Saint Mary's set to inaugurate Mooney

By MEGAN O'NEILL
Assistant News Editor

Saint Mary's President Carol Mooney fields questions in her office Thursday.

Former ND associate provost transitions into SMC role gracefully; reaches out to students

By NICOLE ZOOK
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If she is under any stress as her big day approaches, Carol Mooney does not show it.

Sitting in the Sister Madeleva room in Le Mans Hall, she gracefully shared answers and smiles with journalists from several television stations and newspapers Thursday, revealing no sign of strain regarding her inauguration as the eleventh president of Saint Mary's College this weekend.

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Instead, Edirisinghe and his mother were on their way to catch a flight to Colombo, the Sri Lankan capital, when they received a phone call from his father warning them not to board the plane. It was Dec. 26, and Edirisinghe and his mother turned on the BBC to learn that a tsunami had hit their country, devastating miles of coastline and instantly leaving tens of thousands of people homeless. Edirisinghe and his mother listened in shock.

"My initial reaction was, let's see if we can get home and do something," he said. "But if we did so, we would need to get back to the capital, and that would divert resources. We decided, why do that? So we remained in Jordan for a few more days."

While the Edirisinghe family's frantic efforts to contact friends and relatives in Sri Lanka proved largely futile in those first few days following the disaster, news reports provided them with information about the extent of the destruction.

Twenty-seven thousand Sri Lankans, they learned, had been reported dead.

"I am thrilled," she said. "It's a privilege, and it's humbling — but I couldn't be happier."

Mooney, a 1972 graduate of the College and 1977 graduate of the University of Notre Dame Law School, was a law professor at Notre Dame before serving as a Notre Dame vice president and associate provost. Her formal inauguration into her role as the first lay alumnus president at Saint Mary's will take place tomorrow and Sunday.

"In one sense a transition occurred last spring, when I was trying to do one and a half jobs," she said. "Notre Dame was wonderful to me. I got many opportunities, but I've never had a second glance back... It was hard to leave, but I've not had a moment's regret about doing so."

Mooney said that her transition from Notre Dame to Saint Mary's will hold some differences, the most marked being the smaller size of the College compared to the University.

"The president's role is just the size of the two institutions," she said. "It gives me the opportunity, I hope, to get to know most people at Saint Mary's. That's just not really possible at Notre Dame."

Mooney will be working with both a smaller student population and fewer staff members than in her former role at Notre Dame, which she said will lead to closer relationships. She looks forward to that aspect of her future at Saint Mary's.

"A person has a lot of constituencies to pay attention to," Mooney said. "Students, faculty, parents, alumni, donors, benefactors — even the general community. And I find that fun, a challenge."

Mooney has already begun to solve her challenge in the short months she has been working at Saint Mary's. She said she works well with the presidential staff and has reached out to students throughout first semester. In the fall, she invited each residence hall to an open tea or dessert night.

"I decided that was a good way to try to get out into each of the residence halls, so I went see FUTURE/page 4

Saint Mary's Notre Dame student addresses tragedy, loss

Junior recalls scenes of tsunami's devastation

By MEIGHAN MARTIN
News Writer

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Above, damage from the tsunami washes up on a Sri Lankan shoreline. At right, Sri Lanka native and Notre Dame student Dinal Edirisinghe.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Here's to you, Culligan man

With everybody back at Notre Dame after a long winter break, most students can tell you something that they missed while away from school. Many people are glad to be back with their friends. Others missed South Bend specialities like Eggs Benedict at the dining hall or the smell of ethanol in the evening. For me personally, I am most grateful to have my nearly infinite supply of crisp clear Culligan water back. For those of you who don’t know, Culligan spring water is delivered in five-gallon containers and can be found in many offices and dorm rooms on campus. Not only is it the most pure and refreshing water I know of, it also is delivered by some of the most unsung heroes at Notre Dame.

These workers … no, that is not the right word … I mean, legends deserve to be recognized and I’m here to tell their story. Forgive me if I seem to exaggerate but I assure you, these men do exist.

Although my room is located on the third floor, this is hardly a challenge for the Culligan man. Every two weeks my three roommates and I go through about 30 gallons of Culligan water (six containers) and at the end of those two weeks we anxiously await the arrival of a certain person. He arrives when we least suspect and brings with him a large handcart laden with 40-pound jugs of water. Sometimes his name is Ben; other times it is Dan. Regardless, he is always the Culligan man to us.

The weather conditions have never stopped them from making the delivery. Snow, fog, freezing rain and big puddles are no obstacle for these warriors.

And his feats don’t stop once he gets to the room. While it would be sufficient to leave the water outside our door, the Culligan man personally takes each of the five gallon jugs and places them next to our bedside. Sometimes my roommates try to lift two of the jugs at once but he failed entirely … clearly he is underpaid and unappreciated.

We have a fresh pair of water bottles a week and a constant supply of Culligan water. I have deep appreciation for the men who work for Culligan. Needless to say, they are the unsung heroes, this one’s for you.

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I’m sure most people on campus have their own “Culligan man.” Such a person relies on week after week and who never gets any real recognition. So for all those unsung heroes, one’s for you.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:
WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT WINTER BREAK?

"Having no obligations." — Anne Kroeger, sophomore, Badin

"Showering without shoes." — Steve Friend, sophomore, Fisher

"Skyline, Chipotle and the Cincinnati Bengals." — Taryn Lewis, freshman, McGlinn

"Not having partietals." — Sarah Muscarenilla, freshman, Pangborn

"Family, friends and the heat." — Craig Peters, sophomore, St. Ed's

"Knowing I'm coming back to 260 Flex Points." — Michael Keller, sophomore, Dillon

OFFBEAT

Clean underwear saves man lost in woods

ROGERS, Ark.

There's another reason Mom is right when she says you should always have a fresh pair of underwear. A city attorney learned last week that they can attract career helicopter pilots.

Ben Lipscomb found himself lost in the flooded backwoods while out duck hunting with his Labrador retriever.

He only managed to make it out by tying his white briefs to the end of his gun barrel and waving them at an Arkansas State Police helicopter.

Decked out in full camouflage hunting gear, Lipscomb was practically invisible as the helicopter made several passes at dusk.

"They had passed over me a couple of times," he said after he was safe and sound back behind his desk at City Hall. "I knew I had to do something to get their attention."

New Geneva toilets cost $300,000 each

GENEVA — Switzerland are bringing the city's public convenience up to scratch — at a cost of $13 million for just 35 new toilets, Swiss daily Le Matin reported Tuesday.

Each sparkling new facility is designed by a different architect at a cost of $131,000 — about the same as a one-bedroom, city center apartment.

Three of the toilets have already been installed.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame women's swimming team takes on Michigan and Illinois at 6 p.m. tonight and at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow in the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The soon-to-be-released Miramax film 'The Choir' ('Los Choritos') will be shown at 7 and 10 p.m. tonight in the Browning Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The film is nominated for a Best Foreign Film Golden Globe Award and will be presented in English with English subtitles. Tickets must be reserved by calling 631-2800.

The men's basketball team will compete against St. John's Saturday from 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

ND Cinema will present the film 'Sex is Comedy' Saturday at 7 and 10 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

Kristi Anseth, winner of the 2004 National Science Foundation Waterman Award, will lead a seminar called "Synthetic Hydrogel Niches for Cardilage Regeneration" at 3:30 p.m. Monday in 138 DeBartolo.

The Town Hall Meeting "And Still We Rise ... Remembering is Not Enough" will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the student lounge of the Coleman-Morse Center. The event is in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Dallmayr publishes book on peace talks

In his "Querela Pacis" (The Complaint of Peace), the 16th century scholar Desiderius Erasmus employed a conventional literary device of his time to endow peace with a personality and voice. Fred Dallmayr, Packey J. Dee Professor of Political Theory at the University of Notre Dame, has taken up the theme in his book, "Peace Talks — Who Will Listen?" which recently was published by Notre Dame Press.

In Erasmus' work, Peace challenges the reader to explain how "If I, whose name is Peace, am a personage glorified by the united praise of God and man, as the fountain, the parent, the nurse, the patroness, the guardian of many arts, so much anxiety, and so much danger, endeavor to drive me away from them, with so great an effort, with so much treasure, with so ardent zeal, can I believe [proponents of war] to be otherwise than stark mad?" Who, with such a waste of mischief at a price so high?" Dallmayr articulates Erasmus' challenge in more contemporary terms, applying it to the evolution of international law and global ethics and alluding to similar expressions in such widely varied writings as those of Francisco de Vitoria, Immanuel Kant, Hannah Arendt, Confucius, Ibn Arabi, and Jalal ad-Din Rumi. According to Calvin Schrag of Purdue University, Dallmayr provides "a vibrant contemporary voice in the proliferating multicultural conversation of mankind" which "makes the strongest case yet for a peace-making culture that would be able to restrain the war machine mentality of our present age."

Robert C. Johansen, professor of political science and senior fellow at Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Studies, said that Dallmayr's book "opens our minds and hearts to an urgent, timely message of how to think about making peace. With penetrating insights and fascinating exploration, he shows that this message, which must be heeded if our species is to survive with dignity, has timeless roots that he vividly brings to light while drawing deftly on traditions at once ancient and modern, Eastern and Western, and from the global North and South."

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1978, Dallmayr specializes in modern and contemporary European thought as well as in comparative philosophical and non-Western political thought, cross-cultural dialogue, and global human rights. He explains how "if I, whose name is Peace, am a personage glorified by the united praise of God and man, as the fountain, the parent, the nurse, the patroness, the guardian of many arts, so much anxiety, and so much danger, endeavor to drive me away from them, with so great an effort, with so much treasure, with so ardent zeal, can I believe [proponents of war] to be otherwise than stark mad?"

Professor places 14th in contest

"Market maestro" Plummer shines in Barron's stock challenge

Carolyn Plummer, the University of Notre Dame's "market maestro," finished in 14th place in a nationwide stock-picking contest sponsored by the weekly investment magazine Barron's. The 1.5-credit course will bring a second-term in the Oval Office, gas would be going for $2.30, and dot.com would be more like dot.bomb. While no one in '95 could have predicted these specific events, perhaps general patterns could have been foreseen, which is the premise behind a new course at the University of Notre Dame that will examine what's on the horizon between now and 2015. Titled "Ten Years Hence," the 1.5-credit course will bring eight forward-thinking to campus throughout the spring semester to explore issues, ideas and trends likely to affect society and business over the next decade. Specific topics will include biotechnology, religious fundamentalism, economic demography, oil and peace, futurism and work, and natural resources.

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Course to examine coming trends

'Ten Years Hence' to look at next decade

Special to The Observer

The year was 1995 and the world was at relative peace. President Bush had been out of office for two years; gasoline was considered expensive at $1.30 per gallon, and dot.coms were becoming all the rage. Few would have thought that 10 years later the United States would be waging war on two fronts. President Bush's son would be starting a second-term in the Oval Office, gas would be going for $2.70, and dot.com would be more like dot.bomb. While no one in '95 could have predicted these specific events, perhaps general patterns could have been foreseen, which is the premise behind a new course at the University of Notre Dame that will examine what's on the horizon between now and 2015. Titled "Ten Years Hence," the 1.5-credit course will bring eight forward-thinking to campus throughout the spring semester to explore issues, ideas and trends likely to affect society and business over the next decade. Specific topics will include biotechnology, religious fundamentalism, economic demography, oil and peace, futurism and work, and natural resources.

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there and whoever wanted to show up showed up,” Mooney said. “I’ve been to a number of events — I’ve been to a basketball game [this winter], and I love having students stop and see me. I’ll be at the dance Sunday night. I’m looking forward to that.”

The “Now and Then”-themed event was planned by students in honor of Mooney’s time as a Saint Mary’s student herself. She looks fondly on her years as an undergraduate student, when she loved “my courses and my friends.”

“I thought I got an absolutely first-rate education here,” Mooney said. “I thought I had great courses here. I was an English literature major and I worked really hard here.”

Mooney will be personally handing out raffle prizes and getting to know students who attend the dance. She also said she is eager for today’s academic symposium, which she herself insisted on.

“Wanting to showcase the academic excellence at Saint Mary’s, so we’re having two outside speakers, four Saint Mary’s alumni, and two students are speaking,” she said. “I’m very excited about that.”

She looks fondly on her years as a Saint Mary’s student, mentioning her role at her former and current jobs and her role at her former and current college.

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Future

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goal, and that of the College’s, should be to aim for a top 50 national liberal arts college standing.

“That’s where I think we belong. It doesn’t mean you need to abandon your nursing or education programs,” Mooney said. “I think that’s the company we belong in, and that’s where we should be.”

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Mooney seemed most animated about the ceremony Saturday afternoon.

“I think what I’m most looking forward to is actually the installation ceremony itself,” she said. “It’s kind of like a wedding ceremony. I imagine I will cry. I cried all the way through my wedding vows, and there’s a bunch of ‘I do’s’ here, and I probably will start crying again. And that’s okay.”

Mooney said her entire family will be attending, including her husband and four daughters ranging in age from 22 to 26, all of whom attended Notre Dame. The two youngest daughters are still students there, and will make the trek across the street to celebrate with their mother. Also attending will be dignitaries and presidents from several other colleges, and Saint Mary’s classmates Mooney invited from all over the United States.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Malaria threat emerges in Asia

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Health officials plan to go door to door and tent to tent with mosquito-killing spray guns beginning Friday to head off a looming threat that one expert says could kill 100,000 more people around the tsunami disaster zone: malaria.

The devastation and heavy rains creating conditions for the largest area of mosquito breeding sites Indonesia has ever seen, said the head of the old group anchoring the anti-malaria campaign on Sumatra island. The waterlogged soil caused by the Dec. 26 tsunami have been distilled by seasonal rains into a brackish water that mosquitoes love.

While the threat of cholera and dysentery outbreaks is diminishing by the day because clean water is increasingly getting to tsunami survivors, the danger of malaria and dengue fever epidemics is increasing, said the head of the aid group anchoring the zone.

Black Hawk helicopter crashes

BOGOTA, Colombia — A U.S.-funded military helicopter crashed Thursday while flying thick fog during a nighttime counternarcotics mission in southwest Colombia, killing all 20 soldiers aboard, the army said.

The Black Hawk helicopter, used in the U.S.-funded anti-drug effort called Plan Colombia, crashed in a national hazardous area, 340 miles southwest of the capital, Bogota.

Early investigations indicate the crash was caused by bad weather, the army said in a statement. An army official said the problem was "thick fog."

NATIONAL NEWS

Search ends in mudslide zone

LA CONCHITA, Calif. — Authorities ended the search Thursday for victims of the deadly mudslide and warned residents not to return to the town because of the danger of another collapse.

A death toll stood at 10 in the beach community devastated by Monday's torrent of mud and rocks, and the list of missing people had been located. 13 homes were destroyed and 18 others were damaged.

"The La Conchita community is a geologically hazardous area," Sheriff Bob Brooks said. "We hope the weather cooperates and that it will remain so. We do not recommend that people return to this area or the people who stay here remain here."

FDA reconsiders Mevacor sales

BETHESDA, Md. — Vast numbers of people would take a cholesterol drug if it were offered over the counter even though they don't meet the medical criteria, federal health advisers were told Thursday.

The cholesterol drug Mevacor has long been available by prescription. Drug companies are now asking the Food and Drug Administration for permission to sell a low-dose version directly to consumers for the first time.

The advisory committee that is meeting through Friday will make a recommendation to the FDA, which usually follows its panels' advice.

LOCAL NEWS

Indy man gets 95 years for murder

A man who became obsessed with a former guard at Abu Ghraib prison told a jury Thursday that his friend, a former guard at the prison, beat and raped a detainee for "fun."

The friend, a 36-year-old reservist from Uniontown, Pa., is the first soldier to be tried on charges arising from the Abu Ghraib scandal. He had appeared glum in recent interviews, but outside court he said: "I feel fantastic. I'm still smiling."

"Once we accomplished that, there was no reason to continue," the friend told the jury.

If convicted, the friend, known as Steve, could face 12 years in prison.

Among other things, the man, who is accused of stacking naked detainees in a human pyramid and later ordering them to masturbate while other soldiers took photographs, has been described by the judge as "increasingly unreliable and strange." He also allegedly punched one man in the head hard enough to knock him out, and struck an injured prisoner with a collapsible metal stick.

"We came in with a checklist of things we wanted to present to the jury," Womack said.

"And you don't want your friend to go to jail?" asked Maj. Michael Holley, the prosecutor.

"No, sir," she answered.

Ambuhl, who made a plea deal with prosecutors regarding her own actions at Abu Ghraib, testified that intelligence officers directed the guards to rough up detainees and that the guards were rewarded for their efforts.

On one occasion, she said, an intelligence officer known as Steve told guards to "break" a prisoner known as al-Qaida, who was believed to have valuable information.

Steve told us that we were doing a good job and that breaking al-Qaida would save a lot of lives," she said.

Another time, she said, two military intelligence officers told Graner to physically abuse a prisoner in a shower.

Ambuhl also said she lied to investigators who sought to search her personal computer for photos and other evidence of abuse.

Sgt. Kenneth Davis was tried in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal. It was not immediately clear whether the bombing was a suicide attack. One report said the gunman blew himself up, but another said they opened fire and were killed by Israeli soldiers.

Early Friday, Israeli helicopters fired three missiles at a building in Deir el-Balah in central Gaza. Palestinian security officials and the Israeli military said the building, which was empty, was used by Islamic Jihad, they said. One person was slightly wounded.

At least two gunmen stormed the Israeli positions.

It was not immediately clear whether the bombing was a suicide attack. One report said the gunmen blew themselves up, but another said they opened fire and were killed by Israeli soldiers.

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tragedies [now], Edirisinghe said. "There are probably also thousands upon thousands of survivals. I had five cousins vacationing in coastal areas. One cousin held his twins and hung on to a tombstone as the waves went through. ... Another guy held his son above his head — as the water was gushing [by]. Those are just some of the stories."

"More stories of both tragedy and survival revealed themselves after Edirisinghe and his mother arrived in Colombo — two days after they had initially been scheduled to return. "There was a train we heard about called Queen of the Sea," he said. "I was young. We went to a game and took the train off its tracks. One boy survived — he was seven. ... The worst moment is the turn of the tide."  •

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ed Wednesday that donor countries pledged $717 million to a relief appeal made by the United Nations after the disaster. Edirisinghe said that help from both outside groups and Sri Lankan citizens has combined to create a sense of hope amid the despair of his country's situation. "There are 25 people who work in my father's factory whose families are no longer. They left the country for three years to send money back to their parents and families in Sri Lanka. What is the purpose of their lives? Any more if their loved ones aren't there?" he said. "The best way to honor the dead is to help the living. The worst moment is the turn of the tide. "In a country as rife with political, ethnic and religious conflict as Sri Lanka has found itself in recent years, Edirisinghe said, one hope would allow the divided nation to repair its differences and begin the slow recovery from this tragedy. "I think the best way you can honor the people who have died," he said, "is to make sure we have not died in vain — to make something good come from it." The northern and part of the eastern regions of Sri Lanka have been held for more than two decades by Tamil rebels, who have clashed with the Sri Lankan government over the leadership of the country in the north. The Associated Press reported that 65,000 people have died from the civil war abuse, before the tsunami struck the island in December. Edirisinghe said that the situation appears to him as though history is repeating itself. "The last time something huge like this happened is in legend. Twenty-three hundred years ago," he said. "They said the sea came into the land and the mother of Sri Lanka's greatest king, Dutugemunu, was a sacrifice to the gods. ... She was sent to another king and their son was the one who united the country, because it was then divided into four parts." The story, Edirisinghe said, gives people hope. "A lot of people now say this is like history repeating itself. That incident was followed by Sri Lanka's best time. It is in the same sea that in came in that Sri Lanka found its greatest moment. So a lot of people are hopeful," he said. "Don't get me wrong, though: they are still very depressed." Edirisinghe returned to Siegfried Hall to finish his junior year this month. His role now, he said, is to educate as many people as possible about Sri Lanka's situation in the wake of the tsunami. He has already gathered a number of friends and colleagues to plan fundraising and awareness events on Notre Dame's campus. A film screening is already in the works. "I see myself as a messenger, as bringing out the message," he said. "Here there are people who genuinely care. To see that, all I had to do was look in my e-mail inbox only four days after the tsunami. People even contacted my rear and have stopped me on the quad to see how I'm doing. ... I feel fortunate and humbled." Still, the transition from the devastation of Sri Lanka to the everyday college life of Notre Dame has not been without its moments of tension. It's like coming into two different worlds: you come to Notre Dame and everyone's so happy and everything's so ordered," Edirisinghe said. "Sri Lanka was like one big funeral. There's such a lot of sadness on an island so beautiful. "Yet, with the collective efforts of international aid groups and everyday citizens, Edirisinghe is hopeful for the future of Sri Lanka. "It may be the darkest hour," he said, "but it will pave the way for the brightest light."

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Feds extend US Airways financing

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — US Airways will have the cash it needs to keep flying through June after a bankruptcy judge approved a deal Thursday between the struggling airline and the federal Air Transportation Stabilization Board.

An interim financing deal had been set to expire Sunday, but US. Bankruptcy Judge Stephen Mitchell gave his blessing to an extension through June 30.

Besides Honolulu, other ATA destinations where we need to add on additional capacity. The airlines will start selling seats on an existing code-sharing agreement. The code-sharing agreement includes full-price tickets in more than 100 western and eastern destinations that can be used to provide hundreds of millions of dollars needed to emerge from bankruptcy protection.

The extension comes after US Airways, a unit of US Airways Group Inc., extracted more than $800 million in annual concessions from its labor unions. Most unions reluctantly agreed to accept pay and benefit cuts, but Mitchell last week imposed an estimated $260 million in concessions on the International Association of Machinists when that union failed to reach a deal.

Airport, leaving travel to the islands incon­venient for West Coast cus­tomers.

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Retailer begins new campaign

Wal-Mart introduces initiative to counter criticism of employment policies

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Wal-Mart chief executive Lee Scott led a media charge Thursday to count­er criticism that the world's largest retailer is a behemoth that takes advantage of its workers and stifles competition.

Scott said he wants Wal-Mart customers to know that he wants Wal-Mart to have a better handle on how it is per­ceived by the public.

The company bought full-page ads in more than 100 newspapers and put the nation to highlight its message that it provides opportunities for advancement and that it stores provide mainly full-time jobs with a broad benefits package.

"We want to get those myths off the table, set the record straight," Scott said in a phone interview. He was in New York City for a round of media interviews.

But a union critic of the discount chain said Thursday the company was ignoring social costs created by its megastores.

The United Food and Commercial Workers Union, which has been striving for years to organize Wal-Mart workers, said the company was bending the truth.

Union spokesman Greg Denier said Wal-Mart may count about three-fourths of its workers as full-time employees but said those employees do not work full-time each week. He said the health insurance the company offers to its low-paid workers and does not provide enough coverage for illnesses other than basic care are short of catastrophic.

Wal-Mart has 1.2 million employees in the United States, making it the nation's largest private employer. Scott said Wal-Mart gives communities stable jobs, and workers have advancement opportu­nities and benefits that include stock purchases, a 401(k) retirement plan and discount cards.

Scott said the company wants to take its message directly to its customers and workers. "Customers trust us, and they want to know their trust is well-placed," he said.

That's true of some Wal-Mart shoppers but not most, said Jim Rice, chief credit officer at Bernard Sands Retail Performance Monitor in New York.

"I don't think a majority of shoppers pay attention to either the charges or to Wal-Mart's defense," Rice said. "If Wal-Mart has answer (criticism), you're going to suffer damage."

Rice said, noting Wal-Mart often has let its critics speak and not mounted a defense. "This will have a positive effect."

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Small businesses will hire in 2005

Associated Press

NEW YORK — At this time last year, Randy Herz wasn't planning to add any new employees at his estate planning and asset management firm. He thought it would be more prudent to invest money in technology.

Now, Herz said he expects to hire three or four people by the end of the first quarter, joining his current payroll of seven at offices in Farmington, Conn., and Boca Raton, Fla.

"A number of our business areas have started to expand to the point where we need to add on additional staff," Herz, who attributed the improvement to clients who have more money and who are more focused on making decisions about their finances and estates.

The growing economy has helped some small business owners decide that it's time to start hiring again or, in the case of new companies, hiring for the first time. They've held off expanding their staffs while they waited for the right business condi­tions — sales, cash flow and a sense of confidence and optimism in their customers and clients.

These business owners are part of the hiring trend across the country. The nation's employers, many of whom are small businesses, are adding jobs at a steady pace, said William Dunkelberg, chief economist with the National Federation of Independent Business, an advocacy group representing small company owners.

"It looks like everything is pre­­ceding nicely and smoothly," Dunkelberg said after the Labor Department reported that employers created 157,000 new jobs during December. That number was fewer than Wall Street wanted, but Dunkelberg said an even and sus­­tainable pace rather than a torrid one is healthier for the economy.

Improving business for customers of Sterilech Group Inc. has allowed the Charlotte, N.C.-based pest pre­vention and food safety firm to increase its hiring plans, human resources director Mark Moser said.

While Sterilech's business has grown in the past few years, the company was conservative in its hiring because many of its customers are in the hospitality industry that was hit hard after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, Moser said.

Moser said his company has con­tinued to hire service workers, the staffers who perform the work for customers, but "we wanted to make sure that industry was back on its feet before we made an investment in support personnel" such as office workers.

Sterilech, which has about 550 employees nationwide, expects steady growth in hiring this year, Moser said.

At Harbor Sweets, a Salem, Mass.- based candy maker, "we probably have not grown at the rate we might have if we had felt more confident in the economy," owner Phyllis LeBlanc said.
Bush proposes Pell Grant award raise

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is proposing to raise the maximum Pell Grant award to $5,550 over the next five years and fix a persistent shortfall in the nation’s largest college aid program, The Associated Press has learned.

That would put the maximum grant at $4,550 by 2010 — up 12 percent from the $4,050 offered today.

The White House declined to disclose whether the president wants to increase the grants received by more than 5 million low-income students, but congressional and education officials familiar with the details of his proposal said Thursday that Bush will call for raising the Pell Grant award $100 a year for five years.

Pell Grants, the government’s largest form of financial aid, help low-income students afford college. The grants range from $400 to $4,550, depending on students’ financial need, their cost to attend school and whether they are enrolled part-time or full-time.

News of an increase comes as Bush was preparing to submit a new budget to Congress next month that the administration plans to use to shore up domestic programs.

Progressively increasing spending for politically popular programs to take the sting out of painful trimming they’ve done in the federal budget.

While endorsed by both Democrats and Republicans, the Pell Grant increase Bush is expected to propose Friday during his visit to Florida Community College in Jacksonville is shy of his pledge when he first ran for president.

On the campaign trail in 2000, Bush promised to double the maximum award to $2,100. Democratic college voters thought it’d be stuck at $4,050 for three years.

Four years after making — and breaking — a campaign promise to raise the value of the Pell Grant, President Bush is finally willing to make good on that promise,” Rep. George Miller, D-Calf., ranking Democrat on the House Education Committee, said in a statement Thursday.

“I also hope he is ready to offer a serious solution to the shortfall in funding for Pell Grants. . . My concern is that the president will rob Peter to pay Paul — increase money for Pell Grants by cutting funding for other important Pell education programs. That is not a workable solution.”

Terry Hartle, senior vice president of the American Council on Education, which represents colleges, said his group would be happy with any increase in the Pell Grant, especially if it is coupled with fixing a growing deficit in the program.

“It is possible, these proposals would mark the most significant development in the Pell Grant program since it was created about 30 years ago,” Hartle said. “The higher education community would vigorously applaud this action.”

When the economy is slow, more students enroll in college and the Pell Grant program typically runs a deficit, Hartle explained. Students eligible to receive the grants are sent the money even if it exceeds congressional allocations, he said. Because the economy has not been robust in recent years and more people have gone off to college, the deficit has grown to roughly $4 billion, he said.

“It’s a shortfall on paper, but when Congress looks to increase the Pell Grant they do so with the knowledge that the program is roughly $4 billion in the hole,” he said. “Eliminating the shortfall would make it much easier for Congress to increase the maximum grant.”

The White House on Thursday hinted that Bush was planning action on the Pell Grant program deficit.

“The president has been strongly committed to Pell Grants and ensuring that more students are eligible,” deputy White House press secretary Trent Duffy said. “There is a serious shortfall in the program and the president is committed to addressing it.”

Although Congress did not raise the maximum grant last year, lawmakers did increase Pell Grant money by $24 billion, to about $12.4 billion. However, Congress also decided to block the Education Department from updating tax deduction tables used to calculate aid eligibility.

If the Education Department updates the tables, it would cost about $1 million prospicuous Pell Grant recipients to have their eligibility reduced by an average of $300, according to Bill Fitzgerald, staff director of the Advisory Committee on Financial Assistance, which advise the White House. The update would save the Pell Program about $300 million a year.

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Retail chain settles profiling case

ALBANY, N.Y. — Macy’s has agreed to a settlement in a case in which black and Hispanic customers alleged the company targeted minorities in trying to catch suspected shoplifters, the retail chain confirmed Thursday.

The company agreed to make sure its security officers adhere to store policy and do not engage in racial profiling. A settlement with state Attorney General Eliot Spitzer is expected to be signed Friday, said Macy’s spokeswoman Carol Sanger.

Spitzer spokesman Brad Malmon declined comment. Under a tentative agreement, Macy’s would pay the $600,000 for the state’s costs of examining complaints from black and Hispanic customers who were more often detained, questioned, searched and handcuffed than white customers, according to a law enforcement official familiar with Spitzer’s investigation.

Macy’s has agreed to adopt several measures including appointing a worker to investigate complaints and to train and supervise security personnel, the source said. It will also train security officers and sales people on how to avoid any profiling, and hire an outside auditor to perform unannounced reviews, according to the source.

The case involved the company’s Macy’s East branch, which has stores across the Northeast.
LANGLEY, Va. — And now, a look into the future: al-Qaida, out; murky and scattered new terror cells, in. Hollywood, out; India’s “Bollywood” in. America as sole superpower, out; China and India as world players, in.

At least, that’s what U.S. intelligence future-gazers predicted Thursday.

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Gordon said the changes ahead could be “a very bumpy ride.” Among them, he said, the integration of 1 billion low-paid workers will cause global shifts in rich and poor countries alike. Changes will be experienced politically, economically and even culturally, as Korean pop singers gain international popularity and India’s Bollywood movie industry outshines Hollywood.

“Of course, the United States is in good shape to participate in this world, but it will be a world that will be much more competitive for us,” Gordon said. Hutchings said this new order will raise the stakes for Arab countries, which may join in globalization trends or experience further alienation and humiliation. Terror threats, too, will change.

While radical extremism will continue to grow, the report says al-Qaida is expected to be superseded by similarly inspired, decentralized groups. Hutchings said he expects the innovation in terror attacks to come from new elements of surprise, rather than unconventional weapons.

“The groups’ members will be tapping technology that provides instant connections for communications and training, posing a significant intelligence challenge to organizations including the CIA,” the report said.

“Our greatest concern is that terrorists might acquire biological agents or, less likely, a nuclear device, either of which could cause massive casualties,” the report said.

The council forecasts, carefully on the success of democratization — an issue Bush has made the cornerstone of his foreign policy. It predicts democratic progress in key Middle Eastern countries, including Iraq and Afghanistan, which may be an example for Muslim and Arab states still ruled by repressive regimes.

However, Russian and Central Asian countries could slip backward, according to the report.

The National Intelligence Council reports directly to CIA Director Porter Goss but remains separate from the agency. It is responsible for preparing National Intelligence Estimates for policymakers. Although its products are generally highly classified, significant details have emerged on its overblown estimate of Iraq’s weapons capability.

A team of analysts, consulting with over 1,000 international experts over the last year, assembled Project 2020, which follows projects 2010 and 2015.

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Celebration at Saint Mary’s

Saint Mary’s certainly has reason to celebrate. After six months of having College President Carol Mooney at the helm, she will be officially inaugurated Saturday during a public ceremony.

But Saturday’s spectacle doesn’t tell the whole story. The College’s accompanying week of inaugural events has been well-attended by students, faculty and staff — showing that the occasion is not just in honor of an individual but also truly a community event.

In an unprecedented move, the College even elected to excuse students from classes today to allow them to attend an all-day symposium focusing on women’s colleges, spreading the spotlight to the campus and putting the inauguration into a national context.

The College was right to do so. While this is a time to celebrate Mary’s, accomplishments thus far and the past, it lies ahead, this is also a time to celebrate being a thriving women’s institution. Many of the week’s events have focused on the rich and unique history of Saint Mary’s itself, looking at a time when Mooney was herself a student and taking a closer look where the College is now.

This is a golden opportunity for Saint Mary’s students — one that comes around so rarely it needs to be taken advantage of now. The events this week are as much about each individual on campus as they are about Mooney and the College. Because events on the scale of an inauguration occur so infrequently, it is important for students to take part in every opportunity they can.

Attending today’s symposium, Saturday’s events and even the College’s weekly fashion show, Mooney helped to plan, will strengthen not only the student body’s connection with Mooney, but also its sense of place in history.

A presidential inauguration is the perfect time to commemorate the tradition of Saint Mary’s — a tradition built on history, reputation and the strength and uniqueness of the institution. It is to be a Saint Mary’s woman. In planning and executing a full week of events for the whole community, the College gave its rich past and its future leader the recognition they deserve.

Presenting last year’s Bonehead awards

January brings with it an end to the previous year and a fresh start on the calendar. As the winter solstice fades into the fog of the holiday season, nearly everyone resolves to achieve that which has alluded him in the past. This year, many of the students of the Notre Dame Bonehead Board resolves simply to ask themselves, "What have I done?"

Saint Mary’s history do the impulses of a few power-drunk Donald Trump “Wanna Ride” right through the institution with such bone-chilling effects. The “retirees” of University President Monk Mallory behind closed doors could be publicly explained as the passing of a torch after his substantial service. The premature public firing of the first-ever ethnic minority head coach of any Notre Dame athletic team with theINPUT

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

that never was serious with coach Tyrone Willingham. He was always their second choice and a result of the athletic department’s fiasco with the on-again, off-again hiring of a head football coach whose incorrectly listed details on his resume eventually led the university back to Williamson. As a result, Notre Dame proved that it is not tolerant enough to allow its “first ever ethnic minority head coach of any university sport” to prove himself within the allotted time of a five-year contract. If it honored all five years of the contract, the University could evaluate the coach on a season of play operating entirely with his recruits in his own system.

For the last time, when Notre Dame tried to rhyme its reputation into a graduate research university with a new slogan, it did fulfill half of the five-year contracts of two prior failed football coaches — one, an assistant with no college head coaching experience and the other, a high school coach also with no college head coaching experience. The incoming head football coach may resolve in 2005 to change the term “contract” to “coaching agreement” on his agreement with the university so infrequently, it is important for students to take part in every opportunity they can.

To the fans and administration of the Bonehead Award runner-up, the University of Pittsburgh where I earned a masters degree, be it

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Ideas from the Week

Intern your way to success

The Observer

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VIEWPOINT

U-Wire

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Listen up, people, especially you freshmen, and most especially you little over-achieving fresh meat straight out of high school. I want to share a little chunk of wisdom my brain decided to drop on me belatedly. College is a game. Well, it's part of the game, it can be a luxuriously-furnished and pocketbook-breaking day-care center for the undecided, or it can be the launching pad for your success. It just depends on how you play it.

I highly suggest the launching pad option, but it's not that simple. The launching pad option, if you're going to do it, is to read in one whereby you figure out, that's not how it works.

A bachelor's degree is about as rare nowadays as a millionaire (or the game shows manufacturing them). Not that I completely agree with the assessment, but I once saw the phrase, "A UCLA diploma" scrawled on the inside of a toilet stall with an arrow underneath pointing to the roll of toilet paper.

Obviously this was a message for the undergrads, pardon the pun, but I never quite understood this and will hate me (sorry, guys) for revealing the dirty little secret that the most important part of college, even more than getting a diploma, is good internship can be almost as important as a diploma," said Dario Bravo, a UCLA Career Center "God of Information" and probably one of the most important people you'll ever meet.

It's a lamentable but undeniable truth that it is who you know, and not what you know, that determines your chances of success in that jungle outside of UCLA. This is an uncomfortable truth, and one that is certainly repugnant to the high-minded principles of academia. No one tells you this directly to your face, and that's how the filtration system works. Once everyone gets wise to this — and I'm really taking one for the team here — the competition for internships will stiffen. I just wish somebody had stressed this to me before the eve of graduation.

For you hard-nosed materialists demanding proof, according to a survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employees, on a list of the top 10 places employers find new hires, guess where internship programs rank? No. 1.

So, I'm writing this for the 20 percent who need a catcher in the rye.

Here's how the game works. In its crudest form, college is a filtration system. The smart ones understand this and will hate me (sorry, guys) forever-wreathing the dirty little secret that the most important part of college, even more than putting a diploma, is getting a really good internship.

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Pikmin 2

On the surface, this game is aptly named, because it is basically the same game with a different story. But once playing the game, you will realize it is more than just an "echo" of the original.

While "Metroid Prime 2: Echoes" has many of the same properties that made the first "Metroid Prime" a hit, it is the equivalent of a remix that is just as good as the original. The hallmark premise of the single player game remains the same. The gamer plays an intergalactic bounty hunter name Samus Aran who must use the first person perspective combat to explore and defeat the enemy. But the game is not just combat. Puzzle solving using scanners to open doors and find key codes as well as using Samus's morph ball and grappling hook abilities to get to hard to reach areas, make this a great adventure game as well.

You are upgraded in all abilities at the beginning of the game and must travel through a hostile world, finding all of your items and re-upgrading your armor. You can even upgrade your armor and weapons using technology scans as well as using Samus's morph scanners to open doors and find key items and re-upgrading your armor in areas that are hard to reach.

Transitions are extremely smooth. The only problem with the visuals, which may not even be a problem for some gamers, is the massive amounts of color on the screen. It might eventually give you headaches, but other than that, brightens the mood and enhances the style of the game.

The soundtrack to the game is quirky, with a definitive children's music feel to it; but this only enhances the game. It creates a background of fun that easily entices the player. The sound effects also display a childlike quality, from the mechanical voice of the spaceship to the singing voices of the happy Pikmin. The controls of the game handle very well, using the c-stick for easy command of the Pikmin, while basically simplifying the game into easy to use one-button moves. Not overdoing the controls makes this game great for everyone from the most advanced gamers to people who have never played before.

Another huge addition to the game is the multiplayer option. Playing solo or with a teammate is great, but going head-to-head in a Pikmin battle royal is even more intense. The GameCube doesn't skip a beat, even with so much action on the screen at once.

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Prince of Persia: Warrior Within

The biggest change from the first game to this game is the darker atmosphere. The entire mood of this installment is different than the original. The game has been revamped to make all the environments and enemies scarier, more deadly and spookier, and even included boss fights, which are a new feature to the game.

The game also gives a complete makeover to the Prince himself. The Prince has traded in his imperial blue robes and white pants for metal body armor and a red sash. The Prince has also added a few tricks to his repertoire. Most notably, he has figured out how to dual wield weapons, effectively doubling the damage in the game. He has also learned all sorts of new tricks to interact with the environment, including sliding down curtains, movie style, and using pillars to propel himself at enemies.

To increase the level of combat in the game, the Prince now can also perform over two pages of combat combos to ravage his enemies with. The player can also string together their own combinations or attacks to make customizable combos and fight in a 360-degree environment. But one of the key factors of the first game is still around in the second, making the game all that much better. The Prince can still control time, using it to outrun enemies and traps by slowing time down or rewinding time after a misstep on a ledge— another mistake. Developing both control over the combos and the Sands of Time is critical to the game because unlike with the first game, you will not survive long enough to even think about beating the game.

Finally, the traps in the game are vicious enough to stop you were the enemies fall. Elaborate puzzles are used to escape them and get around large sections of traps. These puzzles involve climbing ropes, pillars, running on walls, back flipping off a wall during a free fall, and many others.

The visuals in the game are stunning and can be seen in three different visual modes, including first person, third person, and landscape. The cinematics are gorgeous and help further the story in a totally engrossing way. This game pushes the GameCube to the edge of its capabilities and shows what exactly the system is capable of doing.

The soundtrack is also a huge part of this game, giving a great classical score during exploration and puzzles while also delivering a power driven rock score, performed by Godsmack, during the combat sections of the game.

The game has another feature that may make the game more difficult, but is a great addition to the game. The game learns from your movements and adapts to your style and play accordingly. This makes the game extremely challenging but well worth all of effort. "Prince of Persia: Warrior Within" is an amazing game and a must buy for any fan of the action/adventure or platforming genre.

Donkey Konga

The real treat in the game though is the multiplayer. You can challenge your friends (if they have another bongo set of course) to a one-on-one head to head challenge to see who the better drummer is. Even better is playing duets with a friend. In duets, you play the same song, but different beats. This makes for a frenzied, complex game sure to be full of laughs. And if you want to play a quartet, the GameCube will play as the other players, so you and your friends can compete against the system.

There is nothing about the visuals that is great. Basically, it is just the rhythm pattern with colors and Donkey Kong banging on a drum. The sound is pretty good because the songs are pretty true to the original versions of the songs.

Overall, the game could use a lot of work, mostly involving more and better music. Hopefully, more discs are released that are just extension discs containing more music.

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Lakers beat Cavaliers despite losing Kobe in first quarter

Associated Press  

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant, who went down hard, did not return, though the Los Angeles Lakers were able to defeat LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers without him.

Bryant sustained what the team called a severely sprained right ankle and had to be helped off the court early in the first quarter Thursday night. X-rays were negative, but Bryant will have an MRI on Friday.

Lamar Odom had 24 points, eight rebounds and seven assists, and Caron Butler added 21 points and 14 rebounds for the Lakers, who won for the third time in four games.

James led Cleveland with 28 points, a season-high 13 rebounds and nine assists to just miss his first career triple-double. Jeff McInnis added 15 points and 15 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who had their four-game winning streak snapped.

Bryant immediately grabbed his ankle before teammate Brian Grant and trainer Gary Vidor ran him off the court and into the Staples Center locker room at halftime.

Odom injured his ankle before team mate Dennis Rodman's 2005-06.

On Wednesday, the Lakers beat the Cavaliers at home.

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NBA

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Melnick and James made 3- pointers to move the Cavaliers within one point of the game, but Adam Morrison's three-pointer gave the Cavaliers a 67-61 lead. Atkinson then got his first seven points of the game to lead the Cavaliers to 64-61.

After a basket by James gave Cleveland a 32-24 lead — largest of the game for either team — the Lakers went on a 16-5 run to put them ahead 40-37, and they led 49-47 at halftime.

Kings 107, Jazz 93

Peja Stojakovic scored 27 points and Chris Webber had 25 points and 15 rebounds in the Sacramento Kings' victory over the Utah Jazz.

Brad Miller had 21 points on 9-of-14 shooting from the field and 4-of-5 from the free-throw line, and into the Staples Center to put the Lakers ahead 15.

In the first quarter, New Orleans forward Devean George carried him into the locker room.

Bryant had two points and three assists before leaving with the game tied at 15.

Bryant injured his right shoulder in the first quarter of a game against the Cavaliers last January at Nathan's Gift & Jewelry near the Staples Center, and into the Staples Center locker room at halftime.

James visited the Lakers' locker room at half-time to check on Bryant.

Eric Snow's 3-pointer — his only points of the game — gave the Cavaliers an 87-86 lead with 2:41 to play. But a basket by Odom and two free throws by Chauncey Albany put the Lakers on top 90-87 with 1:36 left.

Houston made a free throw to put the Lakers within two points, but Bryant and Butler made two foul shots each to put the Lakers ahead 94-92 with 22.4 seconds remaining.

Kobe Bryant grimaces in pain after severely spraining his ankle in the first quarter of the Lakers game against the Cavaliers. He did not return, but the Lakers won 98-94.

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Young quarterbacks impress

Brady, Manning, Vick, McNabb are rising stars in new generation of quarterbacks

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Michael Vick sat on his couch around Friday, January 14, 2005, watching the first round of the NFL playoffs. He was on the outside looking in, but Vick, 27, is a part of the playoff generation that all the quarterbacks stars in new generation are part of. Vick is a part of the playoff bunch with his three friends, Brady, Manning, Vick, and Brady are part of the new generation of quarterbacks, rising stars in the league that have yet to hit 30. Vick, a part of the playoff bunch with his three friends, and they have helped make history.

From MVP Manning to rookie Ben Roethlisberger, none of the eight QBs in the Super Bowl history have yet to hit 30. This year, there are first-rounders and sixth-rounders, record-setters and jet-setters among the group. Their backgrounds are diverse, but there are a few reasons why they have come this far. Many franchises have decided to build their team around a young player while hoping he becomes a future superstar. The theory of having rookie quarterbacks sit on the bench for several years while learning behind a wily veteran has all but disappeared. Of the 32 starters on opening day, 18 were 28 or younger. Because of injuries or the need for a change, that number jumped to 21 when the regular-season ended.

"That's a good thing," said coach Herman Edwards, who has 28-year-old Chad Pennington leading the Jets. "A couple years prior to this we were always talking about, 'Where are the young quarterbacks coming from?' Now, all of a sudden you have them in the playoffs, and that's good for the league."

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"It's always been accepted as fact in this league that you need a great quarterback to go very far, and I think you can see the eight teams that are left believe that," Colts general manager Bill Polian said.

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady sends a pass down the field despite pressure from 49ers' defensive lineman Andrew Williams.
Belles look to break early season slump

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

After a long break, the Saint Mary’s swimming team is looking to bounce back as it travels to Hillsdale College this weekend. The Belles currently stand in third place among the MIAA with a record of 0-2 after losses against conference opponents Hope and Olivet. Saturday, the team will take on Alma College beginning at 1:00 p.m.

However, the Scots have suffered their own set of problems this year as they remain locked with the Belles at the bottom of the league, still searching for their first victory this season. All three of Alma’s losses have been against conference rivals, by an average of 60 points in each meet.

Last year in their only head-to-head competition, the Scots were victorious over the Belles with an impressive 124-97 performance. A few bright spots for Saint Mary’s during the meet came from Kelly Neils, Katy Erbeldt and Sarah Nowak in the women’s 400-yard medley relay as the group posted an impressive first-place score of 4 minutes 31.11 seconds.

In the other events, Lebiedz concluded the 30-yard freestyle finishing in third place with a time of 27.62. Then a sophomore, Nowak ended with a second-place finish in the 200-yard individual medley.

Following that, Belles trip to Islamorada located in the Florida Keys, coach Gregg Courtolf remarked this was one of the best winter trips he had ever experienced with the team. So now for Saint Mary’s, they must build upon what they have learned and come out ready against the Scots.

The team looks to captain Ashley Dyer along with Lebiedz and Nowak to carry the load for the Belles. Meanwhile, other swimmers such as Neils, Rachel Borry and Katie Dingman will look for their continued success in the 100-yard freestyle.

After Saturday’s match, Saint Mary’s will await Kalamazoo College who comes to town Jan. 21 to face the Belles. The Hornets stand in third place in the MIAA standings, posting a mark of 2-1. After losing the Belles handily during last year’s competition, Saturday’s match should be a good test for the Belles who look to closeout their season on a strong note.

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Coffee and Conversation

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs invites gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the Notre Dame family, their friends, and supporters to an informal coffee at the Co-Mo.

Tuesday, January 18th
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
316 Coleman-Morse

Everyone is welcome and confidentiality is assured.

“Coffee and refreshments will be served”
Irish to face familiar enemies at dual meet this weekend

By MIKE TENNANT
Sports Writer

Old foes are making a return to South Bend this weekend, as the No. 21 Irish women's swimming team takes on No. 13 Michigan and Illinois. The Irish will look to build on a positive winter training trip to the Caribbean that pits them against Michigan as part of the St. Lucia Invitational. The meet included nine events in short-course meters.

Although the Wolverines outscored the Irish 209-170 at the invitational, the Notre Dame team has a positive attitude going into Friday's meet.

“We weren't expecting to do awesome, so we kind of surprised ourselves,” freshman Caroline Johnson said.

Johnson and other Irish swimmers believe the trip was a complete success and feel their previous experience against the Wolverines will give them an edge this weekend.

“We know what to expect. Practicing right after them, we know how hard they work,” Johnson said. "I won the 100-meter backstroke at St. Lucia with a time of 1 minute, 5-40 seconds, edging out NCAA qualifier Kaitlyn Brady of Michigan. Johnson was the lone individual winner for the Irish, and is ranked 34th in Division I in the event. Also claiming a victory at St. Lucia over the Wolverines was the Irish 400-meter freestyle relay team. The team of sophomores Katie Carroll, Rebecca Grove, Ellen Johnson and junior Christel Bouvron finished in a time of 3:59.18, which was more than a full second ahead of the Michigan team. The Wolverines took 15th in the event in last year's NCAA Championships. Irish teams also finished third and fourth in the relay.

“The team of senior Georgia Healey, sophomore Meghan Linnell and freshmen Noemie Brand and Morgan Bullock finished with a time of 4:10.34, while the team of freshmen Katie Guida and Raine Pashin-Andrews, senior Katie Eckholt, and sophomores Kristy Archer finished in a time of 4:11.76.”

The Fighting Illini are riding high into South Bend on the heels of a first-place finish last week at the Irvine Invitational meet in California. The Illini swimmers finished in the top three of all three meets throughout the two-day event.

“The Irish are confident though, and feel prepared to face Illinois. They have a few good swimmers, but they’re not as good as Michigan, definitely,” Johnson said.

The meet will take place for 7 p.m. tonight and at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday. Irish diving, led by senior Meghan Perry-Eaton, will begin Saturday at 4 p.m.

This weekend will be the only time Notre Dame will face Illinois this season, while the Irish will face the Wolverines again one week from today in a dual meet in Ann Arbor.

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The Reviews Are Hot—Damon’s Grill Puts It All Together

Hot, delicious food on a flaming grill... Sizzling fun in the clubhouse... No more variety.

Damon’s Grill is like two restaurants in one. On one side, there’s a quiet, relaxing dining room. And on the other side, a fun-filled clubhouse. A full-service bar separates the two distinct dining areas.

“Our branding slogan is ‘It All Comes Together At Damon’s Grill,’” said Shannon Foust, President/CEO of the casual dining chain with more than 135 restaurants nationwide.

The kind of folks that come together at Damon’s Grill include those who enjoy exceptional quality, flame-grilled food and the opportunity to either relax and dine or be entertained by the sports and national trivia.

The clubhouse features four giant television screens that feature sports events, news and national trivia.

According to Foust, Damon’s Grill is linked by satellite to the National Trivia Network where guests compete against other players in over 3,500 restaurants and bars nationwide as well as players inside the Damon’s Grill clubhouse and bar.

“Dining room and clubhouse guests come together on one very important point—the unique flavor of the ribs, steak, chicken and seafood prepared on Damon’s open flame grill,” Foust continued. “Our menu centers around our award-winning barbecued ribs. Side items, salads, desserts, and even the beverages that are on our menu are chosen because they pair well with the signature Damon’s Grill flavor.”

Damon’s menu features a long list of appetizers too, including Damon’s Famous Onion Loaf which has been on the menu since the founding days, 25 years ago. The Onion Leaf is made in-house from giant Spanish onions, hand-sliced, breaded and fried into a loaf. “It’s our most popular appetizer.” Foust said.

“Takes extra time in our kitchen, but we think it’s worth it to provide our guests with a premium, signature product that they can’t get anywhere else.”

Damon’s unveils several special promotions throughout the year, plus their annual RibFest. “RibFest is a celebration of our famous ribs heritage,” Foust said. “We always feature our original ribs on the menu, although we sometimes spice up our other RibFest offerings according to popular food trends at the time. Over our 25 year career, many food fads have come and gone. But in the end, basically, our original recipe remains, and we think it seems to remain the favorite.”

The reviews of Damon’s Grill confirm that it’s the hottest place to have it all in South Bend.

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NFL

Moss fined $10,000 for TD celebration

Associated Press

EDEN PARK, Minn. — Randy Moss trudged out to his truck in the subzero cold, with a huge, black hooded sweat shirt covering almost his entire face. All that was showing was a carefree smile.

In his usual flippant manner, Moss showed no remorse for his latest indiscretion.

Minnesota’s controversial wide receiver was fined $10,000 Thursday by the NFL for pretending to pull down his pants and moon the Green Bay crowd during a playoff win last weekend.

“ Ain’t nothing but 10 grand. What’s 10 grand, to me?” said Moss, whose salary this season is $5.75 million. He then jokingly suggested he might perform more of a vulgar celebration next time.

Peter Haddad, the NFL’s director of game operations, penalized Moss for unsportsmanlike conduct in a letter released by the league.

“Your actions were based on poor judgment, did not reflect well on you or the Vikings, and were insulting to many,” Haddad wrote.

“I need an extra day to continue gathering information,” the USC spokesman said.

Two other USC juniors, linebacker Lofa Tatupu and punter Tom Streiff, said Thursday they also would announce whether they will enter the draft.

The redshirt junior and the first-year punter are the only seniors to declare for the draft.

The Trojans didn’t play their final game or turn pro, saying he will reveal his plans Friday.

Southern California hiring Floyd

LOS ANGELES — Tim Floyd is being hired as Southern California basketball coach, taking the job Rick Majerus accepted then abruptly quit last month.

USC spokesman Tim Tesalone said Thursday that a news conference will be held Friday afternoon on campus to introduce Floyd.

The former Chicago Bulls and New Orleans Hornets coach will return to the college ranks, where he was 127-58 in eight seasons at the University of New Orleans, then 91-49 in four years at Iowa State.

Floyd, 50, said he was fired as Hornets coach last May after they went 41-41 and lost in the first round of the playoffs in his only season with the team.

Leinart delays announcing decision

LOS ANGELES — Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart has delayed announcing whether he will return to Southern California for his senior season or turn pro, saying he will reveal his plans Friday.

“I need an extra day to continue gathering information,” the USC spokesman said Thursday, the day he originally set as his deadline for the decision.

The NFL deadline for underclassmen to declare for the draft is Saturday.

Two other USC juniors, linebacker Lofa Tatupu and punter Tom Streiff, are also expected to say Friday whether they will enter the draft.

Leinart, 21, obviously is having a difficult time deciding.

“I’ve been saying for some time that my goal for this industry is zero tolerance for the use of performance-enhancing drugs,” Seahawks general manager Tim Ruskell said.

Players, owners forge new steroid agreement

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — With some of its biggest stars under suspicion and lawmakers demanding action, Major League Baseball adopted a tougher steroid-testing program that will suspend first-time offenders for 10 days and randomly test players year-round.

The agreement was hailed by baseball and the union Thursday as a huge step forward but was criticized by some as not going far enough because the penalties are less harsh than those in Olympic sports and amphetamines were not banned.

“ I’ve been saying for some time that my goal for this industry is zero tolerance for the use of performance-enhancing drugs,” Ruskell said.

A first positive test would result in a penalty of 10 days, a second positive test in a 30-day ban, a third positive test in a 60-day penalty, and a fourth positive test in a one-year ban all without pay.

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Irish return to action against tough field in Kansas City

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles hope to improve their record Saturday

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

Fresh off a key conference win over the Adrian Bulldogs, the Belles look to continue their winning ways.

Saint Mary’s is looking to bounce back to .500 overall Saturday against the Fighting Scots of Alma College.

The Belles (7-8, 2-4 in the MIAA) are currently in a four-game losing streak after tying the MIAA with Kalamazoo, Tri-State and Olivet. However, the Belles have fallen well behind undefeated conference leader Albion. With each game crucial to their winning ways, the Belles have fallen behind teams like the Scots (1-5), who average almost 10 points per game.

However, the Belles have been streaky all season, following short winning streaks with losing streaks.

Coach Suzanne Bellesia is looking for the team to get hot down the stretch this season. "This stretch, starting tonight, is so important to us," Bellesia said following her team’s victory over the Scots. "We have to try to get our winning ways."

Senior forwards Emily Creachbaum and Maureen Bush will draw the unenviable task of guarding Alma’s twin towers. However, these two have also proven to be a force in the paint. Bush is averaging 8.8 points per game. Creachbaum is averaging 13.3 points and 5.5 rebounds per game and was recently awarded MIAA Player of the Week.

“I think that this [cup] will be the beginning of the end,” Bednarski said. “Now, after the whole preseason training, the fencers are starting the biggest heat — they are going for everything. All the best fencers from the continent are competing for their national teams and are already prepared, just like in December where some of them started a little bit later in training — now everybody will be in form.”

In addition to providing an opportunity for the bouters to qualify for their respective national teams, the North American Cup will offer one last opportunity to gauge the fencers before the Irish begin dual meet competition Jan. 21 in New York.

“It’s one of the last steps to check their form and to make final touches to prepare them for the next dual meet,” Bednarski said. “Both North American Cup [this year] and [last year] will have very strong opponents — the best of the continent. They are the same like last year. So we will try to get hot down the stretch this season."

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ND Women's Track

Irish enter season ranked No. 10

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

The current concern for Huddle, though, is her health. Huddle ran the NCAA cross country championship on a broken foot, but still managed to finish 28th. Connelly was cautiously optimistic about Huddle's rehabilitation.

"She's still just cross training, but we expect her to start running in a week or two," Connelly said. "We don't know if she'll be ready for [the] indoor season, but I think she will. She'll definitely be running when we start outdoors." Senior Lauren King, who is also coming off an injury, and senior Kerry Meagher bring valuable experience to the team. Junior Stephanie Madia, an NCAA qualifier at 5,000 meters last spring and an all-American in cross country, has also been cleared to return. Meagher brings a valuable relay experience to the team.

During Big East championships at the University of New Orleans, Meagher earned a team-high 20 points, while Meagher scored 13 points.

"We just want to see where we are at this meet," Connelly said. "It's a great opportunity for our sprinters, jumpers and throwers."

Connelly made it clear that his team's focus is on longer, term goals.

"Winning the Big East is our goal every season, but we also want to send as many athletes as we can to the NCAA's," he said.

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Heisman

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By JOHN EVERETT
Sports Writer

The Irish open their season Saturday in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. The Chippewas are coming off an impressive showing in their first meet, held last week and highlighted by several sprinters and throwers already qualifying provisionally for the NCAA's. The meet kicks off the indoor track season for the Irish, a season full of promise and reason for optimism.

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Youth hockey players "a different challenge" at this point — and this is early — it looks like Keckley and D’Amico will start together, possibly at No. 1, followed by Langenkamp and Parbhu, but third doubles had been problematic.

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Irish guard Colin Falls takes the ball up the court against Syracuse on Monday.

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per game.

Purdue has also seen freshman Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton emerge as one of its key players. The newcomer had 11 points in the Boilermaker win over Michigan and was averaging 6.3 points and 2.8 rebounds per game.

Purdue’s losses have come against Houston at home, UCLA, Duke and Ohio State.

However, the Boilermakers did beat a very good DePaul team. Also leading Purdue is Tye Houston, who averages 7.5 points per game. Purdue comes into Sunday's game after a loss against Minnesota. Wisdom-Hylton had 10 points and 10 rebounds for Purdue in the defeat.

Notre Dame, meanwhile, will try to rebound after two consecutive losses, the last one at home to Connecticut. Against the Huskies, the Irish turned the ball over 17 times and had trouble pulling down defensive rebounds.

"We have a lot of work to do," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said after the game. Sunday's game marks the third game in a tough stretch for Notre Dame.

"I was pretty surprised because I thought we would give them more competition."

- Teresa Borton

Irish center

"It's important throughout the Big East season you are able to bounce back," Irish guard Chris Quinn said. "We play 16 games in the Big East — you aren't going to go 16-0. I don't think any team is going to do that."

"To get to 3-1 in the Big East is very important for us especially going on the three-game road trip. Road games are so tough in this league, it's very important to go with a win."

One of the questions in the preseason and persisting in the early season was how Brey would deal with the team's depth. In the non-conference games, Brey looked at different lineups and got an idea of what will work.

Against Syracuse and at Seton Hall, Brey only went seven deep — Jordan Cornette and Russell Carter were the only non-starters to see playing time. In the Villanova game, Nick Cornette came off the bench when Torin Francis got into early foul trouble.

Brey has a track record of shortening his bench on the road or in games against high-time opponents, but he said Thursday his future rotations could change on a game-by-game basis.

"I think anything is possible. Whatever style of play dictates how we would substitute," Brey said. "A guy like Omar Izzard could be a good game, for him. Certainly Nick (Cornette) has given us good minutes, he didn't get to play the other night, but we haven’t forgotten about him."

"I think each game kind of can dictate a different rotation."

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Brown exploring options in football program

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Charlie Weis and his new Notre Dame coaching staff have Super Bowl and national championship rings, head coaching experience and numerous accolades and awards to their collective names. They don't, however, have a Heisman Trophy winner. At least not yet.

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame looking to bounce back after 70-61 loss to Syracuse

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Coming off a disappointing home loss to No. 7 Syracuse, the perfect opponent for the Irish (10-3, 2-1 in the Big East) on Saturday at 2 p.m. would seem to be St. John's (6-6, 0-2). But this isn't the 2004-05 edition of the Red Storm that had six scholarship players suspended in the middle of last season, fired coach Mike Jarvis and lost 15 of its last 17 games.

This is a St. John's team that has won as many games by Dec. 30 as it did all of last season. It is a St. John's team that was led by junior forward Phil Gage, who averaged 13.6 points and 7.0 rebounds per game for the Irish last year. The Belles are looking for their first win of the season against Alma on Wednesday in a 67-50 loss.

Irish hoping to snap two-game losing streak this Sunday

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Two straight Big East losses, and the Irish are on the road. After losing to No. 16 Connecticut on Wednesday and Villanova on Jan. 9, No. 7 Notre Dame (13-3, 7-2 Big East) is back in action against in-state rival, No. 24 Purdue on Sunday.

Purdue (10-5, 5-2 Big Ten) is led by sophomore forward Erin Lawless, who averages 15.8 points and 5.6 rebounds per game for the Boilermakers. She is joined by Katie Gearlds and her 13.3 points and 4.1 rebounds per game for Notre Dame.

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By JUSTIN SCHUER
Associate Sports Editor

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MEN'S TENNIS

Young lineup leads team into new season

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

The racquets are restrung. The lineup is revamped. Eck Tennis Center awaits.

The Irish take the courts for the first time in the regular season after completing what coach Bobby Rayliss called "a great fall." They will play Toledo and Illinois State on Saturday at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. "There were some question marks that we had to address," Rayliss said. "I'm pretty satisfied with the answers I received."

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A NEW ERA
College Welcomes Carol Mooney
College ready for inauguration
Alumni, academic representatives on campus for ceremonies

By ANGELA SAOU
Saint Mary's Editor

Saturday will be no ordinary day for any of the members of the Saint Mary's community. The semester will kick off with a ceremony like no other, offering the community a glimpse into the future - a future with Carol Mooney at the helm.

Mooney will be inaugurated as the 11th president of Saint Mary's and the first lay graduate president Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

And while the public is invited to attend the ceremony, it is the faculty and students who will be a part of the event that many have been looking forward to for some time.

According to Dean of Faculty and symposium committee chair Pat White, nearly 200 delegates will join Mooney during her inaugural ceremony.

"We'll have around 120 delegates from out of town and approximately 25 Saint Mary's Board of Trustees."

Pat White
dean of faculty

Mooney graduated from Saint Mary's with her undergraduate degree in 1972. She then attended the Notre Dame law school where she graduated first in her class.


Mooney's inaugural ceremony will be similar to former president Eldred's inauguration ceremony. Faculty and members of the senior class will march in regalia during the procession of the ceremony.

Mooney's other priorities since arriving on campus have been focusing on the academic excellence of the College and ensuring that the school continues to attract "talented young women." In addition to Saturday's inauguration ceremony, there will be an information booth from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in LeMans Hall where staff will be available to answer any questions visitors have about Mooney or Saint Mary's. There will also be a reception immediately following the ceremony.

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Mooney's presence felt by student body

President Carol Mooney sits among students Wednesday at an inaugural event.

By DANIELLE LERNER
In Focus Writer

Anticipation continues to grow on campus as students prepare for the inauguration of Carol Ann Mooney, the 11th President of Saint Mary's College.

Students were invited to take in a weekend celebration of events before Friday and Saturday's inaugural activities.

Saint Mary's sophomore Katie Treder is one of many students looking forward to Mooney's inauguration.

"I'm really excited about it because it opens up your life to everyone," said Treder. "I think it's a really great way to get the students involved.

Students are not only encouraged to attend the inauguration, but many have participated in the actual planning process and organizing of events.

Student trustee Sarah Brown said she has attended a variety of events and is really enjoying the week.

"I think it's going really well," Brown said. "This week got back on campus from break and all the excitement and buzz goes around which really livened up the campus. I think this week and all the history-type events are a really good way to pull together the time when Mooney was here and now."

And with the buzz around campus growing as inauguration day approaches, students are looking forward to Mooney as more than just someone being talked about: they see her as a role model.

Junior Emily Fannon said she was immediately impressed with Mooney after meeting her last semester.

"I think it's great that we have a lay woman president and that she's so present on campus," Fannon said. "She is someone to look up to because she has succeeded in a world where men typically have more luck. That's someone we want looking at our school."

In an attempt to keep the student body in the know, bright pink T-shirts were made with the event schedule on the back. Student government representatives handed them out to all students interested.

"I think the shirt is a really good idea," Treder said. "It gave us as students, a part in the inauguration and gave us an opportunity to feel more included.

Saint Mary's sophomore Lela DePalma thinks allowing students to have the day off to attend the inauguration is another way to expose students to the new president.

"I think it's not having school will allow people more time to attend these events," DePalma said.

During her time at Saint Mary's, Mooney has remained a visible figure on campus. She has attended sporting events, Senior Dad's weekend, helped now students move in, and met with each residence hall to talk with students.

Saint Mary's junior Jennifer Parker has taken notice of Mooney's visibility.

"It's good to see her and to know who our president is," Parker said. "It shows she is enthusiastic about coming here and enjoys her job."

And many others agree.

"It's obvious she cares a lot about the students. But most importantly she cares about our opinions and ideas," Treder said.

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Mooney Timeline

1972: Graduates from Saint Mary's College

1984: Becomes an associate law professor

1991: Becomes a full law professor

1996-2001: Serves as vice president and associate provost of Notre Dame

2001-2004: Began work at Saint Mary's College

June 1, 2004: Inaugurated at Saint Mary's College

Jan 15, 2005: Named the 11th president of Saint Mary's College

Contact Marilou Eldred, on Dec. 26, 1992.

The presidents from Notre Dame, Kings College, and Holy Cross will all be in attendance for Mooney's inauguration.

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Future of Saint Mary's bright for students under Mooney

By MEGAN O'NEIL
(Tuesday, January 14, 2004)

Just as when Carol Mooney was a student, many hours are spent in Haggar College Center buying books and purchasing snacks. However, businesses will move to the new student center.

Faculty express enthusiasm for inaugural celebration

Professors will lead day-long academic symposium, participate in inauguration ceremony

We are trying to show that the liberal arts is a living tradition and where we go and what we make of liberal is our responsibility," White said. "Saint Mary's should be in the forefront of where liberal arts is going." Students should regard today's symposium as a substitute to classes, White said. The committee, in fact, was bristling to use the phrase "free time," when referring to classes, he said.

"It was very important to Dr. Mooney to highlight the academic excellence of the College," said White. "[The symposium] is something unusual and distinct thing about being a student here, and we hope all the students come because it is a rare occasion."

And though some faculty members see the concern over a lost class day, for the most part the cancellations did not dampen their enthusiasm for the inauguration.

"I have been talking it up with all of the students because it is a golden opportunity, and it won't come again during your career as a student," she said. In her one semester as president of Saint Mary's, Mooney has impressed Connolly with her hard work and focus.

"She is absolutely terrific," Connolly said. "She is very smart, a good listener, a good problem solver and she places academics at the forefront of everything."
College hosts week of events to celebrate inauguration

By MEG CASSIDY
In Focus Writer

Nothing gets college students excited quite like free T-shirts. And Saint Mary's is no exception.

In order to initiate the enthusiasm on the Saint Mary's campus for the upcoming inauguration of College President Carol Mooney, the Saint Mary's Board of Governance distributed free inauguration T-shirts to the student body on Monday afternoon. The bright pink shirts feature a useful calendar on the back that outlines the week's schedule of events.

This is a busy week for the College community. The inauguration of the College's 11th president will formally take place on Saturday afternoon.

Leading up to the ceremony itself is a week's worth of activities and events for students to participate in and enjoy. Many students have already put a lot of time and energy into planning these events and the anticipation on campus is high.

Senior class president Jacqueline Cuisinier said the student inauguration committee began planning this week months ago.

"The theme "Then and Now" should mean and how we can demonstrate our commitment to Saint Mary's community, and what education means to them. The theme for the week is "Then and Now," and students can choose to wear either a costume inspired from '70s fashions, or modern attire. The music will dually feature popular songs from both eras.

After all the planning that has gone into making this week eventful one, the schedule is in place for a celebration that aims to unite and inspire the Saint Mary's community as it embarks on a new beginning.

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