Jeanne White-Ginder shares her crusade for AIDS education and how she turned sorrow into strength

By SARAH HILTZ Assistant News Editor

Jeanne White-Ginder wants everybody to know that all she ever wanted to be was a mother. But since the death of her son, Ryan, in 1990, White-Ginder's life has drastically changed. She has since become an international spokeswoman for the fight to increase education about AIDS and HIV.

"I'm not a professional speaker. I'm a mom just like your mom. And my son was a kid, just like you. But because of a misunderstood disease called AIDS, our lives would never be the same," White-Ginder said.

During last night's lecture, White-Ginder told her story about her son's illness and the discrimination that resulted from the lack of education surrounding the disease. The lecture included a clip from the television program, "West 57th Street," and a short video produced by Michael Jackson with a song he wrote for Ryan.

Jeanne White-Ginder spoke to a standing-room-only crowd last night, sharing her story.

ND liaisons help communication in Elkhart ER

By KRISTI KLITSCH Assistant News Editor

Nobody likes to wait. But waiting has become a common complaint in society, and a frustrating part of receiving medical attention. A sick person can expect to wait for an appointment, wait to see a nurse, wait to see a doctor and wait to have X-rays and tests taken. Then, that person will wait for the results, wait to see the doctor again and wait to receive medication.

In a hospital emergency room the wait is especially long, at a time when the service should be faster and more efficient. But in the Elkhart General Hospital emergency room, the Student Liaison Program helps facilitate physician/patient communication.

The SLP is a work program which combines the resources of Elkhart General Hospital with the enthusiasm and interest of Notre Dame students. The SLP originated in 1984, stemming from the Elkhart emergency room's void in communication.

ND and Pack or will make amends

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" hits ND this weekend.

Mel Tardy celebrates a milestone for black students and alumni at Notre Dame.

Irish Drop the Ball

Notre Dame men's basketball suffered a painful loss to Rutgers.

What's up, Doc?

Vandals hit cars at ND and SMC

Vandals broke into 15 cars in the Saint Mary's student parking lot early Wednesday morning, according to the College's Security Department.

Between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m., the culprits broke car windows, pried CD players out of the dashboards and, in one case, stole a cellular phone, the police report stated.

"I have a CD player with a detachable face," said Saint Mary's student Susan Sufka. "The faceplate wasn't on, but they tried to steal the stereo anyway. "They caused extensive damage to my dashboard, and over $1,000 in total damage to my car," she added.

Four South Bend teenagers were apprehended in the D2 parking lot for breaking into two Jeeps on Tuesday at 10:30 p.m., according to Chuck Hurley, assistant director of Security/Police. Officers reportedly discovered the perpetrators after a female student reported suspicious activity in the area.
The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Boys will be boys

There are, by and large, two types of men at Notre Dame. Some are the same men, those I'll call Type A, and are the ones who are in love with their roommates. They live in committed romances with three-week-old pizza boxes on the floor, and play Nintendo all day long. If they're interested in women, you can tell which ones are these by the bikini-model posters on the wall; it only's to brag about "premature ejaculation which doesn't happen often for most type A's."

There are men who, five years from now, will be living in apartments with the same roommates and floor mates that they're living with now. I've seen it: 28-year-old men still living with the same guys they lived with at Notre Dame, still playing Nintendo, still bragging about the size of their sterosts.

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These are the guys who are always dating, and always in "serious" relationships. "They're what one of my friends calls "marriage... FCCed.""

Type B guys are scared to death to be alone — scared that in a year or two they'll be due to an appalling Jack of datable fodder.

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STANFORD, Calif. -- Caught in the eye of an El Niño storm, the Stanford campus was thrown into an uproar yesterday, with damage to several University buildings and a partial campus power failure.

University registrar Roger Printup said cancellations were in order. "All bodies are scared that in a year or two they'll be back."

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The storm drains around Green Library could not handle the sudden, large amount of water, which created a back flow that flooded the library's basement, according to Larry Gibb, director of Urban Services and Health Safety.

The damage around campus included a fallen tree on Junipero Serra Boulevard between Campus Drive and West and Pago Mill.

As the storm moved in, a car hit the tree sometime in Monday night, but no one was hurt, and the road was only closed until late Monday morning, said Stanford Police Sgt. Hilary Karp. In addition, a 250-year-old oak tree was tipped near Webb Ranch. A large eucalyptus branch also fell on two cars in the Meddy Building parking lot, crushing their windshields and driver's side doors.

The Grant Building on the Medical School also incurred some water damage. Other buildings, such as Lane Historical Library, did not suffer. The calendar did not change, and possibly could need new carpet.

San Francisco City Hall, which runs along the western edge of Stanford's property to the bay, was also running much higher than normal. Much of the bank and the walking trails that run along the creek were washed away, and the maintenance administration at the Duck Creek Apartments put up yellow caution tape to prevent pedestrians from entering the slippery areas.

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El Niño driven storm slams into Stanford campus

Student changes plea to guilty

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STILLWATER, Okla. — An Oklahoma State University wrestler has been charged in the Jan. 4 death of a Pennsylvania boy.

Police identified the wrestling student as a 19-year-old from Pennsylvania, who died from injuries suffered in a car crash.

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**THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL**

**MICHELE COSTELLO/ADRIAN CUELLAR**

Juniors focus on service to students, community

By KRISTI KLETSCH
Assistant News Editor

A government class project brought Michele Costello and Adrian Cuellar together last year. Since then, the two have shared similar goals and ideas about student government since the two arrived at Notre Dame three years ago.

Costello, a Pangburn junior aiming at the student body presidency, and Cuellar, a Keough junior and vice presidential candidate, share what they consider to be a commitment to strong student leadership, their positive attitude is evident in their campaign slogan "Committed to Action."

The two candidates have served on an array of committees in student government, as well as various leadership positions across campus.

As a government major with a concentration in the Marriott Program in Public Service, Costello claims an affinity for leadership, and plans to pursue a joint post-graduate degree in law and political science.

After graduate school, she would like to return to her home state of New York and participate in political life; Costello has campaigned for various New York congressmen during high school.

Cuellar, a government and Spanish major from El Paso, Texas, has spent the past year as co-president of Keough Hall. After winning a Where to go to dorm (is like being a brother to 200 guys," he said. "Actually, being student body vice president is serving the same function on a large scale.

"Cuellar also has a similar interest in the students. "I came to this because I want to help the student body. In our position we try to make sure dorm life is being run smoothly so that we can help everyone... we have the tools and the drive to do the job," she said.

The two have put together a platform that centers around organizations to sponsor the lunch program for a day. This would allow the center to spend the saved money on the additional building that it recently purchased.

The team would also like to institute a poster program for the 1998 football season, with all revenue donated to the Center for the Homeless.

Costello stressed that all ideas on their platform are feasible, and she and Cuellar guarantee that they will be implemented.

"We generated the platform ideas from the needs of the students," Costello said. "We know what the everyday student wants. It's a benefit to have students working for students."

Costello began her interest in student government as a freshman when she was involved in Pangborn's dorm council. Since then she has served as a commissioner for both the student government publicity and social concerns commissions, as sophomore class vice president, and as a member of the SGB entertainment committee. In addition to serving as Keough's dorm president, Cuellar is also a member of the Pre-Professional Society, the Minority Pre-med Group and Notre Dame's SafeWalk program.

When he is not preoccupied with student government interests, Cuellar likes to work out in the Joyce Center, and has played Keough Hall interhall football.

"I'm a good sophomore for the team," he said. "I'm also a huge fan of the Joyce Center, and we are trying to make it more enjoyable for students to use.

"Another important goal for the team is to increase student involvement in the community. We have talked to his football coaches.

"We also want to provide opportunities for students to get involved in the community. We are trying to draw clubs back into campus."

The two feel that they are hard-working, experienced, and that they aspire each others' commitment to success.

"We are set apart from the rest by her service to others. She sets others' needs above hers. She is a good representative of the student body," Cuellar said.

Costello shares a similar image of Cuellar. "Adrian is really committed to helping people on campus and off-campus. He will be a great asset to the senate as a compromiser person."

The two share ideas on service and student involvement, but also on fun. One of their ideas involves bringing Adam Sandler to campus for a comedy show.

"We have talked to his (Sandler's) agent and to Notre Dame Security. We have the resources to make this a reality," she said.

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**Committee woos voters with gifts**

By T.J. THORNTON

After lackluster turnout in last year's election, Notre Dame's student government is actively trying to increase voter participation.

All polling places at Thursday's runoff will offer voters the chance to enter a raffle; the main prize for which is a Sony PlayStation donated by student government friends. "Last year's voter turnout of under 50 percent indicated that we need to provide the students with more incentive to vote," said Nicole Borda of the Student Government Commission, who organized the initiative.

Other prizes including gift certificates to Steakhouse Spaghettdie's, T.G.I. Friday's, Wolff's, Papa John's, Garfield's and Fun Tan, movie passes, two tickets to the Georgetown vs. Notre Dame basketball game and a football signed by the football coaches.

Voting — for either ticket — is the only prerequisite for entering the raffle, and the winners will be announced in The Observer on the following day.

"The goal for this election is to get at least 75 percent turnout," said Lori Mrowka, also a member of the Student Government Commission.

"The improved access and incentives for off-campus students should help our numbers," she added.

In addition to the regular polling places, off-campus residents will be able to vote near the pedestrian entrance of parking lot C1 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. (gate 10 of the Joyce Center in case of bad weather) for both Monday's primary and Thursday's runoff.

Additionally, off-campus seniors voting in Monday's primary will have to answer a trivia question correctly to qualify for a booklet full of coupons donated by senior class. These coupons will be redeemable during Senior Week activities.

Mrowka explained that fewer than 5 percent of off-campus residents voted in last year's runoff, and that confusion over whether seniors could vote may have contributed to these dismal numbers. Mrowka hopes these measures will help turn-out.

"Considering the controversies...

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**Kennard and Candelario drop out**

Junior Alfonzo Kennard and sophomore Walker Candelario dropped out of the race for student body president/vice president.

The pair did not offer a reason for its withdrawal from the race.
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“We really appreciate the student who reported this. We try to keep tabs on all parts of campus, but we can’t be everywhere at once,” Hurley said. “We depend on the community here at Notre Dame. Because this student took the time to report this, we were able to prevent further damage.”

Officers retrieved a Sony AM/FM radio and a GE answering machine from the three 17-year-olds and one 18-year-old. The vandals also damaged the vehicles by prying open the doors.

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which have surrounded the office of president and vice president in the past, it is especially important that people let their voices be heard,” Borda said. “There’s little point to student government if few people actually vote for representatives.”

The Election Committee begins its week of largess at Sunday’s debate, where pizza and soda will be provided to attendees. More free soft drinks will await those voting in Monday’s primary; coupons for free fountain sodas at the Huddle Mart will be given away at each polling place.

Voting takes place in the residence halls from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. for on-campus students. Off-campus students can vote between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Huddle and between 1 and 5 p.m. in the CT parking lot.

The folk choir assembled members of the student body, and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart will be featured on the television program, “Easter at the University of Notre Dame: A Celebration of Hope,” to be aired on Easter Sunday on NBC affiliates nationwide. The program will be taped Saturday, March 21. The program will include music written by the Cistercian monks of Gethsemani Abbey in Kentucky, the Our Father usually sung by the Folk Choir at the Basilica’s 11:45 Sunday Mass, the Celtic Alleluia and a variety of sacred songs from Africa and Latin America.

Campus Ministry Events
Friday-Saturday, February 6-7, St. Joe Hall
Freshmen Retreat
Saturday, February 7, Mary’s Solitude
RCIA Retreat
Sunday, Feb 8, 1:30 pm, Keenan-Stanford
Misa en Espanol

Of special interest:
- AIDS Education Week Activities, Stepan Center
- Memorial Quilt Opening Ceremonies and Open Viewing
- Memorial Quilt Open Viewing
- Memorial Quilt Closing Ceremonies
- University Village Volunteers Needed:

ND Hockey
Fri. Feb. 6 vs. BGSU & Sat. Feb. 7 vs. Ferris State
Both Games 7 pm

Track: Feb. 6th-7th Meyo Invitational
6pm Fri. & 10:30am Sat. Loftus

Men’s Swimming
Sat. Feb 7th 11am Rolfs Aquatic Center
**Hospital shooting kills 1**

WASHINGTON  A gunman opened fire inside the Washington Cancer Institute Thursday, killing a patient who was under going cancer treatment and wounding five other people. The gunman waited in the lobby of the cancer institute until the victim, Reuben Bell, 24, an outpatient at the institute, arrived about 11 a.m. The gunman then began shooting, police said. "It appears the deceased was the intended target," said police spokesman Sgt. Joe Gentile. The gunman "stood over his intended victim and fired multiple times," Bell, who lived in Washington, was a promising middleweight professional boxer who was under a degree murder charge. Among those suffering minor injuries in the shooting were a 77-year-old volunteer who was shot in the leg and a 74-year-old patient who suffered a concussion. An armed hospital security guard was within 100 feet of the shooting but did not have time to react, offi cials said.

**Clinton asks for free air time for political candidates**

President Clinton, expanding on his State of the Union message, asked the Federal Communications Commission Thursday to require that broadcasters provide free political air time to candidates who observe spending limits voluntarily. In his address on Jan. 27, the president asked the FCC to develop policies as soon as possible which ensure that broadcasters provide "free air time" to candidates who observe spending limits voluntarily.

**Brazilian thieves terrorize students**

A police officer now accompanies the train which goes to a statue of Jesus, Brazil's famed landmark, after thieves took over a train bruking 85 exchange students, as well as the Specials, police said. The robbers didn't want just anything. They were choosy. "There were people who gave them their watches," police said. "If they didn't like it, they wouldn't give it back." 16-year-old Bryan Roche from Hazleton, Pa. in less than 10 minutes, it was over. The victims were taken to the Special Police Station for Tourist to file complaints and list their homes. No stranger to violent crime. Warring drug gangs battle openly in the hillsides slums above posh Ipanema beach district, pinning residents in their homes.

**White supremacist admits to murders**

A former white supremacist convicted in five killings and suspected of four others has confessed to the 1980 random shooting of a black man in Pennsylvania, a prosecutor said Thursday.

"It is limbly Joseph Paul Franklin who killed this black man," Assistant District Attorney David Fulwirski said.

Smother, 32, and Mikula, 16, were crossing a bridge together in June 1980 when they were shot to death in Johnstown, about 60 miles east of Pittsburgh. The couple had talked about dallying.

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The Elkhart ER has 22 rooms. These liaisons are “responsible for making sure the patients are comfortable,” said Bosslet. “We call relatives that need to be notified, arrange rides home for the patients and relay the status of a patient to his/her family waiting in the waiting room.”

“When I get to work, I check the charts of patients, filling in their names and information. I see how long they have been waiting and what tests they’ve done. It’s a good experience in a medical setting, but it is also a good way to learn how to talk to patients,” he said.

Although the summer and the winter programs both have application processes, the summer program is much more competitive, Vanputten said.

Students who speak Spanish are encouraged to apply for the summer program, because oftentimes Spanish-speaking factory workers come to the emergency department. Some students also speak Spanish, and the liaisons are fluent in Spanish.

The third program is much more flexible, volunteers work whenever they are available. Although the student workers do not have to be Notre Dame students, the majority of liaisons are Notre Dame students.

“That must have an interest in the medical profession,” Vanputten said. “They are usually majoring in nursing, social work or medicine.”

Janelle LaBine, a junior pre-med and sociology major who hopes to attend medical school, learned of the SLP through a friend.

“I was looking for experience in hospital,” LaBine said. “I had heard of the SLP, and I thought I could do it. I would like to work in a hospital.”

LaBine explained, “People like to know how much longer they have to wait, and it helps calm them when you can answer their questions.”

As well as facilitating communication in the ER, the student liaisons also observe medical procedures.

“I have seen stitches being put in occasion,” Bosslet said. “Also, one night a woman brought a elderly mentally handicapped man came to the ER with broken jaw…he had been walking home when he was mugged. I felt really bad for him. I made sure he had water and called his care taker.”

LaBine has seen a much more serious medical procedure.

“One women had a heart aneurysm,” LaBine explained. “The doctors tried to revive her with shock therapy, but she died.”

“It was really shocking. The whole family was there and they were overwhelmed with grief,” she said. “I was doing anything I could, but I was not experienced with that.”

LaBine added that seeing death first-hand was very important.

Amidst the tragedy and confusion of the emergency room, appreciation that patients and nurses have for the student liaisons radiates.

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“Older patients really appreciate our help,” Vanputten added. “Old ladies really thank me and appreciate me.”

Although the students enjoy the experience, their interaction with patients has also strengthen­ed their interest in medicine, they said.

“One experience has really solidified my reason to be a doctor,” said Bosslet.

Vanputten agreed saying, “Talking to patients has made me realize that I want a long term interacting relationship with my patients.”

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C O B A hosts first Ethics Week

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Assistant News Editor

The College of Business Administration will host the first annual Ethics Week from Monday until next Friday.

"The idea for this week is to encourage discussion of ethics in classes for professors that would not normally address or are uneasy about addressing it in their classes," said Ken Milani, professor of accountancy, who helped to organize the week.

Ethics Week was created after the loss of the professor that was most involved in the teaching of ethics in the business school. Professor John Ilouk died in December 1996. "He was really the point man in the position of teaching of business ethics," Milani said. "A group of faculty got together right after his death and tried to determine how we could replace John. The answer was that we, of course, could not replace him. But the idea for this week sort of came from that discussion."

Business professors of every discipline will focus on ethics and how it relates to their particular subject all throughout the week.

The week begins on Monday and Tuesday with faculty work­shops in 339 COBA. "We have been preparing for this for a long time," said Milani. "We have had workshops since September, so we are not just throwing these profs into the water and telling them to swim. Public events begin on Wednesday with a video presenta­tion entitled, "Business Ethics: The Bottom Line," which will be shown at noon in 399 COBA. It will be followed by a discussion session.

On Thursday, Carolyn Woo, the dean of the College of Business Administration, will give a presentation on "What Ethics Week means to the College has been a week of Business Administration" at 12:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium in COBA.

The week will culminate in a social at 2 p.m. in the atrium of COBA. Refreshments will be provided.

"In coming years we plan on making the closing event a well-known speaker or a panel of business professors," Milani said. "But this year we decided to keep it internal."
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born, doctors diagnosed him with hemophilia, a blood clotting disorder that would prevent him from playing contact sports and force him to live a generally protected life.

But soon after his diagnosis, doctors found White-Ginder an experimental drug, called Factor VIII, that could be instrumental in treating Ryan's hemophilia.

"My son had just been born with a disease, but already there was something to treat it. I thought, boy, was I lucky."

But White-Ginder would question how lucky she was when, in 1984, Ryan was getting sick more and more often. On Dec. 6, his 13th birthday, he told his mother that he was so tired he could barely get off the school bus.

Three days later, Ryan developed a fever of 105 degrees. The doctors said he had either tuberculosis, cancer or AIDS; they soon ruled out the latter two illnesses.

"I knew about AIDS, but already at the time I was thinking, how could Ryan be the first (non-homosexual or drug addict)?" White-Ginder said. "All I knew about AIDS was that you died from it."

AIDS, Ryan had AIDS, hospital workers placed caution signs around his room, and some workers refused to aid in his care.

Ryan was put to bed on Christmas, his first question was whether or not his nurse, Laora, knew that he had the illness.

"Ryan asked if his nurse knew because he read in Time Magazine that health care workers had refused to treat AIDS. I don't know very many 13-year-olds that read Time, but Ryan was one of them," White-Ginder explained, drawing laughter from the standing-room-only audience.

At the time of his diagnosis, doctors estimated Ryan would live three to six months. White-Ginder considers it a nothing less than a miracle that he lived another five-and-a-half years. She attributes his ability to surpass his life expectancy to his tremendous inner peace that she says radiated from him throughout his entire life.

The day after his diagnosis, "the Lord just came and spoke to me. He told me I had nothing to fear and that I'd be taken care of," said White-Ginder, quoting her son.

Ryan's determination and strength was again put to the test when he wanted to return to school in Kokomo, Ind. It took months before the school district would agree to allow him even in the building, and once he returned, he was harassed with derogatory epithets written all over his locker and books.

"But the thing that was most important was that outside the school with signs that read "Students Against AIDS, this and this treatment soon caused the Whites to move to Cicero," White-Ginder said.

White-Ginder was very impressed with the support that Ryan during his sickness, even before the general public knew very much about him. Ryan's supporters included Michael Jackson and Elton John, who helped fund the Whites' move to Cicero and were by Ryan's side during his final days.

A tearful John, with the dying Ryan by his side and Michael Jackson on the phone, said, "With all the money in this room, we can't bring this boy back to life," White-Ginder recalled.

White-Ginder also explained how her role as spokeswoman for AIDS issues is one that she has taken on reluctantly.

"This was not something I felt comfortable doing, but it needed to be done. It was not something I'd necessarily go through again," White-Ginder said.

She also said that her crusade for more education about AIDS has not been without rewards.

Sensa, Edward Kennedy and Orrin Hatch, who asked White-Ginder to support the White Comprehensive AIDS Resource Act, "got me involved in a cause I truly believed in, but it was also pay-back for everyone who had done so much for me," she said.

White-Ginder is enthusiastic about helping other families who have been affected by AIDS.

"I know the struggles. I know the pain, I knew the loss because I faced it too," White-Ginder said.

"You're just one of thousands. There are many more that need to be told," White-Ginder said.

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Clinton unveils 'High Hopes for College' initiative

By STEVE LOTT
The Eagle (American U.)

WASHINGTON
President Clinton unveiled the "High Hopes for College" initiative Wednesday which he hopes will begin steering disadvantaged students toward college as early as the sixth grade. "I was in an environment which made it very difficult for me to do it," Clinton said. "That's the environment I want for every child in America."

The "High Hopes for College" program seeks to pair children from disadvantaged families with mentors, tutors, counselors, and other support to guide them to a college education and brighter futures, the White House said. Under Clinton's proposal, colleges across the country would form partnerships with middle and junior high schools that have large concentrations of children from low-income families. The president said he hopes to reach more than 1 million students at 3,000 middle and high schools over the next five years.

The president of George Mason University, Alan Merten, said that the Fairfax, Va., university has had a similar program called the Early Identification Program since 1987 and has been "highly successful." The White House said the President's initiative has been endorsed by 300 college presidents.

Clinton's fiscal 1999 budget announced earlier this week allocates $140 million and an additional $70 million to be phased in during 2000 and 2001 for the High Hopes program, which he called the latest of efforts that have "opened the doors to college wide" to more Americans.

Clinton said families need to understand college is affordable regardless of their income. The program would provide families with a "21 Century Scholar" certificate, which is an early notification of their federal financial aid eligibility. Clinton said this is crucial, "so they will never have any doubt if that they do their part, they can, in fact, go on to college."

Clinton said that it is important that students and their community work together to send every student to college. He said that the program will allow children to work with churches, local businesses and community groups to receive information on the significance of attending college. He also said the program will also provide support services when students begin their college search and application process.

"Trained mentors and role models will help children pick challenging courses, tutor them when they need extra help, and take them on college visits and other academic field trips," Clinton said.

The program was the developed by Chaka Fattah, a democratic representative from Pennsylvania, who patterned it after programs in Philadelphia that provide disadvantaged students with mentors and tuition assistance.

"These young people are the future of our country, and the choices that they make in their lives will either tax our society or benefit our society," Fattah said.

The president was introduced by Fabiola Tafolla, a 22-year-old Latina woman who recently graduated from Mount Holyoke College and participated in a similar mentorship program in California.

In junior and senior high school, Tafolla was a student in the UC-Berkeley Academic Talent Development Program. She said the program highlights summer stays at Berkeley while mentors attend classes at the University.

Tafolla said the program started with one student mentee in 1987 and now the program averages 30 students.

"It was a huge success," Fattola said. "President Clinton's initiative provides hope to students who never would have thought about attending college."
Anti-affirmative action bill narrowly passes in Arizona

By ZACH THOMAS
Arizona Daily Wildcat (U. Arizona)
TUCSON, Ariz.
A hotly-contested proposal that would scale back affirmative action in state-funded programs could silence some UA minority student services and university recruitment policies if it becomes a law, university officials said yesterday.

The bill, which narrowly passed a Republican-dominated Senate committee in a party-line vote yesterday, would put a referendum on the November ballot to let voters decide whether state-funded programs can take into account race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin.

University of Arizona President Peter Levey said specific consequences of what he called a "sweeping" proposal remained unclear, but an impact on the UA is inevitable.

"It would seem to prohibit encouraging the diversity of applicant pools," Likins said, adding that UA recruiters often target minorities as candidates to be students or employees.

"You make a concerted effort to reach out for the minorities," Likins said. "We go to lot of places to try to reach them." After the recruitment stage, however, minorities are subject to the same application process as everyone else, said Likins, who spoke against the proposal before the Senate Government Reform Committee yesterday morning.

Carol Thompson, who heads the UA's Office of Minority Student Services, said she was still trying to assess the proposal's possible impact.

"If you look purely at the words and you look at the eligibility requirements for minority student services, there definitely would be some impact," Thompson said.

Students must be a member of a minority group or receive need-based financial aid to utilize resources at the Minority Student Services office.

According to Thompson, 87 percent of freshmen minority students participate in at least one program through her office.

"It would be a major impact not to be able to provide specific academic services to these students," she said. "We are trying to get a good assessment of that as we do not want to do a disservice to the students."

The possible effects on the Office of Minority Student Services do not hold for minority student resource centers, like the Native American Student Center, which any student may utilize regardless of minority status.

"We will not be affected, because we are open to any student," said Salmon Baldenegro, the UA assistant dean of Hispanic student affairs.

Baldenegro said the proposal could also affect some private minority scholarships and fee waivers that receive matching funds from the UA.

Those matching funds could be cut off, although the private money would remain unaffected.

Likins agreed and said, "My understanding is this legislation would not impact the use of private monies."

The UA Attorneys' Office is also looking into the bill's possible impact, and interim UA General Counsel Tom Thompson, who is heading up the inquiry, said the investigation was just beginning and spoke only in generalities.

"The university has a number of federally mandated affirmative action programs that probably wouldn't be affected," he said. "There are a number of retention-based programs that would be affected that would affect our ability to maintain and promote our on campus." He added that some programs designed to aid minority students in academic trouble also might be cut.
Molecular ‘glue’ to fight cancer

By ANNABELLE LOUIS
Daily Californian (UC-Berkeley)

BERKELEY, Calif. The fight against cancer may have just become a sticky situation.

Using a combination of cell biology and organic chemistry, UC Berkeley chemistry professor Carolyn Bertozzi and a team of graduate students have uncovered a possible way to treat diseases like leukemia and breast cancer through the use of engineered cell surfaces that adhere to a wide range of materials.

By feeding a synthetic sugar known as MacLex to living cells, Bertozzi’s team found that the cells ingested the man-made sugar and then affixed the substance to their cell walls after digesting it. The substance adhere to a wide range of materials.

“We were looking for expressions of our unnatural sticky substance to their cell walls after digesting it. The substance would make it possible to adhere to more of the ones that have been treated with the sugar to stick,” she said.

“So far, Mahal and her colleagues have been feeding the sugar to leukemia and human cancer cells, including those found in the colon, breast and prostate. The next step is to try to get the adhesive onto the bloodstream of whole living creatures, such as laboratory rats.

In the future, cells modified for specific reactions may hold promise in the construction of biocompatible materials and artificial organs. Living cells attached to biomaterials, such as implanted devices, may warn of dangerous chemicals or biological toxins in the environment. We have begun to understand the bio-organic chemistry of cells well enough to treat cells like complex machines to really do cellular engineering,” says Bertozzi.

The RT inhibitors are further categorized into three different classes of drugs. They all work by sabotaging the process.

The purpose of the anti-HIV drugs is to suppress the viral load below the set point by preventing viral replication.

Since the development of the first anti-HIV drug — the RT inhibitor commercially known as AZT — many new drugs have been created.

Since 1996, doctors have achieved remarkable success in suppressing HIV by using a “cocktail” of anti-HIV drugs.

Today, the standard treatment for HIV patients in Europe and North America is a three-drug regimen of two RT inhibitors and one protease inhibitor.

“With 80 to 90 percent of new patients, the triple-combination treatment works to reduce the virus to undetectable levels,” Lawrence said.

Though no one is suggesting the virus has disappeared, patients generally remain healthier for longer.

Hope is that HIV can potentially be treated as a chronic condition, though Lawrence adds, “That’s quite optimistic.”

Palmer is more circumspect.

“We don’t expect the patient’s life,” she said.

But the success of the drugs against non-resistant strains of HIV contrasts with their inability to treat the virus in patients.

Against those strains, the viral load may decrease temporarily, but eventually the HIV load rebounds to the set point.

These resistant strains are a product of the HIV’s ability to mutate rapidly.

“Any successful treatment gives the virus a chance to develop resistant strains,” Lawrence said.

The resistant strains arose partly because patients were taking drugs, which were not completely effective.

“AZT is a suboptimal treatment,” Lawrence added. “We don’t really know how to treat it. We don’t know how it is more circumspect.

Patient’s lab study grows two different resistant HIV strains in cell cultures — NNR and MDR mutations. This study shows how new anti-HIV drugs developed by pharmaceutical companies. They have yet to be approved for treatment.

The MMR strain was highly resistant to three RT inhibitors, but the others showed some promise.

Against the MDR strain, two RT inhibitors and five protease inhibitors were ineffective, but one RT inhibitor and the same three RT inhibitors from the MNR strain were somewhat effective.

“We’re hoping to start a clinical trial,” Palmer said.

Lawrence treated patients infected with two-resistant HIV with different protease and RT inhibitors that had previously been receiving.

The new treatments were effective initially, but viral load eventually rebounded.

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South Bend is not exactly overwhelmed with social outlets, and our student body is not known for its social skills, so I will assume many of us spend our time watching movies and going out to eat. If you haven’t seen Reservoir Dogs, see it because you might learn something about going out to eat.

For those of you who are familiar with the movie, you are aware that "waitressing" is the number one job for graduates from this university. However, you are also aware that the number one job for graduates from this university is also the number one job for the students, we are blessed. We are short of cash, and on the restaurant and clientele, waiting on the tips. If, like Mr. Pink, you don’t think the words "too busy" should be in a waiter’s vocabulary, then just stop in any restaurant along Gragre Road this weekend and ask how long you have to wait for a table. If it is under an hour, you are lucky. You are fortunate you don’t have to wait more than an hour, but you are even more fortunate that you aren’t bussing to support your children for $2.13.

If, like Mr. Pink, you just don’t believe in tipping, then learn to believe in the meal-plan at the dining hall. You can eat all you want three times a day, and you can serve yourself.

I have some news for the non-tippers: You don’t have your degree, and you aren’t a stingy lawyer or self-absorbed exec, you are just lazy, yet anyway, so you don’t even have a poor reason to judge someone for working their butt off to serve you. And no matter how "poor and starving" you might be, I guarantee that your waiter or waitresses is poorer and more starving than you. If not, the dining hall is always looking for help. At $6 per hour, you can wear sweats and a t-shirt — and you don’t even have to smile.

The next time someone is waiting on you, please remember the immortal words of our beloved friend Bridget McGuire: "Our bartenders work for tips."

Bob Kerr is a sophomore majoring in English. His column appears every other Friday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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**That Guy in the Hallway**

**Bob Kerr**

From the Other Side of the Table

WE MUST EARN OUR PRIVIL- LEGES AND PROVE WE ARE WORTHY OF THE RESPECT TRADITIONALLY HELD FOR OUR STUDENT BODY. AND TOO OFTEN WE FORGET THAT WE BELONG TO A COMMUNITY.

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"I realized a long time ago that a belief which does not spring from a conviction in the emotions is no belief at all."

—Evelyn Scott
I am always astounded at the number of people that I know who do not believe in AIDS. Many of these people have entertained some thoughts of transferring, whether serious or not, that there is no proof of AIDS. It always confounds me that there are so many people who go to school here but can’t stand being here and can’t stay for the time, yet are persuaded to stay. The most interesting reason that I’ve heard so far was when my friend described going to Notre Dame as analogous to hanging your head against the wall — you only do it because it feels good when you stop.

Despite this (or maybe because of it), I find myself to be more and more disillusioned by decisions of the administration and others of influence on campus. The general rule on campus is a kind of “don’t ask, don’t tell” principle. It’s okay to break parietals, just make sure no one sees you. It’s okay to drink if you’re not 21, just make sure you keep it in your room. It’s okay to have sex on campus, just make sure no one hears you.

There is no perfect university out there, and there are no universities that don’t have their critical rules. But I am inclined to think that the bywords and strictures sent at Notre Dame is a little out of the ordinary. We have a strict honor code here that governs the integrity of our educations. The University trusts us to make the ‘right’ decision in regards to our schoolwork. However, when it turns to the rights of the student, there does not seem to be an honor code — we are not trusted with our own colleges when making decisions.

Instead, the University decrees certain principles that we are to adhere to — although we rarely do. Is this the essence of a liberal arts education? We are told to understand all that we can, and even strictly guided towards that liberal education, but are stopped short of growing in ourselves. These principles simply leave us less sound as functioning members of society. Instead of learning from our mistakes, we are simply encouraged to make the same mistakes.

The question arises of the ability for students to fully actualize their liberal education if they are not allowed to do so on their own terms. How many times of our lives when we come into our own, do we have the chance to do what we want, when we make up our minds to do our own decisions — this is OUR life to live and no one else’s.

Realizing this, it seems all the more perplexing that students continue to go here. There is some allure that this campus has that is undefinable, yet persuades us to stay. Perhaps it is the hope on the knowledge of the potential of what we could be and what this school could be that keeps us here. Perhaps it is the hope in the ability to change an administration that thinks first of alumni and then of students. Perhaps it is the hope of reforming a University that has less faith in the ability of their students than they do in a religion.

Sophie Forrin
Sophomore
Louis Hall
February 4, 1998

Coping with AIDS

AIDS, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, is caused by the Human Immunodeficiency virus, which attacks the body’s immune system. The thought of AIDS first came about in 1981 when unusual cancers and infections were reported in gay men. Thus, the virus is called “gay-related immune deficiency.” However, in 1982, the CDC linked this new disease to blood and named it AIDS. An American scientist named Robert Gallo announced that he had found the virus that caused AIDS in 1984, even though this discovery of HIV was made a year earlier by the French.

In early 1997, the total estimated number of people who have died because of AIDS was 6.4 million. Furthermore, the number of people who are currently diagnosed with AIDS or HIV is more than 22 million. Most of the people living with AIDS have had hard lives. However, a small number of people have great amounts of support and did not have to go through such hardship. People who have AIDS are people, whether they are famous or not, all of these people are going through the same thing.

Many people who have AIDS are people one might run into every day. A person in the early stages looks like any other. John is a man who few people know. He is openly gay and has AIDS. John told his best friend that he was HIV positive in 1987 or 1988. He has had the disease for a very long time and is still alive today. He lost his five-year-old daughter a year ago and has made countless visits to the hospital in the past year. At one point, his condition was so severe, that a hospital bed was delivered to his home. His health improved to the point that he no longer needs the hospital bed, but now and then he begins to feel cold and it hits him really hard. The AIDS virus breaks down the immune system and causes small viruses, such as the common cold, to be hard on him because his body is unable to fight the “truck.” I have had AIDS for a long time now. I don’t consid- er myself to be dying from it, only living with it. I commented John on his condition. He is a strong individual with a lot of determination. He wants to live long enough to have a cure found.

A terminal illness is something that no one wants for his or her self or for someone they love. When this does happen, it causes grief for every- one close to that person.

The health of a person infected with HIV or AIDS is subject to change without notice. The smallest virus and does have a greater effect on an infected person than it would on an uninfected person. A person who has either HIV or AIDS does not die from it directly. He or she dies from a virus that the body is unable to fight.

AIDS and HIV are no jokes. They are serious dis- eases that currently have no cure. Many drugs have been found to help slow down the disease, but nothing to stop it completely. AIDS has proba- bly been around for longer than scientists have data. This Disease affects everyone. Each and every person knows at least one person who has AIDS. Maybe not personally, but indirectly. The facts need to be known to begin to slow down, if not stop, the spread of the awful dis- ease. Furthermore, any and all research that can be done is effort to find a cure for this terminal ill- ness needs to be done. That way, people like John can say he lived with AIDS and beat it.
Imagine a plain stage containing a single square on which five actors showcase their skills with nothing but five simple shards of props. There is no scenery and the only brightly colored dressings. This is "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Each year, "A Center of Teaching and Learning" presents "Actors from the London Stage." The troupe travels on six-to-nine-week tours of "Actors from the London Stage." The actors from the London Stage are not only staging "Othello," "Julius Caesar," and "Hamlet" as part of the Henkel's Visiting Scholar Series and The In The Liberal Arts, the group tours with "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Based at the University of North Carolina, the group tours with "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Biddy Wells, David Acton, Peter Forbes, and Linford are the five actors from the London Stage this week. This tour brings such performances as "Othello," "Julius Caesar," and "Hamlet." These performances are as much about entertainment as about the genius of Shakespeare.

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**Remaining Events**

- **Friday** - Actors teach in selected classrooms. 7:30 p.m. performance in Washington Hall.
- **Saturday** - 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. performances in Washington Hall.
"It's a delightful spin on a romantic comedy," said junior Kelly Galassi. The fact that the actors work with no directors, no sets, no props, and no costumes is incredible. Perhaps even more impressive than this is that they also have the job of characterizing 18 different characters among the five of them. While this would certainly be a difficult task for a normal person, these thespians make it look like child's play. Those actors have mastered this performance so greatly that they had no need to rehearse the play this week. They're simply that good.

The ACTER performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" depends a great deal upon the imaginative scope the audience. The audience knows when the play is in the depths of the fairy forest or not. The stage has no scenery, but yet the audience knows when the characters are played by the same actor and required to be on stage at the same time, that the talents of the actors are especially evident. They are able to switch identities and act opposite themselves. They can do their own sound effects. The audience hears the fairies fly, birds croak, and birds chirp all because the actors make the sounds with their own mouths. "They [the actors] take the most basic elements of theatre and still make the performance very interesting," said sophomore Brendan Walsh.

The stage has no scenery, but yet the audience knows when the fairies are in the depths of the fairy forest or not. A challenging aspect of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is the fact that it contains a play within a play. Despite this obstacle, the players still manage to create a comical and credible performance. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is one of Shakespeare's finest come-dies, and the ACTERs preserve the timelessness of this great work with each of their stellar performances. Christian Browning, a fifth-year senior was especially impressed with the comedic performances. He says the performers were "a most smashing, switched-on, shagadelic company." Overall, he describes the experience as "stand-up comedy à la William Shakespeare." Senior Ryan Smith also enjoyed the performance. "It presented the brilliance of William Shakespeare with the energy of clowns and the simplicity of Thoreau." 

"He [Linford] had an energetic and imaginative way of presenting the text," said Goddard. "Playing the character gave me greater insight into the construction of the character." To be sure, there was never a dull moment in the "Country Wife" class. Incorporating music and a high degree of audience involvement, Linford presented "A Country Wife" from an actor's perspective. The play's characters are ones who exude a great deal of self-confidence. To help the students understand this, Linford invited them all to walk to the end of an imaginary stage and introduce themselves in a "seductive way." From the beginning of class to the end, the students were learning and having a great deal of fun doing it.

Sophomore Kelly Holohan also had positive feedback to give about the classroom experience. "I loved it," she said. "Something that wouldn't be as interesting was interesting because he [Linford] made it so much fun. He was just a scream." "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is one of Shakespeare's finest come-dies, and the ACTERs preserve the timelessness of this great work with each of their stellar performances. Christian Browning, a fifth-year senior was especially impressed with the comedic performances. He says the performers were "a most smashing, switched-on, shagadelic company." Overall, he describes the experience as "stand-up comedy à la William Shakespeare." Senior Ryan Smith also enjoyed the performance. "It presented the brilliance of William Shakespeare with the energy of clowns and the simplicity of Thoreau." Need anybody say more?
Carr recruits nation's finest

By MARK SNYDER
Michigan Daily

ANN ARBOR, Mich.-After a long night and an even longer morning, Lloyd Carr would normally relax after signing what experts are calling the finest recruiting class in school history.

Wednesday, on the first day of the spring signing period, 19 players sent in their letters of intent to bring Michigan's recruiting class for 1998-99 into what will surely be a future of years to come as Carr and recruiting coordinator Bobby Morrow watched the commitments roll in.

The class, loaded with talented players in nearly all situations, according to a group of experts which Carr said "couldn't be happier.

Harry Caray said 11 states to date - eight and Deitdle Buah lives in Montreal - the players committed to the National Championships could only account for a few of those who arrived before Michigan played in the Rose Bowl.

Following a season in which Michigan's stingent defense dominated games and gained admirers, it was the offensive skill position that created the largest stir on the recruiting season.

"It's an example of how rebuilding - more than a year ago - came from Brighton quarterback Drew Horson. His decision got the ball rolling for the Wolverines.

Despite Michigan's existing depth at quarterback and some concerns about how Michigan will replace the loss of quarterback Brian Griese, Michigan's recruiting class for 1998-99 will have an opportunity to compete for playing time from the start of the season.

"It's the advantage of playing in an out- standing high school program," Carr said. "He's come in and done what I'm sure we'd like to do to everybody and we'll have to see how he reacts to the speed of the game."

"He is a guy who will have an opportunity to compete from the start.

Holston's multiple talents - he also throws a 90-mph fastball that has professional baseball scouts drooling - extended into his recruiting. Holston did a little recruiting of his own.

Tuesday night, while most of the football commitments were sitting down to quiet dinners at home after cementing their positions as regulars for 1998-99, Holston was frying sandwiches worried about overstressing his bounds, lscol.

"Drew understands how to win a championship, the better you have to play with you and that he did all right during the course of this recruiting process," Carr said. "There were a number of occasions he talked to some guys who were visiting and I understand he made some phone calls.

While depth at quarterback may not be a significant question for Michigan, finding targets for those gunslingers was a bit more difficult.

But with just two commitments, Michigan's receiving corps improved from suspect to excep­ tional.

"Particularly, it was important for us to recruit two receivers," Carr said. "With Russell Winslow leaving, Charles Woodson played part of our passing game, and Tastis will be a senior - we did an enormous amount of recruiting. We recruited two guys who will have an immediate opportunity.

The loss or near-departure of those three receivers would probably not have altered Carr's plans, though.

"Marquette Walker and Dave Terrell would play no matter who was here," Carr said. "They have the experience."

Walker, a 6-foot-3, 195-pound wide receiver from Syracuse, N.Y., and Terry, who stands 6-foot-4 and hails from Richmond, Va., are two of the top recruiter prospects in the nation and fill the largest holes on the Michigan depth chart.

"Probably seven or eight of the (recruits) were in our (summer) camp - of the 12 early commitments," Carr said. "And most of those guys looked at the school before the heavy recruiting began.

But the combination of these three early run­ ning back Justin Fergus, nearly gave Carr a heart attack at the last minute.

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Buildings add to futuristic feel of Olympic Games

NAGANO, Japan — Rising from the earth at the foot of Japan's Alps, it seems a glittering metal mountain in front of a dramatic natural range. Then again, it could be a really big, really annoyed armadillo.

The arena known as the "M-Wave" will house much of the speed-skating competition and, like the city's train station, itself an impressive piece of architecture and utilitarianism. Minami Nagano Sports Park, site of the opening ceremonies on Saturday morning (Friday night EST), is designed to evoke the cherry blossom, Japan's national flower. Designed for the Olympics, it holds 50,000 people now, with temporary outfi eld stands, and more permanent stands will be added. Nagano wants to entice a professional baseball league to fill it.

The "Big Hat," where men's hockey and some women's hockey will be played, features a roof supported by 1,450 tons of steel that make pillars unnecessary. From the outside it looks like, well, a big hat. The "M-Wave" is what international Olympic Committee executive member Keavy Gevers of Australia calls "the venue that I think is magical."

Like many of the others, it seems very jet-age, evoking something from "The Jetsons." As for the name — that comes from the design of the roof, a kind of "M" shape said to resemble the wave-like peaks of the Japanese Alps.

The "White Ring," a shiny silver donut, is where the figure skating and short-track speed skating events will unfold. An open roof lets outside light in; inside, exposed concrete gives it character. It seats about 6,000. They did a really nice job with the architecture, it's airy and bright," says two-time U.S. pairs champion Kyoko Ina. "At home, we skate in a gloomy arena, so it's nice to skate in a bright atmosphere."

Russian figure skating champion Ilia Kulik goes further. "Being here, it helps a lot," he says.

The "Aqua Wing," with its showcase retractable roof and a design that "looks like the image of a wing floating to the ground," will be the site of most women's hockey competition. Even for an ice rink, it's "icy. It's cold — dres warm," says U.S. women's hockey coach Jill Smith.

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ATTENTION:
Dale Bauer, Professor of English and recent Chair of the Women's Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will give a lecture on Monday, February 9, at 7:00 in the Center for Continuing Education, Room 210-214, West Lounge. The title of her talk is "Indecent Proposals: Teaching's Public Image." Bauer is also the author of Edith Wharton's Brave New Politics (University of Wisconsin Press, 1994) and Feminist Dialogics: A Theory of Failed Community (SUNY Press, 1988). She is also the co-editor of Feminism, Bakhtin, and the Dialogic (SUNY Press, 1991).

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Business as usual for Belles

Saint Mary’s seeks consistency against Franklin
By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

Now that the Saint Mary’s basketball team has slammed the brakes on its nine-game losing streak, it’s ready to jump-start the new month with a win Sunday over Franklin College.

“We had a hard time in January,” coach David Roeder said. “The win over Bethel was a nice way to open February.”

Saint Mary’s is aiming for a victory over Franklin en route to its goal of a total number of victories in double figures. All last month, the Belles were able to pull off the 6-12 Belles, there were still not many smiles around Angela Athletic Facility. Things are as usual for Roeder and company.

“We want to get,” said the straight-faced second-year head coach. “We want to finish with 10 wins. We’ll do whatever it takes.”

The Belles will be pulling out all the stops when they take on Franklin, who they destroyed last year by more than 20 points. But it is a different season.

“They’re a better team (this year),” Roeder said. “But so are we.”

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The Saint Mary’s team has won more games this year than it did last year. It will, however, have problems measuring up to the competition. Literally.

The Belles’ tallest player is listed at 5-foot-10 and Franklin boasts a group of 6-footers.

Nevertheless, Saint Mary’s can cast shadows on its opponents with its roster. If the trio of captains play as they did against Bethel, the Belles should pull off the win without a hitch.

Brenda Hoban, who led the crew with 21 points Monday, is expected to play leader of the pack on Sunday.

“She had a great game,” Roeder said. “It was one of her career highs. She’s been playing aggressively.”

Darcy Nikes and Julie McGill, who brought a conclusion to a hearing Thursday morning, will also need to fulfill their captain roles to stifle Franklin’s threatening offense.

“McGill’s our inside player,” Roeder said. “We’ll need her to play well on both ends. Darcy’s sparked the last break and will need to initiate the offense.”

Saint Mary’s is revving up the motors, preparing for sparks to fly Sunday as it keeps the momentum rolling.

Now that the Belles have ended the losing skid, they’ll discover on their home courts whether they have the horse-power to stay on track.

NBA

Stern testifies in Sprewell case

Associated Press

New York

In a high-profile ending to the eight-day Latrell Sprewell arbitration case, the commissioner David Stern testified for almost four hours Thursday in an effort to uphold the harshest non-drug penalty he has ever imposed.

“I’m very comfortable with our action,” he said of Sprewell’s one-year suspension.

“My job is to protect this league and the 400-plus players who never set out to be8 in activity like the kind we are litigation, and I can’t acquit one of them,” he acquired myself the way I’m supposed to do.

Stern’s testimony, which followed the questioning of three NBA security personnel, brought a conclusion to a hearing that lasted eight days over two weeks in Portland, Ore., and New York.

Post-hearing briefs are due by Feb. 13, and closing arguments will be made on the morning of Feb. 16 in New York.

Arbitrator John Feerick will then have 30 days to rule on Sprewell’s two grievances — one against the Warriors for terminating his contract; the other against the NBA for what he contends is excessive punishment.

Sprewell, who was suspended by the league and had his contract terminated by Golden State for his attack on coach P.J. Carlesimo at practice Dec. 1, will know the outcome of his grievance by March 18 at the latest.

Horace Bamer, the league’s director of security, testified for two hours Thursday morning and was followed by two of his deputies, Jim Wilson and Alina Parker.

Stern then answered questions from lawyers representing the league and the players association — as well as the arbitrator himself — as he testified from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

With a limited gag order lifted for the weekend, Stern stopped in the lobby to talk to reporters.

“I can’t go into specifics, but it was not difficult,” he said. “I don’t want to appear to be influencing the outcome, so I’m not going to comment on the testimony. The core issues have stayed the same, and I’m sure the arbitrator will give it his full attention and come to a conclusion,” Stern said.

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This should be an All-Star game to remember, a crossroads event with subplot upon subplot in the media capital of the world.

Michael Jordan in his "last" All-Star game vs. Kobe Bryant in his first.

The league elders vs. the toddlers.

Grumpy George Karl vs. laid-back Larry Bird.

The slam-dunk contest vs. 2-ball.

It even has the David Stern vs. Latrell Sprewell sideshow.

"It's going to be fun. I can't wait. Talk about your emotions and adrenaline," said Bryant, the 19-year-old Lakers reserve voted by fans into the starting lineup for the Western Conference and the youngest NBA All-Star ever.

The game, which tips off Sunday at 6:38 p.m. EST, looks like it may have some of the pizzazz that was missing the last couple of years in humdrum contests in the too-big Alamodome in San Antonio and the silent Gund Arena in Cleveland.

The New York Knicks' Madison Square Garden is known as the mecca of basketball and the game hasn't been in the Big Apple since 1968. Some 1,817 media credentials have been issued, scalpers have been demanding more than $1,000 for the best seats and even the players seem to be looking forward to it instead of secretly dreading the lost vacation time.

"It's going to be very exciting, given all the young players who have made the team," Jordan said. "Most of the old guys and some of the old faces have gone; it's like the changing of the times."

The East and West rosters feature players from different generations. There are elders in Jordan, Karl Malone, David Robinson and Reggie Miller, youngsters in Bryant, rookie Tim Duncan, Kevin Garnett and Antoine Walker; and three generations of "teenagers:" the Jason Kidd-Nick Van Exel-Vin Baker types; the slightly older Grant Hill-Penny Hardaway-Shaqille O'Neal set; and the early 30s Shawn Kemp-Glen Rice-Mitch Richmond crew.

Among the "old faces," Jordan was talking about are Patrick Ewing of New York (11-time All-Star); Charles Barkley (11), Hakim O'Neal (12) and Clyde Drexler (10), all of Houston; John Stockton of Utah (9); and Scottie Pippen (7) of Chicago.

Injuries and diminished vote totals kept all of them from making this year's cut, leaving their formerly automatic roster spots open to some of the league's most exciting newcomers.

Jordan and Utah's Malone are the oldest veterans on the all-star team, and the seven first-timers are: Bryant, Van Exel, Duncan, Walker, Steve Smith, Rik Smits and Jayson Williams.

"Charles is not there, O'Neal is not there, Ewing's not there - all the guys who came up with me when we made the transformation from the Larry Bird and the Kevin McHale," Jordan said. "I guess I seem like the oldest one who is still around who made the transition."

The East brings a two-game winning streak into the game. Jordan needs to score 41 points to break Kareem-Abdul Jabbar's career All-Star game scoring record of 251 points. Jordan's average of 21.1 points in 10 All-Star games is the highest in league history.

It may be his last All-Star game. Jordan says he'll retire if Phil Jackson is not rehired as coach of the Chicago Bulls, and general manager Jerry Krause has said Jackson won't be back.

"This is it, I'm done," Jordan said Wednesday night. "It's totally simple. I won't play anywhere else. I won't follow Phil anywhere. I will totally retire. That clears up every question."

If everyone sticks to their positions, it means the NBA will lose the greatest player in its history at a time when the game is unseated when the league is waging a campaign to keep its image shiny.

From enforcing rules on the length of shorts to handing forfeted a shaggy beard and refused to cut his hair in a show of rebelliousness.

Bird backed off his earlier stance he would not be a part of another All-Star weekend, he didn't want to take anything away from what his Indiana Pacers have accomplished. The team has the best record in the East, earning Bird the coaching spot.

The league has the right to reopen the collective bargaining agreement with the players union, and many agents and team personnel said a lockout would begin to build July 1 and carry into the fall, threatening the future is unsettled and the lockout's midterm deadline.

Perhaps not coincidentally, none of the league's top players will be around for the weekend's festivities.

Dennis Rodman, on his way to San Antonio and Sprewell will be elsewhere, too.

The biggest malcontent may be West coach Karl. Despite winning an average of more than 60 games over the past four seasons, Karl has been left hanging by Seattle management in his quest to get the Coaching spot.

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The biggest debate in the NBA this week has been the assimilation of the WNBA into All-Star weekend takes place when a new skills event, 2-ball, replaces the popular but stale slam-dunk contest. Eight women from the sister league will pair with NBA players from the East and West for 2-ball, a shooting event in which players alternate shots from designated spots on the court.

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"The All-Star game hasn't been in New York for 30 years," Stern said, "and we think it's going to be one of the best ever."
Bonnie's and Irish will renew rivalry this weekend
By MATT YUNG
Sports Writer

There is no place like home and after an extended, competition-less absence of over two months from Helfa Aquatics Center, Notre Dame men's swimming team will have the full support of the fans this Saturday. Starting at 11 a.m. the Irish will duel St. Bonaventure University out of southwest New York and try to keep their five-meet win streak in tact.

This year's meet is similar to last year's at St. Bonaventure when the Irish headed east with their heads high and a four-dual winning streak. They returned with their tails between their legs.

The all-time series record against St. Bonaventure is 22-8 in favor of the Irish, and a Notre Dame win would push the team's record to a commendable 10-1. It would also keep the team's hope of going down as one of the best teams in Irish history alive.

Junior Jim Kelly, arguably SBU's best swimmer, will go head-to-head with James Scott-Browne or Scott Zumbach in the 500-meter freestyle. Kelly has swam a 4:32.50 500-meter freestyle. The Irish record is 4:35. Senior speedster Ron Boyer is favored in the 50-meter freestyle and sophomore Ray Fitzpatrick looks good in the 200-meter freestyle.

Irish junior breaststroker Steele Whowell will get a chance to battle SBU's tail, powerful, and vastly improved senior Ped Ciochow.

Irish diver Herb Huesman, who is on a hot streak, looks forward to dazzling the fans with his crowd-pleasing reverse 1 1/2 somersault, a 2 1/2 block dive, and inverted 2 1/2 somersault dive.

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Irish fencers face top squad

By ANTHONY BIANCO Sports Writer

The Notre Dame fencing team has taken the competition by storm this season, defeating all the teams on its schedule thus far. The owners of a 16-0 men's record and a 15-1 women's record, the Irish are now ranked No. 3 in the nation.

Focusing on this weekend's tournament, being ranked third means nothing for the Irish. For two straight years, the team has finished second in the NCAA Championships. In those two years Penn State has finished first.

March is the same as both teams head to the Joyce Center this weekend. The Irish seek to upset the top-ranked Penn State Nittany Lions along with nine other regional competitors in the Irish-hosted weekend tournament. The women's team will also look for fierce fencing from Ohio State to make this tournament one of its toughest match-ups of the season.

The women will again be led by the epee team. "Women's epee is definitely our strongest squad," said head coach Yves Auriol. "And, of course, we expect Magda Krol and Anne Hoos to go undefeated. But that is nothing new."

This tournament will also be a proving ground for the women's foil and men's epee and foil squads. They will look for consistent fencers to emerge and add depth to the squads.

Although Myriah Brown and Sara Walsh will lead the fencers, they will be looking for a third fencer to emerge. "This is the squad we'll need the most work on," explained Auriol. "We cannot beat them with just two fencers."

The team has played down the importance of this dual-meet tournament. "It's only a dual meet. It will mean nothing for the championships," Auriol said. "We won't take anyone for granted; we have to keep fencing intensely."

But beating Penn State will certainly give the Irish the confidence they need in the NCAA Championships, which means so much more than the No. 3 ranking they currently hold.

The Notre Dame fencing team hopes to upset top-ranked Penn State at the Joyce Center this weekend.

Notre Dame Fencing Schedule
Sat, Feb. 7 Notre Dame Meet
Sun, Feb. 8 Notre Dame Meet
Sat, Feb. 28 Midwest Team Championship
Sun, Mar. 1 Midwest Team Championship
Tracksters prepare for Meyo

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

The Notre Dame track and field team will have the home field advantage today and tomorrow when it hosts the Meyo Invitational at Loftus Sports Center.

"We really want to use this meet for our distance people as a chance to build some confidence," said Parkway. "I think it’ll definitely be the most competitive meet of the season so far, especially for the distance runners." Kevin Sullivan may be the best miler in North America.

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"Kansas has a long reputation for having good pole vaulters. Michigan State's got a couple, and then there's Mike Brown in the mix if he's able to jump. The pole vaulting in general looks very good," said jumpers and throwers coach Scott Winor. "Every school that's coming in is pretty tough.

Brown, last year's Big East champion in the pole vault and Notre Dame's record holder in the event, may be unable to compete because of a strained hamstring.

In the men's long jump several athletes who have jumped over 24 feet will participate. Notre Dame's Marshall West, whose best jump is 24' 10", will be among the competitors.

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focusing on their defense this week in practice. Last weekend against Michigan, too many opposing team players were loose in front of the net, according to freshman forward Dan Carlson. They were able to get off clean shots from close range, and that impacted the games tremendously.

"We need to tighten up our defense and that's something that we've worked on in practice. There were too many open shots last weekend. We have to do a better job of covering guys and eliminating the open shot. This weekend we are really aiming to play a physical game and play the teams very tough in front of our net," said Carlson.

Urick agreed. "We have got to play more intense defense, and we've worked a lot on that in practice this week. We're going to try to clog up the neutral zone and cover their men better."

Notre Dame's penalty-killing numbers reflect this need for improvement in front of its own net. The Irish are eighth in the league in kill penalties at the rate of 81 percent.

What has been working very well for Notre Dame is its power play. The irish have the third-best power play in the league, converting on 18.5 percent of their chances. They trail only Michigan and Michigan State in this department.

"If we keep the power play rolling, we have a much better chance of winning games," stated Urick. The team is excited and ready for this huge weekend. They understand its importance but are not intimidated or nervous about the outcome.

"We can get home ice advantage if we get on a roll," stated Urick. "We are just taking this one game at a time and aren't getting caught up in any distractions," added Carlson.

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First-ever Olympic women's hockey draws near

Associated Press

NAGANO, Japan

Some people are surprised to learn there are goons in women's hockey. This is hardly news to Karyn Bye. She already has a collection of cheap shots against her name, one of the few from some of the world's best.

Two days remain before the first game of the first-ever Olympic women's tournament and Bye, who took inventory on that point, believes the alternate captain of the U.S. women's team, can't remember the last time she took inventory.

"What's more, she doesn't care. She's more interested in the name of your own, sacrifice the way Bye and so many of these women have, and the threat of a knock here or there changes nothing. Especially if it comes, as anticipated, against the Canadians in the gold-medal game some two weeks from now.

"That one," said Bye, still nursing a charley horse dealt by her by Canada's enforcer, Haley Wickenheiser, in an exhibition last week, "will be as rough as the refs let it be."

While the game's women lacks the mayhem - bodychecking is not allowed, they almost never drop their gloves - the trade punches - it more than makes up in desire. As late as age 14, Bye was still playing in boys' leagues to find decent competi­tion - and still finding that fact by listing her initials in the pro­gram instead of her name.

When given a chance to make the Sabre-Tooths, 6 was she would go the rink with her brother and sit behind the goal with her face pressed against the glass. Her parents assumed she had a crush on the boy molding the net. What she really tasted after was his equipment. The night her par­ents bought her a set of used goali­n gear, and every night after that for the rest of the week, she slept with them.

Just about every woman on the U.S. team could tell a similar story.

Captain Cammi Granato fol­lowed three older brothers to a frozen field across the street from their house in suburban Chicago. Alana Bhasko got too cold standing around the out­door rinks in Minnesota where her brother skirted to stay a spectator for long; Lisa Brown­-Miller started out playing with the boy next door because she thought the equipment was cool.

"By now," Bye said, "we're getting a lot of the same questions. But yeah, I think you could say all of us are living our dream."

In women's sports, even non­chalance is hard-earned. A few of the veterans were already at the national team pro­gram when the International Olympic Committee extended official recognition to the sport in 1992. Nearly everyone else was in the pipeline by the sum­mer of 1996, when the gold medals won by their counter­parts in soccer, softball and basketball at the Atlanta Games brought their own mission into sharper focus.

"By doing so well, they turned some heads," forward Shelley Looney said. "And in the case of basketball, at least, they also opened up some very big opportuni­ties."

Here, Looney paused and scanned the large auditory where she and her teammates had gathered Thursday for a series of inter­views. As strong a bond as their shared past provided, their vision for the future is nearly as potent.

For some, the hunger to play was satisfied with a game of their own. They want more: a pro league of their own.

But few can afford illusions.

The "old woman" of the squad, the 31-year-old Brown-Miller, has put off her honeymoon for three years now to soldier on in the program. A few others have put careers and college on hold. Looney is such a pragmatist that to limit her downtime, just three days after the 1997 world championships, she underwent knee surgery in the morning and facial surgery that after­noon.

And yet, already 26, she does not expect to take the next step herself. She even doubts whether things will have changed fast enough for even the two teen-agers on the squad. 15-year-old Angela Ruggiero and 19-year-old Jenny Schmiddig, to do it.

"The way most of us have it in our heads," Looney said, "is that we don't want it to start up if it's not ready. Because if it falls, it will take twice as long to bring it back up again."

'Das Monster' ready to dominate slopes

Associated Press

HAKUBA, Japan

They call him The Terminator, the Hermineator, or - back home in Austria - Das Monster. Hermann Maier, a mid-mane­hored former bricklayer, has earned his reputation as a terri­fying creature on the ski slopes this season. He has dominated the World Cup season, winning 10 of the 30 events so far.

But what about the Olympics? Though Maier is favored in three events - downhill, Super­G and giant slalom - course conditions may provide the chal­lenge that none of his competi­tors have been able to muster this season.

Maier admits the Happo-one downhill course may be too slow for his aggressive style. He prefers a course with lots of jumps.

"For me, it's not so good. It's too flat for me," Maier said after testing the track earlier this week. "It's Thursday's training run, the first of three practice sessions before Sunday's race.

U.S. men's coach Bill Egan said Maier has been working against Maier - the soft snow in Hakuba. It's natural, meaning it's not as soft, or fast, as the man-made snow Maier is used to skiing through in Europe.

"I don't know well he skis on soft snow. He skis extremely well on hard snow," Egan said. "If the snow is not extra hard, like a parking lot, that may make it difficult for him."

Maier is at his best in difficult conditions. He was rejected by the Austrian ski team as a skinny 15-year-old, and developed his talent on bumpy, rutted courses far from the well­groomed slopes used by the austrians.

After giving up skiing for three years as a teen-age because of knee problems, he built a heavy­ly muscled frame while working as a bricklayer and forced his way onto the Austrian team just last season.

This year, he has been nearly unbeatable.

Maier has won two downhills, three giant slaloms, a combined event and all four of the Super-G races on the World Cup circuit. Austrians have dominated the competition, with wins in 22 of the 30 men's events.

"Das Monster" ready to dominate slopes

Associated Press

HAKUBA, Japan

Hannes Trinkl punched his fists into the air and beamed with excitement. He had just won the first ski race of the Olympics, a day before the Nagano Games begin.

Trinkl won a spot on the Austrian Olympic team by skir­ting to the fastest time in Friday's downhill training ses­sion. Five other Austrians will compete for the final spot dur­ing Saturday's final training run.

While other skiers are using the training runs to warm up for Sunday's downhill, the Austrian is using them to pick a team.

"It's perfect for me. Now I don't have to worry," Trinkl said.

"Today is like a race, so I am nervous. But it is good if you are nervous, because you are motivated."

Clouds began sweeping across the Happo-one course midway through the training run after a morning of bright sunshine.

Heavy snow is forecast for the men's downhill on Sunday, forcing officials to already begin making contingency plans in case of delays or post­ponements.

Friday's training run was won by Didier Cuche of Switzerland in 1 minute, 32.30 seconds. Cuche, who had green hair when he won a World Cup downhill earlier this season at Kitzbuhel, Austria, is sporting a military­style haircut for the Olympics.

He must be fast today, but I could not imagine I would be so good," he admitted. "I was surprised with my time, " Trinkl was second in 1:32.39, edging compatriots Stefan Eberhartner and Fritz Strobl by a quarter of a sec­ond. Another Austrian, Werner Franz, slipped midway through the course and finished in 1:32.79.

Franz won Thursday's train­ing run, but that won't be good enough to get him a place in the Olympics unless he also wins Saturday.

Trinkl wins first ski race

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Volleyball squad nets three more blue-chippers

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

After recording one of the strongest seasons in recent history, Notre Dame's volleyball team will now look to improve on its record after head coach Debbie Brown signed three high school seniors to national letters of intent yesterday afternoon.

"This is an excellent and balanced class," Brown said. "This class provides us with oneleftside player, one middlesetter player, and one rightsider player. By each come from excellent programs and we feel that they will be a great fit at Notre Dame."

While the Irish lose four veterans that comprised one of the most successful classes in history, the three players that make up the class of 2002, Marcie Bomhack, Malinda Goralski and Kristine Kreher, show a promising future for Notre Dame's volleyball squad.

Bomhack, a 6-foot outside hitter from Waukesha, Wis., was one of 24 players recently named to the Volleyball Magazine all-America squad. After leading her high school to the 1997 state title, she was named as a finalist for the Gatorade state player-of-the-year award. Bomhack also played club volleyball for the Milwaukee Sting, helping them to the national semifinals while earning first team all-America honors.

"The first thing that stands out about Marcie is her hitting skills," Brown said. "She also is a very good blocker and has experience playing every position in the front row. She will bring a lot to the net in terms of player and overall competitiveness."

Goralski, a 6-foot-1 middle blocker from Missouri City, Texas, will be the third player on the '98 Irish from the Lone Star state. After making a verbal commitment to Notre Dame at the conclusion of the '97 Irish summer volleyball camp, she captained Clements High School to the '97 regional title, earning team MVP and all-state honors in the process.

"When I came on my visit, I wanted to meet all the players and make sure that I fit in," Goralski said about joining the Irish. "I had a lot of fun here and everything clicked. I'm going to be working hard all summer so I can step in and help the team. We will have a lot of talent, so it should be a good year." "Malinda is a good natural blocker," Brown said. "She also moves well laterally and just loves to block. That's something you have to have if you are going to be a good blocker."

Kreher, a 6-foot-1 rightside hitter from Birmingham, Mich., is currently in her second year as captain of the Marian High School team, which is currently ranked fifth in Michigan, where volleyball is played as a winter-sport season. Last year, she was named Marian's MVP along with all-state honors. She was also named MVP with the USA Michigan under-18 squad, helping the team place second in the AAU state tournament.

"I've been to several football games at Notre Dame and always wanted to go here," Kreher said about her decision. "I got a great feeling from the players and the campus, and the coaches are wonderful people who are easy to talk to."

"We are very excited with the versatility that Kristy will provide," Brown remarked. "She is a classic rightside hitter but can go on the left if we need her to. But she has a great left-handed swing and plays well in the backrow. She'll be an important player for our program."

Notre Dame will return 11 players from its 1997 team. Next year's returnees accounted for 83 percent of the team's assists and 79 percent of the blocks last season, but will only return 50 percent of the kills, primarily due to the graduation of seniors Angie Harris and Jaimie Lee. However, Brown believes the recruiting class shows a lot of promise.

"Each of the incoming players is a very strong candidate at her respective position and yet we are losing two starting leftside hitters. There will probably be some shifting in the positions with some of the veterans. Still, we have a couple of versatile returners, and that gives us the luxury of moving some players as needed next season."
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night with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

The glaring bright spot for the Irish in the game was Phil Hickey. The junior, who had been in a slump, came off the bench and did not seem to want to go back. Hickey scored a career-high 20 points and collected eight rebounds. He also played solid defense on Rutgers' Earl Clark.

"Phil Hickey's performance was really encouraging," MacLeod said.

Behind the play of Hickey and Manner, the Irish were down just a bucket with a little over three minutes left in the half. The Knights ended the half in a flurry as they went on a 10-0 run heading into the locker room.

"We were in pretty good shape there," MacLeod said. "It was 24-26, the next thing we knew it was 40-28." Rutgers pounded the offensive glass in the first half and hit six three-pointers, including one that beat the halftime buzzer.

The Big East player of the year, who was held to just nine points at Rutgers a year ago, was not going to be bottled up all night.

Garry scored his first field goal with 16:54 left in the game, which ignited a Notre Dame run. The senior captain scored the next seven Irish points and assisted on a Wycherly bucket to shrink the lead to just two points.

After a time out, Ingelsby gave the Irish a 44-43 lead on the team's only three-pointer on the evening.

Rutgers responded from Notre Dame's run and remained close until Sam Sanders tied the game at 56 with a three-pointer and Hodgson gave his squad the lead for good.

"Pat was starting to cook," MacLeod said. "But we made some mistakes there at the end of the game. We threw the ball away and we didn't really penetrate like we should have from a guard standpoint."

The Knights also enjoyed a bit of home cooking as 17 of their 33 second-half points came from the charity stripe.

"We hold them to 24 percent shooting on their floor and they did shoot 33 free throws and we only shot 18," MacLeod pointed out. "So we didn't get to the line very many times. We were driving to the basket; we just didn't get the fouls."

Rutgers backcourt wreaked havoc as Earl Johnson scored 21 while Geoff Pitillet added 17.

MacLeod also discussed why his offense struggled down the stretch.

"We pushed it up to a three-point lead but we stopped getting the ball to Pat Garrity. He was really cooking and we stopped getting the ball in there to him, so that really affected us."

Hickey gave the Irish probably his best effort in an Irish uniform, but it was not enough as the offense struggled with one of its main offensive weapons on the bench in the form of Friel's sweet jumper.

"In the last two or three minutes we started to start a run around and got really tentative," MacLeod said. "Keith Friel would have given us a boost — there is no doubt about that — but you have to play within your head."

MacLeod hopes that his team will be able to continue its pattern of being able to bounce back after a disappointing loss.

The squad will have that opportunity when it travels to Georgetown on Saturday. The Hoyas will enter the contest with an overall record of 11-9 and a dismal Big East record of 4-8.

John Thompson's squad has only lost three games this year. But he will be without the services of mammoth center Jahadi White. An ankle injury sidelined White, who was averaging 10 points a game.

Thompson's starting point guard and leading scorer Kenny Brunnier is questionable. Brunnier averages 11.3 points and 7.3 assists per game, but missed the last game for personal reasons.

After just one three-pointer from his team last night, MacLeod hopes Friel will be able to play despite his thigh contusion.

"I hopefully he'll be able to play Saturday," MacLeod said. "But at this stage we just aren't sure."

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"We did a lot of good things in tonight's game; we were very good defensively early," MacLeod said.

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Senior Derek Manner turned in a double-double last night as he was a terror underneath the boards for the Irish.

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Gemini — If you need to cry, go ahead — it will probably help. Emotions are the currency of the day, and there may not be a rational explanation for everything. Avoid people who will not understand you.

Cancer — An event or emotion from the past appears in your mind and gives you a few warm memories of moments. You are the sum of your experiences, a wealth of good, valuable lessons.

Leo — Home is where the heart is, but watch what comes into your stomach. Sometimes it is possible to experience the world too fully. Moderation is easy if you pay attention to what your friends are telling you.

Virgo — This is a good day for group activities. Others fit easily into your plans. Support and advice are given freely. You may be the one organizing it all, but everyone gets to share in the outcome.

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Irish can’t break pattern

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

It’s almost like clockwork. One hardly needs to tune into Notre Dame basketball games anymore.

Over the past couple of weeks the outcome of Irish contests has become as predictable as the sun rising. If it is possible to be consistently inconsistent, the hoops squad has done so.

Head coach John MacLeod’s squad turned in a terrific effort on the road Thursday, but came up a couple of minutes short against Rutgers, 71-61.

The Irish erased a 12-point deficit at halftime by the 14-minute mark of the second half. In fact they found themselves up by three with five minutes left in the game, but could not finish the job over Rutgers, who improved to 9-11 overall and 3-9 in the Big East while the Irish fell to 11-8 and 5-6.

“In the second half we were able to erase that deficit and get three points ahead,” MacLeod said. “That was phenomenal control of the defensive war and running out for easy baskets.”

With offensive sparkplug Keith Friel in dress clothes, the backcourt game of the Blue and Gold suffered. Neither Martin Ingelsby nor Antoni Wyche could drain the big shot down the stretch. The lack of an outside threat also allowed the Knights’ defense to concentrate its efforts on Pat Garrity.

Rob Hodgson blanketed Garrity in the first half. Garrity only managed one point in the first stanza as he missed all five of his field goal attempts.

“Keith has that long range shot and we weren’t shooting the ball well from outside,” MacLeod said. “Martin was 2-10, Antoni was 3-7-0, and that’s not good enough from outside.”

Center Phil Hickey and forward Derek Manner picked up the slack for MacLeod in the first half. Manner did most of his damage in the early going, helping the Irish out to the lead. The senior finished the game with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Garrity rebounded from a one-point first half to score 13 in the second half of last night’s 71-61 loss to Rutgers.

Notre Dame heads into pivotal stretch of season

The Notre Dame hockey team looks to improve its record at home when it hosts conference foes Bowling Green and Ferris State this weekend.

Green and Ferris State this weekend.

The Rutgers defense silenced Antoni Wyche and his backcourt mates as the team connected on only one three-pointer for the evening.

Bowling Green and Ferris State set to visit Joyce

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame’s men’s hockey team will experience a defining moment in its season this weekend. Head coach Dave Poulin’s squad (13-13-3) sits in a precarious seventh place in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association standings with the top eight teams advancing to post-season play.

The Irish share seventh place with Ferris State, trail sixth-place Lake Superior State by three points, and lead ninth-place Alaska-Fairbanks by six points. But this weekend gives the young and upcoming Irish a desperately needed chance to win two CCHA games, earn four points, and claw their way through the league standings.

“We’ve got to start winning because we need to make a climb in the standings,” explained junior forward Brain Urick, who saw his team drop two games last weekend to Michigan. The Irish square off against Bowling Green tonight and against Ferris State on Saturday night. Both games begin at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

Home games have been the Irish’s bane rather than their boon this season. They are 2-4-3 in league play at home, but are 6-6 on the road.

To reverse this trend, the Boys of Winter have been