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SONG OF PRAISE



BETSY STOREY/The Observer

The voices of Faith Gospel Choir performs at the "Who We Are Today: Walk in the Light of Christ," prayer service Thursday. The service was part of this week's Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Participants had a procession to Stonehenge after the service, which concluded the week-long remembrance of the slain civil rights leader and his dream.

Annan to speak at commencement

♦ **U.N. secretary-general will address Notre Dame graduates**

Special to The Observer

Kofi Annan, the secretary-general of the United Nations, will speak at the University's Commencement Address on Sunday, May 21.

"In his three years at the helm of the United Nations, Kofi Annan has demonstrated his steadfast leadership and uncommon courage in the face of numerous international crises," University president Father Edward Malloy said. "We are pleased that he will honor us with his presence as we award him with an honorary degree."

The seventh secretary-general of the United Nations, Annan is the first to be elected from the ranks of U.N. staff. He succeeded Boutros Boutros-Ghali and began a five-year term on Jan. 1, 1997.



Annan

Annan's four priorities as secretary-general have been to revitalize the U.N. through a comprehensive program of reform; to strengthen its traditional work for peace and development; to encourage and advocate human rights, the rule of law and the universal values of equality, tolerance and human dignity found in the U.N. Charter; and to restore public confidence by, in his words, "bringing the United Nations closer to the people."

Among the international conflicts in which Annan has played a leading role is the ongoing effort to gain Iraq's compliance with the U.N. Security Council's resolutions. He also has assisted in promoting the transition to civilian rule in Nigeria and in resolving the stalemate between Libya and the Security Council over the 1998 Lockerbie bombing.

From November 1995 to March 1996, after the Dayton Peace Agreement that ended the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Annan served as a special representative of the secretary-general to the former Yugoslavia, overseeing the transition in Bosnia and Herzegovina from the U.N.

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Gore focuses on family values

By KATE STEER
Assistant News Editor

As Bill Clinton's vice president, Al Gore will have a lot to live up to and a lot to overcome in his campaign for the presidency. Either way, Gore bears a certain distinction which his competitor, Bill Bradley, felt in the Iowa caucuses, where Bradley was defeated 3-1.

Gore's strength in the polls and primaries is something his campaign staff is pleased with. Staffers plan to capitalize on this lead, which gives Gore

liberty to take firmer stands on issues.

Gore presents his ideas on issues from education to health care to school violence with a heavy emphasis on family values. A self-proclaimed "fighter for the American family," he has put energy into supporting the V-Chip and parental controls over TV and the Internet.

Gore's other flagship issue is the environment. He has pledged to save the family farm and has proposed \$2 billion to combat "suburban sprawl."

Gore is widely popular among minority groups. "The people who attended

the caucuses came from every walk of life to show their support for Al Gore," California lieutenant governor Cruz Bustamante told reporters.

Gore has also received endorsements from prominent Democrats and major publications. The Concord Monitor of New Hampshire endorsed Gore as a champion of Democratic ideas and ideals.

"Gore represents the best hope of his party both for holding the White House in 2000 and for furthering the ideals that he and Bill Bradley share," the Monitor wrote.

Vermont governor Howard Dean said Gore's stance on health care is "the best way to achieve the ultimate goal of universal care for all Americans."

New Hampshire governor Jeanne Shaheen also has pledged her support to Gore.

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GORE
ELECTION 2000

BACKGROUND

<http://www.AlGore2000.com>

*1976-1984: Represented Tennessee in U.S. House of Representatives

*1985-1992: Represented Tennessee as U.S. Senator

*1993-present: Vice President of United States

"I think all elections for president in this country are about our nation's soul. I believe we have to give meaning to the lives of our young people."

-Al Gore

D E M O C R A T

INSIDE COLUMN

In Appreciation

One day Maureen Mulligan walked into class without her usual swagger. We watched her strained face as she sat and joined the circle of desks she created to bring our CORE class closer together in room 304 of Debartolo Hall.

"They've got me loaded up on pills today to help with the pain. I feel like I'm in space," she said with an annoyed grin.

That's all it ever was for Professor Mulligan: an annoyance that her recurring bouts with breast cancer got in the way of her rigorous routine of teaching, learning, and the enjoyment of being a mother to her two sons, and loving wife for her husband.

We all smiled along with her; after all, she had already talked with us months before, on the first day of class, about how her bouts with cancer might cause her to miss a few days.

She apologized to us, saying, "I've beaten it before, and I'll beat it again."

She had us fooled, because we didn't have the slightest idea what was going on.

The emotional first-day speech faded into our memories, and class went on without illness entering our minds.

One day she brought a friend of hers who was legally blind into class so we could learn to see the world in a different way. It was something special in class that day, and it changed the way I looked around me. She often talked of her childhood, and of her kids and husband. However, she rarely mentioned the condition that was destroying her future.

Weeks later, during a discussion of nature, she opted to lead us on a march all the way around Saint Mary's lake on one of the last warm and sunny days last fall. She pointed out every different kind of flower on the banks of the lake by name. We saw the leaves beginning to paint the entire forest. We saw swans dipping their heads underwater to escape the sun.

"Do we have to go all the way around the lake?" someone complained. "Class is almost over and my shoes are muddy."

Professor Mulligan gave him a look of shame, as he well deserved. "C'mon now, we're halfway back," she said with the tone of a coach pushing an athlete to the next level. "Besides, look at this beautiful day. There aren't many of these left." We all missed the irony.

Soon after, the weather at our university changed. One day when the Golden Dome was first laced with a delicate snow, we entered room 304 and our professor wasn't there. Our substitute read from the detailed instructions left by Professor Mulligan: more medical tests were being done, she was sorry, she would be back as soon as possible, we must keep up with the readings and discussions.

When we left for break, we expected to return in January with another semester of Professor Mulligan's sarcastic humor. We expected to receive the kind of insight only gained from a person who has never taken shortcuts, but instead has opted to enjoy all the foliage of life.

Maureen Mulligan died on Saturday, at her home in Dowagiac, Michigan. She missed only three days of class the entire semester, and was successful in keeping our focus off of her, and on our class material.

Next time it won't be me who complains. I will take advantage of my opportunity to always go all the way around the lake, and will appreciate every heartbeat while the warm weather lasts.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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THIS WEEK IN ND/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

New locking policy at Alumni

January 29, 1971

Two main entrances were locked and additional doors installed to improve security in Alumni. "The doors were requested by Alumni residents in the Fall after the stabbing incident at Alumni." The doors only opened when a special card, distributed to each resident, was inserted. In case of a party, these men would have to be at the door with their cards to let in the guests.

SMC professor pleads not guilty

January 26, 1988

Professor Peter Smith and four others were arrested for criminal trespassing. During a Christmas Eve sit-in held in the third district Congressman John Hiler's office, the group protested U.S. support of the Contra Rebels of Nicaragua. This "Pledge of Resistance" group was tried in the St. Joseph County Court. Later that month, Smith and others joined a month of fasting for the same cause.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Michigan State U. recruit faces rape charges

EAST LANSING, Mich.

Prized Michigan State University football recruit Eric Knott could face life in prison now that he has been charged with two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct related to a July 25 incident involving a 13-year-old girl.

Wayne County Prosecutor Dave McCreedy said Knott was accompanied by two other men during the incident. The two other men have been identified as juveniles, McCreedy said. He also said police or prosecutors have presented no new evidence since the 18-year-old's Aug. 27 arraignment.

Considered the nation's top high school tight end, Knott's charges complicate his commitment to MSU, which came at a news conference held at Detroit Henry Ford High School, where he is now a senior. Knott was



allowed to play after the arraignment.

He caught 42 passes last season for 10 touchdowns, leading Henry Ford to a Public School League title. MSU has the option of withholding Knott's scholarship until he resolves his legal troubles.

The State News could not reach Knott and his attorney Wednesday night. A woman answered a call to Knott's home but was told to hang up

by a person in the background.

Citing NCAA rules that prohibit university officials from discussing recruits that haven't signed with a university, MSU Trustee David Porteous would not discuss the case.

"I'm sure Coach [Bobby] Williams and the athletic department will look into it and do all they can do, and I look forward to hearing the full story," he said.

MSU spokesman Terry Denbow also declined comment Wednesday. Knott had a trial date set for Jan. 18, coinciding with his 18th birthday, but the date was delayed because of scheduling conflicts with Knott's attorney. A new date is slated for March 15 before a Wayne County Circuit Court judge. Texas-based recruiting expert Bobby Burton said MSU should handle the recruitment when the trial is resolved.

Va. Tech finds spring break scams

BLACKSBURG, Va.

Spring break travel scams can bring the best vacation plans to a grinding halt. As students prepare for trips to such places as Jamaica, Cancun or Florida, they should be careful to avoid deals which sound too good to be true. Many Virginia Tech students have their own horror stories about spring break adventures. "We were flying out of Raleigh to Cancun last year," said Kim Ascue, senior. "We arrived two hours before our flight to find out that our vouchers were wrong and our flight didn't leave till 7 p.m. "Problems can arise at any time during travel. Many people seem to have difficulty with their flight plans." When we tried to check in they wouldn't let us on the plane because the company hadn't paid for our seats and now the plane was full," Ascue said. After being given the run around from [a travel company] they arranged a flight for us from Newark, so we flew to Newark and left at 3 a.m. for Cancun," she said. Hotel reservations can also become difficult if not made properly or confirmed. "We were told that since we had such a large group that the hotel wouldn't bump us but since they were overlooked, they did," Ascue said.

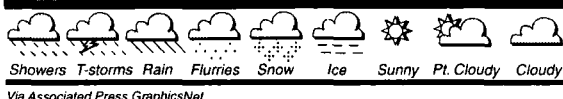
U. Washington students torch flag

SEATTLE

Doused in fuel and surrounded by lighter-wielding students, a Confederate battle flag burned quickly Wednesday, but the controversy surrounding its place in society promised to linger much longer. "We cannot have true brotherhood and sisterhood in this country until we get rid of symbols like this," said Tyson Marsh as he put the first flame to the emblem, inviting those in the crowd with lighters to join him. About half a dozen did, to the raucous approval of the 50 or so students who gathered in Red Square to denounce the flag, racial hatred and an opinion piece that appeared in The Daily last week. A founding member of the campus' Minority Think Tank, Marsh helped organize the small 1:30 p.m. rally which drew most of its participants from students passing through the Square in between classes. "We wanted to let people know how we felt," he said. To that end, Marsh and two other speakers gave short speeches while displaying the banner, thumbtacked to a six-foot staff, before setting it ablaze. "Some say it's a symbol of Southern heritage," Denise Cooper told the students.

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Students 'Meet the Candidates,' get answers

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

Members of the Saint Mary's community had a chance to hear more from the four tickets running for student body president and vice president during a question-and-answer session.

Before opening the floor to questions from the audience, candidates answered questions generated by the Board of Governance.

Asked to address the most important issues facing Saint Mary's, the candidates agreed that communication was important.

"The biggest issue is cooperation between BOG and the student body," presidential candidate Crissie Renner said.

Presidential candidate Emily Koelsch and her running mate,

Rachel Rodarte agreed.

"Communication is a big part of what needs to be done," said Koelsch.

Jillian Koepke and her running mate Desiree Hollis, along with the other candidates, included increasing Saint Mary's pride as key to their platform.

"One of the most important things is to bring this campus together," Koepke said. "I would want to make sure that more people were familiar with each other."

"That would promote school pride and make people more comfortable about approaching student government, making

ing a community more of a community."

Koelsch also addressed the issue of Saint Mary's pride.

"We are all about spirit," Koelsch said. "The spirit you catch when you come on campus."

Making Saint Mary's women and the community realize all the College has to offer was part of presidential candidate Missy Bittner and running mate Molly Banahan's platform.

"Saint Mary's is a journey, not a destination — an ever-evolving community with so many opportunities," Banahan said. "We need to get the name out in the community."

Renner agreed.

"We need to get the community excited about Saint Mary's," Renner said.

The Koelsch/Rodarte ticket suggested asking area stores to carry Saint Mary's apparel to increase community awareness of the College.

"We feel like the community doesn't know enough about us. We need to promote every aspect of the campus," Rodarte said.

Given the opportunity to ask the candidates questions, members of the audience raised a variety of issues including questions regarding the smoking proposal, a cable

TV channel and the Keenan Revue.

The candidates were asked whether they felt the controversial Keenan Revue should be held in Saint Mary's O'Laughlin auditorium.

"It is difficult to ban something that brings so many people to campus. My role as a student leader is to find out what students think about it," Banahan

said.

Nagle took a more decisive stance.

"I don't see why we couldn't have the Keenan Revue banned from campus," Nagle said.

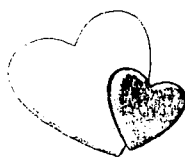
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Crissie Renner
presidential candidate

"One of the most important things is to bring the campus together."

Jillian Koepke
presidential candidate

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Protection Force to the multinational Implementation Force led by NATO.

He played a primary role in the unprecedented growth in size and scope of U.N. peace-keeping operations from 1993-1996, with total deployment reaching a high in 1995 of almost 70,000 military and civilian personnel from 77 countries.

In 1990, after the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq, Annan

was given a special assignment to facilitate the repatriation of more than 900 international staff and the release of Western hostages in Iraq. He subsequently led the first U.N. team negotiating with Iraq on the sale of oil to fund purchases of humanitarian aid.

Born April 8, 1938, in Kumasi, Ghana, Annan studied at the University of Science and Technology in Kumasi and completed his undergraduate work in economics at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., in 1961. He undertook graduate studies in economics at the

Institut Universitaire des Hautes Études Internationales in Geneva from 1961 to 1962, and, as a Sloan Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1971-72, he earned a master's degree in management.

Annan joined the U.N. system in 1962 as an administrative and budget officer with the World Health Organization in Geneva.

Annan is fluent in English, French and several African languages. He is married to Nane Annan, a lawyer and artist; they have three children.

Gore

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Shaheen said Gore is the only candidate who can propagate economic prosperity. "[He can] keep us on the right track," she said.

William Daley, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, has said that Gore's commitment to the American family as beneficial to what might be continued efforts to improve the economy.

While Gore has acknowledges past mistakes, he has not apologized for them. He has admitted to using marijuana, but attributes it to the post-Vietnam era. His image as an honest "regular American" are his greatest attributes in the ongoing character debate.

Gore is the son of a former senator and was raised in Tennessee and Washington, D.C. He graduated from Harvard University in 1969 and attended Divinity School in Tennessee. Gore also attended Vanderbilt Law School.

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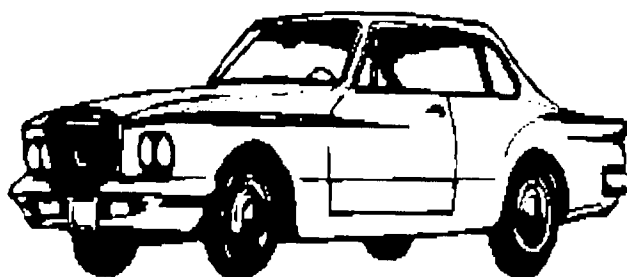
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Iraq: No dealings with U.N. Inspector

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq will not deal with the new chief U.N. weapons inspector despite the unanimous backing he received from the U.N. Security Council, a senior Iraqi official said today. Nizar Hamdoon, a deputy foreign minister, said in a radio interview that Iraq has problems with the U.N. resolution that created the new inspection agency, not necessarily with the new chief inspector, Hans Blix. "The matter is more complicated than the issue of Blix or the naming of a new commission," Hamdoon told the French-sponsored, Arabic-language Radio Monte Carlo in an interview monitored in Baghdad. He cited "the current degree of mistrust existing between Iraq on the one hand and the council on the other" as the main stumbling block. Blix "may be a compromise candidate for Security Council members but Iraq is not concerned with the compromise," said Hamdoon, Iraq's former envoy to the United Nations.

Report: Teen smoking down

ATLANTA — Smoking among high schoolers dropped in 1999 for the first time since the government began keeping track at the start of the decade. But nearly one in 10 children are already smoking cigarettes in middle school. A nationwide survey of 7,529 high schoolers in September and October found that 28.4 percent reported using tobacco products in the preceding month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday. In 1997, the last time the CDC looked at high school smoking, 36.4 percent of students said they had smoked in the preceding month. At the time, teen smoking was on the rise, from 34.8 percent in 1995 and 27.5 percent in 1991, the first year the CDC started keeping track. The CDC said it expected teen smoking rates to drop — just not by so much.

Spain police kill British fugitive

TORREMOLINOS, Spain — Spanish police shot and killed a British man Thursday who was wanted on charges of sexually abusing an 11-year-old girl back home, authorities said. Police said in a statement that Michael Lindgen-Hornett was killed as officers tried to arrest him following a car chase in the southern seaside resort town of Torremolinos. Lindgen-Hornett was wanted in Britain for allegedly abusing a girl who was friends with his daughter, the statement said. Spanish and British police had tried to close in on the man at Malaga city airport, some 20 miles east of Torremolinos. But once he realized he was being pursued, Lindgen-Hornett sped off, driving on the wrong side of the road for much of the way to Torremolinos, the statement added.

INDONESIA

President confident despite rumors

Associated Press

JAKARTA — One hundred days after becoming Indonesia's president, Abdurrahman Wahid on Thursday dismissed rumors of an imminent military coup, with his country facing internal violence, a mosque bombing and a student protest.

The president branded his foes in the military as "cowards" and said most members of the armed forces support him.

Pushing ahead with reforms to lessen the military's role in politics, Wahid signed a decree removing four generals from the military so they can continue to serve as Cabinet ministers. One of the four was security affairs Minister Gen. Wiranto, who commanded the armed forces under authoritarian ex-President Suharto and Wahid's predecessor, B.J. Habibie.

A state-appointed human rights probe has implicated Gen. Wiranto and other Indonesian commanders in a rampage of killing and destruction in East Timor last year, investigator Asmara Nababan said Thursday.

Wahid was elected by parliament on Oct. 20 as Indonesia's first democratic head of state after four decades of authoritarian rule. A Muslim leader who has long preached religious tolerance, Wahid predicts the country's current outbreak of violence will end within two months.

Despite this, at least 65 people were killed during the past three days in fighting among Christians and Muslims in the eastern Maluku archipelago, local military commander Brig. Gen. Max Tamale said Thursday.

The clashes on Bacan, a small island about 1,600 miles northeast of Jakarta, were the latest outbreaks of violence in a yearlong conflict that has claimed more than 2,000 lives.

Many victims died in street battles fought with axes, swords, spears and homemade guns in the archipelago, which used to be called the Spice Islands.

On Thursday, a small bomb rocked a mosque in Yogyakarta, on Indonesia's main island of Java. No one was injured.

In the northwest province of Aceh, thousands more have been killed in a separatist war. At least 18 rebels, soldiers and villagers



Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid waves back to a crowd of well-wishers as he arrives to attend a mass rally at a stadium in Jakarta, Thursday.

AFP Photo

have died this week despite a peace mission there by Wahid on Monday.

Meanwhile, hundreds of students demonstrated for secession in the neighboring province of Riau on Thursday. Police used tear gas and fired warning shots to disperse the protest outside a petroleum plant operated by the Caltex oil company.

Wahid has promised to give restive provinces more autonomy and money, but has ruled out demands for independence.

Speaking at a news conference in Jakarta Thursday, Wahid said that along with reforms to the nation's crippled financial system, his defense of national unity had been a major achievement.

"The situation is improving now. We can say that the danger to our territorial integrity is already passing," he said.

Earlier this week, Wahid blamed disgruntled members of the military as well as some fanatical Muslims for fomenting violence.

Wahid said he would go ahead with a two-week tour of the Middle East, Europe and Asia starting Friday, despite rumors of a possible coup.

"I am not worried about a very small number of military leaders who actually do not have followers," Wahid said. "I know this small number and they are cowards."

Merck may have AIDS breakthrough

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Scientists have become increasingly frustrated in the hunt for novel ways to attack the AIDS virus, but now they're getting some encouraging news: Drug giant Merck & Co. has mapped the way toward a long-elusive target.

It will take years of additional research to turn the finding into a usable medication, experts cautioned.

But the research gives scientists another — and long-awaited — place to

aim at in fighting the HIV virus, important as today's AIDS drugs slowly lose their edge with few options in sight.

It's called integrase, an enzyme carried by the AIDS virus that causes a crucial step in HIV infection: It melds HIV's genetic material with the patient's own DNA inside their cells, essentially hijacking cells. Only then can HIV begin reproducing at its infamously furious rate.

Scientists have long known about integrase's crucial function and tried to create "integrase

inhibiting" drugs to block its effect, much like the popular AIDS-fighting "protease inhibitors" block the action of a different HIV enzyme called protease.

But attempts to create integrase inhibitors have failed so far.

Merck's advance, reported in Friday's edition of the journal Science, was to uncover the exact spot in the enzyme's action that must be blocked for an integrase inhibitor to work.

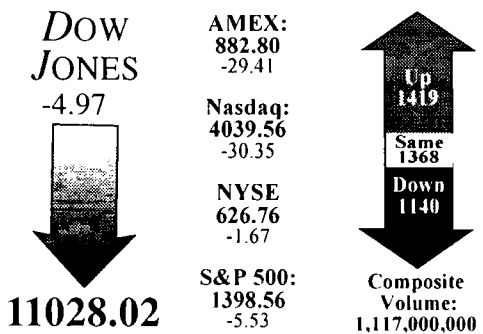
Merck researchers screened 250,000 samples in the company's library

of chemicals and found two compounds known as "diketo acids" that hit that spot. In laboratory tests, the compounds successfully inhibited integrase and fought HIV.

In an unusual move, Merck executives refused to allow the lead scientist — Daria Hazuda — to discuss her discovery with reporters.

But a Merck spokesman said the compounds described in Science have certain problems that prevent them from being pursued as drugs, so the company is hunting better candidates.

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Clinton proposes \$350 billion tax cut in 'State of the Union'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Clinton proposed a \$350 billion tax cut, big spending increases for schools and health care and photo ID licenses for handgun purchasers.

Thursday night as he offered the final agenda of his presidency. "The state of our union is the strongest it has ever been," he boasted.

At the start of an election-year, Clinton rebuked Congress in his last State of the Union address and called for action. "For too long this Congress has been standing still on some of our most pressing national priorities," he chided.

The president noted that next month the United States will achieve the longest period of economic growth in the nation's history, and called on Americans to "set great goals."

The president offered a litany of initiatives, many of them sure to be rewritten or ignored by Congress. His tax cut proposals were intended primarily to promote educational opportunities and expand health insurance and child care for lower- and middle-income Americans. The initiatives included relief from the "marriage penalty" — an



Clinton

idea first championed by Republicans — and a new program of retirement savings accounts.

Most of the proposals were released in advance but the White House withheld Clinton's gun licensing measure until the last minute to build suspense. Similar to a plan offered by Vice President Al Gore, it would require handgun purchasers to first obtain a state license showing they have passed a background check and a gun safety requirement, such as a training course or an exam.

States could choose not to participate in the program. The National Rifle Association dismissed the plan as pointless and unworkable.

"Every state in this country already requires hunters and automobile drivers to have a license. I think they ought to do the same thing for handgun purchases," Clinton said. "I hope you'll help me pass that in this Congress."

Clinton called for passage of a patients' bill of rights to strengthen consumer protection, gun-safety legislation, campaign finance reform, an increase in the minimum wage and votes on long-stalled judicial nominations.

Republicans ridiculed Clinton's proposals but did not

rule out working with him on such issues as education and health care. "If we enacted all the new programs the president has talked about, we'd spend just about the entire surplus on bigger and more expensive government," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

Clinton was greeted by applause and handshakes by Republicans and Democrats alike as he made his way into the House chamber to address a joint session of Congress. His wife, Hillary, and their daughter, Chelsea,

home from college, were in the audience. His speech turned out to be his longest State of the Union address: 89 minutes, besting his 1995

record of 81 minutes. By one count, he was interrupted by applause 128 times, most of it from Democrats.

More than an hour into his speech, Clinton flubbed a line

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meant to credit Gore with helping making communities more "livable." Instead, Clinton said "liberal" — not once but twice. The audience — Gore included — guffawed.

Five days before the New Hampshire primary, Clinton seized the chance to boost Gore in his race for the Democratic presidential nomination. Six times, Clinton made references to the vice president. Clinton also recognized another candidate: the first lady, running for the U.S. Senate seat in New York.

Many of Clinton's proposals were repackaged from earlier years and, in some cases resubmitted with spending fig-

ures double or triple the original amount.

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In offering his gun licensing plan, Clinton said, "We've all seen what happens when guns fall into the wrong hands."

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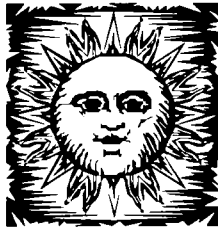
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Internship fair draws huge crowd

♦ **80 companies,
800 students
contribute to
record attendance**

By ERIN COSTANTINI
News Writer

Career options for Notre Dame students are always expanding, and Thursday's ninth annual Summer Internship Job Fair exemplified the trend.

With an unprecedented 80 nationwide companies, the fair attracted more than 800 students to the Joyce Center fieldhouse. Undergraduate job-seekers searched for employers willing to let them preview careers.

"There is a diverse array of opportunities available," said Leo Svete, director of Career and Placement. "If we can get students thinking of careers now, we can get them thinking of what they want to do, and make them more competitive as seniors."

Sophomore Jed Dooley went to the fair hoping to score a summer job. He was a little nervous but pleased to be involved.

"The fair is helpful to know what's out there," Dooley said. "It's nice to have so many

great companies in one place."

Arthur Anderson, Ernst & Young and General Electric (GE) were among companies taking advantage of the career fair as a convenient and inexpensive way to meet Notre Dame students.

"All employers are happy to be here at Notre Dame," said Robin Sullivan of the Career Center. "Our students are well thought of throughout the business world. They reflect high quality, high motivation and high success."

Pete Rubinas, a representative from PricewaterhouseCoopers, said he looks for a student with "a good academic record, communication skills and capable of an intelligent discussion."

Arthur Anderson representative Lynn Buhl looks for "inquisitiveness, a positive attitude, and an interest in the company."

Students who have researched his company and can ask intelligent questions about it also have an advantage, he said.

New features of the Summer

Internship Job Fair include the student résumé drop box and the "GO IRISH" Web site. The

drop box allowed students to submit résumés to 50 companies not in attendance. This serves to broaden the jobs available, with internships in film, museums and non-profit orga-

nizations.

The Web site offers information on participating companies in addition to facilitating on-campus interviews.

Some students complained that the job fair does not offer a wide enough array of internships, lacking opportunities in fields of science and medicine.

"It's pretty much all businesses here," said sophomore Katie Koch. "There aren't many jobs for pre-med students."

Although the most internships were related to business, other companies such as GE and Camp Sweeney were present. GE appeals to engineers and Camp Sweeney, a camp for children with diabetes, offers internships popular with pre-med students.

"There may not be something for everybody, but this is a great opportunity for the career search experience," Svete said.

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**Leo Svete
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CORRECTIONS

♦ In Monday's Observer, a photo caption said that men's basketball coach Matt Doherty was meeting with the local Boys and Girls Club before Saturday's game. Doherty met with local Big Brother/Big Sister organizations.

♦ In Thursday's Observer, a graphic said that President Clinton's proposed "College Opportunity Tax Cut" includes a \$10,000 tax cut for middle income families. The plan includes a \$10,000 tax deduction for middle income families.

The Observer regrets the errors.

Gad-el-Hak wins research prize

♦ Notre Dame prof will spend a year studying in Germany

By KATE DOWNEN
News Writer

Mohamed Gad-el-Hak, Notre Dame professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering, was recently awarded the Alexander von Humboldt Prize, Germany's highest research award for senior American scientists and scholars in all disciplines.

"I am very grateful to Germany and the von Humboldt Foundation, to the University of Notre Dame for giving me the means to conduct my teaching and research, and grateful to all former students, undergraduate and graduate, who have been an inspiration to me," Gad-el-Hak said.

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is a non-profit organization that enables highly qualified foreign scholars to carry out long-term research in Germany. Forty prizes are

awarded annually.

The award will allow Gad-el-Hak to spend 12 months in Germany researching fluid mechanics, the study of fluid motions around hard objects such as submarines, airplanes and ships. The long-term goal of this research is to improve land, air and water vehicles through understanding the diagnostics and control of turbulence.

Gad-el-Hak is known world-

wide for advancing several novel diagnostic tools for turbulent flows. He holds two patents and has published more than 300 articles and

authored or edited eight books and conference proceedings. He has also presented at 175 invited lectures.

A member of several professional associations, Gad-el-Hak currently edits four publi-

cations.

In 1998, he was named as the 14th Freeman Scholar by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the highest honor bestowed by the organization's division of fluids engineering. In 1999, he was awarded the Japanese Government Research Award for Foreign Scholars.

Before joining the Notre Dame faculty in 1986, he worked as senior research scientist and program manager at Flow Research in Seattle.

He received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Ain Shams University in Cairo, Egypt. He went on to receive his doctorate in fluid mechanics from Johns Hopkins University.

Gad-el-Hak has since taught and conducted research at University of Southern California, University of Virginia, Institute National Polytechnique de Grenoble and Université de Poitiers.

"I am ... grateful to all former students, undergraduate and graduate, who have been an inspiration to me."

Mohamed Gad-el-Hak
professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering

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Koelsch/Rodarte the way to go

Having pride in the Saint Mary's community is a wonderful and expected attribute from student body presidential and vice presidential candidates. But it's not enough to win a campaign. No one can contest that the 2000 Board of Governance tickets have unparalleled pride in Saint Mary's College. What the 2000 tickets do not have is an understanding of the issues that need to be addressed at Saint Mary's.

Platforms presented Thursday evening at "Meet the Candidates" included ambitious goals such as a cable station, increased Munch Money and call waiting. But the candidates failed to address specific solutions to imminent campus concerns that the 1999-2000 administration strived to bring to the forefront. And the audience knew it.

Pressing the candidates about the proposed campus smoking ban, the implementation of a diversity board, and the presence of the controversial Keenan Revue at O'Laughlin auditorium, the students in the audience wanted answers. And they weren't getting them.

Minutes before the conclusion of the panel discussion, the Renner/Nagle ticket gave some hope to a disgruntled audience, with vice presidential candidate Michelle Nagle committing to investigating banning the Keenan

Revue from campus. But aside from Nagle's gumption, answers to pressing issues remained superficial, uninformed and off

base. While the Renner/Nagle ticket demonstrates experience, knowledge and confidence in its platform, the pair doesn't reach high enough.

The Koelsch/Rodarte ticket targets issues within the community that need attention. A stronger Women's Resource Center is a necessity on a college that prides itself on its commitment to women's education. The pair expresses commitment to working with the new Student Diversity Board and targeting ways to increase enrollment through a student-endorsed application.

Furthermore, it looks to retain those students through developing concrete traditions over the course of a student's Saint Mary's experience. The ticket shows a commitment to issues, something that was lacking in every other 2000 ticket.

While the ticket contains its share of lofty dreams and uncertain plans, it does have direction. In seeing where growth is needed in areas on campus, Koelsch/Rodarte demonstrate an understanding that the student body wants solutions, not merely a commitment to pride from its student leaders. While the pair clearly has pride for Saint Mary's, by tackling campus issues, the ticket moves beyond simply loving Saint Mary's to loving it enough to want to do something.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Relax more, stress less

I have walked into the dining hall to find today's sweet-n-sour chicken was yesterday's normal chicken and will become tomorrow's macaroni surprise. How do you get oily spaghetti noodles, rubber hamburgers and eternally dry rice? I will never be able to comprehend the workload at Notre Dame. Do the professor hold a conference in the fall and say, "Okay everybody, we've all decided the second week in November is a great time to have tests, papers, midterms, presentations and labs due."

When it rains, it's a flashflood at Notre Dame and I am rarely wearing water wings.

Notre Dame students thrive on stress and they actually enjoy stressing others out. Stress is entirely and utterly unproductive. The only thing it is guaranteed to do is put holes in your stomach.

To stress over obnoxious people does not make them better. And to stress about bad foods doesn't make them better. And to stress over work does not get it finished faster. To quote Bobby Brown at a freshman pep rally, "Relax, Relax, Relax. Because tomorrow you better respect." Relax, take a deep breath, hold it, then blow it into your friend's face (never underestimate the power of humor). Relax and realize that everyone around you is busy too. Release, you are approximately a 5-10 minute walk from some thought-provoking spot on campus. Go there, sit, think and resist the urge to pull out your highlighter and coursepacket.

In my year abroad in Ireland, my Irish friends taught me to embrace the spontaneous things in

life. They truly Carpe the old Diem. I vowed to integrate this philosophy in my daily routine, and it has made all the difference. I purposefully take inefficient walks from DeBartolo to Knott that lead me past the Dome, into the Grotto and by the lakes. I ride my bike through large piles of leaves, and I take naps smack dab in the middle of the quad. Surround yourself with positive people and stay away from the obnoxious. Eat at the dining hall and try to appreciate the fact that you did not have to make the food

yourself (anyone who has not lived on their own cannot comprehend this). The timing and magnitude of the workload here is intense.

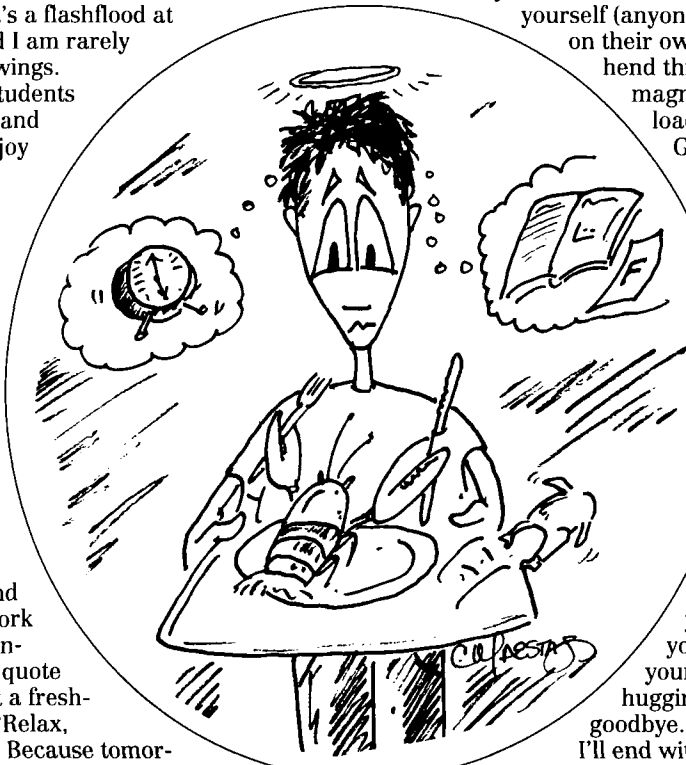
Grit your teeth, work as much as necessary and study to learn, not to get an A. The one usually follows the other.

Notre Dame is doing an excellent job training us to succeed in life. Study hard, enjoy your time with friends and make time for what interests you. You blink, and you are throwing your cap in the air and hugging your friends goodbye.

I'll end with a quote from

"The Green Fool" by Patrick Kavanaugh, "I got nothing for my trouble except joy. But though the coin of joy isn't legal tender in the mundane shops of the world, it is in the lands of imagination, and I today, jingling my purse of memory, know I am rich."

Brick Maier
Resident Assistant
Knott Hall
December 5, 1999



Don't judge the way others live

I would like to respond to Elizabeth Bauer and Katherine Hoppe's letter on the Jan. 27 on the issue of pre-marital sex.

Now, I am well aware that I am at a Catholic institution — excuse me, a very Catholic institution — and such evil transgressions against the Church, like that of having sex before marriage, is indeed an issue of grave consequence. However, I was even more confounded after reading the opinions of two female freshmen, who, in the true spirit of the Catholic Church, condemned all sex before marriage and even had the audacity to question a fellow freshman, who gave a differing view on the matter, if he "really belonged here."

What I find most disturbing is not the opinions held on this matter, but the self-assuredness and unflinching righteousness conveyed by Ms. Bauer and Ms. Hoppe in their commentaries. I find their opinions only slightly less disturbing.

To Ms. Bauer, I say that you are entitled to your opinion, and by all means, live the life you envision living. But do not judge others because they wish to live differently. Not everyone came to Notre Dame to "continue to grow in faith." You obviously have strong beliefs that tie sex and marriage together, but not everyone, even here at Notre Dame, shares those

beliefs with you. So please do not condemn Jeff Eyerman for simply expressing his side of the issue. After all, I myself don't know many people who actually consider that "our bodies are not ours to give or take." I honestly believed that mode of thinking vanished with the Puritans. And most importantly, you say that here at Notre Dame, "we are many things and have many identities." So I ask only for you to let those with different identities and beliefs share them in a friendly environment. Asking them whether or not they belong here is rather elitist and not very Christian at all.

As for Ms. Hoppe, I would give the same advice. You also make many assumptions and prejudgments in your article that I do not agree with. For example, you posit that the only reason people may not believe that sex is sacred is because they haven't thought it through. Well, I hate to burst your bubble, but a lot of people have thought that very question through and have reached a different conclusion. Also, you quote the Bible quite neatly and efficiently, but living simply by doctrines and dogmas eliminates free thought, which is where true progress is made in society.

You say those who have sex before marriage have sinned against God. But I believe that that is for God to decide, and unless you are speaking for Him, I

do not think it is your place to judge others.

Lastly, you make two very interesting, coming from your perspective, claims. You say that "without the commitment of marriage, sex will leave you totally exposed and emotionally deserted, no matter how much 'love' you have." But I ask you, how in the world do you know this? Did you read it in a book? Because without actually having had sex, I don't see how you can pass judgments on how it will affect a person. And likewise, you follow that quote with another similar to it, saying how warm and comforting sex within marriage is. Again, I do not understand how you can make such unqualified and speculative statements with no experience to back them up.

I am not trying to undermine either of your personal opinions. I'm just trying to point out that not everybody shares these opinions with you, and that does not make them bad people. Perhaps what this University really needs is to move away from conservative and judgmental doctrines and practice the art of understanding and acceptance a little more.

Patrick Kelly
Sophomore
Keenan Hall
January 27, 2000

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In "Strong Sexual Content," a film by Ken O'Keefe and Sean Daily, a couple speaks frankly about sex. The film is one of 15 to be shown this weekend at the student film festival.

◆ Filmmakers get frank about sex and penises at 2000 Student Film Festival

By MIKE VANEGAS
Scene Editor

Imagine this scene from the fictional film, "The Making of the Notre Dame Student Film Festival 2000":

Student filmmaker: (*With impatience*) Drop your shorts. And move your penis to the left. No, to the right.

Student actor: (*With confident reserve*) Okie-dokie. (*Drops shorts, moves penis first to left, then to right*).

Shocking? Yes.
Wrong? Some will say yes, but in the free spirit of academia, the answer must be no.

This is the type of question many will ask upon viewing of this weekend's installment of the student film festival. Though the

festival has become a hot commodity around campus since its inception in 1990, this 2000 show comes with a snag, a point of interest, a selling point.

And it is sex.
Sex is what makes the world turn. It is what teenagers long for as they walk the halls of their high schools. It is what college students revel in as they become mature members of the adult world. It is what 20-somethings transform into love as they settle into permanent lives. It is what middle-aged people forget about. And it is what the elderly remember with fond, Viagra-induced splendor.

So this weekend, the folks in the Film, Television, and Theater department present 15 student films, all with their own message, all with their own perspectives concerning life in this crazy world. And with the noticeable stamp on all of the festival's advertisements, the one that screams "Strong Sexual Content (No one under 17 admitted)," sex will be on the minds of many attending the event.

But here's the catch. The "Strong Sexual Content" involved in the festival is not what many

students might expect. It is different. It is course material. It was part of a grade. It was approved by faculty members. And most importantly, it is only a minor part of what makes up the 15 films.

Really, the variety of films presented is what the film festival is all about.

"It's like going to a pot-luck dinner or a buffet, where everybody brings something to the table that's a little bit different and unique," said Ted Mandell, associate professional specialist in the FTT department and supervising faculty on many student films. "I think that's what makes the film festival a lot of fun is that you get different students from different halls on campus, and off campus, who have different views about different subjects. It's a mixed bag. You might be watching a serious film about the penis, and then you'd be watching a music video."

Aside from the diversity the festival brings to the table, another special part of the festival is the level of accomplishment surrounding this year's films.

"Comparing it to the other film festivals of the past, these films are more daring, more provocative, they're certainly more polished technically," said Mandell. "And I think that's something that we've seen as the years have gone, as the film program has progressed. The maturity of the students has gotten better, and the quality of the filmmaking has gotten better. This one, without question, is the most provocative."

Jill Godmilow, FTT professor and supervising faculty, adds that the students themselves have taken the student film genre to a new level this year.

"They take on the world," Godmilow said. "We're moving in that direction anyways, but they're not parodies or stuff that's on TV, which is very often what students make ... smart ass stuff. They're very original. They're taking on tough subjects."

A look at the student films to be shown indeed forces one to accept their originality. When it comes down to it, the film festival is geared as a forum for the thoughts of students to be on display. Not only is there a film

about the penis ("A Woman's Guide to the Penis"), but there are films about the process by which people eat meat ("Hack and Grind"), young love at the roller skating rink ("Rollerskating Romance") and death and violence in cinema ("The Dying Soldier").

Claire Connelly, who with Sam Dobie made "The Dying Soldier" and "Rewriting History: The Conquest of AIDS," noted a measure of epiphany experienced by tackling some more serious issues.

"We were talking to a lot of AIDS patients, and it became way more personal than I thought," she said. "I realized I'm a very naïve Notre Dame student."

Disregarding the sexual nature of some of the other films, films like Connelly's and Dobie's also push the envelope in terms of what the audience expects from student films, and particularly student films at Notre Dame.

The NC-17 rating, as Mandell calls it, takes into consideration the all-around adult nature of the topics addressed in all the student films.

But as anyone will admit, the

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Ted Mandell
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and others ...

most provocative film of the festival is probably "A Woman's Guide to the Penis." And the reasons for this are obvious.

"The point of the film is to take something that is generally taboo and controversial and to put it onto the screen in such a way that by the end of the film it is not that way," said Matt King, who made the film with Meredith Watt. "To put it on the screen and to have people just look and listen, and to by the end of the film to just be OK with it."

He later stated that "unless God does something, these things aren't going to change."

Of course, the questions remains: Will audiences be offended?

"When that first shot comes on the screen, there is going to be a reaction," said King. "But by the time the last few shots are on the screen, people will be expecting them and used to them. That was the point." But King adds that the aforementioned warning should allay any real offense from the audience.

Godmilow added that "you get to look at, for the first time in your life, 20 or 30 penises. They're not connected to people. Nobody's showing off. But there were that many male students that agreed to be filmed."

"It was a chance to see something that has been so veiled. So it's not sexy. It has nothing to do with sex. But it's going to appear to some people as an outrageous violation."

King also realized the subject of the film, the penis, is something America must learn to accept.

"When 'Boogie Nights' came out, the only thing people who didn't see the movie knew about was that you got to see a penis in it," he said. Certainly, for those audience members at the Snite this weekend, a deeper understanding of the penis will be attained.

Though King asserts people shouldn't be offended by the film, the fact remains that the film is being shown on a relatively con-

servative campus where censorship has found a home in various media organizations. Godmilow addressed this issue in terms of the film festival's history.

"I've been here eight years, and I've never heard from the administration, and I don't expect to hear from them this year," she said. "If a group of students went and got a bunch of porn films and showed them at Cushing,

they'd come in heavy. But I respect that they know better than to try and determine or limit the content of especially something that professors are involved in."

"They are able to really run students' lives and program students lives," Godmilow continued. "But if they want to be the great university that they desperately want to be — the University of Notre Dame sees itself as competitive with Yale, Princeton, Harvard, or wants to be competitive — it cannot be caught in censoring professors."

"So I don't expect any trouble. That doesn't mean that somebody isn't going to leave the theater or Right Reason isn't going to go and see the show and write a letter to Malloy and say, 'This is outrageous. This is a Catholic university. There were penises there.'"

Another important development concerning the NC-17 restriction being placed on the festival is the effect it will have on attendance. In the past, there hasn't been any trouble selling tickets. In fact, a second Monday screening was added this year to accommodate the demand for tickets.

The label "Strong Sexual Content" might make demand even stronger. But Mandell and Godmilow urge the community to understand the meaning of the restriction.

"That's not a ploy. It's not an advertising ploy," said Mandell. "It's just a warning."

Perhaps, even, it will change the stigma attached to the film festival as a festival of laughs.

"There's the Notre Dame film festival problem: that all everyone wants to do is laugh," said Tony Fonseca, who made "Free: Short-haired, Male, Neutered" with Jonathan Adler. Fonseca was a bit cynical about the audience's reaction to the various films but acknowledged his own thoughts concerning student filmmaking: "I'm not Steven Spielberg. I don't care if my film makes money. It's just cool."

But while Fonseca admits to being ambivalent toward his audience, King submits to the fact that student filmmakers cannot escape all having to do with the Notre Dame community.

"The fact remains that they're all made at Notre Dame, and that can have an effect on it," he said. "It was made totally for Notre Dame students and made totally under the Notre Dame umbrella."

Still, the film festival is the best opportunity to allow these film students to show off their work. And by doing this, they are able to offer the blood, sweat and tears they let out throughout the last two semesters.

"What our students find out is they learn a lot about themselves in the process of making these films," said Mandell.

"These films are incredibly personal projects. It takes a lot of guts and a lot of self-sacrifice: a) to pull it off, and b) to be willing to show it in front of 2,000 people."

Essentially, it is the exchange of content between the filmmakers and the audience that makes or breaks the festival. And that can cause for a nerve-racking experience on the part of the filmmaker.

"My films have never been shown to more than three or four people," said Connelly. "I am a little nervous."



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Death is dissected in Claire Connelly's and Sam Dobie's film "The Dying Soldier."



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In Jonathan Alder's and Tony Fonseca's film "Free: Short-haired, Male, Neutered," humans and pets become one.



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Four ex-cons save the world in Brian Freneau's and Denis Hurley's "Peace, Democracy & the 20th Century: GOV 498."

FENCING

Arch-rival Penn St. arrives to take on fencers

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Every good rivalry inspires a bit of dislike between the two teams.

The Notre Dame and Penn State fencing rivalry inspires a lot more than dislike.

"I don't know about the rivalry very much except for last year, but apparently we hate them," junior sabrewoman Katie Flanagan said. "We not only want to win, we want to whip them and completely crush them especially at our home meet."

The animosity between the two squads is easy to understand. For the past four years, Penn State has finished first while Notre Dame has taken second in the NCAA championships. Every year the Irish seem ready to finally knock the Nittany Lions from the top of the mountain, but every year the Lions retain the title.

According to head coach Yves Auriol, the men's squad has an excellent chance of defeating Penn State in this weekend's dual meet.

"On the men's side, we lost to Penn State by one point last year at Penn State, 14-13 [in the regular season dual meet]," Auriol said. "It was very close last year with a team that wasn't as good as we are this year. If they fence the way they are capable of they can defeat Penn State. If we do not defeat Penn State, I will be very disappointed."

The men's team started the season slowly at NYU last weekend. Losing to St. John's and Stanford, Notre Dame stumbled to a 2-2 start.

The sabre squad's performance was especially disappointing. Featuring sophomore Gabor Szelle, last year's NCAA sabre runner-up, and nationally ranked fencers like sophomore Andre Crompton, junior Andre Bednarski and freshman Matt Fabricant, the squad was thought to be the No. 1 sabre squad in the country. After losing to St. John's 6-3, however, the Irish must regroup this weekend against the Nittany Lions.

"I want to make sure that they know that we went to New York as the No. 1 sabre team and that

they fell flat on their face because they might have been overconfident," Auriol said. "I want to make sure that doesn't happen again this weekend."

"They don't have any excuse now," he continued. "They can make the finals in national and international tournaments. Now it is time to fence better here. They won't get any sympathy from the coaches if they don't fence well, but I think they will fence better this weekend."

The men's epee team is another squad that struggled against St. John's last weekend. With No. 1-ranked junior epeeist Jan Viviani added to 1999 NCAA qualifiers James Gaither and Brian Casas, the epee squad was expected to be one of the leaders of this year's team. After falling to St. John's 7-2, the squad must improve against a Nittany Lion squad that features Brendan Baby who went 3-0 against the Irish last year.

The men's foil team is young — featuring two freshmen and a sophomore as starters — but held its own last weekend. Freshmen Ozren Debic and Forest Walton tallied seven and eight wins respectively.

Auriol has lower expectations for the women's team this weekend.

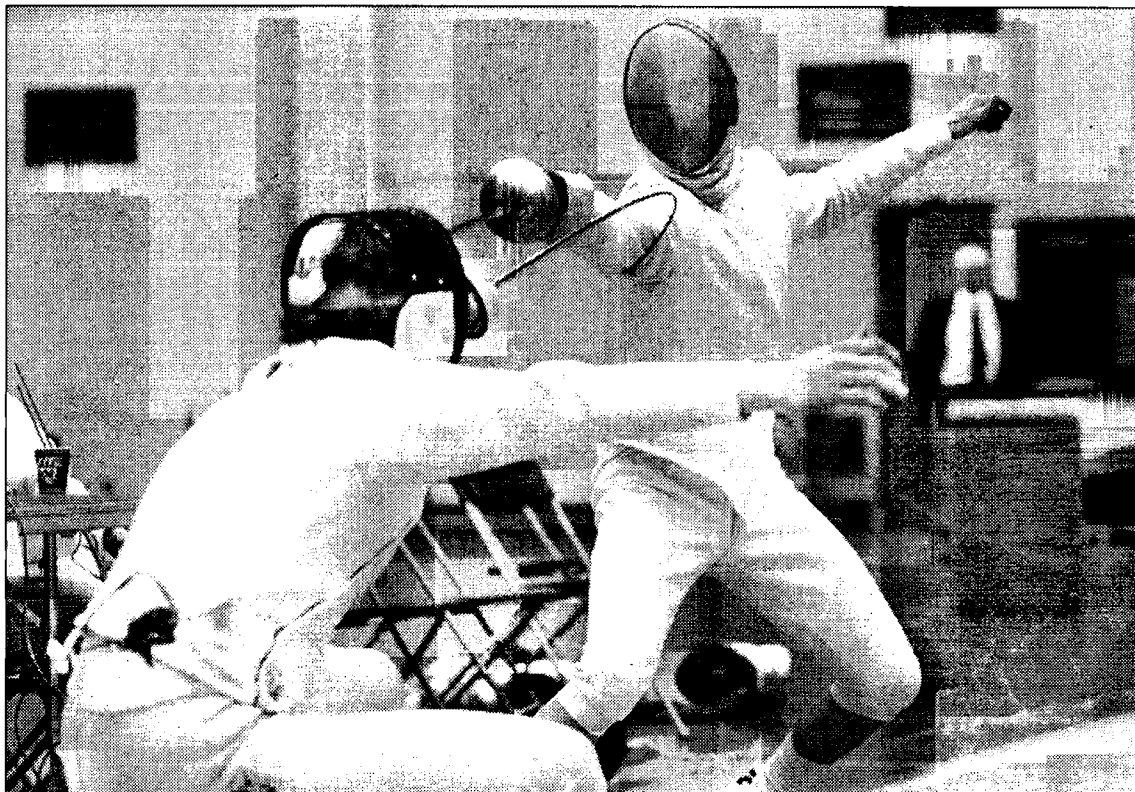
"It would be a surprise for me if we beat Penn State on the women's side," he said. "Penn State is very strong."

While Penn State is a powerful team, Notre Dame proved last weekend it can compete with the very best. The women went 4-0 against top competition like St. John's — one of the favorites for the 2000 national title.

The women rely on four freshmen to pick up key victories. At epee, Meagan Call and Anna Carnick are 1-2 in wins so far. Call's nine wins have caught Auriol's attention.

"Our freshmen are very talented," he said. "I was very impressed with Meagan Call in epee. She is not really an epee yet. She is still learning the weapon. She is a tough competitor and she continuing to improve."

At sabre, freshman Natalia Mazur leads the team with 10 wins with juniors Carianne McCullough and Flanagan right behind her with nine and eight



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Senior James Gaither scores a touch on an opponent in last season's Midwest Championships. The Irish fencers host arch-rival Penn State this weekend.

wins, respectively.

The foil team features freshman Liza Boutsikaris, who is second on the squad with seven wins, and senior Magda Krol, the most experienced female fencer.

Krol, an epee All-American for three years running, led the squad with 10 wins in her first foil bouts since her sophomore year. Krol scored two key wins over 1999 All-American Susan Jennings and 1999 National Champion Monique de Bruin.

Krol faces another stiff test this weekend from Penn State junior Charlotte Walker. Like Krol, Walker switched to foil this year after winning All-American letters the past two years at epee.

"I am excited," Krol said. "This is going to be a test for me but it is going to be good. I think it will be interesting to see how two former epeeists will fence against each other in foil. I am definitely excited to fence against Charlotte Walker and give it my best shot and hopefully win."

The men take to the strips in their first home meet of the year Saturday in the north dome of the JACC while the women fence Sunday.

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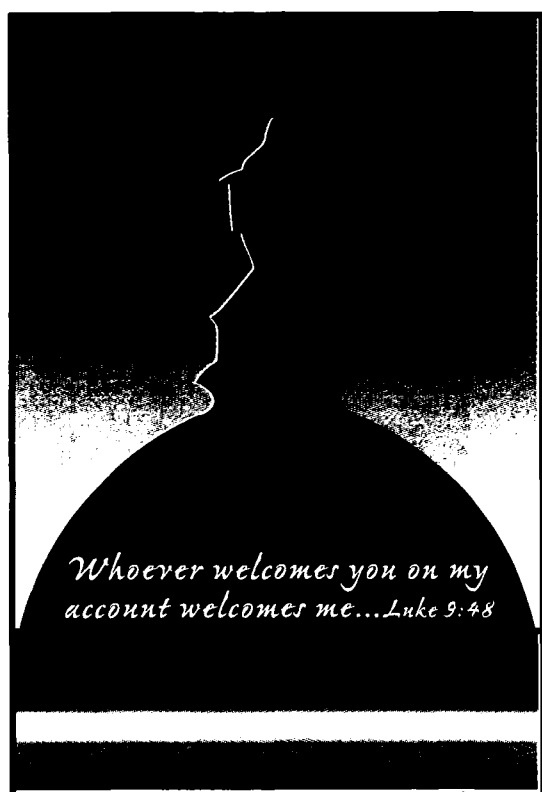
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MIKE HARRIS/The Observer

Junior left wing Jay Kopischke moves the puck past an opponent in a recent game. Notre Dame travels to take on Alaska-Fairbanks this evening.

Hockey

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him four points, just the fourth time a Notre Dame player has done that this season.

Dusbabek was able to better Carlson's four points, by recording six in the series against Western Michigan, and currently leads Notre Dame in points. The senior rightwing contributed a goal and two assists in each of the games. He was credited with the first Irish goal in the opener when the puck glanced off of his leg and into the net, and then found the net in game two with a slap shot from the blue line.

"Carlson was the best player on the ice," Irish head coach Dave Poulin stated after last Friday's comeback win. "We had a lot of good players, but he was the best."

The Irish coach also had some good things to say about

Dusbabek's play after the series was over.

"Dusbabek played so well," Poulin said. "It was nice to see him get one right away after all the effort he had put in."

Another player that will play a key role in the series is goaltender Tony Zasowski. After his strong performance last weekend, he was named CCHA Rookie of the Week. He won the award for the second time this year after stopping 41 shots and allowing only one even-strength goal against Western Michigan. He ranks fourth in the CCHA in goals-

against average (2.41). He also ranks fifth in the conference with a .908 save percentage. At his current pace, Zasowski will break Irish records for net-minders in both categories (Forrest Karr with 2.58 in 1998-99 and Mark Kronholm with .907 in 1970-71).

Zasowski will face top-scorers from the Nanooks in senior leftwing Nathan Rocheleau and sophomore forward Bobby Andrews. UAF also returns 20 of 26 letter winners from its team that finished in eighth place in the CCHA last season.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Teams travel to Bloomington for dual meet

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The track and field teams renew an in-state rivalry with Indiana today, hoping to bring home a double victory from the dual meet in Bloomington.

Last season, Indiana edged Notre Dame 84-78 on the men's side while the Notre Dame women pulled out a close victory 82-78.

"Hopefully we can win both the men and the women," field events coach Scott Winsor said. "They're going to be tough. We have our events that we should win; they have their events that they should win. I would say they have more depth than we do, but we run into that a lot."

The Irish raced well in their season-opening quadrangular meet last weekend, with the men capturing first place and the women taking second.

Field events were one of the strengths for the Irish last weekend, an area they must do well in to defeat Indiana.

"On the women's side, Indiana is very tough in the throws and very deep in the throws, so we're going to struggle there," Winsor said. "We need to win in the long jump and we need to win in the high jump. In the throws, the shot and the weight, we've got to get what we can. Dore DeBartolo needs to pick off one, maybe two, of their throwers."

Winsor also keyed on the

importance of freshman Jamie Volkmer's performance in the pole vault and triple jump. Volkmer set school records in both events last weekend, but must be in top form to capture victories at Indiana.

Fellow freshman Tameisha King broke another school record in the long jump in the home opener, and plans to jump farther tonight.

"I'm trying to qualify for the NCAAs," King said. "The standard is 20 feet, and since that's only six inches away, that's what I'm trying to do. I'm also trying to set a PR [personal record]."

Senior long jumper and sprinter Marshaun West provides a solid foundation for the men's team. West met provisional standards for the NCAA championships last weekend, and should be a shoo-in for victory at Indiana. Senior Matt Thompson is an athlete the Irish need a win from in the weight throw.

But it will likely be the results of the pole vault and shot put that make the difference. Freshman pole vaulter Nathan Cahill hopes his first-meet jitters have worn off.

"I was a little nervous in the beginning because in high school, I always knew that I could go out there and just beat everybody," Cahill said. "Whereas in college, there are guys there who can just kick your butt. I was hoping on getting 16 feet, and I only got 15-foot-six, but I wasn't disappointed. This weekend, I'm

aiming once again for 16 feet. There's going to be some really strong competition with my fellow vaulters and I since we're all [jumping] around the same height."

The distance runners began their year by having two NCAA provisional marks coming from Phil Mishka in the 800-meter run and Luke Watson in the 3000-meter run.

"It will be my first mile race of the season, and we just want to score points for the team in that one," Watson said. "We're a good team this year and we've been comparing ourselves against other teams in the Big East, not necessarily directly against Indiana. If everyone performs the way they did last week or better, then we should come away with a victory."

The women will add All-American Alison Klemmer to the mix this weekend, as she will compete in the 3000-meter run for her first race of the season.

"She's ready to run fast," distance coach Tim Connelly said. "I know that just off of her training. It should be a good race."

Chrissie Kuenster and Nicole LaSelle will join Klemmer to fill out the 3000-meter race.

Patty Rice and Jennifer Handley will represent Notre Dame in the mile. In the 800-meter race, Connelly will run last weekend's champion Leanne Brady, Rice and Kelly Tutko.

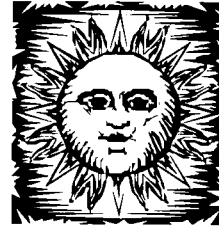
Top sprinters include Chris

Cochran and Liz Grow, who won the 60-meter dash and the 200-meter dash for the men and women, respectively,

last weekend.

King and West are also key crossovers from the long jump to the sprints.

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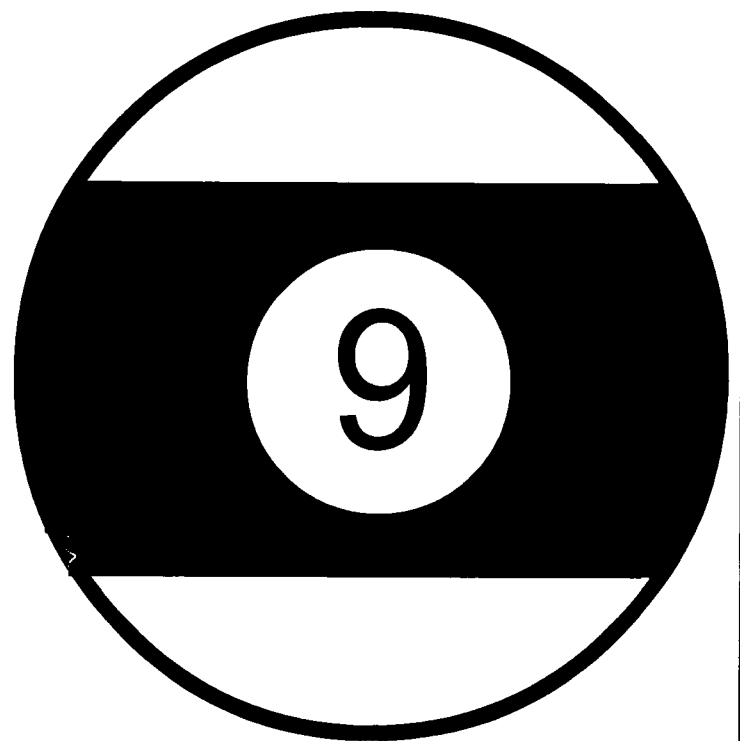
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- * All tournament rounds will be single-elimination.
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SWIMMING

Teams prepare for Big East with weekend competition

♦ Undeclared women take on 8th-ranked Wolverines

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

The 23rd-ranked Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team puts its undefeated record on the line against No. 8 Michigan this weekend.

The Irish are confident that they can defeat the Wolverines for the first time.

"I think we are pretty optimistic about it coming off of our wins over Northwestern and Illinois," junior freestyler Carrie Nixon said. "I think we have a real shot at beating them for the first time."

Last weekend the Irish picked up two of their most impressive wins of the year. First they shocked the then-No. 11 Wildcats with a 158-141 victory. Then on

Sunday, they won 14 of 16 events against the Illini to win 183.5-116.5.

Those two wins have given the Irish more respect in the eyes of the Wolverines, according to Nixon.

"I think they will be ready for us," she said. "Northwestern kind of underestimated how good we were. It kind of hit them by surprise in the middle of the meet when they realized they were losing. But I think Michigan is going to be ready."

The Wolverines face the Wildcats on Friday before traveling to Rolfs Aquatic Center for their date with the Irish on Saturday. The Wolverines are currently 7-3 overall.

The Wolverines lead the all-time series 4-0 and defeated the Irish, 162-136, last year. A win over Michigan would give Notre Dame an undefeated record heading into the Big East Championships.

"It doesn't affect standings or anything, but morally, it is kind of nice to go in undefeated into any tournament," Nixon said.

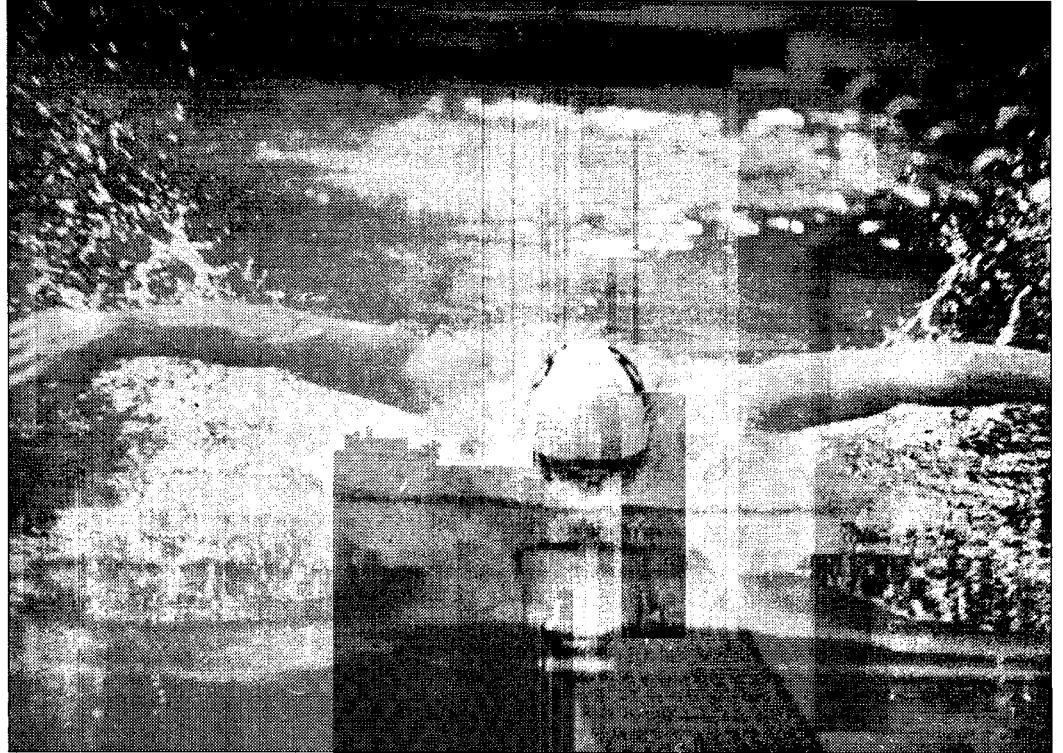
But the Irish are not taking the Wolverines lightly.

"This will be by far our hardest tournament this year," she continued.

With two weeks off between this meet and the Big East Championships, the Irish want to end the regular season on a high note. A win would help their confidence heading into their taper, a reduced training period designed help swimmers save energy before big meets.

"It boosts us into taper," Nixon said. "Now is the time we get more sleek and more rest. Just to have another win under our belt would be great."

The Irish and the Wolverines hit the pool Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Rolfs Aquatic Center. A special ceremony will be held for the seniors swimming in their last home meet.



JEFF HSU/The Observer

The Notre Dame men's swim team hosts Oakland University at Rolfs Aquatic Center this weekend. Oakland is 8-1 in dual meets this year.

♦ Full strength men's squad hosts Oakland

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

With the Big East Championships less than a month away, the Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team is gearing up for a possible first place finish.

"We are in a transition period to try and get ourselves in position to do the best we have ever done at the Big East Championships," head coach Tim Welsh said of his team's second-place finish at last year's championships.

Welsh expects a tough challenge Saturday from Oakland University at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. Last weekend, the Golden Grizzlies defeated the Spartans of Michigan State, 119-118. The victory improved Oakland to 8-1 in dual meets this year.

While the Irish finished third in the Bill Ritter Invitational in Milwaukee, Wisc., last weekend, the

squad was shorthanded and tired. Saturday, the full Irish squad will be ready to race. If Notre Dame hopes to improve its 3-6 record, every swimmer will have to perform well.

"The team from Oakland is an excellent team," Welsh said. "We'll race everyone we can."

In the second to last dual meet of the year, Welsh expects some swimmers to perform better than usual and others to do worse. It is all part of the fine tuning before the Big East Championships.

"When you put polish on, sometimes it gets dull before it gets bright and sometimes it gets bright right away," he said. "So there might be some surprises this weekend on both sides. We expect that some guys might look super while other guys might look not so great."

The meet against the Grizzlies offers the Irish swimmers the unique opportunity to compete in the same races they will swim at the Big East Championships.

"With one exception, all of the individual events in the Big East Championships will be contested Saturday," Welsh said. "We are excited to have a chance to see our team race in all of the Big East Championship events this weekend."

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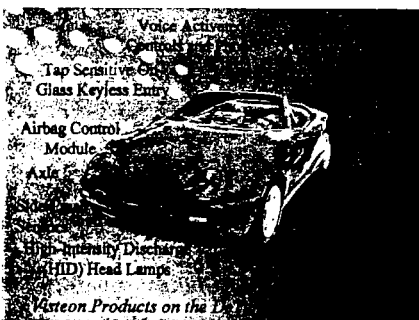
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Yale visits Eck Center for weekend competition

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The women's tennis team hopes to improve upon its No. 18 national ranking, but standing in its way is the competitive Yale Bulldog team, as the two teams clash Saturday at the Eck Center.

The Irish have been impressive thus far, compiling a 2-1 mark on a recent trip to Hawaii, knocking off Hawaii and No. 23 Washington. The only blemish on the current campaign's slate came in a close defeat to fourth-ranked Duke.

"I thought we played pretty well in Hawaii," said Irish head coach Jay Louderback. "In particular, I thought we played very well in some tight matches against Washington. They're a real good team and that was a big win for us."

As always, the Irish will be led by junior All-American Michelle Dasso. Clearly the squad's top player, Dasso will be called upon to play both No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles where she will be paired with sophomore Becky Varnum.

Dasso will be looking to better her No. 1 singles record, as she has won only one of her three singles matches thus far.

"She's coming off a shoulder

injury," noted Louderback. "She missed most of the fall schedule and she's just starting to get back into shape. The more she plays the better she'll be."

Both Varnum and senior captain Kelly Zalinski will be relied upon heavily in singles play. Varnum has grabbed the No. 2 singles slot, while Zalinski will play from the No. 3 position.

The Irish also boast two nationally-ranked doubles pairings that, coupled with a strong singles arsenal, make the squad a versatile one. The pairing of Dasso-Varnum is ranked 10th, while the pairing consisting of junior Kimberly Guy and freshman Katie Cunha is ranked 15th.

"I think doubles is our key," said Louderback. "It's really our strength."

For Dasso-Varnum and Cunha-Guy, this meet will be a final tune-up for the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoors Championships Feb. 3-6. Notre Dame is one of three schools to qualify two doubles pairs for the 16-team field.

The Bulldogs will look to provide the Irish with a stern test. Coached by Meghan McMahon, Yale will be looking to come away with a victory in its season opener. The Bulldogs are captained by their No. 1 player, All-Ivy selection, Sara Naison-Phillips. Somer Khanlarian will

play from the No. 2 singles position, and will combine along with Naison-Phillips to serve as Yale's top doubles pairing.

"They're a very young team,"

noted the Irish coach. "We didn't see them at all during the fall, so we honestly don't know a whole lot about them."

The Irish will certainly

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SMC INTRAMURALS

Belles find on-campus sports

By MOLLY McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Changing the face of athletics at Saint Mary's College involves more than just varsity sports; it also involves intramurals.

Together, athletic director Lynn Kachmarik and student inter-mural director Janel Miller hope to revive the intramural program at Saint Mary's.

"I'm hoping [this program] will build more hall spirit and more excitement about intramurals," Miller said. "You look at Notre Dame and there is huge enthusiasm. I hope everyone comes in and plays. Wait, I'm not hoping. They will."

The program has had many problems in the past, both in organization and participation. Forfeits were widespread both because teams were apathetic and schedules were unclear. Both of these problems they hope to address with this new program.

The program will be based in the residence halls this year, and both Kachmarik and Miller are looking for their enthusiasm to

make it a success. All members of the team must live in the same hall and they will compete to make their hall the champion.

There will be a basketball, volleyball and indoor soccer competition this year which will all culminate the night of Midnight Madness on March 31. The finals of each of the sports will occur that night. Kachmarik and Miller feel that this alone makes it more exciting for the student body.

"This year, its leading up to something," Miller said. "We're offering more for those who participate."

The season will run like a typical sports season, and the number of games played depends on the number of teams participating. The determination of the winning hall will depend on points earned both through winning the most games and having the most participation, according to Kachmarik.

"Again, we're offering more this year," Miller said. "Not only t-shirts for the winning sports, we already have a huge plaque for the winning dorm to be engraved and presented."

As the opening of the season approaches on February 14, one of Miller's few concerns is her inability to control if teams forfeit or not.

"[Forfeits] are the most frustrating part for me. When a team doesn't show up, schedules are a mess and I can't do much about it. I'm going to enforce to two forfeit rule. If they don't call me 24 hours in advance, they will not be included in the finals."

Miller also hopes that making the schedules more clear and available will also help. Meetings for the team captains will be held in each of the residence halls before the opening of the season and Miller is going to take advantage of technology to get the word out. She will e-mail the schedules and post the schedules on the Saint Mary's athletics web page.

Even with these worries, both Miller and Kachmarik are really excited about the intermurals.

"Our whole goal was to get more women involved," Kachmarik said. "These intramurals really bring in every aspect of wellness for women."

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the fans, we'll have a good chance on Saturday."

St. John's is one of four teams ahead of Notre Dame in the Big East standings, despite losing to conference opponent Seton Hall and non-conference foe Ohio State last week. St. John's bounced back from the two losses with a win over Rutgers, a team that beat Notre Dame by 25 points Jan. 18.

The Irish, meanwhile, return to play after a 63-49 home loss to Miami (Fla.) Tuesday.

St. John's earned its No. 23 national ranking with fast-paced play, in part to compensate for its lack of height.

"They're a lot more athletic than we are," senior point guard Jimmy Dillon said. "They like an up tempo game, they're well coached, but they're not very deep."

They're going to be hounding us up front a lot, especially Troy [Murphy], and we're going to need to drop back and hit our shots."

Hitting shots is key for the Irish. They beat Pittsburgh last week with better than 60 percent shooting, but when their shooting falters, such as against Rutgers and Miami, so does their winning percentage.

The Irish will turn to pre-season All-American Murphy to put them over the top.

"They don't really have anyone who can match up with Troy down low," Graves said. "They're not very big and they don't have a lot of size."

Lavar Postell is the top forward for St. John's. Postell scored 16 points in the Red Storm's win over the Rutgers Scarlet Knights, also coming up with a key block in the final minute of play. However, Postell measures just 6-foot-6, a good four inches shorter than Murphy.



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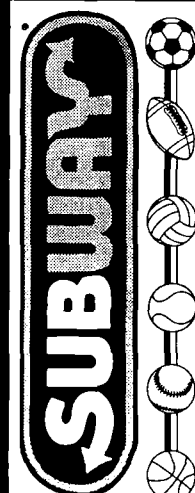
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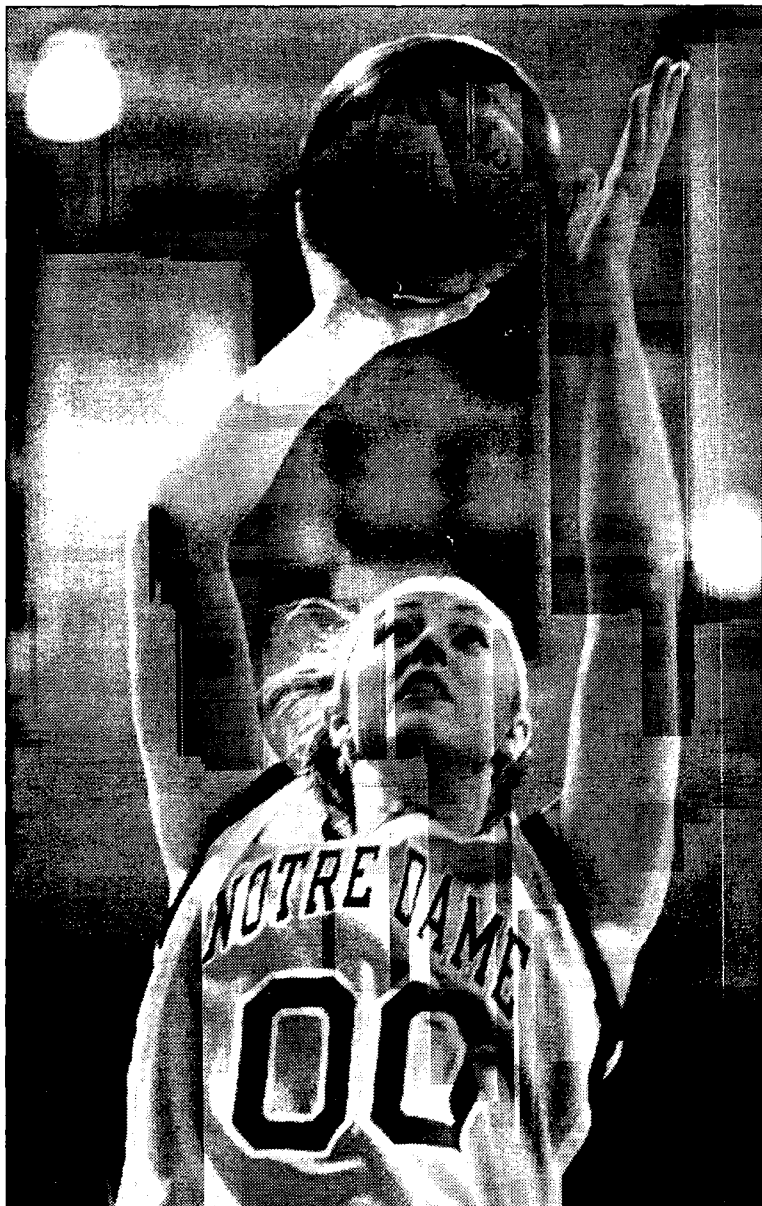
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ND Sports Weekend



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Irish center Ruth Riley puts up a shot in a recent game. Riley leads the team as Notre Dame hosts Georgetown Saturday night.

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the one the Irish saw at Georgetown. The Hoyas have won their last four games and are playing their best ball of the season with an 11-6 overall and 4-3 conference record.

If Georgetown can come out on top at the Joyce Center, it would boost the Hoya's No. 4 conference ranking and shock the Irish, who have not lost on home turf since the beginning of the 1998 season.

"[The Hoyas] never gave up when we played them a few weeks ago," said Leahy. "Even in the last few minutes when we had pulled ahead they were still playing hard and fighting for every ball.

They're going to be playing tough on Saturday."

The Hoyas have never beaten the Irish at Notre Dame — the only conference rival who has is Connecticut.

Center Ruth Riley and guard Niele Ivey have paced the Irish all season. Riley has dominated her opponents in the paint and leads the squad in scoring and rebounding with an average of more than 15 points and seven rebounds per game. Riley's prowess under the net has made her the go-to player on the court. In Notre Dame's games against St. John's her performance on offense helped keep the Irish on top.

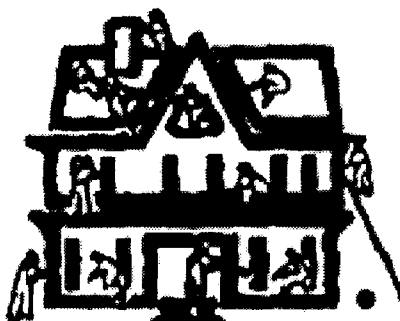
"We played in spurts — it was a real streaky game," said Leahy. "But once we started getting it to Ruth we

were able to score and go ahead."

Ivey is one of four Irish players whose scoring average is in double digits. She also leads the team in assists, averaging seven per game. Ivey's basketball skills have earned her a nomination for St. Louis College Sportswoman of the Year in her home state of Missouri.

Irish guard Danielle Green has also stepped up and played a pivotal role for the Irish recently. With seven starts this season, the fifth-year senior has been the high scorer for the Irish in the last two games. Her season-high 22 points helped the Irish down the Hurricanes in Miami before she and Riley scored 16 apiece against St. John's.

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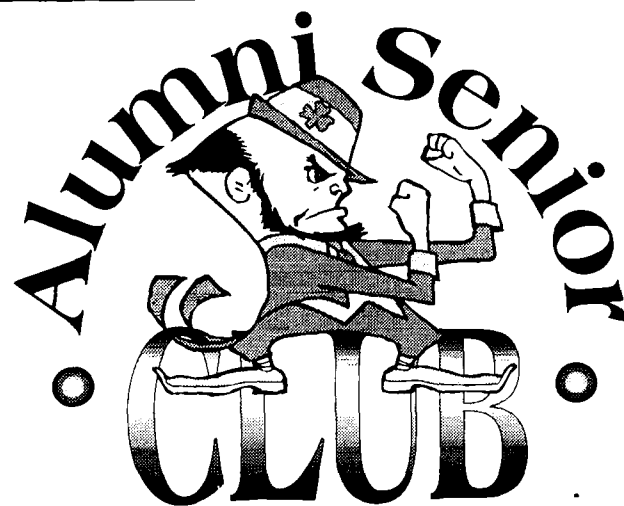
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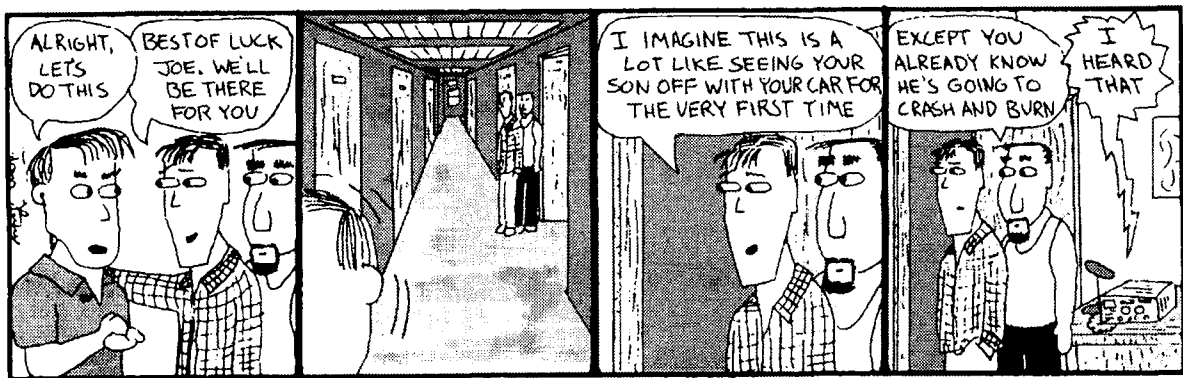
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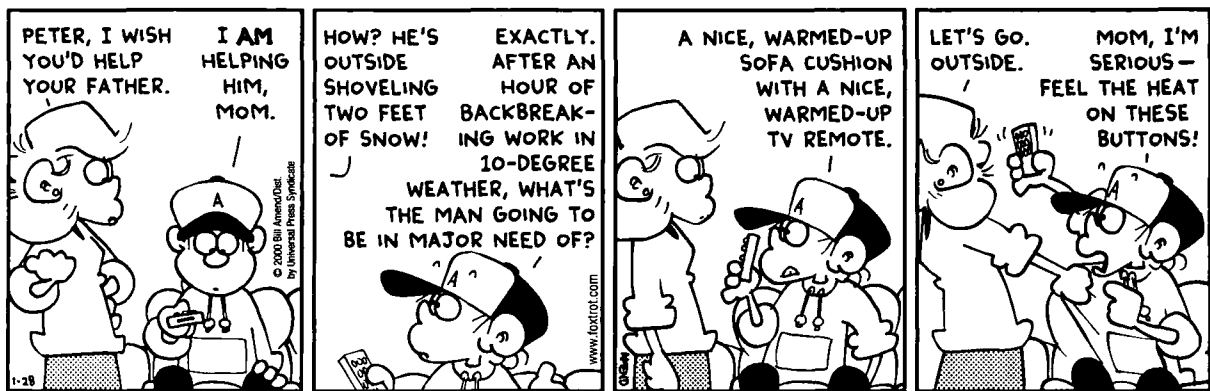
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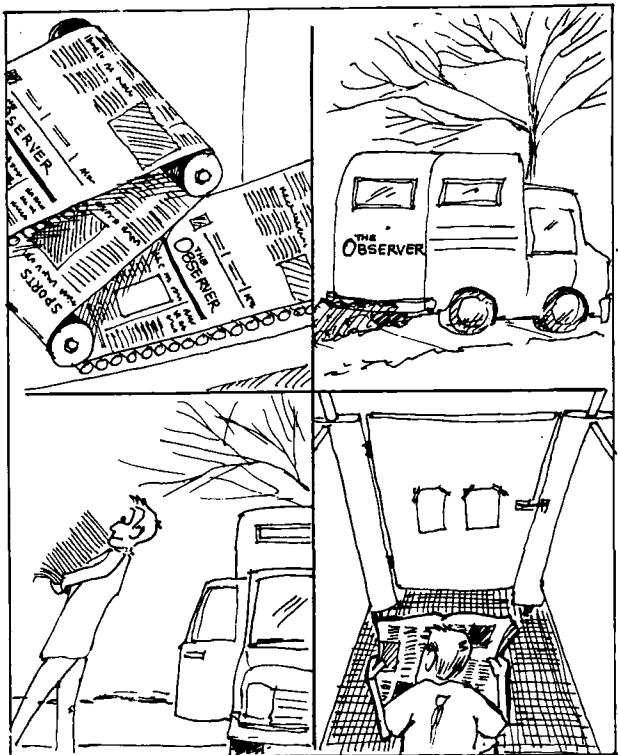
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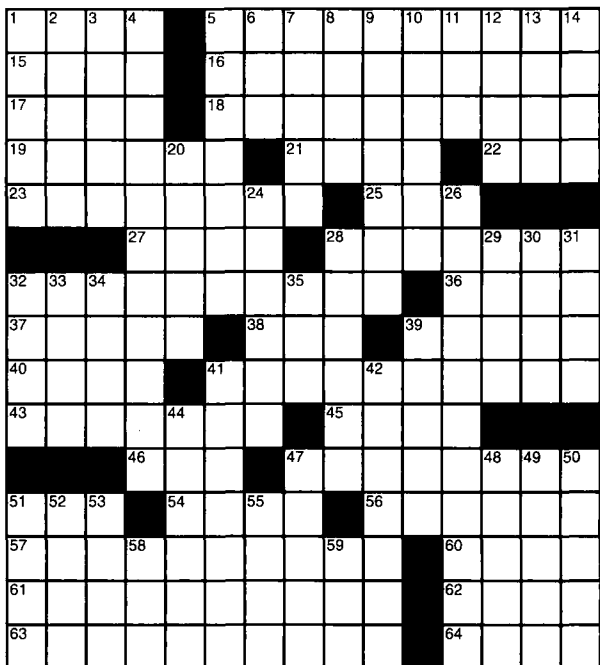


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BASKETBALL

Irish clash with conference opponents at home

◆ Win over St. John's crucial for tourney hopes

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

For any dreams of experiencing March Madness to remain intact, the Irish need to defeat the Red Storm of St. John's Saturday.

One of the main goals for the Irish (12-8, 3-3) this season is to qualify for the NCAA tournament, but the Red Storm (13-4, 5-1) is the next potential Big East barrier on the road to the Big Dance.

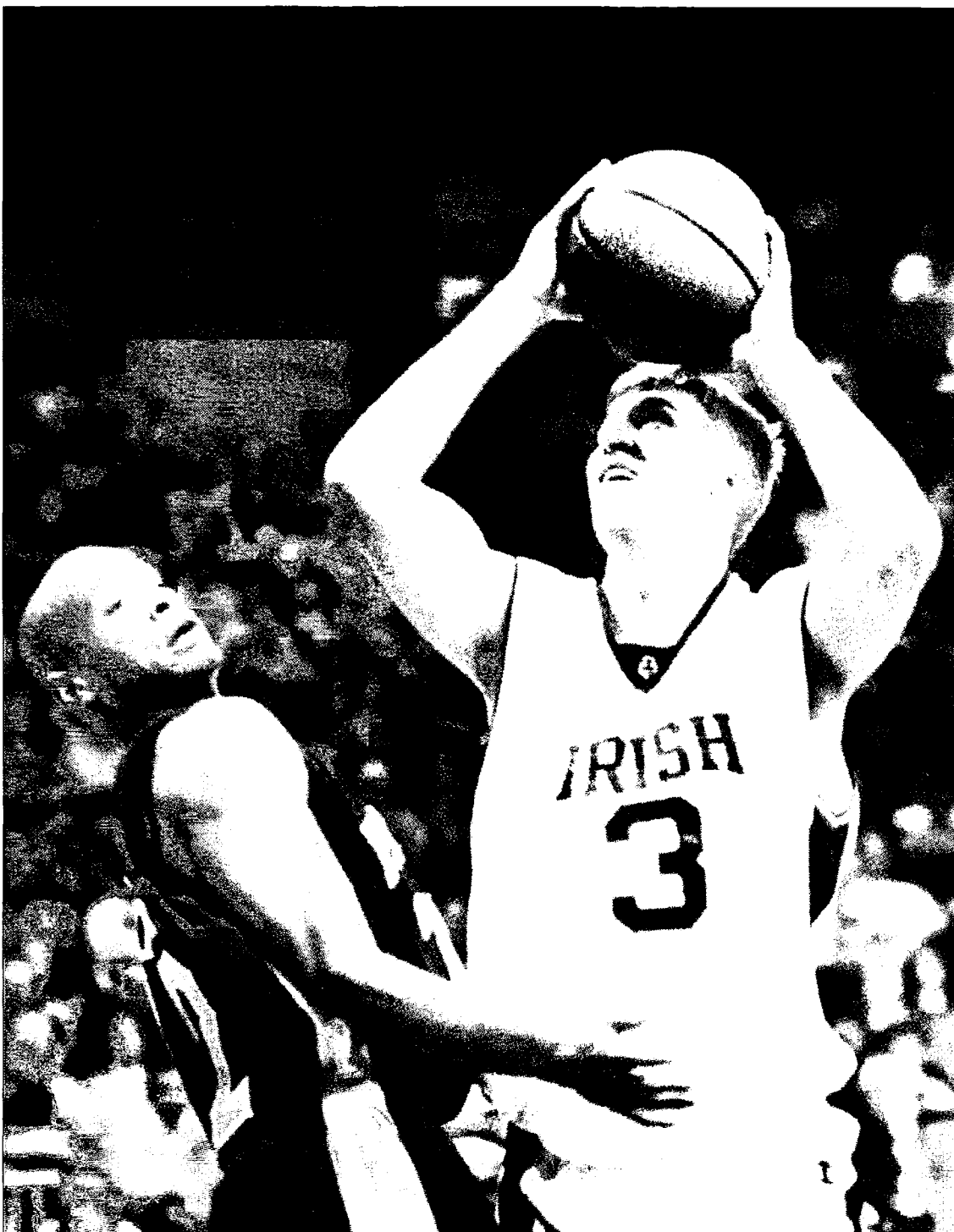
"It's very important because they're a ranked team, a ranked opponent, and it will be a chance to improve our record," Irish forward David Graves said. "We need to get to about 20 wins. If we beat [St. John's] and beat Connecticut at Connecticut and beat Ohio State at Ohio State, that will help our RPI rating."

Last season, five Big East conference teams earned a trip to the NCAA tournament. Right now, Notre Dame is tied for fifth place in the conference with a 3-3 league record. St. John's, Miami, Seton Hall and Syracuse all rank ahead of Notre Dame, while West Virginia and Rutgers share the No. 5 spot in the Big East. Just behind Notre Dame is Connecticut (13-4, 2-3), which is nearly assured a postseason bid based on its top-10 national ranking.

But the Irish are not going to be content with just an NIT bid.

"I don't want to go to the NIT," Graves said. "I've been to New York too many times. My goal in coming here was to help get this program back to the NCAA tournament. Hopefully with the help of the crowd and

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Sophomore forward Troy Murphy puts up a shot in a recent game against Pittsburgh. St. John's will have its hands full on Saturday containing Murphy, who is a finalist for the Wooden Award and leads Notre Dame in scoring.

◆ Blue and gold seek to extend 12-game streak

By KERRY SMITH
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Three weeks ago the Irish traveled to Georgetown and handed the Hoyas a convincing 82-60 defeat.

The Irish were then ranked eighth in the nation; the Hoyas were in the midst of a four-game losing slide.

But a lot can change in a few weeks.

When the Hoyas come to town Saturday night to try to avenge their early season loss to the Irish, the rivalry will be bigger and the stakes will be higher.

The Irish, who are enjoying a 12-game winning streak, have moved up to the NCAA's fifth spot. They will look to remain undefeated in the Big East conference and wrack up their 17th consecutive home-court win.

Notre Dame shares the top conference spot with Connecticut and both teams are just waiting for the other to fall to claim full rights to the No. 1 conference ranking.

"It's taken us a while to accept that we're the team to beat because we weren't in that position a couple of years ago," said forward Meaghan Leahy, who scored a career-high nine points in the squad's last meeting with the Hoyas. "We need to take every team seriously because a win over us could make their season."

For the Hoyas, a team that has recently gotten its season back on track, a win over Notre Dame could be just what they need.

The Hoyas plan to put a different team on the court than

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HOCKEY

Icemen seek to continue winning ways in Alaska

By MATT OLIVA
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After climbing into fifth-place in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association conference last weekend with two key victories against Western Michigan, Notre Dame looks to continue its recent success this weekend against the

University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

Notre Dame (10-13-5, 7-7-4 CCHA) has 10 more conference games left, seven of which are on the road, which could prove a challenge as they try to move up and secure home-ice for the first round of the playoffs.

Alaska-Fairbanks enters the series in last place in the CCHA standings, but hold a

12-11 series record against Notre Dame. Alaska-Fairbanks is looking to move up into the 10th and final spot for the playoffs. It trails 10th place Bowling Green by six points with only ten games to play.

In recent competition, the Irish have been successful against the Nanooks. In the last 11 match-ups between the two teams, the Irish have gone

9-2-0, including capturing the last three series. The two games played at the Joyce Center this year have been very tight, despite the Irish winning both games. Each game was decided by a one-goal margin (1-0, 3-2).

For the Irish to add to their win totals in Alaska, they will need several players to keep contributing. Dan Carlson and

Joe Dusbabek combined for a 10-point weekend against Western Michigan.

Carlson, a junior leftwing, has surged to the team lead in goals (nine) with the game-tying and game-winning goals against the Broncos last Friday. He added a goal and an assist on Saturday to give

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at Alaska-Fairbanks
Friday, 7:05 p.m.



Track and field
at Indiana
Friday, 7:30 p.m.



Men's Swimming
vs. Oakland University at
Milwaukee
Saturday, 1 p.m.



vs. Oliver
Saturday, 3 p.m.



vs. St. John's
Saturday, 3 p.m.



vs. Georgetown
Saturday, 7 p.m.



Fencing
vs. Penn State
Saturday and Sunday