Ticket penalized in elections

By ANNELEISE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's student body candidates Sarah Brown and Michelle Fitzgerald will have ten votes deducted from their vote total in today's primary election because their campaign forms for the candidates for the position of vice president were submitted late.

The College's Elections Committee issued the warning to the ticket.

"The results are both impressive and misleading," McBrien, the vice president, said the audit indicated that 90 percent of the nation's 195 dioceses had covered up evidence about the Catholic Church.

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Sprinkler burst causes flood damage

By CLAIRE HEININGER
Assistant News Editor

Students and employees were evacuated from the LaFortune Student Center for 30 minutes Monday night when a roof-level sprinkler head burst, causing considerable flooding to various parts of the building.

Both the DJ booth for the Lafortune Ballroom and the Multicultural Student Programs and Services office directly below it suffered water damage, said Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities.

"It started in the attic, leaked down to the DJ booth in the Ballroom, flowed up the floor there, and came down to the office," Coughlin said as he stood waiting maintenance workers snake suction pipes through the second-floor hallway.

"They’re sucking it out of there now ... and the fire department has given the all-clear."

Notre Dame Fire Department Captain Martin Orłowski said firefighters were able to respond quickly to the alarm, which sounded at about 7:20 p.m.

"The fire alarm panel is back in service; the sprinkler system is back in service. We have maintenance up there taking care of the mess," Orłowski said.

Despite the confusion that ensued immediately after the alarm, he added, "There was no smoke, no flames — just a frozen sprinkler head."

Mike Crabtree of Notre Dame Building Services said the slope and thickness of the roof made it impossible to get suction hoses to the actual site of the break. Instead, he drilled a series of room mirrors. Consequently, the sprinkler system is back in service.

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Campus, seminary react to priest scandal

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Assistant News Editor

"Two years after news surfaced that Catholic Church officials had covered up evidence about sexual abuse or rape of minors by priests, both the Catholic community at Notre Dame and across the country are still coming to terms with the scandal."

Earlier this month, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops released the results of an audit indicating that 90 percent of the nation's 195 dioceses and eparchies are complying with the USCCB’s "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People."

"That was explicit in the complaint form," Haeberle said. "Speaking on behalf of her ticket, Brown said that she and her running mate were unaware of how the resident received the handshake."

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members debate revision proposals

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives debate the revisions to the Student Union Constitution at Monday's meeting. The meeting, which was held at LaFortune, was interrupted by a fire alarm.

By ANNA GEHLAUS
News Writer

Some 150 organizations will be seeking potential employees from among the 2,000 expected students who will attend today's Winter Career and Internship Fair.

"I got to help out with a commercial once," he said.

Still, when it comes to getting a job, he said, "I imagine it would be tough."
Support the Revue

Don't get me wrong: I am a proud Saint Mary's student. I love my college, and if you insult my noon-to-toe alma mater, I will probably beat you up. But with this said, I do not have a problem with people poking fun at the stereotypes that certainly exist because of the fact that we are an all-girls school. Let's face it, girls we give the Keenan Revue plenty of material for their various skits, songs and jokes.

For example, a women's college means only girls are admitted, thus giving us the conclusion that there are no boys at Saint Mary's. Consequently, it is necessary to leave campus to find a relationship with a member of the opposite sex.

Have you guys seen the mass Exodus from campus on Fridays and Saturdays? It is an exodus that can be compared to the Great Exodus of the Bible as well as the ones that happen on home football game weekends.

This is prime material for the Keenan Revue. Pair this with the well-known, but false, assumption that most of the students at Saint Mary's are only there because they did not get into Notre Dame, or the so-called rivalry between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's women's, or Saint Mary's freshmen mistakes of Saint Mary's freshmen mistakes of Saint Mary's freshmen mistakes of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's women's, or Saint Mary's women's, or Saint Mary's women's, or Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

And all three of the campuses, as well as South Bend, provide material for their various skits, songs and jokes.

So let the Keenan Revue go on as it has in the past. If nothing else, the Keenan Revue is the only time when the entire Notre Dame campus wants to come to Saint Mary's.

Let it live in the past with stereotypical comments about life at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross. Let's face it — we're funny, and all three of the campuses, as well as South Bend, provide material for the Revue.

So let's go and enjoy the entertainment of the weekend, knowing that no strange, stereotypical tidbit will escape the fury of the Revue.

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VIEWPOINT

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU HAD A SUPERPOWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Meghan Barloco
Senior
Off-Campus

"To be permanently warm, even in this ridiculous weather."

J.R. Garcia
Junior
Morrissey

"To cancel class."

Bryan Kreller
Sophomore
Alumni

"The power to kill a yak from 200 yards away... with mind bullets."

Seth O'Donnell
Senior
Keough

"Superfast, so I can set off fire alarms with no one knowing."

Drew Sandstrom
Senior
Zahn

"The ability to turn whatever I touch into steak."

Jack Lskowitz
Sophomore
Dillon

"The ability to actually look good with a mustache."

IN BRIEF

The Winter Career and Internship Fair, sponsored by the Career Center, takes place today from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center field house. Representatives from over 100 organizations and companies will be on campus to speak with graduates and undergraduate students about job and internship opportunities.

The Amate House, a post-graduate service program in Chicago, will hold their information session today from 8 to 9 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns lounge. Representatives from the program will answer questions for students interested in this opportunity.

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Officials say snow, ice removal not a problem

By LIAM FARRELL
News Writer

Despite dropping temperatures and growing piles of snow, Notre Dame maintenance officials said the clearing of campus sidewalks and roads has been running smoothly this year.

William Thistlethwaite, superintendent of landscape services, said that "snow removal is better this year than it has been in past years."

"It doesn't take any longer (to clear snow than before)," Thistlethwaite said. "It probably takes less time."

The plows and employees of landscape services work to clear snow whenever it falls in South Bend, working in three shifts daily between 2:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m.

"There are no hours," Thistlethwaite said of employees' schedules, adding that plows can be running 24 hours during significant snowstorms.

Notre Dame's snow removal team includes 28 employees, nine plows, three loaders and five brooms, and their area of responsibility runs throughout campus. Although clearing Juniper Road is the responsibility of St. Joseph's County, Notre Dame's crews often do it themselves.

They "probably do a better job," Thistlethwaite said. While the custodians are responsible for clearing the areas immediately in front of the dorms, landscape services takes care of the rest of campus. Slight changes in the cleaning routines depend upon which areas will be trafficked heavily on a particular day. In such instances, the sidewalks in front of DeBartolo Hall may receive less attention on a weekend than the sidewalks connecting dorms and dining halls.

Some students, however, have expressed concern over icy sidewalks and slippery walkways throughout campus.

"The plows just clear half of the sidewalk and part of the grass," junior Patrick Fishburne said, complaining that other areas are left covered in snow.

Sophomore Alicia Lachiondo agreed.

"I would put my tuition money into covering the sidewalks when it snows," she said.

Thistlethwaite, however, said any problems students encounter occur because of the time of snow fall. He said it is the process of constantly "redoing everything" during significant storms that causes slippery walkways.

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Snow and ice cover campus sidewalks due to the recent winter weather. The University has been trying to keep up with the amount of snow that has fallen.

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Informational Meeting January 28th at 7:00 pm
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chair Sarah Keefer proposed that budgets be approved by both the Council of Representatives and the Senate, saying both bodies should have authority regarding financial matters.

"It would provide for a good check and balance," Keefer said.

Council members also began debate on the issue of Senate committee chairs. However, seconds after members voted to extend the length of the meeting, the meeting was disrupted by blaring fire alarms and the members cut their debate short in order to evacuate.

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Dems exchange barbs on eve of primary

New Hampshire voters head to polls today for first state primary

Associated Press

NASHUA, N.H. — Playing to huge crowds of wavering voters, Democrats swapped charges of dirty tricks and elitism Monday, closing out the New Hampshire primary on a sour note before the presidential race goes national.

From coffee shops, book stores, school gyms and country stores, the candidates took their last dose of small-state retail politicking with a collective grimace, testy and tired after a seasson of campaigning.

"It's done and it's closing fast," Howard Dean said, accusing his rivals of smearin' him in a shad­owy phone-and-mail cam­paig.

"I need your help because we have every intention of winning the New Hampshire primary."

Most public polls gave fellow New Englander John Kerry a double-digit lead over Dean, a former Vermont governor, though at least one survey had the pair in a dead heat.


Campaign strategists said internal polls and anecdotal evidence indi­cated that Dean and Edwards had the most momentum in reaching their final hours.

New Hampshire has a storied history of upset winners, largely because of a choosy electorate loaded with independents who can vote in party pri­maries.

"This race could still go any number of ways," said Wayne Lesperance, political science professor at New England College in Manchester, N.H. "The ques­tions is, how far do Dean and Edwards surge?"

The answer will come from voters such as Connie Mackey of Nashua, N.H., who had a front-row seat at Dean's first event.

"I wish I could have Howard Dean's heart, John Kerry's political savvy, Wes Clark's mili­tary experience and Edwards' idealism," she said.

So who will it be Tuesday? "I haven't a clue," she said with a laugh. "Don't know whose game to buy.

The candidates were in the mood to sell, knowing the importance of a solid finish as they look toward the next stage of contests starting Feb. 3 in seven states.

Building collapses in Cairo suburb

Associated Press

CAIRO — A 12-story building that had drawn police attention for allegedly illegal renovations collapsed in a Cairo suburb during a fire Monday night, trapping up to 16 peo­ple inside and injuring 33, police said.

All but two of the trapped were fire­fighters and policemen dispatched to put out the blaze, the officials said on condition of anonymity. Hundreds of people lived in the building, but most had evacuated by the time it col­lapsed three hours after the fire began in a home appliances store.

The collapse brought the death toll to 16 people inside and injuring 33, police said.

The 33 people hospitalized included both police and residents. There was no immediate word on the nature of the injuries or their conditions.

The officials first said the fire broke­ out at an Egyptian fast-food restaur­ant on the ground floor, but later reported it began at the adjacent store.

A police officer at the scene, brief­ing reporters afterward, also said 16 people were trapped. The unnamed officer identified the civilians as workers in the store where the fire started.

But the Middle East News Agency quoted Cairo security chief Nabil el­Ezzabi as saying eight people, includ­ing three policemen, remained trapped about three hours after the collapse. It was not clear if the discrep­ancy was because people had been pulled out of the rubble.

The building, built in 1981, was in Nasr City, an eastern suburb of the Egyptian capital near the airport. The area is home to many high-rise resi­dential buildings and shopping areas.

The structure collapsed according­ly into a pile of rubble about two stories high. Several satellite dishes rested intact on the roof, and a panda toy, slippers, bags and a brass pot were scattered in the debris.

Police sealed off the area and evac­uated two buildings that were dam­aged by the collapse, while firefights­ters and policemen worked under floodlights to rescue their trapped colleagues.

Rescuers cleared rubble by hand in search of survivors for several hours and were joined by bulldozers early Tuesday. Building collapses are common in Egypt and are often caused by shoddy construction or the unauthorized building of extra stories. The last such incident was May 4, when a seven-story apartment building col­lapsed in Cairo, killing at least seven people.
Church

Seminary, said that seminarian applicants are screened rigorously, though some ask about the scandal and have had a mixed reaction to it. People who are truly called to do this are not going to be dissuaded by it. There's scandal everywhere. Your generation has become inoculated against it," King said.

King said that due to the irregularities of how many people enter the seminary each year it is hard to gauge if the sexual abuse scandal has had any effect on application rates. He said that there has been some shock and disappointment in the seminary, but he does not believe that it will affect the number of men seeking ordination.

"From what I have seen, there's been an amazing resiliency, as well," King said. "I haven't seen people leaving out of disgust."

Old College freshman Joe Wysocki said that the news of the priest scandal hasn't affected his decision to work toward becoming a priest.

"You have to think about yourself and you have to know that that's not the majority, that's the minority. I know that if I became a priest, I wouldn't be part of that," Wysocki said. Wysocki said that people's reactions to his priestly ambitions have been overwhelming.

"Once you get to know people, I think those sorts of ideas pass away," he said.

McBrien agrees that the controversy will eventually pass, but says that officials need to be more proactive in openly addressing it and its causes.

"For starters, the officials of the Church need to allow every relevant question to be placed on the table and discussed," McBrien said. "Nothing can be ruled out of bounds from the start. Not celibacy. Not the ordination of women. Not seminary education. Not the way bishops are selected. Not the way the Church formulates its teachings on human sexual- ity and reproduction. Those who insist that certain questions like these may not be discussed are making a constructive resolution of this long-term, deep-seated problem impossible."

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Elections

rules of which not all students are aware.

Following deliberation, the Committee decided that a violation occurred under the Policy's General Rule no. 6. "Any additional hand- outs must be smaller than the 8 1/2 by 11" page."

The sanction issued by the Elections Committee specified that, for each violation documented in a written complaint, the candidates' priory of their election votes would be penalized five votes.

"The Elections Committee felt that a penalty of five votes was a significant deterrent from future violation of the policy," Haeberle said.

The candidates had until 8 a.m. Monday to appeal the possible additional problems. The Elections Committee now reserves the right to assign the same penalty per residency hall room should any member observe further violations with or without an accompanying written complaint.

In its defense, the Brown-Fitzgerald ticket chose to appeal the decision made by the Elections Committee, citing a misunderstanding.

Haeberle said that all candidates were notified of the policy in specific detail before campaigning began.

"In their election information meetings...we made it a point to adequately cover the poster policy in detail," she said.

The Elections Appeals Board upheld the decision of the Elections Committee and penalized the ticket five votes.

"While Michelle and I still maintain that we were not informed of the rule binding us to the actions of the entire student body, we feel that the violation, hearing and appeals process worked very smoothly," Brown said. "While we are regretful that a size of our supporters will be invalidated, we do not feel this will alter the outcome of the election."

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Fair

keting and philosophy major, was in contact with the Career Center earlier this fall.

"I had a couple of interviews then," she said. "But I didn't get a job. So I'm just ready to keep look- ing."

At the fair, Anderson hopes to get some interviews and is actively looking for a "few more opportuni- ties."

Students will have a chance to explore possible career options and even gain consideration for internships or full-time jobs. The Career Center encourages students to bring many copies of their resume to pass out to employers.

Andrea Manka, a senior econom- ics major, is looking forward to the busy atmosphere of today's fair.

"I imagine it's going to be crowd- ed tomorrow," she said.

But Anderson, who plans to attend law school and is looking for an internship, has her visit planned. She said she was in contact with a few employers through email and is now looking forward to seeing them.

To gain access to the fair, students should bring their student ID. An alphabetical list of participating organizations, job descriptions, and further information are available at the Career Center's Web site http://careercenter.nd.edu.

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Flood

small holes in the DJ booth's ceiling, trying to drain water into buckets without soaking the stereo equipment around him.

"We put the holes in to contain it," Crabtree said. "It's pretty wet, but the water's stopped."

He estimated that within six to eight hours, the flooding would be "totally dry and under con- trol."

Fellow Building Services worker Mike Pirson said the damage was fairly minor com- pared to the flooding that occurred in the Hesburgh Library Jan. 6.

"Unlike the library flood, we can get a lot of this up with car- pet machines," Pirson said. "That was a mess over there."

He added that freezing inci- dents are a fairly common problem during the winter months.

"This time of year, there are a lot of floods," Pirson said. "There was a lot of water, but by the way it looks, we can catch up with this."

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That OPEC may be growing more concerned about high petroleum prices prompted some analysts to point away from its all-time high close of 21.2001, when it closed at 10,715.43. It was the index’s highest finish since June 15, 1999, and that was what the market was looking for.

The Dow gained 134.22, or 1.3 percent, to close at 10,702.51, after a weekly loss of 0.3 percent that ended eight weeks of advances. It was the index’s highest finish since June 21, 2001, when it closed at 10,715.43. The Dow is now slightly more than 1,000 points away from its all-time high close of 11,722.98, reached on Jan. 14, 2000.

OPEC influences crude decline

NEW YORK — Crude futures prices fell 1.3 percent Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, as mounting market perceptions that OPEC is growing more concerned about high petroleum prices prompted some traders to sell.

Analysts say many in the market believe the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, scheduled to review its output policy when it meets Friday in Algiers, may leave production unchanged at 24.5 million barrels a day.

Until recently, many market-watchers were fretting the cartel would slash output further.

The cartel has already cut official output by about a half million barrels a day. The question now is whether it will move to cut output more.

A team of Notre Dame MBA students placed second in the wild card round of the Venture Capital Investment Competition (VCIC) at Vanderbilt University Jan. 16. The team, sponsored by the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, faced teams from Arizona State, Georgetown, Georgia, Purdue and Wake Forest.

Members of the team included second-year MBA students Steve Abad, Chris Clevenger, Karina Glerum and Jeff Stewart, as well as first-year students Paul Koss.

The VCIC, which bills itself as the “nation’s premiere strategy competition for venture-minded and student-oriented MBA students,” allows students to take on the role of venture capitalists, investors who inject money into new businesses in return for partial ownership.

In the competition, student teams review business plans and decide which ones to fund, thereby making investment terms for a fol­low-up of start-up ventures.

Theresa Sedlack, program manager at the Gigot Center, said the VCIC brings together many different aspects of commerce that students learn in the Mendoza College of Business.

“The competition is of such great value because it’s the perfect tool to develop skills in MBA education,” Sedlack said. “You have to draw on all your experiences from your MBA career and personal experiences in a 48-hour period.”

She said the team’s high placement shows that the Mendoza College and the Gigot Center have estab­lished their place in American business education.

“It is really the ‘Who’s Who’ of the top 35 business schools out there,” she said. “It’s a testament to the cal­iber of our students.”

Sedlack said the center has fielded VCIC teams for “a couple years now,” but this year stepped up efforts to prepare its stu­dents for the rigorous com­petition.

“Last year, we really started to work actively to pre­pare the team,” she said. “We brought in IrishAngels to help coach the students.”

The IrishAngels network is made up of select Notre Dame alumni and friends with experience in entre­preneurial ventures. According to its website, the network’s mission is “To create a forum for entrepreneurial-minded members of the Notre Dame family to com­municate with other for­mally and informally for­mating purposes and foster the development of new busi­nesses.”

One over-the-top preparation developed into a highly competitive MBA course. “Each class was taught by a different IrishAngels venture capitalist,” Sedlack said. “Each lecture and assign­ment built on a skill [that students would need] in the competition.”

The 15-person class nom­i­nated five of its members to make up the Notre Dame VCIC team.

The students’ second-place finish qualifies the team for a one-of-a-kind regional even­ts to be held in February and March in Arizona, Georgia, Tennessee and Michigan.

Winners from each regional competition will continue on to the national finals in April at the University of North Carolina, where they will compete for a $15,000 prize.

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The five MBA students competing in the Venture Capital Investment Competition display their winnings. The team will advance to one of four final events in February and March.

By MATT BRAMANTI

The Observer

Students advance in competition

MBA students take second place in VCIC entrepreneurial competition

INDIANAPOLIS — Eli Lilly & Co. opened its defense in federal court Monday of its patent on Zyprexa, an anti-psychotic introduced in 1996 to treat schizophrenia that has sales of about $4 billion a year.

The companies challenging the patent argue that the discovery of the drug’s molecular structure was obvious and that a previous Lilly patent covered it. The companies also claim that Lilly mislabeled the patent office and omitted certain tests results when applying for the patent.

Lilly lawyer Charles Lipsy said the active molecule of Zyprexa was an obvious discovery because many drug companies were trying to find an anti­psychotic drug that would not give patients the side effects of other schiz­ophrenia medications.

He questioned how the drug could be obvious if so many companies, including Lilly, tried numerous variations without positive results.

"Lilly was right there failing with everybody else," Lipsy said. "It’s not as easy as chopping off the attached atoms."

"That’s not the way the chemistry works," Lipsy said, adding that "nobody in a million years" would ever have started research with a molecule lacking the additional atoms.

When Lilly lost the Prozac patent, it triggered a slide in Lilly’s fortunes as less expensive generic versions of the anti-depressant bit the market in late 2001 and captured most of Prozac’s market share.

Lipsy, however, said discovering Zyprexa’s patent was issued in 1993, giving Lilly exclusive U.S. rights on the drug until 2011. At issue is a molecule, called olan­zapine, that is shaped like a seven­sided ring. Previous medications fea­tured a similar ring with various atoms, like fluorine or chlorine, attached.

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Remembering Martin Luther King

The legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. means a great deal to me. Even as a child, I can remember celebrating his birthday, reading his speeches and learning about his life. While we continue to celebrate him yearly, I feel that our nation has forgotten his true message.

As a true global citizen, King's vision for social change encompassed many facets of human existence. For civil rights, Dr. King wanted African-Americans to have true citizenship — with the full particulars to participate equally in every aspect of society. Hatred for blacks poisoned American life across the board. The segregation Dr. King saw touched issues of housing, education, administration of justice, employment and health. King saw poverty not as an unfortunate social condition, but as a violation of a person's human rights. He recognized systemic causes in the plight of impoverished African-Americans, and was determined to use the tools of nonviolent protest to demand income redistribution and societal restructuring.

In his address and quoted against the United States' campaign in Vietnam, Dr. King declared U.S. military action "a crime for people to live in this rich nation and receive starvation wages." A month later, King returned to Memphis to lead a march and delivered his famous and prophetic speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop." The next day, April 4, 1968, his great light and moral witness was extinguished by an assassin's bullet.

Today we find ourselves in an era of domestic and international injustice. We must safeguard affirmative action to equalize opportunities of minorities in light of income and structural inequalities that persist. Additionally, we see many ways we can turn this tide. We must engage in-school professional development and work with other teachers, repairing schools, providing children with better books and giving great educators money to invest in the classroom and their own well-being.

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A serving of British tidbits

Your friendly Notre Dame columnist is here today to present you with a collection of interesting facts, some of which I have stolen from other columns in this fine institution. Tonight, we will delve into the world of British cuisine, culture, and history. If you_threads the American palate, you are in for a treat. If not, I'm sure you will still find some intriguing tidbits to ponder on your crossword puzzle. Let's get started!

As a Brit, I can attest to the fact that our food is quite varied and can satisfy even the most discerning palate. However, I must say that there are a few dishes that stand out as peculiar to our cuisine. One such dish is Marmite. A thick, brown paste made from yeast extract, it is a staple in many British households. It is often spread on toast or used as a condiment for soups and stews. Although some people love it, others find it repulsive. I, for one, am quite fond of its savory flavor, but I must admit that it is not for everyone.

Now, let's move on to the world of British culture. One thing that I find interesting is the way we approach politics. In the United States, we often hear about the two-party system and how it shapes our political discourse. However, in Britain, we have a more diverse political landscape. There are numerous parties, from the Labour Party to the Conservative Party, and many others. This diversity can lead to interesting debates and discussions on issues such as Brexit and the European Union.

Finally, I would like to mention the unique language we speak in Britain. From words like "biscuit" and "lawn" to phrases like "cucumber sandwich," our language is rich and varied. Of course, there are also some words that only make sense to us Brits, like "chuffed" (meaning happy) or "proper" (meaning correct).

In conclusion, I hope you have enjoyed this little taste of British culture. Whether you are a fan of our cuisine or politics, or simply curious about our language, I hope you have found something interesting to ponder on. Remember, there is always more to explore in the world of British tidbits.

Geoff Johnston
A Dammer at Oxford

Defending Dean

Mike Marchand's Jan. 26 column seems intent on preempting Republican presidential candidates from deferring to the Iowa caucuses. In an attempt to prevent the outcome of the Iowa elections from determining who will become the Democratic candidate in November, Marchand calls for a system that is more fair and representative of the American people. However, I believe that the Iowa caucuses have a valuable role to play in the presidential nominating process.

The Iowa caucuses provide an opportunity for Iowa voters to engage directly with the candidates and express their views on the issues that matter to them. This direct democracy system allows for a more authentic representation of the people's will. Moreover, the Iowa caucuses serve as a crucial stepping stone for candidates who wish to demonstrate their grassroots support and viability for the nomination.

As a member of the Iowa delegation, I have witnessed firsthand the importance of the caucuses. The process is not only about choosing a candidate, but also about building a coalition of support and generating momentum for the campaign. By participating in the Iowa caucuses, candidates can gain valuable insights into the concerns and priorities of Iowa voters, which can help shape their campaign strategies.

In conclusion, the Iowa caucuses are an integral part of the presidential nominating process. They provide a unique opportunity for candidates to connect with voters and gain momentum for their campaigns. Therefore, I believe that Marchand's proposals may not be the best solution for ensuring a more fair and representative nominating process.
The St. Edward's Hall Players present a delight

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

The St. Edward's Hall Players shot high when they decided to take on "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.

Thanks to the hard work of one of the biggest casts and crews in St. Ed's history, the play has turned into a big success. The St Ed's Players have always been one of the smaller acting groups on campus, but with a budget of $2300 and no faculty help the group has managed to pull together a striking student-run full stage production.

The play brings together some of the most experienced actors on campus, along with some new recruits, in one of the most popular stories in modern American literature.

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" is a 60s novel in every sense of the word. Published in 1962, the novel depicts the heroic struggle of mental institution inmate Randle Patrick McMurphy against the oppressive Nurse Ratched, an authoritarian asylum worker with little regard for her patients. Anyone with an itch against authority can find the original damn-the-man hero in the courageously bawdy McMurphy.

McMurphy first enters the asylum on dubious grounds. His file shows a long record of drunkenness, assault, disturbing the peace, and rape - statutory rape of a 15-year-old girl who "said she was 18, and plenty o' willin."

McMurphy is saner than any patient, nurse or doctor in the ward, and only gets himself admitted to avoid the manual labor planned as punishment for his raucous good times.

At least, he is sane until he enters the treatment ward. Once inside, holding on to any form on sanity is a minute by minute struggle. McMurphy's carefree rebelliousness is exactly the thing that could decimate Ratched's tyranny.

The ward quickly becomes a battlefield of wills as McMurphy seeks to free the patients from under Ratched's well-manicured thumb.

Ken Kesey's novel was an immediate success after its publication. Kesey based his descriptions of the ward on his own experiences. Kesey worked in a mental institution during the late 1950s, where he talked to many of the patients and developed a strong dislike for the institutional system.

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" became even more famous with Milos Forman's 1975 screen adaptation. The film was wildly popular, winning five academy awards. Despite the movie's popularity and Jack Nicholson's indelible association with the role of McMurphy, many Kesey fans have said the movie lost the most important aspects of the book.

The stage adaptation by Dale Wasserman is said to retain much more of the genius of Kesey's original work. Director Adel Hanash picked up the script on a whim after he heard of Kesey's original work.

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that he would be directing this year's show. He had heard a lot about the play, and found all the praise to be true.

"Before I started directing the show I read the play about 30 times," Hanash said. "It has everything I was looking for."

"Now you see a lot of stylized scripts, but this play is straightforward, with stylistic points. It gave me room to play around."

Although the story is already famous, Hanash wanted to interpret the script his own way.

"I'll see the movie after the production, but I refused to see it before. I didn't want it to affect how the show came out."

Hanash has played Othello, Tartuffe, Laertes and many other characters during his time on campus, but the play is his first swing at directing.

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"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" is an exciting play, but it is also dark and difficult to perform. The veteran actors playing the lead roles in the show worked hard to pull the story together.

Seniors Tom Conner and Justin Williams have built up the chemistry needed to play McMurphy and narrator Chief Bromden. "These guys have worked together since freshmen year, and have worked with each other in six plays."

"The connection we've built makes the development and the ending that much more real to me," said Williams.

Seniors Katy Certez, a theater and English major, has found her role as Nurse Ratched to be a new challenge compared to the other roles she has played.

"Ratched is a tough nut to crack," Certez said. "It's hard to find her humanity and still keep her to what the show needs, which is a villain."

As the group prepared for their rehearsal Monday night, lighting and set technicians were hard at work. The group moved into Washington Hall only a few days before opening night, and the crew continues to work hard to perfect sound and lighting affects.

But when the show opens Wednesday night, it promises to be an exciting event for the St. Ed's Players and a triumphant debut for Hanash.

"We have some big shoes to fill following the footsteps of such a famous movie," Certez said. "[Hanash] really went above and beyond."
New Jersey coach Scott fired by team president

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Two trips to the finals, a first-place perch in the Atlantic Division and a recent coach of the month award weren't enough to save Byron Scott's job.

The coach of the New Jersey Nets was fired Monday by team president Rod Thorn, who was unhappy with the team's performance over the first half of the season. The two-time defending Eastern Conference champions are 22-20 after losing five of six games.

Scott was replaced by Lawrence Frank, a 33-year-old assistant whose promotion to the head-coaching job comes with an "interim" label for the rest of this season — though Thorn made it clear that Frank will keep the job if the team performs well.

"Sometimes change or a different voice is good, and in this case with coach Frank we all feel confident," Nets guard Jason Kidd said.

The coaching change did not come as a surprise to the Nets given the team's recent performance and Scott's lame-duck status. With the team up for sale, management refused to offer Scott an extension last summer after the Nets lost 4-2 to San Antonio in the NBA Finals.

Scott's standing in the locker room was weakened in mid-December when Kidd screamed at him during a heated team meeting following a 47-point loss to the Memphis Grizzlies.

After that clash, Scott led the Nets to five victories in their next six games, temporarily saving his job and helping him earn coach of the month honors. But the Nets began to fall apart again this month, the low point coming Friday in an 85-64 loss to Miami — a defeat that convinced Thorn he needed to make a change.

"I felt it would turn itself around, and for a while it did. But it became evident to me that it wasn't going to turn around," Thorn said. "We have not played to the level we anticipated playing."

Scott holds the franchise record with 149 coaching victories. After a 25-56 record in his first season, the Nets went 52-30 in 2001-02 and 49-33 in 2002-03 before losing in the NBA Finals both seasons.

Scott received the news Monday morning in a meeting with Thorn, who then told the team of the change.

Kidd said he didn't know a change was imminent, although a front-office source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that Kidd spoke with management Saturday about the team's coaching situation.

"I had nothing to do with this," Kidd said. "Coaching changes happen all the time. I'm a player here, I'm an employee. I have no control over who's the coach or what trades are made.

Thorn said the team's season-long inconsistency and lack of focus convinced him that a new leadership voice was needed in the locker room.

He said the change was not related to the sale of the team for $300 million last Friday to developer Bruce Ratner, who plans to move the franchise to Brooklyn.

Thorn considered other candidates from inside and outside the organization but settled on Frank because of his familiarity with the Nets' complicated offensive and his rapport with the players.

"Lawrence is a lot like Jeff Van Gundy, who I think is one of the best coaches in pro basketball," Thorn said.

"It's gotten to the point where it's gotten a little too painful to lead the type of coaching lifestyle I lead," Pitino said. "We'll take it from there."

Louisville (15-1) is ranked fourth in this week's AP Top 25 and has won 15 consecutive games. The Cardinals host Houston on Wednesday night.

Pitino said he did not know how many games he would miss.

"It could be a couple of days, it could be a couple of weeks," he said.

The Cardinals beat Tennessee 65-62 Sunday night. When Pitino arrived home early Monday morning, the discomfort was unbearable.

"I was double over in pain," Pitino said.

Louisville athletics director Tom Jurich said Pitino told him about the pain during the past few weeks.

"I know he's been struggling. Last night it probably came to a head," Jurich said. "He wants to get this addressed."

Assistant Kevin Willard, who last week pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of alcohol, will coach the team in Pitino's absence. As a condition of his plea, Willard, the son of Holy Cross coach Ralph Willard, must undergo alcohol counseling.

Pitino said he disciplined Willard internally after the arrest. He had no reservations about turning the team over to Willard, who also worked as Pitino's assistant with the Boston Celtics.

"My confidence level in him is off the charts," Pitino said.

Pitino met with his players before practice on Monday to discuss the situation.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Louisville coach Pitino taking medical leave of absence

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville coach Rick Pitino is taking an indefinite leave of absence to seek treatment for an undetermined medical condition that left him in agonizing pain.

"I've been in excruciating pain the last three or four games," Pitino said Monday. "It's getting worse day by day."

Pitino, 51, said the pain in his left side was "urological related," and that he had been dealing with it for the past two months. He said doctors have ruled out prostate cancer, but they have yet to determine what is causing Pitino pain.

Pitino said he first noticed the pain during a golf outing last summer. He said doctors first treated it as a muscle tear, but when it didn't heal, they began looking for another cause.

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\[Image of Byron Scott and Rick Pitino\]

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**NFL**

**Former Redskins coach Norv Turner talks at a press conference after being hired by the Oakland Raiders. Turner will take over as head coach after owner Al Davis fired Bill Callahan.**

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**Turner chosen to revitalize Raiders**

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Norv Turner hoped he would get a second chance as an NFL head coach. He was thrilled to get it with the players in the silver-and-black uniforms he always wanted to wear.

Turner was hired by the Oakland Raiders on Monday. The former Redskins coach takes over a team that went from the Super Bowl to a 4-12 debacle in tumultuous year.

After firing Bill Callahan, owner Al Davis went looking for a new coach who shared his belief in the Raiders' mystique — and someone who could resuscitate Oakland's struggling offense. Davis believes he found his man during a long weekend interview: Turner was raised in nearby Martinez, Calif., as an avid Raiders fan.

"I never played for the Raiders, but about 30 miles over there in Martinez, in the streets, I was Daryle Lamonica many times," Turner said, recalling Oakland's famed quarterback from 1967-74. "When my arm got tired, I was George Blanda. I grew up with the Raiders."

Turner, considered one of football's top offensive tacticians, was the offensive coordinator for two Super Bowl winners in Dallas in the early 1990s. He was the Miami Dolphins' offensive coordinator the last two seasons.

"I belong here," said Turner, whose playing career peaked as a backup quarterback at Oregon. "When I got off the plane the other night, I felt like I was coming home. I feel like I'm home now."

Turner also spent nearly seven seasons with the Redskins, going 49-59-1 with just one playoff berth from 1994-00 before being fired with three games left in his final campaign. He was widely criticized in Washington, but Turner still believed in himself — and he did his many friends.

"I wanted to see if it was real, because I got a lot of recommendations," Davis said. "I felt if I waited (to hire a coach), I couldn't do any better. I just thought it was the right fit.

"I just felt like I'm home now. Everything that we need at this particular time, we will rely on Norv to help us with."

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**In Brief**

Boone's knee injury may cost him the season

NEW YORK — Yankees third baseman Aaron Boone injured his left knee playing basketball and may be out for the season, just three months after his first All-Star selection.

The injury could create an opening for a new coach who may be the only thing the Yankees do not have a backup quarterback to fill the spot, as is minor league Drew Henson.

New York acquired Boone from Cincinnati on July 31, just weeks after his first All-Star selection.

The injury could create an opening for Henson, the former University of Michigan quarterback who has struggled for Henson, the former University of Michigan quarterback who has struggled.

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**McGrady ties NBA 3-point record**

CLEVELAND — Orlando's Tracy McGrady tied an NBA record by making eight 3-pointers in one half, a mark shared by Latrell Sprewell, who made all nine consecutive 3-pointers and two jumpers.

The league record for the most 3s in a game without a miss is held by LeBron James to give the Magic a 55-46 lead.

During one stretch, he scored 17 consecutive points for the Magic on a four-point play, three free throws, consecutive 3-pointers and two jumpers.

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MEN'S SOCCER
Irish earn individual, team academic awards

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame men's soccer team was one of 75 teams across the country to earn the 2002-03 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award. The Irish posted a 3.155 team grade point average for the '02-'03 school year.

The Notre Dame men join the Irish women's program in earning double honors for the University — one of 48 schools to accomplish that feat.

In other Irish men's soccer news, senior Justin Detter and junior Chris Sawyer were named to the Soccer Times All-America team for 2003. Detter earned second-team honors, while Sawyer landed on the third team.

A recent MLS draftee by the Kansas City Wizards, Detter played in 80 games during his career and finished with 74 career points and eight game-winning goals. As the 2003 Big East Championship Most Outstanding Offensive Player, he earned first-team all-conference honors and led the team with 14 goals and 33 points last season.

Detter finished in the top 15 all-time in total points at Notre Dame and scored an NCAA-match record five points against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee during postseason play last fall. He also participated and played well in the Major League Soccer player combine during the last month.

Sawyer was the Big East Goalkeeper of the Year and his three shut outs during the Big East Championship landed him the tournament's Most Outstanding Defender Player award. Sawyer led the Big East with 12 shutouts in 2003 and posted an impressive 0.67 goals-against average.

FOOTBALL
Jones is in All-Star Challenge

CHICAGO — Julius Jones will be one of eight players to participate in the 2004 Capital One College Football All-Star Challenge at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. The Challenge will air on FOX, Sunday, Feb. 1, at 12:30 p.m.

The Capital One All-Star Challenge will feature some of the greatest of the 2003 college football season. The star-studded list includes Jones, Texas wide receiver Roy Williams, Washington wide receiver Reggie Williams, Michigan State quarterback Jeff Smoker, Tennessee quarterback Casey Clausen, Kentucky quarterback Jared Lorenzen, Michigan quarterback John Navarre and Michigan running back Chris Perry.

MEN'S TENNIS
Kentucky match is postponed

Special to The Observer

The men's tennis match between No. 49 Notre Dame and No. 10 Kentucky, originally scheduled for today in the Eck Tennis Pavilion has been postponed due to unforeseen travel complications encountered by the Wildcats. Notre Dame (3-1) will return to action Saturday, traveling to No. 8 Duke for a contest at noon.

The match between the Irish and Kentucky will probably be rescheduled for some time in the month of April, though an exact date for it has not yet been announced. The teams have met in each of the last 11 seasons, and the Irish hold a 12-10-1 advantage in the all-time series.

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The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's gymnastics club played host to twelve strong teams in the seventh annual Blue and Gold Classic. No. 3 Wichita, led by Anita Manns and Schuster each averaged 200 for the squad. Matt LaCroix and Joe Raver led the Irish, finishing first in each event for the Irish to lead the club. In the giant slalom, Hellrung was followed by teammates Alana Lungren, third; Molly Butler, seventh; Rita Morgan, ninth; Danielle Clements, 21st and Leslie Schmidt, 31st. The men's squad posted its best finish in many years, claiming second overall behind Western Michigan, and ahead of Grand Valley State. Michigan, Michigan State and Northwestern in that order. In the giant slalom, Jason Luecht finished sixth; Mike Ryan, seventh, Leif Peterson, 13th; Joe Payne, 20th and Bill Ljemkuehler 37th as everyone on the deep squad performed well.

The Notre Dame men's squad finished a very respectable 29th in the event. Highlighting the tournament for the squad was a team high 211 average, upset No. 1 Morehead State to win the event.

Now in its second year, the Irish women's squad made its first appearance in the Classic and placed 21st among 22 teams. In all six competitions, the youthful squad totaled more than 600 pins. Saint Mary's Kim Lavigne paced the team with a 148 average, good for 68th place, and was followed by Danielle LaFranoise with a 129 average. Jacqueline Pimentel-Gannon, with a 121 average, returned from studying abroad to roll a 160 in her first day back on the lanes. Katie Hunt, earned a high game of 173 and Mary Bocik, who rolled a 149 game in her first collegiate tournament, completed the team scoring. In their final game, the Irish posted a team score of 761, good enough to beat several experienced teams in the round.

Women's Ice Hockey
Although losing 11-3 on Saturday and 3-1 Sunday to defending NCAA national club champion Michigan State this weekend, the women's hockey club had reason to hold their heads high. A bruised and shorthanded Irish squad stood up to the Spartans and played hard for sixty minutes in both games. Saturday's loss marked only the third time Michigan State has given up three goals this season. The other two opponents were Sacred Heart, an NCAA Division I power and highly regarded Rhode Island. Annemarie Kennedy scored the Irish's first two goals, assisted by Tori Blainey and Julia LaPointe, and again by LaPointe on the second goal.

LaPointe scored the final goal for the squad.

The Irish displayed character and resilience in a great game on Sunday. The Spartans were held scoreless until 8:38 of the second period as Becca Frigy played an amazing game in net for the Irish. Michigan State scored again with 25 seconds remaining in the period. In the third period, Julia LaPointe scored unassisted at 10:01, but a late goal assured the Spartans the victory. Highlighting the Irish game was the penalty killing squad, which held the Spartans scoreless through five penalty advantages.

Skiing
A long trek to Searchmont, Canada proved to be just what the Notre Dame ski club needed as the women's squad avenged last week's second place showing and defeated Michigan State and the rest of the conference in winning both the slalom and giant slalom events. Leigh Heiling finished first in each event for the Irish to lead the club. In the giant slalom, Hellrung was followed by teammates Alana Lungren, third; Molly Butler, seventh; Rita Morgan, ninth; Danielle Clements, 21st and Leslie Schmidt, 31st. The men's squad posted its best finish in many years, claiming second overall behind Western Michigan, and ahead of Grand Valley State. Michigan, Michigan State and Northwestern in that order. In the giant slalom, Jason Luecht finished sixth; Mike Ryan, seventh, Leif Peterson, 13th; Joe Payne, 20th and Bill Ljemkuehler 37th as everyone on the deep squad performed well.

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Fencing

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locked with Columbia at 13 apiece, they looked to one of their many newcomers to keep their winning streak alive. The Irish were in an identical position in December’s dual match against Penn State. It took the guile of freshman epeeist Aaron Adjemian to save the Irish in a winner-take-all final match. This time the team’s fate again lay in the hands of another freshman—sabre Patrick Ghattas. After he quickly fell behind 3-0, Ghattas was not to be denied, scoring five unanswered points and securing a Notre Dame victory.

In the next match, neither team faced much of a challenge from New York University. The men cruised to an 18-9 win while the women breezed to a 24-3 romp.

Unfortunately for the men, the luck of the Irish finally wore out. The freshmen could not conjure up enough magical heroics to bail Notre Dame out against the Red Storm who handily defeated the Irish by an 18-9 score. The 90-match winning streak, which started during the 2000 season, was the longest since 1984-88 when the Irish posted 98 consecutive victories. The school record is 122 straight wins, set from 1975-80.

Freshman epeeist Amy Orlando who finished a perfect 13-0 headed the individual performances of the day. Junior fencers Alixa Kryczal and Andrea Ament only suffered one loss apiece finishing 13-1 and 11-1 respectively.

Ghattas, who secured the decisive victory against Columbia, performed well all day, ending with an 11-1 mark. He was followed closely by junior epeeist Michal Sobieraj (14-1) and by captain and foilist Forest Walton (13-2).

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles face tough game against Albion

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sport Writer

Despite performing better as of late, the Belles will have their hands full tonight when they visit Albion, a team that has been very tough to beat all year.

Giving up a MIAA low 54.8 average points per game, Albion’s defense has been the story for its success all season. The Belles will need to continue their recent clean play to escape with a victory in this tough league matchup.

The first time these two teams played this season, Albion (14-4) came out victorious in a 51-40 victory. The Belles (5-12) were held to 31 percent from the field and committed 23 turnovers. Albion’s offense failed to look much better, shooting just 32 percent and eight percent from behind the arc. If the Belles are to be victorious tonight, they will need to limit Albion to a similar offensive display while playing much better on their own offensive end.

Katie Miller led Saint Mary’s the last time they faced Albion, with 13 points on 5-of-13 shooting, and 3-of-7 from 3-point range. Emily Creachbaum added 11 points and 8 rebounds in the Dec. 10 loss.

Despite losing the last contest against Albion, the Belles have momentum going into tonight’s game. The Belles snapped a seven-game losing streak this weekend with a 67-64 overtime victory against Tri-State. Interestingly enough, the Belles last win before the seven-game skid came in an overtime victory at Tri-State, the last time those two teams played.

In the overtime win over Tri-State, Creachbaum had perhaps her best game of the season, scoring 26 points on 11-of-20 shooting. She was a perfect 3-of-3 from behind the arc, and grabbed 10 rebounds. Her presence will be needed tomorrow night in order for the Belles to win. Emily Pernotto will also need to continue to produce on the offensive end. She has looked great at times this season, namely in losses to Widener and Kalamazoo, where she scored 17 points and 15 points, respectively. Her backcourt presence combined with Creachbaum in the interior could be important if the Belles are to win tonight’s game.

Sarah Caskey is Albion’s leading scorer this season, averaging 12.8 points per game and 42 percent from 3-point range. She has a team high 81 assists in the team’s 18 games this year, and is coming off a 25 point performance in a victory over Adrian College on Jan. 24.

Albion and Saint Mary’s will tip off tonight at 7:30 at Albion.

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FENCING

The streak is over

No. 1 men's 90-match winning streak snapped while No. 1 women go 5-0

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Entering Sunday's New York University dual meet, both the men's and women's fencing teams shared nearly identical success stories. Both were ranked first in the country, having previously dispatched archrival Penn State in equally nerve-racking 14-13 victories. But over the weekend, something finally gave.

The Notre Dame women fencers swept through Sunday's matches, increasing their dual meet record to 10-0 this year. The men, however, suffered their first blemish falling to fourth-ranked St. John's by an 18-9 decision. As though the loss wasn't bad enough, it also halted the third longest winning streak in program history at 90 consecutive dual matches. In the opening dual meet of the day, both teams easily knifed their way through Yale, notching identical 21-6 victories.

Columbia, however, would prove a much more worthy opponent. Both the men and the women were pushed to the limit, before finally squeaking by with 14-13 victories. The women's side had to hold on as their lead began to slip away. A 9-4 advantage was quickly erased and the Irish found themselves clinging to a slim 13-12 advantage. Not until sabre Distanie Milo secured the decisive 14th victory (5-4) did the Irish breath easy.

The men faced an even greater challenge. Despite being ranked No. 1 in the nation, the Irish were ranked No. 6 in the world. The Irish and the Fighting Irish swords were locked in a fierce battle for the first time at the MIAA Championships.

Longest winning streaks in Notre Dame men's fencing history

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The overtime win gives the Belles their 14th victory (5-4) over the Irish this year. The Irish have shown their mettle in three separate dual meets against Notre Dame this season. Saint Mary's lost 137-122 to Notre Dame at the MIAA Championships last weekend. But the Irish have won back-to-back matches and are 2-0 against the Fighting Irish.

In Saturday's meet against Alma College, Saint Mary's knew it would be difficult to overcome the deficit of having no divers. But this deficit proved too much for the Belles, as the team lost 137-97 and dropped their sixth consecutive conference dual meet of the season.

Saint Mary's 0-6 standing in the MIAA is not an accurate depiction of how much success Saint Mary's expects to have at the MIAA Championships. Saint Mary's was more focused upon increasing the amount of training this past week than in previous weeks to help build the team's endurance.

"What happened at this meet was that we worked hard this past week, and we knew that we would be swimming tired," Saint Mary's swimming coach Greg Petcoff said. "We just wanted to swim the best times we could."

Despite fatigue factoring into Saint Mary's performance last weekend, multiple swimmers showed signs of progress, and several swimmers finished the meet with season-best times. In just her third meet of her collegiate career, sophomore Sarah Nowak finished second in the 200-yard breaststroke in a time of 2 minutes, 37.25 seconds to place her fourth all-time for the Belles.

"(Nowak) eats up the practices, and she seems to swim well tired," Petcoff said.

Junior Michelle Stanforth, the Belles' top diver, received a nomination for MIAA player of the week, but was unable to swim well this weekend. Saint Mary's lost 118-102 to the Irish in a meet that was more focused upon leaving an impact at the MIAA Championships next month.

Despite the loss, Petcoff said, "(McGranahan) was aggressive, and her swim was the one that was impressive enough to pop some eyes."

McGranahan also finished second for Saint Mary's in the 1000-yard freestyle in a time of 11:33.15. Although Saint Mary's lost to Alma, the team is focused upon leaving an impact at the MIAA Championships next month.

We were not willing to trade a good week of training to swim well at the championships for that one win at Alma," Petcoff said. "However, we did have some good swims, and I walked away from the meet very pleased."