Anti-Redlining bills ineffective, disclosure laws too lenient

by Jack Pizzolato Sealer Staff Reporter

Editor's Note: This is the second in a three-part series on the nation-wide problem of "redlining" in mortgage loan procedures with particular emphasis on the practice in the South Bend area. The first article introduced the problem and some of the arguments advanced by each side - the lenders and their potential clients. The second article deals with the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975, discussing the effect it has had and some of the weaknesses of the law. The final article will outline some of the solutions that have been proposed or already legalized in other sections of the U.S.

The above map shows where home mortgage and home improvement loans were made. It is based on tabulated information taken from the first home mortgage disclosure statements of seven local lending institutions. The map reports that $34.5 million in home loans was invested in areas in and outside the city.

The map does not show home improvement loans, which are smaller and more dispersed.

Ducks on St. Mary's Lake bask in the long overdue sunshine. Temperatures are predicted to climb into the sixties this week. (Photo by Paul Clevenager)

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Apathetic students kill parietals issue

by Sue Ballmann

The final March 4 deadline for the St. Mary's parietal surveys failed to produce the required sixty percent response necessary for the parietals committee to present its case for the extension of parietals according to Diane Smits, parietals committee chairperson.

Smits noted that the committee received only a thirty-six percent response from the student body despite the fact that each student was given a survey and reminded by her RA to complete and return it. "We received more surveys from parents than from students," commented Smits, "and all the students had to do was walk down the hall and slip it under the RA's door."

Shortly before the final deadline for the surveys, an editorial appeared in the Observer calling the poor survey response to the attention of the student body, and calling for the students to return the surveys to the committee or the issue would be considered dead. However, the editorial apparently did little to motivate the students, because only twenty-five surveys were returned between the appearance of the editorial and the final deadline.

"It was like a slug in the face from the student body," admitted Smits. "We worked fifteen hours each week because the students told us they wanted parietals extended. The committee was composed of students working for other students, and the students didn't support the committee."

As a result of the failure to return the surveys, Smits has become very disillusioned with the student body and has come to the conclusion that the students only "complain and refuse to act on their complaints." She attributes this lack of action to "lack of concern and apathy on the part of the student body."

Smits noted that the committee has done extensive research on the parietals issue and has plenty of arguments in favor of the extension of visitation hours. However, arguments are "worthless without the support of the student body we are representing. In order to have a case for the extension of visitation hours, we need some concrete evidence that the student body wants an extension of parietals," she added.

Because the parietals committee spent so much time and energy researching the parietals issue, Smits is presently considering some type of petition to reopen the issue.

Presently, redlining is not illegal in Indiana. There are no laws which prevent discrimination on the basis of geographic area. A bill introduced last year, which would have established penalties and allowed individuals to take off

redlining institutions to court, was killed in the State House. Sen. Doug Hunt from South Bend is now drafting a bill which will give certain tax incentives to banks and savings and loan associations (S&L's) investing in inner city areas.

Since the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975 was passed, South Bend's ad hoc committee on redlining has been concerned with explaining the law and informing the public about it. The Disclosure Act requires depository institutions who are federally insured or regulated and have assets of more than $10 million, to disclose the location and dollar amount of residential mortgage or home improvement loans closed to the public within the last fiscal year and for each consecutive year. This information must be made available for public inspection and copying for a period of five years from the date of its release.

In order to ease the disclosure process, the Federal Reserve Board originally allowed banks and savings institutions to report loans by zip code areas. The relative size and tendency for zip codes to incorporate different types of neighborhoods within a single zone has reduced the effectiveness of the first disclosures. "It is questionable how much we can learn from this," said Conrad Damien, a spokesman for the ad hoc committee, "although we are putting those statistics together."

In the near future, however, lending institutions will be required to disclose by census tracts, which are smaller and more defined in area. Banks and S&L's must release a disclosure statement within 90 days of the end of their fiscal year. Tower Federal Savings and Loan, in South Bend, whose operating year ended Sept. 30, will be the first to comply with the new census tract regulations.

Damien sees the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act as limited in scope, "It doesn't require any thing except disclosure, and there are no penalties for any apparent redlining," he explained. "It simply allows your everyday citizen to get an idea of what the situation is."

Lending institutions often protest that the disclosure statement does not give a true picture of the situation. They contend that the majority of mortgages naturally go outside the city because that is where the bulk of new construction is. Further, they assert, there are simply not as many requests for mortgage loans within the city.

"There are areas," complained one local banker, "that we just don't get applications from."

"There are obviously not as many requests for mortgage loans in this neighborhood (southeast side) for instance," Damien conceded. "However, part of that is because people just haven't been able to get loans, until they were FHA, and they've had to buy on land only.

According to Damien, there has been a growing interest among people in purchasing property in city neighborhoods. He cites the nation's economic slump as a major reason why low cost urban housing has become attractive. "But we have reports," he revealed, "in which people had a hard time getting a loan or they were turned down and had to go FHA even if they didn't want to."

"Realtors," he continued, "would tell people they couldn't get loans in certain neighborhoods."

Robert C. Plows, attorney for the Equal Credit Opportunity Section of the Division of Consumer Affairs in Washington, thinks it is much too early to gauge the effects of the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act. "Census tract," Plows said, "will definitely make the law a more accurate and better tool."

"But it will still be an experiment," he emphasized. "If local groups and officials can use the information to work cooperatively with lending institutions, then it will be of benefit."

William Leefers, assistant vice-president in the Loan Investment Department of Tower Federal, feels the disclosure statement could give the public a false impression. "I don't think it does a whole lot of good," he said, "because it doesn't yield the type of information it was initially set out to give."

Leefers countered proponents of the Disclosure Act by arguing that people are buying in the suburbs and that those homes, because they are new and more costly, receive more mortgage money. "We also get savings from people who live outside the city," he added.

"Around here," Leefers said, "it really doesn't make much difference where a house is located as long as we feel that there is enough value in it and that the applicant is qualified."

Leefers explained, however, that the lending institution got into an area where property values were going down due to neighborhood neglect or the presence of industry, then they would have to be careful about the neighborhood. "We withhold no mortgage monies," a loan officer at A. C. Hendricks Federal said adamantly, "the disclosure statement is a consummating but it has to be done."

Another South Bend banker said, "it is not an issue in South Bend. You're bound to find a few socioeconomic's who are redlining and the community should know what's going on."

"But like anything," he reacted, (continued on page 7)
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Seniors take formal to Chicago

by Barb Breitenstein
New Editor

The senior class has announced final plans for the senior formal, to be held on Friday, April 15. The dance and awards will be at the Conrad-Hilton Hotel and ballroom in Chicago.

The cost for the formal will be $35, including a cocktail reception, dinner, the dance and a champagne toast. The price does not include transportation, but buses will be provided for cost. Bids will go on sale at the second bell on Monday, April 10.

Buses will leave Notre Dame at 5 p.m. on South Bend, arriving at the Hilton for the cocktail reception at 7 p.m. Chicago time. The dinner and formal will begin at 8 p.m., and continue until 2 a.m. with a champagne toast as a "final farewell" at 1:30 a.m.The orchestra will return to campus immediately after the dance starts.

Those attending the dance need not take the bus, however, as ample parking will be provided at the Hilton, according to Jay Pitts, formal committee chairman. The senior formal committee will meet Tuesday, March 8, at 3 p.m. in the gym to begin planning the event.

A new book on revivalism in the Catholic Church by Dr. Jay P. Dolan, assistant professor of history at Notre Dame, has been selected for the Frank O'Malley Publication Series by the College of Arts and Letters and the Notre Dame Press. The author receives a $500 advance against future royalties for the manuscript, which will be published later this year.

The award is named for a distinguished Notre Dame teacher who inspired thousands of students, including a Pulitzer Prize winner, during his tenure from 1933 until his death on May 7, 1974. Faculty members in the College of Arts and Letters are eligible for the competition.

Dolan's book, "Catholic Revivalism in the U.S.: 1830-1900," traces the current popularity of Pentecostalism among American Catholics, explaining the growth of religion among the masses, and traces the increasing popularity of revivalism in the Catholic Church.

The book is scheduled for publication in June and will be available for sale at the annual meeting of the Catholic Historical Association of America in Chicago. The book will be available for sale at the annual meeting of the Catholic Historical Association of America in Chicago.
Compulsory retirement standards, legally based, call for the release of the University to retire Prof. James Daniel. This action primarily benefits students who currently enjoy spaces in the university's judicial coordinators at Notre Dame. Every major corporation, according to Notre Dame professors, generally considers to be open to located in these cases or any information which could be in their identification.

Compulsory retirement is not new, nor is it unique to Notre Dame. Every major corporation, agen's testimony, does not know the exact reasons for the.

Donald P. Kammers, director of the Center for Civil Rights outlined the names of the persons involved in these cases or any information which could be in their identification.

The question we have to answer is 'WHAT is best for the department?' he said. 'It's a long-term problem that is being investigated. It's not that there is anything wrong with Prof. Daniel. In effect, Daniels wants us to provide reasons as to why he shouldn't be kept on while we want reasons for him to stay.'

Freeman expressed surprise at the student reaction, explaining that students need to automatically think that simply because a teacher is leaving the replacement will be inferior.

Kammers also was surprised at the student reaction to compulsory retirement because it has been at Notre Dame and nationwide for some time.

According to Santos, professor of psychology and director of the Center for Aging, explained the history of forced retirement.

"It all goes back to the 1930's when the New Dealers were making the Social Security legislation," stated Santos. "They were 65 because it was the age used by Western Europe since the 19th century. The age 65 has nothing to do with anything biological, mental or social; it is simply a standard set by European countries."

According to Santos any age could have been selected, but the need was to have a definite standard. Any standard applied "across the board" will invariably affect someone who wishes to keep on working but is easier to deal with generalities than to take the time for every individual case. The objection is based on dissatisfaction with the ambiguity of the faculty manual and the conflict of policy of forced retirement, the view of the faculty, the student referred to a past article.

The board decided "after putting up her hair was prepared on the deck.'

"I think that overall it is a must," said Freeman. "Some people must leave to make room for others. From a young person's viewpoint it can only help."
The Jimmy Carter Show

Like it or not, there is a strong possibility that Notre Dame's commencement this year could be accurately referred to as The Jimmy Carter Show by seniors unhappy with its outcome. It is understood that people have a grand honor to have the President of the United States give the commencement address. But instead of an occasion intended to honor 2160 diploma recipients for their academic accomplishments, this year's commencement may become one solely honoring an American president.

Already many factions of the University community are clamoring for seats on May 22, even though no decisions pertaining to commencement seating will be made before April 1. Students (non-seniors), the families of graduates, administrators, faculty, staff personnel, the spouses of all these people, plus the local and national press and politicians all want to attend the ceremonies.

Last year, even without a presidential visit, the ACC was packed with an overflow crowd. In view of Carter's appearance this year, seating tickets will have to be distributed for the first time since 1949 when the ACC first opened and commencement started to be held there.

Obviously, some people will be dissatisfied by being excluded from the ceremony. The University will soon have the unpleasant duty of determining who those people should be, and telling them to stay home and watch the affair on television. Our hope is that they keep the interests of the graduating seniors as their prime concern. We don't want them to try to keep everyone happy by giving out tickets to everyone, tickets more properly distributed to the families of graduating seniors. The desire of a family member to see his or her relative graduate from here is more important than the desire of any one faculty spouse, for instance, to see President Carter in person.

Notre Dame's commencement is a valuable part of the entire University experience. It is a time set aside by faculty, administration and families to honor the graduating seniors with diplomas. We are proud that President Carter will join in the ceremony by giving the commencement address, but we hope that a proper focus will be placed on the students who worked four years for this honor. And after the sacrifices they have made, we hope that it will not be the families of these students who are left to reflect the policies of either institution. The Jimmy Carter Show is more important than the desire of any one family member to see the President in person.

The Jimmy Carter Show is also important to the Jimmy Carter family because it offers an infusion of new, young people to Notre Dame. It is an appropriate occasion to introduce students to the Jimmy Carter Show. As Dr. James P. Draneley is yet another example of the lack of communication that exists between the students, faculty, and administration at Notre Dame. I realize that the "mandatory retirement" clause in the Faculty Manual intends only to insure that the Notre Dame faculty have the highest caliber possible. It is an undisputed fact that mental alertness and physical dexterity inevitably decline with age. However, the point at which the aging process begins to interfere with competence varies greatly with each individual. Obviously, to be an effective educator, one must be in complete control of his mental faculties. He must be competent in his field.

As far as Dr. Dancy is concerned, I feel that he is one of the most competent teachers on campus. Having taken his organic chemistry class, I found him readily available and quite concerned with the student's progress in his course. This semester, he offers weekly extra help sessions, dealing personally with students to insure interested in doing what is in the best interest of Notre Dame students. Dr. J. Freeman suggests that it is important to have a "constant stay home and watch the event from the Science Department. It is my opinion that change should not be made just for the sake of change. Why should he be necessary to replace one of the most competent teacher presently on campus?

I appeal to the students of Notre Dame to let the faculty and administration know that the forced retirement of Dr. Dancy at the time would be a grave loss to the Notre Dame community, by signing the petition regarding this issue presently in circulation.

Joe Granda

Basketball is another good game. Our study shows that it is a game that pit one player, or one small group of players against another. There's a move and a counter-move, and action and a re-action. This is how any good game is played. Both sides have a stake in the outcome. Elections and political processes are like games, but the political processes shouldn't involve the secrecy and surpries that come when people work against each other. The political process, especially at the University level should be a different kind of game where the players work together towards a common goal. The presidential election is over for now. For better or worse, Dave Bender has won. We have a new president and perhaps a new game. As the dust clears there will be time for people to reflect. This period of reflection, like a lull before the storm should be a time of preparation. It should be used well. In this time before sharp­
ed enthusiasm has a chance to wear against the grindstone of day-to-day routine, there will be time to think and plan. This time should be treasured by Dave and Tom and used well. It is the time to clarify and sharpen the vision that brought them into office.

Last Tuesday The Observer editorial editor commented on the election in his usual way. "I saw it all before," he began to differ. Contrary to Mr. Hanifin's same old refrain there was a platform that was different in this election. Of the many platforms I read in last Monday's Observer, the Hardy-Miller platform stuck out from the rest.

Many of the platforms were effecting better parties, new budget plans, more social space, and even offered less agapathy. Valerie Hardy had this to say. "Just as student government plans armory parties, it should plan boycotts of products from corporations that hire workers in America and throughout the world. Just as it conducts studies concerning corporation policies, it should study conduct of the corporate responsibilities of the action board and the object is to win. Elections and political processes shouldn't involve the secrecy and surprises that come when people work against each other. The political process, especially at the University level should be a different kind of game where the players work together towards a common goal. The presidential election is over for now. For better or worse, Dave Bender has won. We have a new president and perhaps a new game. As the dust clears there will be time for people to reflect. This period of reflection, like a lull before the storm should be a time of preparation. It should be used well. In this time before sharp­ned enthusiasm has a chance to wear against the grindstone of day-to-day routine, there will be time to think and plan. This time should be treasured by Dave and Tom and used well. It is the time to clarify and sharpen the vision that brought them into office.

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by Maureen Safiel
Staff Reporters

The proposed tryout regulations for the 1977-78 Notre Dame cheerleading squad have been released and are available for prospective cheerleaders in the LaFortune Student Activities Office on first floor of the Student Union.

The proposals define the try-out process, requirements, restrictions and quotas. They were written in order to clearly explain the procedure to students from both St. Mary’s and Notre Dame who wish to try out for cheerleading for the 1977-78 academic year.

The regulations at this time are tentative, but will be finalized on Friday unless there are strong objections to the stated policies. The proposed regulations were written by Hank Carrico and Becky Bracken, co-captains for the 1976-77 team, and John Reid, assistant director of Student Activities.

"They are just to give people an idea of what to expect," Bracken stated. "It's very tentative and to be taken as a set of guidelines. We thought they were." Several changes have been made in the regulations concerning the time and selection of the squad. The number of cheerleaders will be limited to not more than 16. This number includes 6 male cheerleaders, 6 female cheerleaders, and 4 leprechauns. The reduction in size is due to a financial consideration. "The extra two people would cost another $2,000," explained Sue Olin, co-captain for 1977-78.

Because of unforeseen problems, last year’s tryouts did not follow the stated regulations for judging. To eliminate these problems and the possibility of bias, a second change in the regulations was made to this effect. Tryout sessions must be from outside the ND-SMC community. The 1977-78 squad co-captain, Pat Bergin, said that they hoped to get involvement from Indiana State and Purdue to judge. The reason for the outside judges is to be as fair as possible to all prospective members of the squad.

Also clarified in the new regulations are abilities and areas of judging, the qualifications of candidates, and safety precautions.

The only quota specified requires at least one female from each school be among the six women cheerleaders.

Students who want to try for a cheerleading position are strongly encouraged to pick up a list of the regulations before Friday. The regulations and tentative sign-up lists may be found in the Student Activities office on first floor of LaFortune, or by contacting Reid.

"The sign-up is not a commitment, just an indication of intention," Reid stated. "We'd like to get an idea before break of the number trying out. We also invite comments on the regulations." Reid emphasized that the list of regulations was only the first draft and was open for change.

The co-captains for the 1977-78 squad were Bergin and Olin. The remaining 11 members of the squad will be selected sometime during the weekend of March 24. The exact dates will be announced when the number of people wishing to try out is known. The present cheerleaders and leprechauns, with the exception of Bergin and Olin, must go through the process again. An orientation meeting for everyone interested will be set a 7:30 p.m. on March 24 in the LaFortune ballroom.

"No previous cheerleading experience is required, but it would be helpful," Bracken said. "The whole process will be a lot easier if they know a gymnastics coach who could help, and enthusiasm plays an important role in our squad."
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Banks conform to redlining bill in South Bend-Mishawaka area

Tuesday, March 8, 1977

The observer

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"People are willing to take advantage of anyone," the co-signer said. "The co-signer is not satisfied are the ones who are going to make all the noise and get all the attention. The co-signer can lead to adverse publicity."

In this reporter's recent survey of seven lending institutions in South Bend, the majority were courteous and cooperative when asked to provide the mortgage disclosure statement for inspection.

Several loan officers requested the reporter's purpose and one demanded, "How long do you want to see it?" According to federal regulations, banks and savings institutions must furnish the statement if requested by mail. Then they can charge a fee for "administrative costs." However, the fee can only be charged for "copying and reproducing costs." According to federal regulations, banks and savings institutions must furnish the statement if requested by mail.

Whether the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975 be a significant aid in detecting redlining, is not certain. "The banks are pretty much out of it," said Tom Mechan, head loan officer at Joseph Morgan Bank. "They're trying to unload their mortgage portfolios, not fill them."

Mechan noted that there is not enough money available now that the banks have been able to purchase the costly conventional mortgage loans, adding, "You'll find S&L's are taking over the market."

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Irish edge Demons in season finale

by Fred Herbst
Sports Editor

CHICAGO—Has the four-corner offense become the top offense for Notre Dame's basketball team? Not according to Irish head coach Digger Phelps, whose team used the four-corner offense for the second time in three days to beat DePaul 70-68 last night in Chicago. "The four corners is an important part of our offense," Phelps admitted. "But it's an offshoot, not a play. We just try to spread things out to create certain situations. Tonight we were mixing it up with other offensives to keep DePaul confused."

Adding to the Blue Demons' confusion was Irish guard Duck Williams. As he did Saturday against San Francisco, Williams victimized his defenders in the spread offense on his way to winning the Wendell Smith Award as the game's MVP. Phelps called for the four-corner offense after DePaul had taken a two-point lead, 46-44 with 15:30 to go in the game.

The move started the Irish on a six-point streak that they never gave up. With Williams and Rich Brauning taking advantage of the spread to drive for easy layups or passing off easy scores, the Irish managed to hold on for the rest of the way for the victory. The score was tied five times in the first five minutes of the contest. With the game deadlocked at ten, Notre Dame took off on a 12-2 streak to make themselves a 22-12 advantage halfway through the opening period. However, DePaul refused to fold. The Blue Demons used a streak of their own to close within four, out-scoring the Irish 8-2. After trading baskets the next four times down the floor, the Demons managed to get back home to take a 34-33 lead with 1:41 to play. A foul-trimming jumper gave the lead back to the Irish, 35-34. A fast break basket by Bill Paterno and a Duck Williams bank shot, sandwiched around a DePaul hoop, gave Notre Dame a 39-36 halftime edge.

Balance was the word in the opening half. Notre Dame placed seven players on its 10-point column, the scoring column. DePaul also put seven players on its players score. The balance displayed by both clubs showed in the assist column, 11 for the Demons, 17 for the Irish.

In the second half, the Irish outscored, outrebounded and outshot DePaul (from behind the free throw line), they also committed more turnovers. "16," commented Phelps. "That's why we had all of the turnovers."

Notre Dame had five players in double figures for the game. Williams led the way with 23 points followed by 12, Toby Knight and Brauning 11 and Paterno 8. Dave Carezzi paced the Demons with 22. DePaul added 14 and William Dise chipped in with 12.

The Irish outscored DePaul 49-37. Flowers and Knight had 11 and 8, respectively. Dave Batton missed the contest with an injured head. "Dave could have played tonight," Phelps said, "but I didn't want to risk any further injury. He'll be ready for this weekend."

"This is a tough place to play," the Irish mentor continued. "Everybody was talking about the game and it could've been down, but we came home here and won. We hope to do that here again against Marquette." The game brings Notre Dame's record to 21-6, and ends their regular season. The Irish ended their year at 15-12.

Notre Dame travels to Philadelphia this Saturday to meet Hofstra in the final round of the NCAA Tournament.

Irish Shorts in Sports

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"This is a tough place to play," the Irish mentor continued. "Everyday was talking about the game and it could've been down, but we came home here and won. We hope to do that here against Marquette." The game brings Notre Dame's record to 21-6, and ends their regular season. The Irish ended their year at 15-12.

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Fencers end perfect season

Coach Mike DeCicco's fencing team completed their second consecutive undefeated season this last weekend by convincingly defeating Case Western Reserve 21-6 and Miami of Ohio 20-7. It is the first time since 1936 that a Notre Dame team has accomplished this feat.

"The kids finished up like they started with talent," said DeCicco. "It's hard to credit anyone for our success. Our people wanted another season but we worked hard, they earned it, and they're making sure we aren't going to lose it this year."

The Irish also extended their nine-game winning streak which dates back to 1975 is the longest streak in the nation. "I didn't figure that we could keep the win streak going this long," confessed DeCicco. "I was underestimating my own team. I thought that we were going to lose a couple on Eastern road trip earlier in the season, but they made me a believer. They proved to me that there is no better team in the nation." DeCicco continued. "I have been around here since 1965 and I have never seen a Notre Dame fencing team that has had such a balanced depth, and overall quality."

The 23-0 Irish will host the (Great Lakes) Tournament this weekend, and the NCAA Championships March 24-26. Seventeen teams are entered in the Great Lakes Tournament with 27 fencers in each event for the men. The tournament also features 26 women. The best fencers in each weapon are chosen to compete.

Don 'Duck' Williams was selected as the winner of the Wendell Smith Award as the game's most valuable player.

Irish tracksters lose meet

by Laurie Reising
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The Notre Dame Track team suffered a defeat at the hands of host Drake University University Saturday afternoon in Des Moines.

The Irish could muster only 42 points to 121 of the Demons. However, the afternoon was not a total loss as some outstanding performances were had by Terry McComber, Chris Marciniak and Mattato, a junior, broke the school record in the Mile race with an 4:05.75. In the long jump tournament Dave Beitchank first place honors with his distance of 221/4 inches. Freshman Ahmad Kazimi also came up a winner in the triple jump with his mark of 44.95 inches. Coach Joe Plane refused to let the loss get his spirits down. "We're quite disappointed at our performance against Drake this weekend. It was our indoor season and we have the outdoor season coming up.

The Irish will have to regroup quickly as they will be back in action again on Friday afternoon in Alabama where they will be competing in the Southern Track Invitational. In a meet deal March 23, Sullivan placed second in the long jump with a distance of 15.675 feet. The long jump team already had 23-0 Irish up.

As has been the case the past three meets, the Irish have won the Great Lakes Championships four times since 1968 and are the favorite to win the tournament this year.

One State, one of the strongest teams in the nation, will supply the strong competition for the Notre Dame fencers. The Irish sawbuck defeated Wayne State 15-12 during the week.

"Our next goal is to win the Great Lakes," explained DeCicco. "We want to keep the same momentum that we now possess because we hope to be in better shape for the NCAA Championships than we were in the last. All in all, we're very good, but we are favored to win it all. According to the coach, "The toughest part of our schedule lies ahead... We'll do well this spring, and surprise a lot of people, hopefully we'll have the momentum to carry us into the NCAA's."