him about 10 miles away in Union Mills.

Airline security law takes effect

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The government began taking charge of airport security Monday at the start of the holiday travel season. President George W. Bush signed legislation that will have more screeners peering in passengers' bags and more sky marshals flying on planes.

"Today we take permanent and aggressive steps to improve the security of our airways," Bush said at a ceremony at Reagan National Airport. The new law will put airport screening in the hands of 28,000 federal workers and require inspections of all checked baggage.

The signing of the most comprehensive air security bill in the nation's history came three days after passage by Congress and three days before Thanksgiving. Lawmakers and the administration were determined to act before the holidays in an effort to convince travelers that it was safe to get back on airplanes 10 weeks after the hijacker attacks on New York and Washington.

Fewer Americans were planning to travel by air this Thanksgiving, according to a AAA. The group, formerly known as the American Automobile Association, forecast 4.6 million people traveling by air, a 27 percent decline from last year's 6.3 million.

The new law, said Bush, "should give all Americans greater confidence when they fly."

For many air travelers, already seeing longer waits on the ground and more restrictions in the air, some of the effects of the law won't be readily apparent.

"It's not going to be a dramatic change immediately," said Transportation Department spokesman Chet Laster: "There are thousands of posts to be filled ... and dozens of mandates and milestones.

Federal managers will be moving into position at screening stations, although it will take a while, probably three months, before travelers see uniformed federal workers doing the screening, said Rep. James Oberstar of Minnesota, ranking Democrat on the House Transportation Committee.

The law calls for all screening operations to be under federal control within a year.

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Associated Press

KABUL

Less than a week after the Taliban were driven from Kabul, 3,000 Shiite Muslim fighters are poised outside demanding a share of power. Major cities are now warlords' fiefdoms, and the idea of a broad-based government is being challenged by hastily multiplying posters of factional leaders.

While the United Nations is trying to organize a power-sharing conference, it must move quickly or Afghanistan could suffer the same anarchy and division that paved the way for the Taliban's rise in the last decade.

The sudden collapse of the Taliban throughout much of the country has left a power vacuum which the arrival of the northern alliance into Kabul last week only partially filled.

The alliance is a coalition of five groups — mostly representing ethnic minorities — which were driven from power by the Taliban in 1996 and which rallied together because of their common hatred for the Islamic militants.

In areas vacated by the Taliban, former warlords such as Ismail Khan in the western city of Herat and Rashid Dostum in the north's Mazar-e-Sharif simply took back control of their old fiefdoms.
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Weddings rise after Sept. 11

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Darcy Rowan and Antal Viros had talked about marriage during their five-month courtship, but it took on sudden urgency after they watched the Sept. 11 attacks unfold on television.

Viros headed over to a mall to shop for a ring that week and presented Rowan with the diamond one month later.

"The terrorist attacks shook me up, I was really worried about her," said Viros, 42, who lives in Elmer, N.J., two hours away from Rowan, a New York artist. "I think, maybe I shouldn't wait any longer." 

The surge in business is a pleasant surprise to the $70 billion bridal industry, which traditionally does most of its business through March as couples prepare for summer weddings.

"This is usually a quiet period, the least busiest time," said Ingrid Kelly, director of special events for David's Bridal, which operates 1,070 stores nationwide.

"But we are seeing a tremendous increase in bridal registries." 

Some customers, she said, are moving up wedding dates from 2004 and 2003 to next year.

Retailers from David's Bridal to Ashford.com and Blue Nile.com are reporting a jump in sales of wedding merchandise including gowns and rings. The number of bridal registries is also up.

"We are seeing a tremendous increase in bridal registries," Kelly said.

The post-Sept. 11 rise in business, however, has left David Liu, chief executive of The Knot.com, a leading wedding industry website, with a dilemma.

"The Knot compared its online traffic during the first week of September with traffic during the first week of October, expecting a negative impact. Instead, Liu found a 10 percent increase in bridal registries. The site also had a 17 percent gain in traffic to its wedding date registries.

"Bridal is one of the very few businesses that is doing well, and totally defies economic recession and terrorism concerns," said Kurt Barnard, president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report. "We're totally defying the country, which now is in a recession."

The surge in business has also upstaged any concerns that weddings could drop in a recession. "Frankly, over the short term, the outlook isn't great and there's a lot of uncertainty," Parry said in his speech. He noted a "greatly increased interest" in the real estate industry, in particular, will "face quite a bit of challenge" as office vacancy rates rise and rents decline, Parry said.


Al-draibi faces up to 10 years in prison and $250,000 fine when he is sentenced Jan. 19 on the visa fraud charge.

In his guilty plea, Lopez-Flores admitted he falsely certified on Aug. 2 that Ahmed Alghamdi lived at his Alexandria, Va., address. Alghamdi, who was aboard one of the hijacked airliners that crashed into the World Trade Center, used the residency certificate to obtain an ID card from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles a month before the Sept. 11 attacks.

Prosecutors said Alghamdi paid Lopez-Flores $100 for his help. Lopez-Flores, who was deported in 1993 after a criminal conviction, acknowledged that he helped at least 20 people since last May.

Lopez-Flores was the second person to plead guilty in northern Virginia to charges arising from the investigation into false ID cards obtained by the hijackers.

Police arrest man for terrorism links

Associated Press

NEW YORK

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OFFICIALS EXPECT ECONOMY TO DIP INDEFINITELY

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

The sliding economy probably will continue its descent through the winter amid rising unemployment and falling property values, a top Federal Reserve Bank official said Monday.

The economy's output, or gross domestic product, will decline in final three months of this year and the first quarter of next year, predicted Robert Parry, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

The economy should start rebounding in the spring, Parry forecast, resulting in modest growth in the second quarter.

Parry made his remarks after a speech at a real estate and economics meeting sponsored by the University of California at Berkeley. The presentation marked Parry's first public remarks on the economy since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

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To combat the weakness, the Fed may lower interest rates.

Parry participates in the meetings of the Federal Open Market Committee that sets interest rates, but doesn't vote on the group's decisions. Under the Fed's system for rotating power around the country, Parry won't vote on the direction of interest rates until 2003.

Although some economists have questioned whether interest rate cuts will provide the financial tonic the country needs, Parry said this year's flurry of reductions "will go down in the history books as one of the sharpest and largest drops in mortgage rates ever, probably since the depression.

The refinancing gains, though, won't be enough to rescue a growing number of homeowners, the Fed experts say.

"I would be very surprised if we don't see some pickup in the savings rates because people are feeling uncertain," Parry told reporters.

Parry called relatively strong consumer spending "the most surprising element of the past year."
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Tamika Jones 283-8720
Looking for some tutors to help with homework during the Learn.Fun Program. It serves children K-6th grade, Monday-Thursday from 2:40p.m.-3:30p.m. They would be happy to have volunteers for even just one to two days a week.

Riley High School
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Looking for tutors to assist their afterschool program. Commitment would be two days a week from 3:00p.m.-4:30p.m. Help is especially needed in Algebra and Chemistry.

Washington High School
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Washington High School is a diverse urban school, serving mostly African American and Hispanic students. They are interested in starting an after school program and looking for some students to serve as tutors.

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Nazar Mohammed shaved his beard and wore a suit. He was a man in a hurry. He talked to me about his fight against the Taliban. He said, "We will not continue to have a war of the poor in Afghanistan."

I asked him why he was wearing a suit. He said, "My fight against the Taliban is not just a war. It is a war against poverty. We are fighting to save our lives."

I told him that I agree with those who assert that the United States should insist that its allies stop repression of truly democratic opposition if they want U.S. aid. Of course, even here we walk a fine line. We should ask Saudi Arabia and Egypt to stop the vehement anti-Islamism being taught in their schools and trumpeted in their official press and media. This should be coupled with support for democratic education and alternatives, particularly those outside the control of the most conservative religious authorities.

Giving the "street" alternatives to the anti-modern message of Islamic fundamentalism should be the focus of U.S. foreign policy in the region.

Yet, even as I write this, I can only think how extraordinarily difficult this will be. There will be no quick solutions. We might have to recognize that we have limited ability to address the root causes of the conflict, as in a religious war that can only be won when Muslims stand up and fight it themselves.

This is the position taken by Adrian College professor Munirzad Khan. In a blunt and courageous "Memo to American Muslims," Khan finds those who defend terrorism a scandal against Islam. We cry out against Israel's injustices, writes Khan, but "are silent about Muslim injustices against other Muslims." We cannot reconcile the "vast distance between Islamic values and Muslim practice by pointing out that other nations" have committed injustices against us, argues Khan. We have become so focused on the "other" that we have completely forgotten our duty to Allah," writes Khan. "In pursuit of this inferior jihad, we have sacrificed the superior jihad — to build a just, merciful, peaceful and moral society.

We have been told that this war is not a religious war. Yet, the words of Osama bin Laden are saturated with religious argument and theological language. His battle is not simply one of Islam vs. Christianity and Judaism, but of his brand of Islam against all others — including moderate Muslims.

With this point Khan agrees. "Bin Laden is a cancer...that undermines spiritual health and morality," he concludes. We must "police our world...to prevent people from abusing Islam and to make sure that what happened on Sept. 11 never happens again." From the outside, it seems like such a daunting task. But I do have hope because Nazr Mohammad is returning to Afghanistan. The faith, values and work ethic he represents will win this fight in the end. I will, however, miss his soulmate.

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Punishment for fake IDs does not fit the crime

Since the subject of fake IDs appeared in a news story and the Inside Column in The Observer on Nov. 19, of course I have taken it upon myself to comment on the matter and the way the University has been handling these situations, being yet another opinionated Notre Dame student.

I’ll start by saying that it is true, part of the social life at Notre Dame does involve finding an ID with a photo that remotely resembles oneself. In order to get into any party, the people that think we all know high school. We have graduated students coming out of our ears, high school sports all-stars, legends of the secondary school stage, class presidents, probably some math team geeks, maybe some people who even did all of these and more. People who go to school on either side of Interstate 31 are often categorized with the words ambitious, excellent, unique, stylishly dressed and darn fine looking. With all these great, ambitious people around, though, sometimes things get a little foggy. Priorities are shifted, important things get tossed to the wayside like an old pair of drawers.

People around here get caught up in things like GPA, big biceps and being the best, and they forget about what’s actually going on around here. As bookers as it sounds, even people argue about things they don’t really understand just for the sake of being right.

The truth of the matter is that every single one of us is really lucky to be here. Sure, you have problems. Everyone does. Maybe you studied really hard for that test and still didn’t get an A. Maybe your professor just “doesn’t like you.” Maybe that special guy or girl just doesn’t seem to be responding to your constant barrage of witty lines or outright advances. Maybe your car gets bad gas mileage. Maybe you never seem to be there when they serve mozzarella sticks in the dining hall. Maybe you didn’t get that job you really wanted. Maybe you just someone really special to you. Maybe God has given you problems at home.

I think the Man in Black summed it up best. “Life is pain. Anyone who tells you something different, is selling something.”

Poop happens. But what’s really important is that we all realize how privileged we all are. We’re in college at a great place filled with people who honestly care about each other’s well being. We’re in college.

We don’t live in poverty. We don’t go home and have to scrounge around on the streets for food. Things are great here in the bubble and they will continue to be for a long time.

There have been a lot of things that have happened in the last few months that have been truly damaging to a lot of people in this country, and things have almost completely gotten out of control around here. And that’s what’s supposed to happen. But it’s especially important that we make sure we don’t forget what’s really important.

Thanksgiving is this Thursday, and this year, just like every year, people on campus should be thankful for the things we have in the grand scheme of things. I repeat, we are really lucky to have the things we have here. Sometimes getting the best grades on a paper and being around for the mozzarella sticks get in the way of remembering that. As important as those things are, there are other things that are much more important. And it is essential that we know that and be thankful for it.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Starsailor follow the lead of Travis, Coldplay**

By TOM O'CONNELL

The United Kingdom has always sent some of its best electrons, even the ones associated with every hits in Europe. A wave of similar bands floods our airwaves.

The most recent style to emerge has been that of acoustic Brit folk/rock. Bands like Travis and Coldplay have had huge success in America. Starsailor is the next to emerge out of this genre.

Led by singer/guitarist James Walsh, Starsailor's debut album *Love Is Here* is a mellow, mostly acoustic set of songs that has enjoyed great buzz since its British release last month. When the album hits U.S. record stores in January, the band will likely see a fair amount of success.

Back up Walsh are bassist James Stiffox, drummer Ben Byrne and keyboardist Barry Westhead. The band has a sound that is comfortable and familiar, but not overly impressive. Love Is Here shows the band's talent and potential, but they have a long way to go before their sound matures.

**Love is Here**

**Starsailor**

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The United Kingdom has always sent some of its best electrons, even the ones associated with every hits in Europe. A wave of similar bands floods our airwaves.

The most recent style to emerge has been that of acoustic Brit folk/rock. Bands like Travis and Coldplay have had huge success in America. Starsailor is the next to emerge out of this genre.

Led by singer/guitarist James Walsh, Starsailor's debut album *Love Is Here* is a mellow, mostly acoustic set of songs that has enjoyed great buzz since its British release last month. When the album hits U.S. record stores in January, the band will likely see a fair amount of success.

Back up Walsh are bassist James Stiffox, drummer Ben Byrne and keyboardist Barry Westhead. The band has a sound that is comfortable and familiar, but not overly impressive. Love Is Here shows the band's talent and potential, but they have a long way to go before their sound matures.

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The soft, somber beauty of the song is a reminder that the song's ability to run that line without failing. The song's vocals push the song in the absence of horns, and a strained, wavering guitar fills-in the sound from under-neath. The song evolves (or is it devolves?) from its densely-freezing original version to an intense and compelling rumble that demands attention from its audi-eonce from the very beginning.

The energy and force behind the song will make faces with who have never heard the band play live by surprise. Fans who have grown accustomed to the slow and methodical studio Radiohead, making certain that even the most intricate chords are put in its optimum place, will find that Radiohead concerts are not nearly as forgiving.

Powered almost completely by the beauty, pounding beats of drummer Phil Selway and the frantic chant vocals of Yorke, the song literally explodes in a paradoxical mesh of its electronic roots and a newfound sense of human emotional fury. With a quicker tempo, an added guitar under-belly and Yorke's rush of base human emotion, "Idioteque" takes on a completely new nature from its studio counterpart.

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**Simple punk-rock album succeeds for Strokes**

By LIAM FARRELL  
Scene Music Critic

Every once in awhile, a band comes along that defies the conventional music scene and comes out with something completely different. The Velvet Underground, the Ramones, Television, the Replacements. Bands that have a minimalist attitude about rock, where production and effects take a background to their roots. The Strokes lay it all out on Is This It, a rough, complicated album filled with the punk and rock influences of the underground. Filled with jangling guitars, heavy backbeats and distorted vocals, Is This It could have been recorded in a garage and sold at a punk show for five dollars. It is a testament to the band that being released by a recording industry conglomerate did not kill the non-conformist spirit inside of them. The entire album clocks in at just over a half hour. The album's lyrical content is similar to what their influences dealt with. Bad relationships, break-ups, seduction and conflict with society all play recurring roles. The album opens with the title track "Is This It," a layered groove with simple guitar licks and vocals reminiscent of Lou Reed. A song about a speaker arguing that "we're not in a maze; we just disagree." The Modern Age" and "Barely Legal" filled the speaker occupying the unlikely role of a seductor, with the latter track proclaiming that he'll "only steal your innocence." Songs such as "Someday," "Alone, Together," and "Trying Your Luck" occupy more typical relationship stances for a punk band, as each song considers romantic failure among a landscape of pulsating guitars and heavy drums. "Alone, Together" is the strongest of these tracks, with a very dark melody and angry vocals. Non-conformity is the subject of "Soma," "Hard To Explain," and "Take It or Leave It." Although the lyrics are almost unintelligible in "Soma," it's obvious the speaker is ranting about people who are "trying so hard to be like them," a reference to society in general.

The last song on the album, "Take It or Leave It," is a great summation of the whole punk attitude. The speaker says "leave me alone I'm in control," and as the song ends, the speaker is ranting about the opinions of those who don't matter. The strongest track on the album is the band's first single, "Last Nite." Featuring a great buildup of instruments and vocals that sound like Jim Morrison, it's a great rock song about the morning after a breakup, with lyrics underlining the speaker's mass confusion over his situation. In the end though, he proclaims that "I don't care no more/ I'm walking out that door." The Strokes make their point and then leave. Is This It is a short album with great music and great attitude. It is refreshing to hear a band in touch with musical roots that have long been abandoned for a highly produced sound and more pretentious lyrics. A lot of times in music, the simplest of approaches is the best. The Strokes prove that.

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Barry Bonds is looking for attention, not money or trophies. He's likely to wind up with all three.

"I just want to be wanted," he said Wednesday, becoming the first player to win four Most Valuable Player Awards.

Bonds won the National League MVP in a landslide to cap a record-breaking season in which his 73 home runs ruled baseball's biggest home run season record. He received 51 of 32 first-place ballots and 433 points in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"Once you've won it a few times, the standards for you are very high," Bonds said. "It's very difficult to achieve as a ballplayer."

The 37-year-old outfielder hit .328 with 137 RBIs for the Giants, hitting the first player to win four MVP awards.

"It's very difficult to achieve, especially when you have the expectations of being the first player to win four," Bonds said. "It really wants to have salaries with all teams. That's the first day into cash. That's the first day with the Yankees.

"I'm really happy about that," Bonds said. "But can I compete to sign Bonds.

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The Associated Press

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"In layman's terms, it was a sharing-and-creating session," he said. "We were listening to their concerns," Giants general manager Brian Sabean said.

Because of Bonds' age and failure to win, it's unclear how many teams are both interested and have enough money to sign Bonds. The Giants are not among baseball's top spenders.

"Can I compete with the Yankees' payroll? The answer is no," Sabean said. "But can I compete to sign Bonds?"

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Belles learn spirit of teamwork

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Pulling together for the last meet of their tough three-day schedule, exhausted Saint Mary's College swimmers realized the closeness of a team.

"As a team we learned how to depend on each other in new ways. It was nice to know that your teammates were there supporting you all the way," said freshman Sarah Williams.

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The Irish are eager to get back to playing in the NCAA tournament.

"When you come to a school like Notre Dame, the expectation is that you're going to be making the tournament," said coach Gregg Petcoff.

"Tennis is the intention of every single person." Clark stated.

The Belles finished seventh in the Big East tournament.

The Irish are not content, however, to be satisfied with just making the tournament. They have every intention of making a run at the end of the year.

"There's no question that we're a very good team, because only good teams that get into the NCAA have every chance of winning," said Howard.

"No one else was probably as excited as the fans," said coach Gregg Petcoff.

Petcoff feels that the intense schedule, exhausted Saint Mary's and Indiana/Purdue was due to divide the Belles and [the] broke two team records," said Petcoff.

"Almost every single person was satisfied with the two team records," said Petcoff. "When you come to a school like Notre Dame, the expectation is that we can do very well. We have to start preparing for what we have coming up."

Belles' performance in each meet.

"We didn't take divers," said Petcoff. "We definitely outswam the team ahead of us.

Junior Lauren Smith, sophomore Katy Lebiedz, sophomore Julie McGranahan, and sophomore Candice Petcoff.

"I felt the strongest on Saturday," said McGranahan. "I probably had the hardest day, though. Once Friday was over, we knew we could get through Saturday."

"When taper off from a whole season of work our times should be even faster," said Petcoff. "Everybody has a lot to look forward to."

The Belles will now fall back into training for the next month. Petcoff is eager to see the results of a taper from a whole season of training instead of just half a season.

"When we taper off from a whole season of work our times should be even faster," said Petcoff. "Everybody has a lot to look forward to."

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The Irish head out of the gate at the National Championships Monday. Notre Dame was disappointed in its sixth place finish, but had two runners in the top 10 and three All-Americans.

The Irish finished in 19th place.
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Irish seniors lifted their helmets to the crowd after Saturday’s
win over Navy.

Most thought Notre Dame had
no shot, evidenced by all the
Husker fans
and the abundance of tickets
that they found.
The Irish trailed 21-7 in the third and the skeptics stated
their points.

“It’s simple, Notre Dame just
can’t compete, not with what
this schedule appoints.”

But along came a man named
Jones, followed by a guy called
“Joey G.”

And of all of a sudden the
game was tied.
The air overflowing with
chants of “We are ND.”

Of course that game went to
overtime, and the Irish took a
three point lead.

Until that future NFL special
receiver Crouch whizzed by, and
scored the winning TD.

I sat in my seat for 20 min-
tures after that final gun.

My eyes welling, on the verge
of tears,

I think those tears are on
hand, my friends.

Waiting to see if Davie will be
our coach next year.

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essarily The Observer.

I was more thankful than
ever that this was the school,
and the team,

That I did so long ago choose.

And of all of a sudden the
game was tied.

Yet there was a day in
September of 2000, when num-
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Notre Dame.

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**MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

**Shay, Watson finish careers together**

By KATIE HUGHES  
Sports Writer

GREENVILLE, S.C.  
Three miles into the 10,000-meter NCAA Championships Monday, Luke Watson was running behind the front pack, maintaining a pace that put him around 10th place. Then he felt a tug on his shirt. It was Ryan Shay, who had worked his way up from the crowded congestion of the pack and was ready to take on the next one in the last race of both their college cross country careers.

"I was like, 'Lucas, let's go,'" said Shay.

And they went. Together. Working off of each other like they always have.

"That just woke me up in the middle of the race," said Watson. "It's really easy to get into a groove and just roll there, but we started to move up at that point. We almost got into a no-man's land between two packs, but working together we were able to bridge the gap. We stayed in there, exchanged leads, it was awesome."

Both had earned All-American finishes in the NCAA meet before, but neither could have finished outstaniding performances. Shay's accomplishments include a 12th place finish in the 1999 NCAA championships and a Big East Championship in 1999.

Watson was second in this year's Big East Championships, and finished 6th in last year's NCAA Championships.

"We're very similar in that we're both blue-collar, hard-working people. We use that to work off each other in practice every day, and that's how we got better," said Shay.

It was good to have someone there for training, and it was good for Shay to have someone there when he passed the all-too-familiar spot on the Furman cross country course where he had dropped out of the Pre-National meet due to illness.

This race was the top finish if my career — especially with all the emotions I had the whole year, being sick and injured. When I passed that spot today where I passed out at Pre-Nationals, I got the chills a little."

Both Watson and Shay have shared a leadership role for the team, leading them to an NCAA meet where a national championship wouldn't have been out of the question.

Both look to sophomore Todd Mobley, who finished 38th to earn All-American honors, the runner where they will leave off. Mobley has been the most improved runner for the Irish this season, improving in this year's NCAA meet from a 99th place finish last year.

"I was like, 'Lucas, let's go,'" said Watson. "He's going to do a great job leading the team next year."

Immediately after the meet Mobley was still disappointed in bowing without a national championship, he is looking ahead as well.

"I wanted to finish higher for the team. But going into this season, making All-American was one of my main objectives. For my parents, for my family, for me. I want to carry it into next year and continue to improve. It's not going to be a hard team to lead. Everyone has a great work ethic."

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**WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

**King earns All-American as a freshman**

By KATIE MOY

GREENVILLE, S.C.  
On Monday, Lauren King finished first for the Irish. She took 23rd place overall in the National Cross Country Championships. King was named an All-American. And she's only a freshman.

"Lauren was good," head coach Tim Connelly said of the freshman's performance on Monday. "I mean, All-American as a freshman is a good performance."

King took home Notre Dame's top spot with her 21:17 race time at Furman University.

King, who hasn't even been on the Notre Dame campus a semester, has only run half the season. Due to a late end to her high school track season, King joined the Irish late in the regular season.

Despite the low number of races she's competed in, she has already made her presence known.

King won the Notre Dame Invitational, her first collegiate race. Monday's 23rd place finish gave Connelly the hope that someday he may have a national champion.

"Lauren's a great athlete," Connelly said. "Lauren's got big expectations of herself and she's talented enough to come into this meet someday and win it."

However, that day has not yet come for King and she knows it. Following her performance on Monday, she was satisfied with her race but said, as a runner, she would never be satisfied staying at the same place.

"Top 30 is only top 30," she said. "I hope to improve from there."

Improving may mean changing her situation in a race. The tight competition bothered King in and she felt like she was not in charge of her own performance, something she knows will have to change if she is going to win.

"When you're in the pack like that, you don't have much control," she said. "I love to be in a situation where I'm in control of the race and that's going to be something with my training and good coaching."

In addition to controlling the race, as a new collegiate runner King will also have to look forward to some serious strength training. Running hard two weeks in a row took its toll. Although talent has gotten King as far as she has come, strength training will have to take her the rest of the way.

"She's young and so to able to run hard two weeks in a row is hard for an 18-year-old kid to do," Connelly said. "She's just not strong. She's talented, but she's not strong."

As a high school senior, King was a Canadian national champion. But despite her individual success, she's still looking for her team to be the big story.

"I have some great teammates," she said. "Our team's going to do some great things. So watch out (for ND)."

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Irish freshman Lauren King crosses in on the finish during Monday's National Championship meet. King lead the Irish and finished as an All-American.
Men's Cross Country

Piane named National Coach of the Year

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame track and cross country coach Joe Plane has been named the National Cross Country Coach of the Year for 2001 by the United States Track and Field Coaches Association. The award was announced Saturday night in Greenville, S.C., at a banquet preceding the 2001 NCAA Cross Country Championships to be run Monday at Furman.

Plane’s 2001 Irish men’s squad currently is ranked fifth nationally coming off victories at both the Big East Championships and the NCAA Great Lakes Region meet Nov. 10 at Indiana State.

Plane last weekend was named the 2001 MONDO Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year. He has helped the Irish to six meet titles in 2001, including the Big East and the Great Lakes Regional championships. The Irish have been ranked fifth in the MONDO Men’s Cross Country Top 25 for most of the fall, marking the highest position the team has ever been ranked during the regular season.

The longest tenured coach at Notre Dame with 26 full seasons behind him, Plane has developed one of the most talented and deep cross country rosters in the nation this season. The Irish earned team titles at the Valparaiso Invitational and Central Collegiate Championships with its “B” team, and defeated two ranked teams en route to the 2001 BIG EAST Championship. Plane and volunteer assistant coach Matt Althoff earned the BIG EAST Cross Country Staff of the Year award after the conference meet.

Plane has now earned five regional cross country coach of the year awards including this season’s honor and was named the NCAA Division I Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1987.
Macura steps up at as ND tops Cornell, 78-48

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Assistant Sports Editor

Confidence is key for Jere Macura.

Last season, the forward spent most of the time on the bench while Troy Murphy, Ryan Humphrey and Harold Swanagan got most of the playing time. He didn’t get in the game much, and when he did, he wasn’t very productive.

But with Humphrey serving the final game of his suspension and Swanagan hampered by a knee injury, Macura was the dominant inside force Monday night. He scored 16 points as Notre Dame rolled to a 78-48 win over Cornell.

“I think his attitude is great because he’s playing. Kids need to play,” Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey said. “It was tough last year to get him into the mix. It was tough to get him in there as a fourth big man. This year, we need him to give us some minutes.”

Macura scored nine points during a 15-0 Irish run in the first half that blew the game wide open, including a three-pointer from the top of the key and a thunderous dunk that drew a foul. He finished the game 7-of-9 from the field and recorded eight rebounds.

“I’m more confident. Way more,” he said. “Coach has more confidence in me, and I’ve got more confidence in myself.”

Although Swanagan didn’t practice Sunday after his kneecap slipped out of place during Friday night’s game, he entered the game just three and a half minutes into the first half. He recorded nine points and eight rebounds in 23 minutes of action.

Jordan Cornette started in Swanagan’s place and played 29 minutes in just his second college game.

“I felt good (Sunday) and last night, and today felt pretty good,” Swanagan said. “They just wanted to know what I felt before the let me go out and play.”

Notre Dame didn’t have much trouble against an undersized and inexperienced Big Red squad. The Irish defense, which forced 22 Cornell turnovers, kept the Big Red out of sync all night long. Each time Cornell seemed to gain any offensive momentum, the Irish switched from their traditional man-to-man defense into a 2-3 zone.

“I thought there were times where we got in a rhythm, and then Mike went right to the zone and said, ‘We’re not going to mess around with this, chosing those guys around,'” Carroll head coach Steve Donahue said. “It was a great call. We didn’t feel comfortable against it, and we hadn’t really practiced against it.”

“Our defense in the first half was real solid, especially when we went to the zone,” Notre Dame’s Chris Thomas said. “We were able to rest a little bit but at the same time get out in the passing lane and disrupt their flow of the game and their style of play.”

Donahue was impressed with the play of Thomas, Matt Carroll and David Graves. A

game after recording Notre Dame’s first-ever triple-double. Thomas finished with a game-high 22 points, six assists and six rebounds. He shot 7-of-14 from the field, including 6-of-7 from three-point range. Carroll bounced back from a poor shooting performance against New Hampshire to finish with 13 points. Graves had trouble finding the basket Monday, hitting on only 3-of-11 field goals, but he still picked up 10 points.

“I was just real impressed with the three perimeter guys,” Donahue said. “They have as good as perimeter players as you’ll see in the country.”

Both teams stayed relatively close throughout the early part of the first half until Notre Dame took control with a 22-3 run that spanned 11:23. The Irish entered the locker room with a 39-21 lead at the half.

Cody Toppert — one of seven freshmen on Cornell’s roster — led the Big Red in scoring with 16 points. Chris Vandenburg and Ka’Ron Barnes added eight points apiece.

Notre Dame next heads to Hawaii to compete in the Hawaii Pacific University Thanksgiving Classic. Their first round opponent is Hawaii Pacific. The Irish could potentially meet Hampton, who qualified for the NCAA tournament last season and upset No. 20 North Carolina 77-69 Friday night, in the third and final round.

“I’m excited to get going,” Brey said. “I think our guys are excited, and it’s a great trip for our seniors... I’m happy we can do something like this, especially for Graves and Swanagan.”

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Notre Dame freshman point guard Chris Thomas drives to the hoop during Notre Dame’s win over New Hampshire Friday night. Thomas finished with 22 points Monday night.

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Irish finish sixth at Nationals

By KATIE HUGHES
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GREENVILLE, S.C.

They ended their most successful season in recent history that way they began: as a team committed to each other and to a common goal.

Their goal going in had been a National Championship, but as the race unfolded it became clear that the best team the Irish had ever had would come away from the strongest field the NCAA had ever had without a national title, but still leaving their indelible mark on college cross country, placing sixth at Monday’s NCAA National meet.


"Having two finishers in the top 10 is an accomplishment for any team," said Watson, who was seventh in last year’s NCAAs.

The Irish have become a team that has come to expect nothing but the best from itself, and that’s what happened today.

"It was a pretty solid showing. A Great Lakes Regional Championship. Second in the Pre-National meet. Ranked No. 4 going into the meet, the Irish had hoped the return of Shay, who had been suffering from an injured Achilles, and senior Pat Conroy, who had been battling a chest cold, would be enough to upset Colorado and Stanford.

Colorado won the team race with 90 points, followed by Stanford with 91 points. Though Notre Dame had finished second to Colorado in the Pre-National meet, the Buffaloes boasted three runners in the top 15 and a fifth man who finished 47th.

Arkansas was third with 118 points, while Northern Arizona was fourth with 193, regional rival Wisconsin was fifth with 245 points and Notre Dame had 248 points.

"As a team we’re probably a little disappointed," said Shay. "I don’t think we did as well as we wanted to. Our fifth man wasn’t where he should have been. Pat Conroy had been really sick, and that’s obviously going to have an effect." Far from disappointing, though, was the support the team got from the loudest cheering section at the meet. Seven cardboard cutouts of teammates and friends, painted blue and gold, ran madly between vantage points on the course to make the runners feel better than they had felt at the end of the season. Following last week’s regional meet, the Irish had done enough to receive the invitation, and Monday confirmed their hopes.

"I think we’re good, and I think the team is very excited about being in the tournament," head coach Bobby Clark. "Also we’ll be playing two teams that we haven’t played. I think that’s also exciting."

The Irish will travel to Maryland Friday to take on the Terrapins on their home field. The winner of that match will face MAC Champion Loyola, who earned a first-round bye with their 16-1-2 record during the regular season. Taking to the road for the first-round contest should not be too overwhelming for the Irish, who have played 10 of their 18 games on the road already this year.

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King leads Irish to 19th

By KATIE McVOY
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GREENVILLE, S.C.

At the beginning of this season, the expectations for the Irish were not very high. But a successful season raised those expectations and left the team proud of how far it had come, but slightly disappointed with its finish in the NCAA National Cross Country Championship.

"We didn’t run as well as we were supposed to coming in here," head coach Tim Connelly said of his team’s 19th place finish Monday. "I was hoping we’d be in the top 15. I thought we’d run better than we did.”

The runners agreed.

"The race was not nearly as good as we could have played," junior Jen Handley said. "We had a lot of people who just had mediocre performances.”

But all the talk was not talk of disappointment. Last season, the Irish didn’t make it to the national meet and, coming into this season, Notre Dame was rated low in the region and was unranked in the nation. The 19th place finish left the Irish in a good position to start off next season.

"That’s great, I mean, I told our kids before the regionals, I think a year from now we’ve got the makings of a great team, you know, a top 5 place team,” Connelly said. “So we’ve got to get to the meet and experience it and that’s what we did today.”

"It was a pretty solid showing,” first-year runner Lauren King said. “We’re a young team and we now have somewhere to work from.”

King went home an All-American. The freshman finished first for the Irish, her 21:17 time earning her 23rd place overall.

"I take it one race at a time," King said. "Each day you can only run as best you can on that day. Today I was fortunate enough in this race to make All-American.”

King was the only Irish runner to finish in the top 100 runners.

Junior Jen Handley finished in 22:24, crossing the finish line in 101st place.

Like many of the runners, she knew that racing at this level requires experience.

"I was so happy to be here, just ready to go,” she said. "At the end of the season, my body’s just tired. A lot of it is I have to learn to race at this level.”

Handley wasn’t the only runner who was feeling a little tired at the end of the season. Following last weekend’s regional meet, the Irish saw WOMEN/page 18

Irish earn NCAA bid at Maryland

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

The men’s soccer team heard the news at about 3 p.m. Monday — Notre Dame earned a berth in the NCAA College Cup for the first time since 1996.

After an impressive regular season in which the Irish worked to a 12-5 record and a second-place finish in the Big East conference, the Irish players were confident they had done enough to receive the invitation, and Monday confirmed their hopes.

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Irish seniors Luke Watson (left) and Ryan Shay (center) run together during Monday’s NCAA Cross Country Championships. Watson took fifth in the race while Shay finished sixth.