Supreme Court justice visits campus today

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
New Editor

In the 10 years since Antonin Scalia became an associate justice on the U.S. Supreme Court, he has made a name for himself for his strict interpretation of the Constitution, even while serving on a court that is already considered conservative.

Scalia will carry his message to locations around the country, including the College of William and Mary last spring and Los Angeles last month, where he spoke out against claims that the Constitution implied that an individual had a right to die.

Scalia will bring his analysis of the Constitution to the Notre Dame campus today, with a speech at 3 p.m. in the DeBartolo Hall auditorium. The talk, called "On interpreting the Constitution," is free and open to the members of the campus community.

Scalia has gained attention for his stance against reading new rights into the Constitution. In a 1986 speech in Los Angeles, Scalia said that such an "evolutionist" approach to constitutional interpretation strips the document of the "immovable" power it should have in a democracy.

According to Scalia, the authors of the Constitution were not so "Pollyanna-ish" to believe that "we're getting better and better every day." They wanted some things that were "immovable."

Although Scalia carries the tag as the champion of the "original interpretation," school of constitutional analysis, Scalia has said that constitutional interpretation transcends liberal-conservative lines.

For example, he criticized the court's ruling that gay and lesbian couples may not be singled out for official discrimination simply because of "animosity" toward their sexual orientation.

And he denounced the court's decision striking down a $2 million punitive damages verdict as "animosity" for official discrimination simply because of the forum's presence. Scalia would not expect this "immovable" power to be stripped from the Constitution.

In a ruling designed to discourage Steve Forbes-like campaign financing, the student government constitutional by-laws place a $150 spending limit on each election ticket.

"The limit really makes it a fair election. This isn't the real world where whoever has the most money wins," Griffin said.

Szabo agreed. "There's a lot of temptation to invest a lot of money in elections. I think the limit's very necessary. It just means we can't flood every dorm with flyers."

Both tickets admitted that they were keeping careful track of costs and shopping thriftily to conserve money.

"That limit's always in the back of our minds, definitely," Nass admitted, "but just from being in SUB, I'm used to dealing with money and knowing about things like how much posters cost."

"If it were up to us, we'd have millions of posters. There are a lot of dorms to cover," Gildard said.

Both tickets shared the strategy of spending most of their funds on posters during the primary elections. Whether purchasing Kinko's or a copy Max, both tickets agreed that the cost of hundreds of colored flyers can add up quickly.

Szabo/Gillard admitted to spending nearly $150 before election day.

SLF's sacred hoops

As part of the 50th annual Lit Fest, a reading by Pratchett's "Web." In part, the novel explores Lakota spirituality, and the power of spiritual healing. SLF will continue with student readings and Wednesday with Robert Creeley, both at the Main Library in Washington Hall.

SMC set to name new president

Observer Staff Report

After an exhaustive and confidential search, the Board of Trustees is prepared to announce the 10th president of Saint Mary's College.

In a memo released yesterday, Sister Rachael Callahan, chair of the Presidential Search committee, announced that the board of Trustees confirmed a candidate to assume the presidency. However, the name and background information of the successor to current President William Hickey cannot yet be released.

The trustees met this weekend to finalize the decision and a formal announcement should be made in the coming weeks, pending a meeting between the future president and Mary Lou Gorno, chair of the Board of Trustees.

Alluding that the confidentiality of the process might have breached the "traditional "openness" that characterizes the community, Callahan said that measures have been taken to ensure that the Saint Mary's community "can take great pride... and hopefully a sense of ownership in the decision of the Board of Trustees."

Throughout the process, she stressed that without that promise of confidentiality to the candidates, the College would lose its top prospective candidates. The justification behind this decision was that many individuals, such as sitting presidents at other...
WASHINGON

The Army suspended its senior noncommissioned officer today in the wake of allegations of sexual misconduct made by a former soldier who had worked on his staff. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis Reimer issued a statement that Sgt. Maj. of the Army Gene McKinney had been assigned to the Secretary Togo West, also appearing on Sunday ABC's "This Week," has stepped down from a panel studying sex abuse in the Army after 22 years. He appears in an Army video while celebrating his retirement and American geography. Shakespeare was buried thought to have value. Every year, an inordinate number of people sit in their rooms trying to decide what they will "give up" for the next forty days. Chocolate, soda, even alcohol will be cast aside for the next month in the spirit of piety and sacrifice. For forty enter these mini-devotionals will stand as an enticing sign of the change, and the dining hall K. S. Smith will serve most on Fridays. Some of our campus community spent this past weekend indulging in a fury of religiously-based activities down South. Others of us spent our time roaming our lovely campuses, absorbed in our own thoughts.

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

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### World at a Glance

**Muslim riot in western China leads to 500 initial arrests**

*BEIJING*

In a worrisome escalaton, Chinese leaders, young Muslims demanding independence in western regions by this weekend, have torched cars in the region's worst riots in nearly 50 years.

Death toll reports from riots last Wednesday and Thursday varied wildly—from four to nearly 50 killed and 100 injured. It was not possible to reconcile the figures properly.

Police quashing the riots fired into the air and arrested hundreds. "There was a report that the riot was illegal," an official with Xinjiang's provincial government told the only his surname, Liu, said Monday. "Illegal protests are curbed." The rioters were Uighurs, Xinjiang's Muslim majority, who were demanding independence for the region. I was an officer with the Yining city police said. There is deep resentment about Chinese rule and an influx of ethnic Chinese into the region, where Turkish-speaking Uighurs live.

Chinese police said Monday that four to five people were killed in the violence in Yining, a city close to the border with Kazakhstan in China's Xinjiang province.

But a Hong Kong newspaper, Ming Pao, reported Monday that more than 10 Chinese were killed and their bodies set on fire.

**Freshman dies after fraternity party**

FROSTBURG, Md.

Eight students at Frostburg State University were charged with manslaughter in the alcohol poisoning death of a freshman who got drunk at a fraternity party. The freshman, John Eric Stinner, 19, committed at least six beers and 12 shots of vodka in two hours at the off-campus Kappa Beta Zeta, Albany County's State's Attorney Lawrence. Kappa Sigma's Monihan friends car­ried Stinner back to his dormitory room, where he was found dead on Nov. 9 with a blood alcohol content of 0.34 percent, more than three times the legally intoxicated level of 0.10 percent. The defendants were indicted on Friday and had been released on their rec­ognition by Monday afternoon, Kelly said. Seven were members of Kappa Beta Zeta, one of several unsanc­tioned fraternities that bold weekend parties in the western Maryland town of 8,000. The eight lived in the apartment building the sophomore was killed.

They were charged with reckless endangerment and sale of alcohol without a license. About 5,700 people died from alcohol poisoning in 1994, the most recent report available from the National Center for Health Statistics. Of those, 375 were 15 to 19 years old.

"Easy subjects top students' lists"
The Shirt project, Notre Dame's largest student-run charity organization, has quietly entered its seventh year. What began as a stunt to raise money for An Tostal has now evolved into a Notre Dame football tradition—a tradition which generates over $200,000 a year for student interests and charity causes.

The Shirt project was started in 1990 by Brennan Harvath and made its official debut during the 1990 opening home game versus the University of Michigan. The game featured a spectrum of about 85 percent of the Notre Dame student body wearing the Kelly green t-shirt and its college of University landmarks.

The office of the individual who is in charge of the Shirt's design, production, distribution, and general management was located in a single on the third floor of Dillon Hall. Junior Bill Walsh has been the executive student coordinator since his freshman year.

He acquired the position by responding to an advertisement in The Observer and said that he was later selected for his experience in the area.

"I've been involved with making t-shirts since I was in eighth grade," Walsh said. Making a t-shirt is rather complicated, requiring knowledge of color separation and other technical processes, he explained.

"You can sit and draw the design for a t-shirt in a few days," he said, "but to make a shirt project the size of The Shirt, successful involves a lot more work."

Actually, certain aspects of The Shirt's design were established themselves as part of its tradition. One such tradition is placing the Alumni Association logo on the left sleeve. Another factor considered in The Shirt's design is keeping the front part simple in order to create a one-color effect in the student section.

"The Shirt's student staff consists of about ten good people with different talents," said Walsh. "There's very few specific jobs with us. Someone in the group has to know about art, how to manage money, to deal with the press, and to interact with other people. In fact, Walsh attributes The Shirt's success to its student staff.

"The Shirt staff is an interesting group," he said. "They've managed to hold together a very complex system successfully. The Shirt is teamwork at its finest."

This year's The Shirt student staff is composed of Juniors Ryan Murphy, Jeremy Scarlett, Jim Laur, Matt O'Shaugnessy, Scott Howitt, and two University advisors to The Shirt is Gayle Spencer, assistant director of student activities.

"The Shirt is a year-long process that simulates the entire football season, in fact," Walsh said. "The Shirt '97 will be ready amount of money for charity. It is essential that we perform our job responsibly."

Today...
A look at The Shirt
For most students, The Shirt is a Notre Dame tradition that begins and ends with each football season. For the members of The Shirt's student staff, however, it is a year-long process of hard work.

Student Coordinator appoints successor
By JUSTYN HARKIN
Department Page Editor

After three years of guiding production and design of The Shirt, junior Bill Walsh has now begun the process of training his successor.

Walsh has effectively established a one-year apprenticeship to introduce his successor, sophomore Brian Emmerson, to all the responsibilities his position encompasses.

Organizational skills played a major role in the choice of a replacement, Walsh said, noting Emmerson was chosen because he is "massively responsible."

Becoming executive student coordinator will require Emmerson to learn about licensing, marketing, and t-shirt production. He will also learn how to deal with the directors of each campus retailer, such as the bookstore, varsity shop, and the Alumni Association.

"Notre Dame is a delicate kind of family. You not only have to think of making money for charity but also what's best for the Notre Dame community," Walsh said, explaining the thoroughness of training.

While the apprenticeship is a new idea for The Shirt, it is one that Walsh believes will certainly benefit it.

"Sometimes we (The Shirt staff) are presented with certain moral issues," said Walsh, cryptically alluding to the business practices of other, more aggressive companies.

Due to a lack of response to an advertisement placed in The Observer earlier in the year, Walsh hand-chose Emmerson to take the job.

Emmerson will essentially be doing the job by himself, under Walsh's and Assistant Director of Student Activities Gayle Spencer's supervision.

"She has been a great help," Emmerson noted.

Although Emmerson's involvement with The Shirt has just begun, he already realizes the importance of his job.

"I've got some big shoes to fill," he added. "Bill's done an excellent job the past couple of years."
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colleges and universities, would place their jobs at risk if they publicly announced their candidacy for the Saint Mary's position.

According to Callahan, the community was indirectly involved in the process because the "Statement of Desired Presidential Leadership Characteristics" that was developed by the community was "until the final moment, the

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tion, but how we comb through information to produce knowledge," commented Komskany. "Our last advantage is the ability to manage this knowledge and have a true understanding of our client's needs. This requires teamwork and a diverse, multicultural work force.

On April 15, Komskany stands to become chairman of the Board of Directors of Merrill Lynch in regards to his promotion. Komskany drew a comparison to Notre Dame football coach Bob Davie. "We both begin the first year of our rookie season following in big footsteps, entrusted with franchise

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Scalia earned his bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. Scalia's legal career has included private practice in

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Any full-time undergraduate or graduate student at Notre Dame or Saint Mary's is encouraged to apply. For questions about the application process or for more information about any position, call The Observer at 631-4542.

NEWS EDITOR
Applicants should have news reporting, writing and editing skills. The News Editor manages a staff of editors and reporters, generates story ideas and series ideas and is responsible for the content of the news section each day.

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Any full-time undergraduate student at Saint Mary's is encouraged to apply. The editor manages Saint Mary's department headlines, coordinates coverage with Notre Dame staff, generates story ideas on the Saint Mary's campus and is responsible for the Observer office at Saint Mary's.

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the primary. "We didn't want to look back and say that we hadn't pushed hard enough to even make the runoff," Szabo explained. Griffin/Nass' spending emphasis was also during the primary elections.

"We've got a little less than $50 left," Nass shared, "but that's enough for the runoff." Independent of spending habits, both tickets have definite ideas about how their campaigning will focus over the next few days.

"When we go door-to-door, we take the time out to do more than just say hi. We want to let them know about us and talk to them to get ideas," Griffin said. One such idea Griffin said he was given was the need for more pencil sharpeners across campus.

"We're just going to keep meeting people and emphasizing how our ideas are doable," Nass said. The two also noted that their "unity and diversity" plank had been well received.

Gillard also addressed platform issues: "We'll still emphasize student rights and our student trustee idea. When people look at our platform and ask how you are going to accomplish that? these ideas about improved representation are what we tell them." Of their platform goals, Szabo and Gillard remarked that their meal-plan reform ideas had been especially well-received.

Voting for Wednesday's election will take place in the residence halls and in the Huddle from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

THE OBSERVER is now accepting applications for the 1997-98 General Board

Any full-time undergraduate or graduate student at Notre Dame or Saint Mary's is encouraged to apply. Please submit a three page statement of intent with a resume to Brad Prendergast by Friday, Feb. 14 at 5 p.m.

ADVERTISING MANAGER
Applicants should have business management and sales skills. The Advertising Manager oversees an assistant and a staff of account executives and is responsible for generating advertising revenue.

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as part of Saint Mary's Little Sibs Weekend, younger brothers and sisters had the chance to meet Irish gendarmes. Here, sophomore fullback Jamie Spencer takes time with a sit.

■ Security Beat
Fri., Feb. 7
4:10 a.m. A Blagojeff Hall resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls.
1:17 p.m. A Knott Hall resident reported receiving a threatening telephone call.
Sat., Feb. 8
9:36 a.m. A South Bend resident was arrested by Security for shoplifting in the Harper Store.
3:15 p.m. A Zahn Hall resident was transported by Security to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.
7:14 p.m. A Keenan Hall resident was transported by Security to the University Health Center for treatment of a sports injury.
8:45 p.m. A South Bend resident was arrested by Security for shoplifting in the Harper Store.
Sun., Feb. 9
8 p.m. Security responded to a hit and run incident in the B2 parking lot.

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They were BIG, Mom!

As part of Saint Mary's Little Sibs Weekend, younger brothers and sisters had the chance to meet Irish gendarmes. Here, sophomore fullback Jamie Spencer takes time with a sit.
Heisers, Roland will lead Observer boards

By HEATHER COCKS
Assistant News Editor

John Heisler and Tom Roland were appointed as managing editor and business manager respectively for the 1997-98 year. Editor-in-Chief Brad Prendergast announced yesterday.

Heisler, a junior from New York, Va., who resides in Lyons Hall, is a government major with a concentration in the Herburger Program in Public Service. She has worked in The Observer news department for the last three years, most recently as an associate news editor. She applied for the position of managing editor only after being passed over for the job of four Wire correspondents.

"I look forward to doing what I can to improve the coverage and design of The Observer," Heisler said. "I will be a challenge, but I think it will pay off in the end."

The managing editor is ultimately responsible for the editorial content and daily production of the newspaper.

Roland, a Kappro Hall resident, is a junior from Orlando, Park, Ill., and is an accounting major. He has worked for The Observer for the last three years, including two years as graphics editor and the past year as managing editor. In his spare time, he hopes his skill in preparing to become a professional croquet player.

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to manage The Observer's finances for the coming year," Roland said. "We have a lot of ideas to continue to improve the newspaper."

The business manager oversees the newspaper's Operations Board and maintains the financial budget of the newspaper.

Both Heisler and Roland will take over their new positions immediately after spring break.

Don't Forget to VOTE

Run-off Elections
Wednesday February 12
Vote 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. in dorms OFF-CAMPUS: GET OUT THERE AND VOTE!!!

To Support

Meeting for Notre Dame Lesbian and Gay Students Group

Today, Tuesday, February 11
For time and location of meeting, call: 1-804-1
NDI/G Group Advisors: Fr. Tom Gaughan, C.S.C.
Sr. Mary Louise Gude, C.S.C.

All Meetings are private and confidential.

Englishman shares ceramic images

By TATUM MENGYAN
Assistant Saint Mary's News Editor

He began as a painter, and was told by his high school guidance counselor that if he had any leanings toward mainstream art, this was the only road to follow.

Today Tony Hepburn's work is widely exhibited and published. Pursuing residencies and showings in international collections, Hepburn persists as a leading figure in ceramic sculpture.

Even guidance counselors can lead one astray.

Hepburn, currently the head of ceramics and the artist-in-residence program at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield, Mich., can be found in the Saint Mary's art department as a visiting artist Feb. 10-12.

In light of this visit, students, faculty, and guests gathered last Wednesday for a slide presentation of Hepburn's work.

"The problem with communicating through slides is that the information is virtual, and therefore only a vague semblance to reality," Hepburn said.

Hepburn began his presentation with a brief introduction that primarily addressed his experiences as an artist.

Born in Manchester, England, Hepburn emigrated to the United States in 1976; since then he has shifted his residence repeatedly throughout the country.

"I'm constantly looking for ways to work, places that put me on the edge, give me that jolt," he said.

Hepburn commented that his work is a direct extension of his body by asserting that. "In ceramic sculpture, your body becomes directly involved with the matter, the clay, there are no intermediaries, no brushes, no pens."

Reflecting on his first experience with sculpture, Hepburn recalled the conversation in which he was told to make a form. Inquiring about the type of form he was to produce, Hepburn was told, "That's entirely up to you."

"For me, this was a moment of enlightenment, the first abstract decision I had ever made. Painting, I always had color and figure to respond to; information out there to tell me what to do. The ensuing sense of responsibility this event gave me was colossal," he said.

Hepburn invited questions from the audience upon the close of his presentation. Juniors Jessi Lentuch and Stephanie Lancaster, after working with Hepburn, said, "It is a great experience to have the opportunity to work with some of Hepburn's caliber, to work with a different and fresh perspective."

Birdine: Knowing heritage and self leads to harmony

By SEAN MAHONEY
News Writer

Earning respect and balance in a multicultural environment takes both self-affirmation and a commitment to action, according to Steven Birdine, Indiana University's coordinator of diversity programs. In last night's lecture, Birdine emphasized the need for communication and openness between racially diverse individuals.

"Stereotypes are great for lazy people who don't want to do the work of getting to know people," Birdine said.

He began his presentation by exploring the roots of Black History Month, describing it as an affirmation of African Americans and their culture. By acknowledging their heritage, he said, students can improve their understanding of the way their lives are valued and increasing their awareness of cultural differences.

Birdine explained that expecting and recognizing the individuality of every person is the first step in "chipping away the walls that keep us apart."

Additionally, he stressed the need for open and honest dialogues untoucd by the constraints of political correctness.

"We all have to be a little uncomfortable to be comfortable with a person who may never have been comfortable with me," he said.

Last night's lecture also called for students to make an individual commitment to their academic and personal growth. In a celebration of the self, Birdine advised that "you should get out of the box and keep your horizons wide open."

Birdine noted that many African Americans choose to celebrate their collective heritage during Black History Month instead of championing their individual accomplishments.

"I'm Swag," he said.

Steven Birdine tackled stereotypes and identity during yesterday's lecture.

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**Ruhe: Don’t forget prayer**

By MEREDITH JOHNSON

The art of great conversation can be an advantage in a person’s life. And according to Jack Ruhe, learning to converse with God and allowing Him into our lives can be a blessing of great worth.

Ruhe, a professor of management at Saint Mary’s, addressed the need for conversation not only between him and another but with God in a lecture last night.

“We need to struggle to integrate our Christianity into our work lives,” Ruhe said. “My one concern is that the cultural values of work may harm the values students have learned at home and at school.”

Ruhe also connected conversations between God and college life. “Students are searching for certainty through life,” he said, while citing decisions students face choosing majors, fulfilling degree requirements, and facing life. “Conversations with friends and God can help direct you. I realized that you need to be open to God’s plan,”

Junior Eileen Niemi commented on the lecture: “The talk was a great experience to learn of sharing faith and how it applies to our conversations with others. It was a terrific way to start the Lenten season.”

The lecture was the second in a three part series organized by Saint Mary’s senior Laura Lecman. “My goal was to gather students and faculty. There is so much for students to learn from their experience. The lecture tonight was to create an opportunity,” she said.

The panel also included Saint Mary’s seniors Hilary Hackenbruck, and Mary Connolly, associate professor of mathematics at Saint Mary’s. Connolly introduced the lecture by stressing the importance of listening.

“We have to think and understand what the other person is thinking,” Connolly said. She added that conversations can create great bonds between people, and that by discussing emotional issues we get to know the likes, dislikes, ideas, and goals of one another.

“Learning to converse with God should be a great conversation,” Hackenbruck said.

continued. “I noticed that my life was incomplete. I was lacking depth,” Hackenbruck recollected that she was able to fill that loss by remembering God and allowing herself to be open to Him.

“God is willing to converse with us always, not just during struggle or time of need. It takes practice to learn that,” Hackenbruck said.

“I liked how Dr. Connolly talked of sharing conversation at meal times. Meal times should be special and not rushed. Having dinner or lunch with my friends are the best times of the day,” said junior Angela Gines.

Senior April Sass invited students to attend the Faith Sharing Group in Madeleva Hall. “Every Wednesday a group of students, staff, and faculty get together. It is a time to share their faith with one another.”

On Monday, Feb. 17, the three part series will end with the lecture “Dating and Marriage.” The lecture will be held in Stapleton Lounge with Professor John Csorba and Daniel Mandell speaking.

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**‘Sober-a-thon’ begins this week**

Observer Staff Report

A fundraising program that will encourage students to abstain from alcohol will begin at Saint Mary’s on Wednesday, and is expected to begin at Notre Dame by Feb. 24.

Jim Sullivan, a 1994 graduate of Notre Dame and the current outreach coordinator at the Life Treatment Center in South Bend, said the program — dubbed a “Sober-a-thon” — will ask students to give up drinking from a certain length of time and to solicit pledges from roommates and friends. The proceeds will be donated to the Life Treatment Center.

The Sober-a-thon is set to coincide with Ash Wednesday so that students can consider giving up alcohol for Lent, Sullivan said.

The fundraiser will start late at Notre Dame because of the extra time needed to obtain approval from University officials, Sullivan said.

Sullivan said he hopes to have representatives from each residence hall put up flyers and provide pledge forms to the students.

Life Treatment Center treats over 800 people with drug and alcohol addictions annually. About 30 percent of its patients are homeless, Sullivan said.

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**Machinery giant takes heat for factory shifts**

By CHRISTOPHER WILLS

PEORIA, III.

Caterpillar factory workers endured a tough 10 days. First, on Jan. 29, came the news that Caterpillar was opening a new plant in South Carolina. Then news of another plant in North Carolina. Then Kentucky. Then Thursday, Mississippi.

Suddenly, it looked like Caterpillar’s future was in Dixie and the union’s future was in doubt. Over the past five years, Caterpillar has opened, or announced plans to open, 15 new plants in the United States. Eleven of them are in the South, where unions have little strength.

They say they don’t want a company without a union, but they’re running away from the union.”

said Jerry Brown, president of United Auto Workers Local 974 in Caterpillar’s Peoria base of operations. “It’s an open betrayal.”

Four plants will make small parts that are currently produced in York, Pa. Citing high production costs, Caterpillar is closing its 1,100-worker York plant. Similarly, Caterpillar closed a Canadian plant in 1994 and most of the work to North Carolina.

But does that mean Caterpillar management is making a conscious effort to move production south? And will the company end up making its bulldozers and dump trucks solely in the South and overseas, as union officials claim?

Group president Gerald Flaherty scoffed at such ideas; he pointed out that Caterpillar had about 35 percent of its workers in the Peoria area when company employment reached its peak of 89,000 in 1979. Today, with employment down to 57,000, Caterpillar still has 35 percent of its workers in Peoria.

“Caterpillar has been a significant part of Peoria and Illinois communities for many, many years,” he said.
the art of compromise;" therefore, appeals to principle are utopian, impractical and naive.

Well, there's nothing as naïve as cynicism, and nothing less practical than pragmatism. As a confirmation of this truth, consider the tragic tale of John E. Cox of South Bend. In mid-October, Cox was finally released from a jail, where he spent 45 days. As he described it to the South Bend Tribune, the conditions in the jail were "non-ideological." It is difficult to dignify such views with the description of "political thought," but this is what passes for political thought on the right nowadays.

OK, then, where is the left on the subject of John Cox? Good question.

As John Cox sat in prison, the liberals of St. Joseph County were sitting around debating whether or not Harris Township ought to be the site of an extension of the St. Joseph County Public Library. Now, the main branch of the St. Joseph County Library is in South Bend, but of course, one county library isn't good enough. After all, any truly pragmatic person knows the "libraries provide an essential resource" that must be provided and paid for by the County, no matter what. And everyone knows that it is unreason-able to expect the people of suburban Harris Township to drive all the way to South Bend to use the library, or God forbid, just to buy their own books. So we need a Harris Township library NOW, and anyone who's against it is an illiterate hick.

Here is my question for these liberals: if libraries are an essential function of government, what about a properly functioning judicial system?

The question being evaded by both the left and the right is a fundamental issue of political theory: What is the proper function of the government? The classical liberal view — which goes back to John Locke — asserts that the government's function consists in protecting the rights of its citizens. Among the most fundamental of these rights is the citizen's right against the unjust application of force. The radical version of this view — to which I subscribe — holds that government's proper function consists in regulating the proper use of coercion, no more and no less.

This latter view, I think it clear that protection against coercion is a more fundamental criterion of political legitimacy than either the size of government or whether it is building enough libraries. A County government whose judicial system is literally falling apart is much worse off than a government that happens to be "big" or one that lacks a library in Harris Township. But you won't catch any of our "non-ideological" liberals or conservatives saying that, because only an "ideologue" would quote a philosopher like John Locke in an argument about public finance.

Given the Lockean diagnosis, the pragmatic solution becomes clearer: obvious-ly, the judicial system needs more money. The County should raise taxes, cut inessential government programs, hire more county employees, and fix the system. This solution will of course annoy people both on the right and the left. The right is dogmatically against higher taxes and more government employees for any reason, good or bad. So fiscal libertarians will cook up pseudo-economic excuses for not wanting to spend "too much" on reforming the judicial system. But we ought to ask them why they are so obsessed with the size of the govern-ment. If a government is limited to its proper functions, shouldn't we require it to do the best job that it can, and pay its employees accordingly? After all, it is the right that keeps telling us that "there is no such thing as a free lunch." Is there such a thing as a free judicial system?

The left thinks that all government pro-grams are equally essential, no matter who benefits from them and what the context. So the left will tell us that "we don't need to choose" between the judi-cial system and the library, because we can have it all. We ought to ask them about their sense of priorities. Are library extensions really more important than a functioning judicial system? If not, why has no one in St. Joseph County been talking about our failing judicial system, while everyone has been screaming their heads off about the library for months? Perhaps the problem is that liberal-ists have become so sanguine about government power that they've forgotten that "liberals" are supposed to be advoca-cates of liberty and limited government. When was the last time you heard a lib-eral using those phrases, much less defend those ideals?

Well, all's well that ends well. John Cox is filing suit against St. Joseph County for what he suffered at their hands. Who can blame him? On the other hand, with a judicial system like ours — on the verge of bankruptcy — you have to wonder: who's going to pay the bill?

On second thought, maybe that isn't such a tough question. Irfan Khawaja is a doctoral student in philosophy. His columns appear every other Tuesday.
Don't get snowed in by Winter sports for every level of

By MELANIE WATERS Assistant Accent Editor
and MARY BETH ELLIS Accent Copy Editor

Admit it. Who among us hasn't uttered words of excruciating boredom at least once during the winter months in South Bend? And who hasn't indulged in a few too many garlic butter-laden breadsticks from Papa's for lack of any better form of entertainment?

Well, your waistline and your restless spirit will thank you with Accent's guide to winter sports in the area. Mind your way by "area" this does not imply northern Indiana. As you can plainly see by the surrounding geography, Father Sorin was not considering the needs of downhill skiers when he plunked down this university. We'll keep it short, winter sports enthusiasts! Just past Chicago, there's this wonderful little state called Wisconsin, where 33 downhill ski areas are just a few hours driving time. Granted, if you're used to skiing Vail or Steamboat, don't expect the world's most challenging slopes. Skiing definitely takes a backseat to cheese-head wearing here, but for a weekend getaway, Wisconsin's slopes are a welcome relief from the three-inch layer of ice on campus sidewalks.

Also, some smaller ski areas can be found in Michigan, although the best areas are the furthest north and are often nine to 10 hours driving time. Here is a sampling of some area ski resorts, but be warned that these are simply suggestions for first-time downhill-skiers and not the most challenging slopes. Some of us are mighty poor skiers, and the University probably doesn't have enough medical insurance to cover the costs of a paramedic bill if a ski review would be attempted.

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Cot an appetite for love?
Wining and dining the date of your dreams just got a little easier with these romantic dinner suggestions

By MELANIE WATERS Assistant Accent Editor

It's often true that the quickest way to a man's heart is through his stomach. However, if you cook like me, then food is also the quickest way to send him to the hospital.

Not exactly a romantic idea, unless of course George Clooney works at your local hospital. Romance is in the air, though, and with Valentine's Day quickly approaching, many of the testosterone persuasion find themselves stuck in a box-of-candy rut. And for the cooking impaired, the thought of attempting a hand-made meal can be terrifying. This Valentine's Day, it's time to look past the usual gifts of chocolates and candies towards a more filling expression of love - dinner at home.

What could be a more appreciated show of affection than a night away from dining hall cuisine? It doesn't mean you have to empty your local hospital. Don't get snowed in by breaking the bank to impress your significant other. The entire bill for a romantic dinner for two could cost as little as $20 during the winter months in South Bend. Granted, if you're used to dining hall cuisine, it might be a bit much for a first date, but I'm all for chivalry myself. Plus, the cooking impaired, the thought of attempting a hand-made meal can be terrifying. This Valentine's Day, it's time to look past the usual gifts of chocolates and candies towards a more filling expression of love - dinner at home.

The Carriage House
If you want to go all out to impress someone, The Carriage House is the place to do it. Plainly put, you will walk out of here feeling significantly poorer than you went in, but you will also be euphoric having just finished quite possibly the best meal you've had during your college career. And maybe beyond.

The Carriage House is the only four-star restaurant in the area, and they take this distinction seriously. Owner Evelyn George has created a stunning dining experience, nestled about 15 minutes northwest of campus on Adams Rd. The restaurant is extremely intimate, and staff attend to every need of their customers from the minute they step through the door into an atmosphere of wood and brick accentuated by towering arrangements of fresh roses and flowers. One cut rose adorns each table, and guys need not worry about remembering their manners — the best princess out each woman's chair at the table.

Before menus are even presented, the server brings each guest a tomato soup in a bowl. The top of the soup is, of course, a silver ramekin, and under the ramekin is a strip of fresh tomato cubes and lettuce. The soup, a phenomenal beef barley, is served with carrots, asparagus and some other vegetables. The thick slabs of steak, served with asparagus and potatoes, are exceptional, fresh baked and topped with a red wine sauce prepared in the kitchen. It's always golden brown, unless he's th...
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Midnight

Robinson, he said, "was a sportsman in the truest sense of the word and a role model for millions of Americans." Cosway was warmly hugged by Robinson's widow, Rachel, and thanked for his support of the late baseball star's scholarship fund.

Robinson, a World Series hero with the Brooklyn Dodgers, broke baseball's color line in 1947 and was the first black ballplayer elected to the Hall of Fame.

Another great second baseman, Joe Morgan, retired Tuesday, up to Robinson once when he saw him at a baseball game and saying, "thanks." Robinson greeted him with a smile.

"I think I never forget, Jack Robinson," Morgan said. "I'd like to thank the ESPY for slowly turning it around."
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK
In the midst of a youth movement, the New York Mets reached back to their past Monday and agreed to a minor-league contract with Howard Johnson.

Johnson, 36, spent 1996 as a minor-league coach with Buiie of the Pioneer Rookie League, an affiliate of the Tampa Bay Devil in 1995, the third base­man and outfielder hit .195 in 169 at-bats for the Chicago Cubs with four doubles, one triple, seven homers and 22 RBIs.

"I think people are going to look at this and say he doesn't have a chance," Johnson admitted. "They looked at me last week, when I was in the minor leagues. They watched me swing, they watched me move around and do things.

In 1994, Johnson hit .211 in 93 games for the Colorado Rockies with 10 doubles, two triples, 10 homers and 40 RBIs. He said his stint as a coach helped him to sharpen his hitting technique and regain bat speed.

"A lot of things I took for granted, it made me think about them a little more," said Johnson, who had signed to be coach this season for Charleston, S.C.

"It will be interesting to see what happens. I think that I've got it still. Obviously, answers will come during spring training. I'm confident it's going to work out very well." Johnson's deal came together quickly, and he negotiated it by himself.

"He asked for an opportunity to come to spring on a make good basis," Mets general manager Joe McVay said. "Last Thursday, at Long Beach State University, John Barr, our scouting director, and Harry Minor, one of our scouting supervisors, worked him out. They reported to me that he still has a live bat and good legs, and may be able to help us in a utility role next season. Johnson, hampered by shoul­der and knee problems, dropped off sharply from his performance with the Mets in his prime. His best season was 1991 when he hit .259 with 34 doubles, 38 home runs and 117 RBIs.

Johnson has a .249 career average with 247 doubles, 225 homers, 231 steals and 760 RBIs. He is second on the Mets career lists in homors (1921, RBIs (629), steals (202), extra­base hits (424) and doubles (214).

"He really loves coaching," he said. "In my heart, though, I still felt I could play. That's why I came to Joe and asked him for a chance. I'm not coming here under any illusions. I know what my role is, and I think I can contribute to this team. I can still run. I can run very well. I expect to be able to steal bases."

Johnson took heart when for­mer Mets teammates Darryl Strawberry and Dwight Gooden resurrected their careers with the New York Yankees last sea­son, earning World Series rings.

"I found it inspiring," Johnson said.

Bickerstaff hired as
Bullets new coach

By DAVID GINSBURG
Associated Press Writer

The Washington Bullets ad­ressed the future by dipping into their past Monday, hiring former assistant Bernie Bickerstaff as their new head coach. Bickerstaff, who turns 53 Tuesday, signed a four-year contract with the team that gave him his start in the NBA.

"I feel lucky to be able to come back into a situation where I'm familiar with the community, the organization and the owner," Bickerstaff said at a news conference at the team's practice facility.

"I'm very fortunate to be back with the organization that gave me my start, and I'm excited about the prospect of getting things done here."

Bickerstaff stepped down as general manager of the Denver Nuggets to return to Washington, where he served as assistant coach from 1973-1985. He was on the sideline with head coach Dick Motta in 1978 when center Wes Unseld and the Bullets won their only NBA championship.

Unseld, now the Bullets gen­eral manager, was the man in charge of bringing Bickerstaff back to Washington. Bickerstaff replaces Jim Lynam, who was fired Wednesday after the Bullets staggered to a 22-24 start that hardly matched lofty preseason expectations.

"This is not a buddy-hire," Unseld said. "I was looking for someone with the ability to handle talented players and get them to perform. I had the op­portunity to get what I think is a pretty doggone good coach, and I took it."

Bickerstaff figured in the 1980s that he would eventually land the Bullets' top job. He fin­ally grew tired of waiting and went to Seattle, where he led the SuperSonics to the Western Conference finals during the second of his five years with the club. He returned to Denver in 1990 as president of basketball operations and gen­eral manager, but took over as Denver's head coach near the end of the 1990-91 season. The Nuggets went 35-47 in their only full season under Bickerstaff, and 15-49 when he stepped down Nov. 26.

Bickerstaff has a 251-276 record in six full seasons and parts of two others as an NBA head coach.

The Bullets have struggled this season despite the addition of expensive free agents Rod Strickland and Tracy Murray to a roster that already included Chris Webber and Juwan Howard.

Washington's 22-25 record at the All-Star break was 10th­best in the Eastern Conference - not quite what owner Abe Pollin expected when he approved the fifth-highest pay­roll in the league.

Bickerstaff hopes to improve upon that, beginning with Tuesday's home game against the New York Knicks.

"It's a matter of defining roles, trying to give them some confidence and a sense of ur­gency," he said.

Said Pollin: "Bernie knows how to win and he's a winner. I can tell you, we have a great coach here and we have great hopes for Berni and our team.

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Associated Press

Baton Rouge, La.

Florida State completed its recruiting coup Monday night with the signing of Travis Minor, who was rated among the best high school running backs in the nation.

Minor, who attended the same school as Seminoles running back Warrick Dunn, called Florida State coach Bobby Bowden with the news five days after national signing day.

“I just felt that Florida State was the best place for me,” said Minor, who also entertained Florida and Louisiana State, after deciding that Notre Dame was no longer on his list.

Catholic High coach Dale Weiner, who also coached Dunn in high school, called Minor the best high school back he’s ever seen.

The 5-foot-11, 190-pound Minor was USA Today and Parade’s offensively player of the year.

He ran for 2,649 yards and 33 touchdowns last fall with a total of 4,706 yards and 52 touchdowns in three years.

He averaged about 12 yards each time he touched the ball while leading the Bears to the Class 5-A semiinals last season.

He caught 25 passes for 598 yards and seven touchdowns.

Auriol, who also coached Dunn if he chose Florida State, knew Minor was the right man for his offense.

It was clear that Minor was TALL and strong, a true running back.

“Minor had a chance to go to Notre Dame and everyone expected him to go to Florida State,” Auriol said.

But what the record doesn’t show is how Scherperle came back from 3-1 deficits in two of the bouts.

“Myriah came through with another good weekend. She has continued to be solid the entire season,” said Auriol.

This weekend also gave the team its finale of five weekends on the road.

A much deserved rest awaits the team before the final push for the championship, which begins at Northwestern in two weeks.

“We’ve been travelling so much. It will be nice to be able to catch our breath,” said Bowden

“The next couple of weeks will give us some time to practice and get ready for Northwestern. We will need to get more consistent to accomplish our goal of qualifying the maximum 10 fencers for the championships.

Hopefully, this time will give us a chance to improve,” said Auriol.

“We’ll need to continue to work to get a chance at the championships, but this weekend proves we are well on our way,” said LaVallie.

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The Mountaineers also boast a pair of the league’s top returners in Seldon Jefferson (14.1 points) and Adrian Pledger (12.6), who shoots nearly 55 percent from the field.

“We know them pretty well, their strengths, and weaknesses,” said Irish point guard Admore White.

“We have the last game in the back of our minds, but we have to concentrate on what we need to do to win this one.”

Hickey, who tallied 12 points and grabbed seven rebounds in Saturday’s 71-62 win over Connecticut, emphasized that the Notre Dame fans played an important part in the outcome.

“It was nice to be able to protect the home court in front of a big crowd,” said Hickey.

“The students were great and the crowd was really in to the game. It helps around campus to have a big-name team like this.”
Regular season ends with positive note on road

By JOHN COPPOLELLA
Sport Writer

The Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team concluded its 1996-97 dual meet season with impressive performances against Western Kentucky and Milwaukee.

Although they came away with a split on the weekend, defeating Wisconsin-Milwaukee and coming up just short of Western Kentucky, the Irish finished the season the way they have swum the whole year: with determination and success.

The Irish jumped out to an early lead, 13-4, in the first event behind first and third place finishes in the 400 meter medley relay.

After falling behind 28-27, the Irish rallied. Ron Rorer took the lead back for the Irish with his first place finish in the 50 meter freestyle. After Robert Fetter, Matt Rose, and Jeff Page placed first, second, and third respectively, in the 200 meter individual medley, the Irish led 55-38.

The Irish and the Hilltoppers then exchaged victories in events, with Notre Dame getting their second second place finishes by Herb Huesman and Tyler Maertz in both the one- and three-meter diving. Clinging to a slim 114-112 lead, the Irish headed into the last event looking for a victory, but came up just short as the Hilltoppers took first, second, and third in the last event to defeat Notre Dame 125-118.

"It was as competitive a meet as we have had all year," remarked head coach Tim Welsh. "It was tough to lose the meet in the last event, but we swam very well and the improvement over last year's results against Western Kentucky is impressive."

The Irish won seven individual events, seven different swimmers - Fetter (1000 meter freestyle), Mike Donovan (100 meter backstroke), Steele Whowell (100 meter breaststroke), Chris Fugate (200 meter butterfly), Huesman (three-meter diving), Josh Saylor (200 meter backstroke), and Wes Richardson (500 meter freestyle).

The depth shown by the Irish in this meet is indicative of the strides this team has made in pursuit of their season. "It is very difficult to swim home at night and on the road the next afternoon," stated Coach Welsh. "We worked hard and I know every inch of our team was what won the matches against Wisconsin-Milwaukee."

With the victory over Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the Irish finished their season with a record of 7-5, their best record in the four years. "Coach Welsh and the Irish swimmers deserve a great deal of credit for all the hard work they put in and the success that they now enjoy. Notre Dame swims next at the Big East Championships in Piscataway, N.J. on February 19-22."

Johnson remains confident for upcoming meets

By BERT ROSENTHAL
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK

If there is any doubt that becoming the first male to win Olympic gold medals in the 200 and 400 meters in the same games would completely satisfy Donovan Bailey, then consider him a man on a mission.

"Nothing will dull Bailey's desire to win more this year. He's been doing all the right things. This year I want to take the event very seriously, even though it doesn't fit into the normal scheme of a track and field meet because it is rarely run and is not recognized by the world governing body, the International Amateur Athletic Federation."

"I want to prove on that day that I can beat Donovan Bailey at 150 meters," Johnson said. "I know there's no world record and it's just for entertainment. But if that's a gimmick, every sport has a gimmick. This is something new and different. It's a great opportunity for me, for Donovan and for track & field. One and a half-million dollars - there's never been that kind of money in one race. It will get a lot of people involved ... even those who are not track fans.

The race will be run around one curve, and Johnson doesn't envision any difficulties. Having run the 200 and 400 consistently, he is accustomed to negotiating the turns. Bailey isn't, except possibly on a relay. "He's been doing all the braggading," Johnson said of the loquacious Bailey. "Now, he'll have to put it on the line. I don't feel I'm ever going to lose. I will be well prepared."

Celebrate a friend's birthday with a special Observer ad.
Williams, Calloway impress

By WILLY BAUER
Sports Writer

Divide and conquer was the strategy.

Track coach Joe Piane split his men’s and women’s indoor track team last weekend, sending runners to the Cannon IV Classic and the Central Collegiate Championships. Both squads turned in good results. Two runners tied season-high times and pole vault team members placed in the top-10.

Piane and women’s coach Tim Connelly rested part of their teams. Connelly specifically kept his long-distance runners home to rest in preparation for the upcoming Big East championships.

Hurdlers Dominique Calloway and Erril Williams enjoyed success at the Cannon IV Classic in Indianapolis. Calloway finished first among collegiate runners in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.35 seconds. The time tied her season-best performance.

Williams also tied his season-best time of 7.93 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles, which he set at the Meyo Invitational last weekend. He finished in fifth place.

At the Central Collegiate Championships in East Lansing, the Irish had a variety of men’s team members placed in the top-10.

Junior Dan Frigo had one of his best weekends of the season, going 1-15. He finished in sixth place.

Notre Dame also placed two relay teams. The 4x800-meter team finished in fourth place with a time of 7:45.97. The 4x400-meter team did not fare as well, posting a 3:35.70 time.

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Irish seek to avenge tough loss to Mountaineers

Notre Dame looks for third straight victory

By MIKE DAY
Assistant Sports Writer

A must-win situation. When was the last time anyone heard about Notre Dame basketball game?

Believe it or not, that's what tonight's game against West Virginia has become.

Last year at this time, the Irish, eliminated from any kind of post season competition, just went about their business playing for pride and respectability, but little else.

What a difference a year makes.

After winning four of their last six games, the Irish (11-9, 5-7) in the Big East simply cannot afford to lose when they play a team like the Mountaineers tonight with a possible NIT bid waiting in the wings.

"Our goal has been to play in a post season tournament," said forward Pat Garrity. "We've put ourselves in a position to achieve that. We just have to play the way we're capable of, and the rest will take care of itself."

It will not be easy. With a 14-6 record, including an 8-3 mark in league play, West Virginia has emerged as one of the elite teams in the Big East conference.

The Irish will need to redeem themselves from their tough loss in Morgantown.

Winning again," said Manner. "This time, however. We have to do a better job of containing West Virginia's powerful inside game, featuring Owens (15.8 points, 7.2 rebounds) and Gordon Malone (11.4, 8.1). The Irish will need another strong effort from their big men -- Garrity, Matt Gotsch, and Phil Hickey -- to even the score with the Mountaineers.

"All of our big guys have to show up tonight. Rebouling will be very important," said Notre Dame head coach John MacLeod. "We don't need any motivation for this game. We're ready to go."

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**FENCING**

Fencers out-duel competition

By DAVID FRICK
Sports Writer

When the fencing team looked at the competition last weekend at the Duke meet, they saw more than one team which had the potential to strike a mark against their stellar record. With two individual national champions among the ranks of the opposing teams, a strong effort was needed from each individual. The team assessed the talent of the opponent, and rose to the occasion.

By coming through with an undefeated performance on both the men's and women's side, the team made a bold statement that they were near-proaching national champions among the top 32 collegiate teams. The men's performance brought their combined record to 19-2, while the women improved to 25-1.

"We had a good weekend by beating some of the top teams in the nation. You don't beat these teams without fencing well," said head coach Yves Auriol.

The mainstay on the men's side proved to be a sabre team that individually suffered only eight defeats, while recording 37 victories and two losses. The pressure was on against a squad that defeated both the Irish men and foil team, the sabres blanked the Cardinal with an 6-0 record.

"We knew that Stanford's sabers was their weakest point, but the key was to beat them big so that we could have a chance to beat them as a team," said Auriol.

"Luckily, the sabre didn't have as tough a match as the other weapons. But we really pulled it together to win 9-0," said sophomore sabreist Luke Scherperle.

One individual, not normally counted on for the key victory, who came through was senior sabreist John Scherperle. Scherperle had only three victories to his credit before this season, but has continued to grow and develop into a solid contributor to the sabre team.

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**TENNIS**

Sachire reaches consolation semis

By JIM ZALETA
Staff Writer

Ryan Sachire, a Notre Dame freshman, was defeated in the Rolex National Indoor Collegiate Tennis Championships consolation semifinals this weekend. The tournament is made up of the top 32 college tennis players.

Sachire won his first and second consolation matches. On Friday, he defeated Vikram Venkataraman of Southern Methodist, 7-6, 6-3 and went on to knock off Enrique Abravca of Kansas 6-4, 6-7, 6-3. Abravca, an All-America, was ranked 11th in the fall Rolex Collegiate Tennis Rankings. Sachire was eventually defeated 6-4, 6-3 by Duke's Doug Root.

Sachire's career singles record moves to 22-4 overall. This season he is 7-2. Entering the season ranked 88th in the Rolex Collegiate Rankings, Sachire has been one of the most consistent players on the almost flawless Irish squad.

Sophomore Brian Patterson and Junior Eric Enloe are the only players with perfect records in the singles columns. Enloe is 3-0 and Patterson is 5-0.

The Irish will have three of their toughest matches this week who they face the Kentucky Wildcats in Lexington today and the Texas Longhorns and Duke Blue Devils at the Eck Tennis Pavilion this weekend.

The 4-0 Wildcats are led by junior Cedric Kauffmann. Kauffmann was ranked second at the beginning of the season. Another player to watch on Kentucky is Ludde Sundin, a senior from Sweden, who was ranked No. 55.

"The match against Duke will be the only second match this spring season. They were ranked eighth in the nation at the end of the fall season of 1996. Sophomore Dmitry Muzyka is ranked No. 18 in singles. Muzyka, the ACC Rookie of the Year, had 29 wins, the most on the team last year.

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**BASKETBALL**

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**HOOPS**

Notre Dame guard Pete Swimmer splits weekend meets

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

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**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

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**Swimmers split weekend meets**

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