Dowty publishes book on Israeli development

By SEAN SMITH
American News Editor

The examination of the formation and development of Israel is the subject of the new book "The Jewish State: A Century Later," by Alan Dowty, professor of government and international studies at Notre Dame.

"I was asked some years ago to write an evaluation of the state of democracy in Israel, but found that in doing this I had to take a broad historical and social perspective," Dowty said. "The project took on a life of its own, in a way, and grew into a book that takes on the whole history of Zionism and the whole range of problems facing modern Israel."

In the book, Dowty concludes that the success of Jewish politics is represented in its capacity for power-sharing.

His demonstration of this capacity reveals the strengths and weaknesses of Israeli democracy in responding to the challenges of communal divisions, religious conflict, non-Jewish minorities, and unusual development. Dowty said.

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Eldred denies Alliance club status

By ALLISON KOENIG
Saint Mary's News Editor

After six months of deliberation, Saint Mary's College president Marilou Eldred has decided to "deny the request of The Alliance to be a chartered club."

"I have reservations about the request for a report from the Committee on Relationships to the president," said student body vice president Lori McKeough. "I have a great deal of respect for all the committee's points of view."

Eldred's third action involves a decision to the Committee on Relationships regarding The Alliance's goals with only one segment of the campus community. The committee was originally formed by College president William Hickey as an initial focus on Relationships. The committee was envisioned to respond to the five purposes outlined by The Alliance, acknowledged the difficulty of making the decision.

The five purposes outlined by The Alliance and Eldred's summary of the College's current efforts in those areas are quoted from the letter below.

Goal 1: "To provide a safe environment for those dealing with issues around sexuality, whether it be coming to terms with one's own sexuality or that of a friend or family member. This means providing them with a physical space that is safe and also a welcoming and warm atmosphere in which to hold discussions on sexuality."

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The Meaning of Friendship

Throughout life many people enter in and out of our lives. As a saying, I learned in grade school from my great-grandmother, she said "we make new friends but keep the old; one is silver while the other is gold." I find this saying to be very true.

Yesterday, I was reminded of the true meaning of friendship when I was observing a third-grade class in a South Bend elementary school. Within ten minutes of my arrival, I noticed the students matching outfits or sporting their "best-friends" fashion jewelry. The symbolism in these children took me back to the memories of my early childhood. My girlfriends and I used to plan identical outfits and go everywhere together. After all, we knew every secret the other possessed.

As a junior in college, the definition of the word friendship has kept the same definition, but has taken on some new twists. From an older perspective, friends have definitely earned their place in my heart, and true friendship will stand the trials we face throughout life. It is in a true friendship that we are able to see past the speed bumps we encounter and realize the substance that has brought us together as people is much more important than the setbacks that occur in our daily lives.

In order to be formed, friendship needs to be experienced. Without going the extra mile or reaching out to others in the midst of a materialistic or superficial means.

A true friend is someone that loves you and accepts you simply for being the person you are; physically, spiritually and emotionally. A true friend is someone who cares about you and still loves you. Furthermore, a true friend is someone that you can always enjoy the company and comfort of silence.

In a society such as ours, it can be difficult to find true friends. While many men and women get caught up in the world of fashion, some tend to forget what it really means to be a "good" friend. I am saying that all friendships in our society are materialistic. However, it is apparent that many choose their friends based on rather, who they actually are.

This year, I have been blessed to have found a wonderful group of friends who I know will be a part of my life for many years. This is true despite the fact that this semester, between seven classes and various activities, I have not been able to spend as much time with them as I'd like, and I feel as if we have been growing apart.

Majoring in education, observing at the elementary schools and working for the newspaper has not allowed me much extra time. In those moments I can spare, I enjoy spending time with them. These girls have definitely proven themselves wonderful friends, and I know that we will always have each other.

We share our thoughts, pictures, laughs and embarrassing moments, and never would I think about trading them in for any other replacements. College is only four short years of our lives. We need to make the most of them. It is up to us to pick and choose our friends with wisdom and to make the most of the time we have here at SMC-ND.

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

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D.A. releases findings in student death investigation

Baton Rouge, La. The East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney announced the results of the ongoing investigation into the death of Benjamin Wynne at a press conference Wednesday. Wynne died August 25 after a fraternity initiation event.

District Attorney Doug Moreau is charging H.B.M. Corporation, the parent company of Murphy's Bar, with 86 counts of unlawful sale or persons under 21.

Wynne's death was ruled an accident, but his family is not convinced that the students were not alive. "It's his (Wynne's) death," Moreau said. "The judgments should be a natural conclusion flowing from the information received.

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Notre Dame subway alum Herb Juliano dies at 75

Herb Juliano, one of Notre Dame's most active subway alumni, passed away in his sleep Tuesday. He was 75.

In almost 20 years as a resident of Notre Dame and South Bend, Juliano was curator of the University's International Sports and Games Research Collection, a sportscaster on WNDU-Ch., 16, founder of a campus group for students considering religious vocations, and author of a book, "Notre Dame Odyssey: A Journey through Sports and Spirituality on the Notre Dame Campus."

Shortly after his birth in Philadelphia, he and his family moved to Hammonton, N.J. A veteran of World War II, he tried out with the Philadelphia Athletics baseball team in 1946 and three years later coached the Hammonton Little League team to a World Series title.

A year later, Juliano moved to Notre Dame to train as a postulant for the Brothers of the Holy Cross. Although he never joined the order, he said he in "Notre Dame Odyssey" that he fell in love with the University.

"Even in the short time I had been on campus, I sensed that this was a special place where one could find happiness in a dedicated life," Juliano wrote in the foreword of the book, which was published in 1993.

At Notre Dame, Juliano worked with the late Joe Boland in the operation of the Irish Football Network, then the national voice of Notre Dame football. Later a sportscaster, he said one of his greatest thrills was covering the Irish's victory over Alabama in the Sugar Bowl to win the 1973 national title.

He sat on the U.S. Olympic Committee from 1977 to 1984 and also served as a research assistant in Notre Dame's sports information department, from which he retired in the mid-1980s.

But retirement did not slow him down. In 1990, he founded Students Encouraging Religious Vocations, a group for students who were considering religious life.

"Our hope (about SERV) is that we can provide the environment, programs and experiences in which students can freely discern the path they need to take in following the Lord," Juliano told The Observer in 1992.

Juliano took the organization to the national level in 1993, establishing the National Legion of SERV. Dioceses and high schools in such cities as San Diego and Parkersburg, W.Va., started chapters.

"He sought out ways to do the Lord's work and to continue his life's habit of helping everyone he came in contact with," said John Shaffer, a friend.

Juliano left the sports information department to establish an association of Notre Dame subway alumni, but the organization's use of the University's trademarks prompted school officials to file a lawsuit in 1985.

Juliano was also a member of the Sacred Heart parish.

"He loved to read scripture for the Masses (at the Basilica) and play the organ," Shaffer said. "He was known for years to be found every evening at 6:45 p.m. reciting the rosary at the Grotto on the campus."

At the time of his death, he lived in St. Paul's Retirement Community in South Bend.

Of Notre Dame, Juliano once said: "I am not religious. Indeed, that my life has taken me deep into the realm of spirited and spiritual Notre Dame life. I could never repay this University of Notre Dame and the people who work, study and minister here for all that they have given me: a reason for living, a meaningful life, a sense of accomplishment."

Friends may call at McGann Funeral Home, 2313 Edison Road, from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday. A funeral Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

He will be buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery on the campus. Memorial contributions may be sent to the St. Lawrence Seminary, 301 Church St., Mount Calvary, Wis., 53057.

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direction by acknowledging that students have questions about sexuality. However, I'm still concerned that students will not be receiving the peer acceptance they need in order to overcome these concerns.

Student body president Nikki Milos was also struggling with the ramifications of Eldred's announcement.

"I'm apprehensive about the decision because my goal is to meet the needs of students," she said. "I do not feel comfortable right now saying that those needs are being met."

Student body president-elect Sarah Siefert, a member of the Board of Governance committee that researched The Alliance's proposal almost one year ago and then recommended the group be officially recognized, expressed both respect for Eldred and frustration in the outcome of her efforts.

"I respect the fact that President Eldred took great care in coming to the decision, but I'm very disappointed in it," Siefert said. "I don't feel her solution has met the needs of students."

McKeough feels that the Committee and that stakeholders will function as resourceful campus therapists but questions their effectiveness with individual students struggling with their own identities.

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**Solar eclipse occurs in Caribbean**

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WILLEMSTAD, Curacao -- Confused tourists crowded on sidewalks yesterday as thousands thrashed children under their beds during a solar eclipse that plunged much of Venezuela, Colombia and the Caribbean in deep twilight Thursday, inspiring awe and not a little fear.

Thousands of cruise ship tourists, Carnival revelers and astronomers gathered to behold the Western Hemisphere's last total solar eclipse of the century.

At Venezuela's Plaza Bolivar in downtown Caracas, New Age devotees formed a circle, closed their eyes and opened their palms in worship.

Families enjoying the spectacle on the Dutch island of Curacao got away with a lost idyllic face on a worldview dotted by 15-foot cacti and slow-running iguanas.

But in some places, the phenomenon caused panic.

In Haiti, parents thrashed children under their beds and youngsters raced to get home for fear of being struck blind — an exaggeration of the damage that can be done to unprotected eyes.

Confused roosters crowed as if it were dawn in Valledupar, a state capital in Colombia surrounded by ranchland.

Nocturnal animals awoke while birds retreated to their nests in what was bedtime.

"It's a mystery. Who knows what will happen? Who knows whether the sun will return?" Osman Jordan said as he arranged rows of apples, oranges and onions on a wooden stand at the pier of Willemstad, capital of Curacao.

Radio hosts spent the day trying to allay fears of a phenomenon this island won't experience for another 600 years.

Among the Caribbean, government officials spent weeks educating the public. Some distributed special glasses for safe viewing.

One campante in Haiti caused a panic that forced schools and shops to close.

A mayor warned people's eyes would burn if they looked at the sun.

A new rumor ran through Port-au-Prince Thursday morning: Under the cover of darkness, right-wing activists would return ousted dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier.

"There's a lot of people who fear this eclipse," said Zairu Bushy, 24, of the Caracaco government's Solar Eclipse Committee. "But to me this is great. It's a once in a lifetime experience."

Dozens of families, scientists and amateur astronomers converged on the island's Westpoint, where the darkness lasted more than three minutes.

In a total solar eclipse, the moon blocks all but the sun's corona, its flaring outer envelope, casting the earth into deep twilight through which the stars and planets shine.

Many areas experienced a partial eclipse, from Ecuador to Puerto Rico to parts of the southeastern United States.

People set up picnic tables, vendors sold souvenir T-shirts, and astronauts alerted with dozens of sophisticated and not-so-sophisticated cameras and telescopes as the sky began to darken and take the edge off the phenomena.

Some star-chasing cruise liners offered running commentary on the event. Scientists Alan Hale and Tom Bopp of Hale-Bopp comet fame were on the Star Clipper, a four-masted sailing ship based in Antigua.

Steve Misorcio and Ann Dosegan of Denver labored in the heat to build a sophisticated telescope from 800 pounds of equipment carried in freight boxes. They hoped to sell eclipse pictures to universities.

After a career spent studying and photographing eclipses, Roy Bishop, 58, of Amport, Nova Scotia, prepared to simply enjoy one. An editor and past president of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, his sole equipment Thursday was a handmade viewing box.

"This time I just want to see it," Bishop said. "This is just an emotional experience today. On the scale of one to 10 of celestial events, this is a 10."

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**Cops indicted in beating of immigrant**

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NEW YORK -- Five white police officers were indicted Thursday on federal civil rights charges in the case of a Haitian immigrant who was allegedly beaten and sodomized at a stationhouse with a stick.

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The attack on Louima, who is black, became a rallying cry for those who contend the New York Police Department is abusive, particularly to minorities. It prompted protests marches and became an issue in Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's re-election campaign.

The federal civil rights case carries heavier penalties than state charges of beating and sexually assaulting Louima. Also, federal judges generally make it easier to introduce evidence.

For example, the two officers accused of violating Louima's civil rights by sexually abusing him could get life in prison, rather than a maximum of 25 years if convicted under state law of aggravated sexual abuse.

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SMC accelerated nursing program open to applicants

Special to The Observer

College graduates can earn a bachelor of science degree with a major in nursing at Saint Mary's College through the Accelerated Program in Nursing. Any qualified female college graduate who holds a baccalaureate degree in an area other than nursing is eligible to apply. The 13-month program begins May 26 and ends in July 1999. Applications are currently being accepted. Applicants must have completed all prerequisite science courses prior to beginning the nursing program.

Graduates of the accelerated program are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) to become registered nurses.

Saint Mary's originated its Accelerated Program in Nursing in 1993 as a response to the needs of its alumnae and the local community. Currently this is the only program of its type in the region.

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Azouley: Race hard to define with check box

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
News Writer

Skin color does not necessarily correspond to the race of one's kin, according to Katya Gibe! Azouley, an assistant professor of anthropology at Grinnell College, in her lecture last night at Saint Mary's College.

"The question of skin color and kin is an interesting one but one that is given very little attention," Azouley said.

When taking her 10-year-old daughter to a hospital for testing, Azouley, who is the daughter of a Jamaican father and a Jewish mother, was asked to check a box for the corresponding race of her daughter. The list gave four choices, one of which was black. This is where the dilemma for Azouley occurred.

"The list said to check one box and I chose black. However, there was nothing to adequately define what [my daughter's] race was," Azouley said.

"The question of naming is an important one because it imposes boundaries on a community," Azouley went on to address the issue of racial identity. She said that many people do not realize that they have fractions of other races in their genes because of the behavior of their ancestors.

She then gave an example of a woman from Louisiana who considered herself to be white. When the woman went to apply for a passport in 1983, she checked the box marked Caucasian. However, the state of Louisiana disagreed.

"They said to her, 'You are a Negro,' and took her to court where they proved that in 1770 she had an ancestor who impregnated a black slave woman. Therefore, this woman was 1/32 black," Azouley said.

The discussion then turned to whether multiracial should be listed as a category on the next U.S. census.

"I think the question of the category comes about as there has come a generation that does not want to be categorized," Azouley said. "We have the emergence of a different group of people."

Azouley then questioned whether all categories should be dismantled but said, "The U.S. census does what it is supposed to do. It is meant to create order. It has always been used to identify groups of people in order to distribute resources."

She went on to say that checking a census category does not become a question of an individual's choice but that it becomes political. This is not because the government opposes the idea of plurality but because the question of race affects distribution of resources.

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SMC to hold 'Jeopardy'

By SHANA'TATE
News Writer

Posing the question "How much do you know about your school?" Saint Mary's College will hold its first ever "Jeopardy" on March 9 in Haggar Parlor.

The Board of Governance (BOG) and Nikki Miles, Saint Mary's student body president, organized the event in collaboration with Mary DePauta, director of Counseling and Career Development.

The stated goal of this activity is to educate and inform students about the history of Saint Mary's. Many students knew information about Saint Mary's when applying for admission, BOG hopes to expand on it.

"What do Saint Mary's students know about Saint Mary's and the history behind it?" asked Janet Horvath, head of Saint Mary's College Jeopardy program. "We hope to encourage students to come show how much they do know about Saint Mary's and cheer on their fellow students."

The Board of Governance wants students to participate and show their school spirit.

"We want this to be both fun and educational," Horvath said.

This event is a follow-up idea after the forum entitled "Breaking Saint Mary's Stereotypes" held earlier this month. That event was also sponsored by the Board of Governance.

Some of the Sisters of the Holy Cross will be present at the activity to act as judges and as spectators. Teams will be made up of students, faculty and administrators, and the winning entrants will receive prizes.

Individuals or teams may sign up at the front desk in Haggar College Center until March 4.
Dowty continued from page 1 accommodations with the Palestinians.

"This is an important and fascinating study by one of this country's leading specialists on Israel," said Mark Tessier, director of the Center for International Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"I became interested in the Middle East because I went to Jerusalem immediately after finishing my degree, and ended up staying there for 12 years," Dowty said. "Since I was already involved in the study of international relations, it would have been hard to avoid being drawn into issues of the Arab-Israeli conflict."

"After a few years in Israel, I realized one day that most of my publications dealt with Middle Eastern issues in one way or another," said Dowty.

"I came to Notre Dame [in 1975] it seemed logical to focus on the part of the Middle East that I knew best, so I began looking more closely at Israeli society and politics."

"Dowty's book also offers insight into the current Middle Eastern crisis with Iran."

"One of the themes of the book is the preoccupation with security that marks Israeli political culture, given the background of most Israelis as refugees or the children of refugees, and the legacy of Jewish history," said Dowty. "I discuss the 'gevalt syndrome,' or doomsday mentality, at length. The recent scare connected with possible Iraqi attacks on Israel exemplifies this almost perfectly."

"Dowty stated that the changes Israel has undergone in the past 50 years are extensive, and that there is a good chance for peace in the area in the next 50 years. "The changes have of course been enormous," Dowty said. "From a society dominated by a secular socialist elite, it has been totally transformed by a resurgence of traditionalism on one hand, and rampant modernization on the other."

"I expect that in the next 50 years there will be some synthesis of these competing forces, creating a state that is Jewish but also part of the modern world," he continued. "I also hope and expect that it will coexist with a Palestinian state, created from the West Bank and Gaza, and live in reasonably normal relations with other states in the region."

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U.S. air safety improves in ‘97

Associated Press
WASHINGTON, D.C.
United States airlines experienced one of their safest years ever in 1997, just a year after one of the deadliest on record.

The National Transportation Safety Board said those people died in accidents involving major American carriers last year. Only two were passengers.

By comparison, there were 522 deaths on major American air carriers in 1996.

The nation’s smaller air carriers recorded 46 fatalities last year, up from 14 in 1996. There were 61 deaths on air taxis, down from 63 a year earlier. And private planes recorded 646 fatalities in 1997, up slightly from 631 a year earlier.

The drop in deaths on major carriers came despite an increase in the total number of accidents to 45, up 10. That rise was at least partly a result of a change in definition resulting in more aircraft being classified as major carriers.

The total of three deaths — two passengers — is the best since 1993 when there was just one airline fatality and that was not a passenger.

Last year’s two passenger-deaths were a Continental Airlines passenger who fell through open cabin doors while boarding the flight and a woman who was a United Airlines flight encountered sharp turbulence. The third death was a Delta Air Lines ground crew member who was run over by a plane’s nose wheel.

The year before, 230 people died in the explosion of TWA Flight 800 leaving New York and 310 were killed when a ValuJet plunged into the Florida Everglades.

The safety board noted that statistically, figures from year to year are hard to compare because of the change in classification last year. Effective in March 1997 all planes with 10 or more seats came under the stricter regulations of major airlines. Previously that classification had covered larger planes of 61 seats or more.

There were five fatal accidents involving smaller carriers last year, the worst on Jan. 9 when 29 people died in a Colgan crash at Moline, Ill. If that crash had occurred after March it would have fallen into the large aircraft category.

Other smaller airlines fatalities in 1997 included eight killed Nov. 8 in a HapagFison Airlines Services crash in Barrow, Alaska; five deaths on another Japan Airlines Flight April 10 in Warriaght, Alaska; and two deaths on an Air Sunshine crash Feb. 8 in the Virgin Islands.

Convention bans Texas church for gay support

DALLAS, TEX.
The Baptist General Convention of Texas on Tuesday expelled an Austin church that actively supports practicing homosexuals and has a gay deacon.

The convention’s 180-member executive board supported a motion to dissociate itself from the University Baptist Church last month, convention officials said that the church’s website mentions its affiliation with the convention.

“We cannot approve of churches endorsing homosexual practice as biblically legitimate,” said Tulia pastor Charles Davenport, head of the committee that drafted the motion.

The church had a tenuous relationship with the convention since it ordained an openly gay deacon, Hans Venable, in 1994. The church sponsors and invites homosexuals to participate in Open Circle, a ministry for gays and lesbians.

Executive board members insisted their vote was not a condemnation of the church’s acceptance of homosexuals into its ministry and congregation.

“We commend the church for their ministry and we feel that church should minister to homosexuals,” Davenport said. “But ministering to is different than an affirmation of, and we interpret the church’s activities to be an affirmation of.”

University Baptist Pastor Larry Bethune said he doesn’t understand the distinction.

“I don’t feel very comfortable as a church for our ministry to gays and lesbians today,” Bethune said after the vote. “The convention has an odd way of showing it.”

The moderate-controlled Texas convention and more conservative Southern Baptist Convention have long butted heads. Russell Dilday, president of the Texas group, denied that the vote was designed to placate conservative members threatening to break away.

The Austin church has a long history of feuds with Baptists with Organization.

In 1948, it was disavowed by the Austin Baptist Convention when it allowed blacks to sit in the same pews with whites. In the early 70’s, the church was criticized for ordaining women as deacons.

Bethune said he believes the congregation will likely respect the wishes of the Texas convention in removing any reference to the group from their web site and literature.

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VIEWPOINT

Does Money Cause Athletes’ Behavior?

As a Pointcatus U-Wire subscriber, I am usually very impressed with the quality of the editorial writing that it features. My expectations are high, and when articles are well-written, witty, well-developed, and informative, the articles are worth the time I spend reading them. However, I must say that the editorial writing that it featured in the February 27, 1998 issue did not meet these standards. The articles were poorly written, the topics were not interesting, and the editors did not do their job of enlightening readers to their views.

Unfortunately, this is not the case with your editorial. I find the editorial about the issue of overpayment in the sports industry to be thought-provoking and informative. The articles are written by talented writers who focus on the issues that truly matter to readers. I found the editorial to be well-written, witty, and enlightening. It was a pleasure to read.

I got the impression that the author didn’t really have much information about the issue she was writing about, but merely regurgitating what she had heard without thinking. It annoyed me, and I got the false impression that the author was not as thorough and enlightening about the issue she was writing about, but merely regurgitating what he had heard without thinking. It was as if she stood on a table in the dining hall, and announced to the room that she believed that the food wasn’t very good.

The author isn’t the only one who is overpaid. I agree. A few Team USA hockey players, who happened to be professionals just like the members of six other professional teams, including the hockey players, were overpaid to restate what they had heard without thinking. We’re still waiting for what she said to materialize.

Unfortunately, the editorial goes to show that the editorial is not a true representation of what the author meant. In fact, I think it is a distortion of what the author meant. I find the editorial to be flawed, and I don’t think it should be published.

Jeff Catalano
Miami University
February 26, 1998

Humanism is Part of Building Design

Like many of us in the School of Architecture, I applaud the news that our student team under Professors Chang and Amico have achieved recognition in the world of engineering for a design to stabilize skyscrapers against movement due to winds (The Observer, Wednesday Feb. 25). Special praise goes to Professor Chang for his original concept, which no doubt will allow for practical applications.

However, in the interest of academic dialogue, I would like to point out that the high-rise building is increasingly under fire as responsible for much of the urban blight that has afflicted cities around the world. By concentrating huge numbers of people in a single location within the city, skyscrapers demand vast parking areas, consume absurd amounts of energy and are expensive to maintain. Countless neighborhoods have been devastated by the fascination with the tall building, including our familiar South Bend. Once a vibrant hub, it is now a wasteland of commercial, civic and residential functions. South Bend has been transformed into a wilderness of oppressive towers and asphalt fields. The trend continues. Humanism is an achievement in certainty of great importance. It serves as a prerequisite.

I should also point out that this is not the first time that ND architecture students have achieved international recognition within the current, traditionally-oriented curriculum. An unusual number of student projects have been honored recently by being exhibited in international exhibitions in the context of major professional conferences. I cite the 1992 "Urban Renaissance" exhibit in Bologna, Italy, and the "Art of Design" Exhibit in Chicago, all of which showcase ND students' projects that are designed according to principles of traditional architecture and urbanism.

It is important to maintain the high level of academic achievement in the School. At the same time, our courses must concentrate as much as possible on the development of a humane and sustainable vision for the cities and communities of the future.

Richard Economakis
Assistant Professor, School of Architecture
February 26, 1998

The Pill's Abortionist Function

I take issue with Bridge's Thomas' clarification of the contraceptive function of the pill. Ms. Thomas has failed to address fully Helen Reilly's point that the pill alters the uterine lining: it can tamper with the integrity of the egg. One of the functions of the pill is to act as an abortifacient. The pill's pharmacology, in its prevention of ovulation, creates conditions that reduce the chances of fertilization. The pill can prevent implantation of an already fertilized egg. The pill itself acts to destroy an already fertilized egg. The pill itself acts to prevent implantation of a fertilized egg. Are these not true, and if so, why isn't this explained in the articles? Perhaps an article could be written that explains the pill's abortifacient function and its role in preventing pregnancy.

While Ms. Thomas is correct that the pill's primary function is to prevent ovulation, sometimes ovulation occurs despite taking the pill, the above explanation would still be valid. The pill's abortifacient function is self-evident. What Ms. Thomas does not address is fully Helen Reilly's point. Though a woman's uterus may be naturally hostile to implantation, just as a uterus naturally resists implantation in a ectopic pregnancy, the pill, by preventing implantation, can also prevent implantation of an intentioned act by the woman.

For a woman who has chosen not to have children or not to take the pill, the pill can prevent a fertilized egg from implanting by being of some moral relevance. The pill is an anti-contraceptive device (if not intended otherwise) and it does not harm the pregnant patient. This is not true of the pill as an abortifacient.

As a Catholic, I believe that any artificial contraception is inherently immoral because it destroys self-giving. Ms. Thomas, a Catholic herself, fails to realize how harmful her explanation is. The pill's abortifacient function is purely academic. However, those married couples of other faiths who don't share my beliefs would likely be interested in knowing about the abortifacient function of the pill, and not just the primary one.

Jeff Catalano
Miami University
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Generalizations of ND Students Degrading Exaggeration

This is written in response to Mr. Matejek's attack on the "normal" Notre Dame students. For those of you that did not have the opportunity to read Mr. Matejek's piece of work, he basically characterizes "normal" ND students as "confused and hypocritical," as well as "very lost and like it that way.

Well, I found these accusations to be patronizing as well as exaggerating. College is a time of change, regardless of where you attend. During college, most people use the time to change their perspectives on themselves, as well as the world that surrounds them. Inherent in this process is some confusion, as one figures out the direction in which he or she wants to go.

But, Mr. Matejek, you imply that this is unique to the normal Notre Dame student, which could not be farther from the truth.

In addition, Mr. Matejek, your article possesses an implied degradation of the average Notre Dame student. It cannot be a product of not only your unreasonably high expectations when enrolling here, but probably your sheer ignorance. Sorry, Mr. Matejek, but you have not even lived here long enough to have any basis to make generality about the students here.

In my four years, I have had the privilege to meet ND students at Notre Dame to be outstanding people. In general, they have dynamic and interesting personalities, are very caring for their fellow human beings, serious about learning (to some extent ... we all have lapses), and form a unique family-type atmosphere. Perhaps Mr. Matejek could do some research. Well, I know a good number of seniors who could go out into the work force and make a great deal of money.

Instead, they are applying for the ACE program or another form of service because that's what they WANT to do. I look to how everyone has rallied together as a family in the aftermath of Justin Brumbaugh's death, including not just Justice' Friends' program, but I think that had never had the opportunity to meet him. I look at one student who will disregard studying for his own present exam to take the time to tutor another individual in a class. I look at the past, I look at times when I've been up until almost 6 a.m. on a Saturday night discussing politics, race relations, and the educational system with my fellow doernoeaters in order to bear their different and insightful perspectives. At the same time, I also see students who can have fun with their friends whether going to a movie, making jokes, or going to see a show together.

Your article, Mr. Matejek, makes Notre Dame students sound like some sort of self-detached, thin-skinned intellectuals. This kind of implication makes me sick. Do these people exist? I doubt it then, but it's too new to Notre Dame to start making accusations of the general student population. Instead of criticizing the other 7,600 of us undergraduates, I suggest you focus your efforts in attempting to feel content here at Notre Dame. Give your fellow students a chance. It doesn't have to be perfect, or necessarily in your first year, but eventually you'll find the happy medium. Mr. Matejek.

Remember one thing ... you don't change Notre Dame ... it changes you.

* Michael Quadrini
Senior, Kenna Hall
February 20, 1998
Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats swing into action

By TIM BORGEN

SUB sources have confirmed that this Friday night, a troupe of high-flying humans will enter Stepan Center and promptly proceed to blow Notre Dame students' minds through the sublime aerial spinning of their bodies. This team of professional mind-blowers has been codenamed the Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats, but in actuality, that also happens to be their real name.

Conducting their 26th world circuit this year, the group incorporates balancing, juggling, dance, comedy, and magic—often simultaneously. The discipline is rooted in Oriental philosophy, dancing and tradition. For more than 27 centuries, Chinese acrobats have been performing to the amazement of Chinese audiences, and now our wonderful modern world of open economic and cultural exchange allows us to truly become a part of history by attending.

No one will insure these people. Life insurance agencies laugh them in the face. What they do may result in serious injury or death. But there is method to their madness. These seasoned professionals have gone through extensive auditions to be a part of the group. Those who were cut either died or were rendered incapable. The Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats have won the National Association of Campus Activities Entertainer of the Year award seven out of the last 10 years. They have appeared at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Germany's Elspe festival, the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Caesar's Palace, and the Seattle Children's Festival. Upon inspection of the troupe's passports, one would find the stamps of no less than 65 countries. Florida's Sea World park visitors have given the acrobats Best Attraction votes second in number only to Shamu. Whether you are into theater, dance, music, or just an interested student, pencil the Dragons into your schedule tonight. The show starts at 7 p.m. in Stepan Center and tickets cost $3.

Laugh it Up with Humor Artists

By KRISTI KLITSCH

This weekend a new comedic outlet will be offered on campus.

It's not the Keenan Revue or Mr. Stanford, but it promises to be just as funny, or maybe more.

The Humor Artists, a student-run organization that focuses on "sketch comedy," is performing Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

Denis Hurley, king of HA, described the event as a combination of musical parodies, stand-up comedy, skits on campus and national life and movie parodies. The show will last about an hour and is free to the public.

"It's like Saturday Night Live, except funnier," Hurley said. He compared the group to "The State," a Harvard-originated comedy group that used to have a show on MTV.

Humor Artists originated in the spring of 1995, when then-graduate student Mark Marino addressed the need for a comedy group. Hurley clarified the distinction between HA and the other campus comedy group Irish Accent.

"The difference is that Irish Accent is a improv group. We are primarily a pre-prepared skit group that offers free entertainment. There is no other group like it."

Some of the skits in this year's show include a football game between the dorm hall ladies and members of the Notre Dame football team; an interview with Jim Colletto and a James Bond film.

Hurley describes the show as "good, usually clean fun. It centers on "poking fun at campus happening, and abstract scenarios."
Jack Mooney: The Man behind the Legend

By DAN LUZIETTI
and TOM STUDEBAKER

If there is a backbone to the Notre Dame Bengal Bouts, it is Jack Mooney. Mooney was born in South Bend in 1912 and has been around boxing and Bengal Bouters all his life.

"Right now I am 50, 60, 70, 80, no, 85 years old, and I have been out here at Notre Dame with the Bengal Bouts for 52 years helping out." Mooney said. "I have been a referee, a judge, a trainer, a water-boy, and anything they ever needed."

Though Mooney played sandlot football in grade school, he soon took to the sport of boxing which was tremendously popular in the 1920's. He and his friends would put on a boxing match behind the old Studebaker factory.

"At noon, when the people came out, we would put on a boxing match and come away with about 15 cents apiece for three rounds," Mooney recalls.

He participated in his first boxing match at the old South Bend YMCA at the age of 13. Four years later, Mooney won the first of his two consecutive 147-pound titles of the Golden Gloves Boxing championships of South Bend. In his attempt to three-peat, Mooney fondly recalls, "I was beat by a farmer from Granger, Indiana ... and he became a millionaire."

Mooney also traveled to the 1929 National Golden Gloves tournament in Chicago. Participants would box twice in one night for two nights, with a championship bout coming with only one days rest. He won the first two bouts but came up short in his third fight.

In 1930, Mooney came home and worked in the Studebaker factory where he would continue working for over 30 years. He helped manufacture a car called the "Rockne," named after a close personal friend and Notre Dame football legend.

"When I was a kid, I used to sell papers. Every time I walked by Union Station, Rockne would buy a paper from me. He would give me 50 cents for a three cent paper. That was the biggest thrill that I ever got," Mooney remembers.

Rockne always showed Mooney respect. To this day, Mooney is trying to thank him for his kindness. He regularly goes to Rockne's grave to trim the grass and place a few flowers.

While working for Studebaker, Mooney was a member of the famous Studebaker boxing team. It was boxing on this team that produced one of his favorite memories.

"In about 1931, I fought in the Studebaker tournament championship. I had to fight three different guys, and guess what, I won the championship of Studebaker and I was declared as a hero," Mooney recollects. "Life Magazine took my picture and gave me 50 bucks. They put my picture in the magazine advertising Studebaker cars."

In 1938, at the age of 26, Mooney became a professional boxer. On two different occasions, Mooney was on the same fight card as a young Joe Louis and a young Tony Zale. Mooney hung up his gloves to become an assistant to the Notre Dame Bengal Bouts program. For about five years as a professional boxer, Mooney has been somewhere between a best friend, father or grandfather to each of the 100 or so Bengal Bouters who participate in the Notre Dame boxing tournament annually.

Mooney has taught thousands of kids the art of boxing. He instructs young men on how to handle both physical and mental problems they
Peacock won his first fight in four years against Pat O'Shaughnessy in the semifinals, but don't expect him to expect to be complacent.

He's a southpaw, which should give Frick some problems, but Frick hung in there for three rounds with a steady Brian Rigney, only to walk away with a unanimous decision. Peacock is more of an up-and-down type fighter, while Frick goes for the straight-on power approach.

This is Peacock's last fight in the Bouts, so he might win the heart department, but intensity will most often counteract sentiment, and Frick is an intense fighter.

--Betsy Baker

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After receiving a bye in the first round, Mellin rolled past dangerous David Bann. Only a sophomore, Mellin does not have a lot of ring experience but makes up for it with his athleticism and savvy.

Murphy might just be the most improved fighter in the tournament. A year ago, he was embarrassed in the first round. This year, he has rolled into the finals, knocking off Rick Johnson and Dennis Joyce along the way.

Both fighters are aggressive and are not afraid to brawl. Murphy has a strong jab and a clear cut height advantage. However, Mellin's power inside and relentless pursuit should prove to be the difference.

--Mike Day

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Dobranski faces the challenge of all challenges on Friday. He will try to unseat two-time champion Brian Gaffney, who also happens to be the hottest fighter in the tournament.

Dobranski's strengths are his power and his ability to take a hit. Those strengths will be tested against the relentless Gaffney. In two fights, Gaffney has recorded two technical knockouts. In last year's finals, he embarrassed former champion Mike Dobrianski, taking him out in less than three minutes.

Dobranski cannot be intimidated, or it's over before it started. Gaffney has the power and the rest will take care of itself.

--Mike Day
Both Sharpe and Maguire squeezed through the ropes in their semifinal victories as they both won on split decisions.

Sharpe has the size and experience advantage in the 140-pound final, but Maguire defeated a feisty Tom Crowley in the semis, whose reach could knock out the Ryan's. Sharpe is a captain who is a testament to his volition, while Maguire is no easy test, being on split decisions in the semifinals two years in a row, last year to Lucas Molina. Sharpe was not in top form in the semis, while Maguire appeared to be. This one could go either way and will probably be a question of endurance.

-Mike Day
Mooney

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might encounter later in life. "Boxing is great — that is why I am down here. I like to teach those boys how to handle themselves," Mooney explains.

"That way, if someone wants to get tough with them, they know how to put up their dukes and do a little fighting."

Mooney gives his all to the competitors and finds it very important to guide them in any way possible. He understands how important a role model can be — a lesson he learned from Hoek.

Who better to attest to Mooney's importance than some of this year's Bengal Bouts captains.

"Every day before practice, Jack always has a word of encouragement for us," said senior captain Lucas Molina. "Part of having Jack down here keeps the Knuut Hoekne spirit alive. He was one of the originals."

"Jack is the main man down here," junior captain Brian Galley said. "If you are having a bad day, you come down here and talk with Jack for 10 minutes, and you will leave in a better mood. It is like hanging out with your granddad every day."

"He is a great guy to have around," senior captain Sean Sharp said. "Jack is a landmark of Bengal Bouts. He is always here to tie up our gloves or just time us on the bag. Anything we need, he is down here for us."

Mooney has been with the Bengal Bouts since the beginning. He knows the importance of the money they raise, and the good that it does in Bangladesh. Over the 50 years, he has witnessed the growth of the Bouts and the increasing prominence that it has on campus.

"Right now, we are doing much more with Bengal Bouts than we did 50 years ago." Mooney says. "We are getting more money to send to the little kids in Bangladesh. Every little bit counts, and the last couple of years we have done very well."

For his dedication and hard work for over 50 years, Jack Mooney has had the opportunity to guide the lives of students both in and outside of the boxing ring.

Mooney has been named the 1998 Bengal Bouts Award winner. The Bengal Bouts Award was instituted 50 years ago and has been presented annually on the night of the finals. The inscription on the first award, given in 1948, recognized Bishop Bernie Shield of Chicago, founder of the National CYO Athletic Program as an individual who "contributed the most to the youth of America by example and competitive spirit."

This award is just a small token of appreciation for all that Mooney is responsible for. He has been invaluable to the Bengal Bouts program for so many years and has touched so many lives, that one can only hope his contributions will go on for years to come.
Common Winter Blues

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FROM STUDENT TO PLAYWRIGHT:

HICKS' "SEALOVE, MANAGER"
ARRIVES AT NOTRE DAME

The Observer/Keith Oaten

Washington Hall served as the stage for "Sealove, Manager," a musical written by Sander Hicks, last night.

Above: Sander Hicks (left) and Shannon Collins (right) engage in conversation as characters Joe Joe and Mom in last night's production.

Below: Daniel Pardo entertains the audience with vocals as Gary.

By KRISTI KLITSCH
Accent Editor

At the age of 27, Sander Hicks owns a publishing company, has numerous books in print and write, produces and directs off-Broadway musicals. The Virginia native is the writer, producer and director of, and actor in, the rock n' roll musical "Sealove, Manager," which opened last night at Washington Hall. The play will also run tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Although "Sealove, Manager" is the first of his plays to be featured across the country, writing and music are not new to Hicks. Hicks attended James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., for two years, where he actively engaged in writing short stories. He became dissatisfied with the political and patriotic atmosphere at JMU during the Gulf War, and decided to transfer to the New School for Social Research in New York City.

"JMU became very patriotic," he said. "It was ridiculing and alienating protesters." Yet his change of location eventually resulted in a change of life.

At New School he studied under Suzan-Lori Parks, who wrote the script "Girl 6" for Spike Lee.

"She was a great form of support," Hicks said, admitting that she was a catalyst in his interest in theater.

While at New School, Hicks wrote for the school paper, independently wrote fiction and worked at the 12th Street Kinko's Copy Center in downtown New York City. In addition, he wrote the script for "Cash Cow," a play about a man who works in a copy center.

Although his job at Kinko's supported him financially, it also provided the backdrop for the creation of Soft Skull Publishing Company, owned by Hicks.

"I would use the machinery at Kinko's to make my manuscripts look," Hicks said. "Soft Skull now has on-line publishing and has become a multi-media company," he said.

In addition to writing plays and short stories, Hicks also writes songs.

"The summer between JMU and New School spent in Washington, D.C. was my last summer in D.C. I started writing songs in the shed behind my house. I was angry about work, love..." In 1993, his punk band "Subterfuge" traveled across the United States on tour.

Yet through the songs and short stories, a brilliant playwright and producer was born.

After reading Hicks' script for "Sealove, Manager," Parks recommended Hicks for entry in New Dramatists, a non-profit organization that develops young playwrights.

Entry into the society was really "a shot in the arm to my play-writing," Hicks said. After admittance, New Dramatists sent Hicks to a two-weekwriter's retreat in upstate New York, a location with "green weather," he said.

"I began thinking about the suburbs and their relation to D.C. My thoughts wandered to my own life, and about mowing the grass in D.C."

These thoughts proved to be the backdrop for his play "Sealove, Manager."

"The first song of the play is called "Death to the Grass," and it stemmed from the idea of mowing the grass in D.C.," he said.

The character Sealove in the play is semi-autobiographical to Hicks himself. Sealove is an estranged 25-year-old who returns to the suburbs of D.C., after being fired from his job on Wall Street, to mow the grass and deal with his mother and younger brother. Sealove is dissatisfied with life and wants his brother to be inspired to do something else.

"The play is about the suburbs and the middle class. It's about growth and love," Hicks said.

In the play, Hicks fills the role of Sealove's younger brother Joe Joe. In one part, Joe Joe takes on the persona of a dog, in order to avoid the conflict around him.

"It's not the easiest role to play," Hicks said. "Joe Joe is a combination of Sealove's religious past and his straight-edged past."

Yet, after writing the play, Hicks had to produce it and attract an audience.

"I just did it," he said. "After being in a punk-rock band, you know you can do anything."

The first major production of "Sealove, Manager" was last summer at the Ohio Theater. The play was part of a three-day festival directed by Richard Eoin Nash-Siedlecki. Danny O'Brien, a Notre Dame junior who is abroad this semester, played the part of Joe Joe in that production.

After this weekend, Hicks and his cast will travel to Chicago; Three Oaks, Mich., Harrisonburg, Va., and Washington, D.C. "Generally I think that the play has been a success," Hicks said.

Parker Kindred, the drummer in "White Collar Crime," the rock band in "Sealove, Manager," described Hicks as "radical but inspirational."

"He gets his ideas from standards of new America to people who forget through his plays, music and poems. He really per­ceives the world as it comes."

"Working with Sander has been quite wonderful," said Nicholas Cott, the piano player for "Sealove, Manager."

"Sealove, Manager" is sponsored by the Notre Dame Student Players, a campus group that sponsors non-departmental plays.

"It's a great rock 'n' roll play directly off Broadway," said Andrew Reuland, a member of the NISP.

"We really hope that a lot of people come to see the play," he stated.
Gretzky, Rangers down Maple Leafs

Associated Press

TORONTO
Wayne Gretzky had three assists Monday night as the New York Rangers defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-2 in the NHL's second game of the season.

Mats Sundin scored twice for the Rangers, but the Maple Leafs' failure to score their first goal in over 48 minutes was the difference.

Fredrik Modin, who played his first game for the Hangers.

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Notre Dame looks to rebound against Syracuse, Kansas

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

The women's tennis team looks to rebound after suffering their first two dual match losses of the year last weekend.

The Irish may have lost their first two matches, but Coach Jay Louderback was nonetheless pleased with his team. "Both of our losses last weekend were by scores of 5-4," said Louderback. "Against Vanderbilt there were even a few times where we even had match points to win but could not capitalize and in our match with Mississippi we split the singles before losing two close pro sets in doubles. This year it seems that there is more parity than ever in college tennis. Every point is crucial and all the top teams have good chances to beat each other."

Junior Jennifer Hall and freshman Michelle Dasso, the top two players on the team, fared well for the 7-2 Irish. First singles player Hall posted a 3-0 singles record on the weekend, including her second victory over the third ranked player in the country, Mississippi’s Agnes Muzamel. Dasso also went 3-0 with a win over Mississippi’s Iwona Mihailova.

Today, the Irish play host to fellow Big East conference school, Syracuse. Syracuse is led by senior Nicole Strnadova. Strnadova is coming back from an injury suffered last year but is having a good senior season. "It will be good to play a Big East school before our tournament in April. They are only one of two Big East teams, along with Boston College that we play all season," Louderback said.

The University of Minnesota comes to Notre Dame on Saturday morning for a match. Minnesota defeated Syracuse earlier in the year by an impressive 7-0 margin and is currently one of the top teams in the Midwest. "Minnesota is a deep team," Louderback said. "They have been ranked in the top five in the Midwest for the whole year. Most of their players are similar so their bottom of the lineup is strong. Nura Savska is their number one player and has some national experience. I'm eager to play them because we have a chance of facing them again in the Midwest NCAA's qualifying."

On Sunday, the Irish compete against Kansas, which features one of the top players in the country, Kylee Hunt. Hunt is recovering from a knee injury which forced her to miss last year's spring season. The fifth-year senior was the runner-up in the 1996 NCAA singles tournament. Kansas is solid throughout their lineup from one to six singles and Hunt is one of the most talented players in the country. "It shows you what kind of competitor she is after not playing for so long," Louderback said.

Captain Kelley Olson will lead the Irish women's tennis team this weekend.
Teamwork crucial for fencers

Determination leads Irish to championships

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Sports Writer

It takes a lot to be a champion. For any athlete, it requires a great deal of focus, determination, and practice. For the Irish fencing team, this has spilled itself out all season. The long practices, the endless list of teams on the Irish schedule and their determination to be the best have culminated to this point in the season.

The upcoming schedule now reads “championships,” and that is what is on every Irish fencer’s mind. The time is now for the team to cash in its chips on the quest to the champions. This weekend the Midwest Team Championships will provide the Notre Dame fencers with the first possible opportunity to do this. With the individual/New Year’s fencing, this has spelled out great teams on the practice, and practice. For the Irish, this point in the season.

“We won’t lose our focus on teamwork, we’re too light of a team to do that,” said senior epeeist John Tejada. “Our main goal is to win the championship. We’ll be happy if we go first, second, and third in each event, even if that means that one of us won’t qualify for the NCAs.”

But before that happens, the team will face one last test as they battle for the final collective win of the season this weekend. Though the teams they face will not be of the same caliber as some of the top-ranked East-Coast teams they have faced, this last team tournament is just as important.

“We still have to do our best. Here’s an opportunity to work out the kinks and get us familiar with the people we’ll fence next weekend,” said senior epeeist Carl Jackson.

Added Tejada, “We have to keep the same game plan throughout. We can’t sleep on any of these teams this weekend. No matter what we’ll face in the future, beating the teams this weekend is our primary goal right now.”

Winning has been the team’s goal all season. And they are looking to continue that in the upcoming tournaments. All of the team’s efforts all season are in hopes that they can place a ‘W’ by each of the remaining tournaments, including the NCAA Championships.

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The Notre Dame fencing team will compete in its final team event of the year this weekend at the Midwest Team Championships.

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Le Cercle Francais
Brown's technique breaks records

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Assistant Sports Editor

To achieve what junior Mike Brown has in the past two and a half years, a person must have focus. To shatter school records and personal bests at the rate which Brown has, he must maintain focus, especially in the sport of pole vaulting.

Last weekend, the soft-spoken Brown claimed his second-straight Big East title with the second highest vault in Notre Dame history at 17-1/2.

In January, Brown beat the provisional qualifying standard for the NCAA championship by 4 1/2 inches. Yet, he fell just 4 1/2 inches short of the automatic qualifying standard at the Red Simmons Invitational.

The sport of pole vaulting is a precarious one in which the vaulter puts all his weight on a single pole to propel himself over a bar at least 15 feet in the air. Brown has almost perfectly perfected the technique, yet he maintains there is always room for improvement. "When you run down the runway, you have a certain step and you have to hit your marks," Brown said about his pole vault. "On the runway a few feet before you reach the mat, you visualize yourself beginning your plant, which means moving your arms forward and up over your head. At the same time the pole drops into the box and on your last step you have to be in the right position; otherwise it becomes dangerous."

At the Red Simmons Invitational, he shattered the 16-year-old school record by 9 1/4 inches. His vault of 17-6 beat the previous mark set by Paul Doyle at 16-8 3/4, a record which has stood since 1982. Prior to his spectacular showing, his previous best was 16-2 3/4 set at both the 1996 and 1997 Big East championships.

He started pole vaulting as a freshman at Torrey Pines High School, in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., only after his dream of playing soccer was cut short when he did not make the high school team. "When you start out pole vaulting you don't start immediately going for heights," Brown said. "You do the very simple drills and you learn those, and those drills only require walking and getting inches off the ground. As you progress the drills become more difficult and gradually go up in height."

One of Brown's most memorable moments occurred when he captured the California state championship his senior year with a vault of 16-1. That same year he qualified for the 1995 USA track and field junior nationals and finished fifth.

"It was a lot of fun and that is why I keep with it now," Brown said. "I never went out with the expectation of being here. I wanted to play soccer. I played soccer all my life. Then I went out for wrestling and I went out for track because my brother ran track."

Brown's high school performance caught the eyes of numerous colleges and universities throughout the country. In addition to Notre Dame, Texas, UCLA and Berkeley recruited him.

"I was not looking at colleges simply based on track," Brown said. "I took my trip here I met the team, I met the people and it just felt very comfortable. Notre Dame has a very good reputation academically. It was a small school and it was away from home. I was looking to go away from home."

Brown has had tremendous success in the past two and a half years. He won the Big East indoor and outdoor pole vault titles, with jumps of 16-2 3/4 indoors and 16-4 3/4 outdoors. Last year, he finished no lower than fifth in 13 indoor and outdoor competitions. His outdoor best came at the ICAA championships with a vault of 17-1/4 and became the first person from Notre Dame to clear 17 feet.
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the Irish enter the tournament on one of their most outstanding wins of the season, a 71-64 victory over No. 2 seed Rutgers.

Before defeating the Scarlet Knights, the Irish had gone 6-7 after trailing at halftime. The team was down 33-28 going into the locker room before they went on a 9-0 run to start the half. The team then hit 21 of 27 free throws in the second half to put the game away.

"I thought this was the biggest win of the season," head coach John MacLeod said.

Even though the game was intended to put the team's seniors on center stage, it was freshmen on center stage, it was a challenge for us to step up. The 6-foot-5 center tallied her biggest win of the season, "It's a game that Ruth would be a factor because she didn't play much during the game at Rutgers, so we had hoped that would be an advantage we would have coming in," McGraw said about Riley's performance.

The two teams faced off two times earlier this season, both with lopsided results in favor of the Irish. In the most recent contest on Feb. 12, Riley and junior Danielle Green each scored 13 to lead the Irish, while McMillen tallied eleven points.

"I think the key for us is to play as a team," Siemon said. "We have to be mentally prepared, use our strength, and take advantage of the other team's mistakes. But we have to play as a team, because that's what we've done throughout the season."

M. B-ball continued from page 24

that we had that kind of balance," said Notre Dame head coach John MacLeod. "The great thing was that we had a bunch of people step up around Garrity."

The Friars have stumbled to an 11-15 overall record, including a mediocre 6-11 mark in Big East play. After last year's run in which it reached the Elite Eight of the NCAA tournament, Providence has fallen on hard times. Forward Jamel Thomas has emerged as one of the league's top players, averaging 17.9 points and 6.7 rebounds per game. Thomas has, however, had little support around him, meaning the Friars have been punchless on offense for much of the season.

"We've had flashes where we have been a solid team, but we haven't been able to maintain any consistency," said Friars head coach Pete Gillen.

"It's been kind of a rebuilding season for us, but that doesn't mean we're not going to make any noise over the rest of the season," he said. The Irish just hope that noise doesn't come on Saturday.

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the Spartans creamed the Irish. The next night in the Spartans' rink, the Irish trounced them. If Notre Dame plays like they are capable, they can create a lot of momentum heading into the postseason.

Sophomore John Dwyer has made it clear that Notre Dame isn't afraid of anyone. "We will play anyone in the first round," he said. "We don't have any favorites. What we do want to do is come into the post-season having finished the regular season strongly."

For the Irish to win, they will have to rejuvenate their power play. The Irish's power play has been very strong this season, ranking as high as third in the league for most of the season, thanks to the plethora of goal-scorers who show up to the rink every night.

Junior Annette Bhdhaphale topped the 20-goal plateau weeks ago, and sophomore center Ben Simon leads the team in assists and eclipsed his goal total from last year before Christmas. Junior forward Brian Urick has proven himself to be a clutch scorer and leads the team in game-winning goals.

Perhaps more important than scoring is preventing the score, and for this the Irish faithful turn to senior star goaltender Matt Eislter. He has had a storied career as an Irish net-minder and is a big reason why Notre Dame has won more games this season than ever before in Poulin's reign. But the true key to preventing goals comes from the five men in front of Eislter. The entire team is focusing on marking opponents in front of the net and playing better team defense.

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Expectations high for Irish women's lacrosse team

By KEVIN AMERIKS
Sports Writer

Any new season brings with it a certain aura of excitement and optimism for the experience that lies ahead. This is especially the case for the budding women's lacrosse program, which embarks on its second season as a varsity sport with a weekend tournament on Duke's campus in Durham, N.C.

Though this year’s schedule dwarfs last year’s in both scale and difficulty, the Irish are eager for the many challenges they’ll encounter this spring, including matches with Stanford, Vanderbilt, Harvard, Davidson, and Duke twice.

The return of 12 monogram winners and eight starters, together with the addition of a talented freshman class including four former high school all-Americans, has led head coach Tracy Coyne joyous about the strong direction the program has taken so quickly. But there is more work to do, and coach Coyne, the perennial motivator, has set an important focus for the team.

"We’re not in a position to overlook anyone on our schedule and we must go into each and every game well prepared," she said.

Nevertheless, she has set high goals for the program she was hired to launch from infancy. Nevertheless, she has set high goals for the program she was hired to launch from infancy.

"Our captains are good leaders and are committed and dedicated to motivating all the players on our team," Coyne said. "They have taken on the responsibility of instilling into everyone on the team a strong work ethic that will enable us to take that next step."

Coyne served as a captain last year and was voted as the team MVP after starting all nine games and scoring 20 goals and two assists. She is respected for her all-around skills and is the sparkplug for Notre Dame’s transition game.

Callahan is the top returning scorer from last year’s squad and was the second-leading scorer overall a year ago with 18 goals and a team-leading 11 assists for 29 points. Her good moves, athleticism, and field vision on the attack will continue to instill fear in the opposition.

Junior Stephanie Fox will also be a key goal-scorer for the Irish attack this year. Last year, she proved to be a threat from anywhere on the field, finishing third in the Irish scoring column with 18 goals and 8 assists for 26 points, while starting only seven of the nine games the team played.

Alex O’Shaughnessy, the first woman lacrosse player ever to sign a national letter of intent to attend Notre Dame, is but one talented freshman at an impact position who is poised to earn a starting position in the Irish lineup.

A three-sport athlete at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Va., she was a high school all-American her junior and senior seasons in lacrosse and helped lead her team to a 19-1 record and No. 1 ranking nationally her senior year. The team hopes to get the most out of her potential as a fine passer and "big game" competitor.

Perhaps the most intriguing newcomer on the women’s team is senior midfielder Holly Manthei. She is as much a newawe to the sport of lacrosse as she is to the varsity team. Still, she brings to the team the valuable experience of starting on a national championship team. As the only four-time all-America in the history of the women’s soccer program, her athletic skills needn’t be questioned.

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Caray's enthusiasm changed game for fans

A little over a year ago, John G. "Cam" Caray, Chicago White Sox radio broadcaster, died after a cancer battle. His passing marked the end of an era, as he was known for his energetic broadcasts and love for the game.

Although Caray is no longer with us, his legacy lives on. His passion for the game inspired not just the fans, but also the players on the field. Whenever a White Sox game was on, Cam was there, providing commentary that was both entertaining and informative.

Caray's enthusiasm for the game was contagious. He made the game more than just a pastime; it became a part of the fabric of Chicago life. When he was on the air, he made sure that everyone was enthralled by the lights and the show. His voice was like a beacon, drawing people in from all over.

His commentary was not just for the man, but for the game as well. He put on a show designed not for the die-hard fan, but for the fan who might be watching their first or fading faster than the Detroit Tigers.

Caray's fun-loving attitude was infectious. He made sure that everyone was enticed by the lights and the show. When people cry, they will be crying for the loss they have suffered. But for Caray, his aches and pains were just the price he had to pay for the game he loved.

He was a fan for the past 57 years, and his voice will be missed by all who knew and loved him. But his legacy lives on, and his enthusiasm for the game will continue to inspire generations to come.
Tracksters ready for final indoor meet at home

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field team will take a fairly relaxed approach into this weekend's Alex Wilson Invitational, after the stress and rigors of the Big East championships last week.

This will be Notre Dame's final home indoor meet of the season, and therefore the final chance for the seniors to run on the Meyo Track in Loftus Sports Center. It will be held tonight and tomorrow, with most finals in running events taking place between 12:45 and 3:30 p.m.

Head coach Joe Piane said that virtually every school that wanted to send athletes to the meet was permitted to. The meet will focus on the individuals, as most schools are only sending a few of their top athletes to compete, rather than the entire team.

Since most of the people competing from schools other than Notre Dame are among the top individuals on their team, the competition will be stiff. "It will be a good meet, and our kids will be challenged," said Piane. "For some of our athletes, we need them to be sharper so we can take them to a meet next week and get them qualified for the NCAA championships. To develop sharpness, they might run different distances than usual."

After last week's meet, it appears that the Fighting Irish have qualified for the NCAA championships in seven events — Errol Williams in the 55-meter hurdles, Bobby Brown in the 400-meter dash, Jason Rexing in the mile, Marshall West in the long jump, Mike Brown in the pole vault, and JoAnna Deeter in the 3,000 and 5,000-meter runs. This meet and next weekend's are the last chances to qualify for nationals.

Williams has reached the automatic qualifying time, while the others have met provisional standards, which means their qualifications depend on how well other athletes do. Williams' time of 7.26 last weekend is a new school record and ranks him as the seventh-fastest hurler in the nation. Brown also was named athlete of the meet last week after two individual victories.

The men placed second at the Big East, and the women ninth. Although they had hoped to finish slightly higher, Piane said that all the athletes really stepped up their efforts and competed well.

Williams, Brown, and several runners who competed in events at the Big East Invitational, such as Deeter and distance runner Alison Klemmer, will sit out this meet to rest.

"I know a lot of people had their heart in the last meet, so we're just trying to run the best that we can," said senior all-American Danny Payton, who will compete in the 400-meter dash tomorrow.

"We will be giving a lot of people an opportunity to compete because it's a home meet," said field events coach Scott Wissler.
The Irish bowling team hosted their first annual Blue and Gold tournament last weekend at Beacon Bowl.

Notre Dame bowlers will sponsor second 'Rock and Bowl'

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Bowling is usually seen as a leisure activity which people participate in on a social level. For some students, however, at Notre Dame, bowling is a competitive sport for which they spend nine hours a week to perfect their craft.

Senior Jason Jansen founded the bowling club two years ago. The team now consists of 12 men and seven women. The men's team is in its second full season, while the women started a year ago. The men and women compete in the same tournaments but in separate divisions.

The season starts in September, with tournaments running from October through March. Practices are three hours a day, three days a week at nearby Beacon Bowl in South Bend. In all, the Irish all compete in eleven tournaments during the school year.

Notre Dame hosted their first annual Blue and Gold tournament three weeks ago at Beacon Bowl. A highlight of the tournament was senior Jil Llewelyn winning the women's title.

Sophomore team member Ann Deitch was excited with the tournament's success. "The tournament was very successful, especially for it being our first year. Jil bowled very well as did everyone else who competed. Hopefully next year we can double the number of participating schools," said Deitch.

The team will be sponsoring their second "Rock and Bowl" night at the Beacon Bowl in April. The first "Rock and Bowl," held earlier in the year, was very successful and featured unlimited bowling set to a background of music.

The Irish travel to the University of Illinois in Urbana, Ill. this weekend to compete in Illinois' tournament. The first weekend of spring break, they travel to Columbus, Ohio to compete against another midwest school.

The club is led by president Eric Baker and vice president Shawn Kearney. Deitch serves as the club's secretary, while Adam Niesen is the treasurer.

South Bend resident and Notre Dame alum Ray Szajko serves as the team's coach. Szajko is currently a professional bowler and volunteers his time to help the program out.

"Ray Szajko is instrumental in our development as bowlers. He is an experienced bowler who has a lot of knowledge to offer us," Deitch said.

Anyone who is interested in bowling is encouraged to join the club team.
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MEN ABOUT CAMPUS

DAN SULLIVAN

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Aries: Spend your energy in pursuit of fun and romance. Relationships enter a playful stage today. Your sense of humor runs toward the creative end of the spectrum.

Taurus: The time has come to clean house and to make sure that a mess of this size never happens again. The way you live is a picture of your pride and humility. Your personal affect is influenced by your family dynamics.

Gemini: Style counts for a lot today. You appreciate the message but are repulsed by the messengers. Keep your eyes open for your lucky number today: 432.

Cancer: Your generosity to yourself extends into the lives of others today. Remember that buying a friend cheapens the friendship, no matter how much you pay. Go with your impulse instead of your agenda.

Leo: The Moon has come to visit Leo’s house, bringing you the gift of yourself. Handle who you are, do exactly what you want to do. You are guaranteed success in all pursuits today.

Virgo: Today you are faced with the consequences of a mistake you made. At any moment, you have no real choice but to stand there and be scolded. Your opportunity to try making everything right will come soon enough.

Libra: Be supportive of others today. As a community resource, you may get more than your share of people coming to you for help. At the moment, you are comfortable in this role. In the future, you will need many favors.

Scorpio: Your professional life promises a new set of frustrations. The best approach for today is the subtle attack. Staying with the program might be the best problem solving tool of all.

Sagittarius: Do not let some one else’s offensive behavior spoil your good mood. The Leo Moon makes you resilient and socially immune to idiots. Your mission today is too important to be diverted by petty conflict.

Capricorn: Joint ventures are not favored today. Others are much less inclined to share than you would prefer them to be. Avoid all tempting invitations and spend the day working alone.

Aquarius: Compromise is the only way out of a fierce struggle today. Each party loves something so that all might gain. A relationship is enriched if it survives this difficult moment.

PISCES: The time has come to nurse every broken relationship and organize it. Not everyone can navigate a filing system based on your personal intuition. Translate into conventional logic if you want others to understand.

OF INTEREST

The Channel Volunteer Program will be recruiting today from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Center for Social Concerns, Chelan, based in Seattle, WA, provides minority training for 1 to 2 year placements in parish ministry, education, social services and business. The program is based in Seattle, WA.

A piano recital by graduate student Ayako Toda will be presented Sunday afternoon, March 1 at 3 p.m. in the Ammonberg Auditorium at the Seattle Museum of Art. The program will include works by J.S. Bach, Mozart, and Faure. The recital is free and open to the public. Please call 1-800-200-400 for more information.

Candidates for the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship must submit all their application materials to Mr. Jay Shaiken by April 1. Additional application forms are available directly from him, at 102-B O’Shaughnessy Hall. Candidates will be advised by the Rotary of Homeland of their interview date and time shortly after April 8th.

MEN

North
Makaronis & Cheese
Table Tots
Nantucket Corn & Clam Chowder
French Bread Cheese Pizza
Tomaato Pizza

South
Nantucket Corn & Clam Chowder
French Bread Cheese Pizza
Grilled Cheddar on Sour Dough
Kristen’s Fried Cornbread

St. Mary’s
Potato Leek Soup
Potato Leek Soup a la Foischke
French Onion Soup

OTHER CAMPUS EVENTS

Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats

P.m.
Tonight!!

Purchase tickets @ Lafortune Info Desk
$3 for students, $5 for non-students
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Conference tourney begins

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

Once again, it's that time of year for women's basketball fans. It's conference tournament time, when the record books are wiped clean and the run for postseason contention begins.

While the Fighting Irish women's basketball team already has a strong case for selection in the NCAA's, advancing far in the Big East tournament which is set to open tomorrow at Rutgers University, will help make their case a little stronger.

The top three seeds in the tournament are given first round byes, while the remaining seeds battle it out in five separate contests on Saturday. Notre Dame, after obtaining a fifth seed with a 12-6 conference record, will face off against 12th seed St. John's at 2 p.m.

The Red Storm heads into the tournament on a three-game losing streak, and have lost nine of their last eleven contests. After suffering a 86-50 loss to Connecticut, St. John's headed home to drop a 63-55 decision to West Virginia. On Tuesday, they closed out their season with a 64-49 defeat at Boston College.

Junior guard Ebony Dickinson scored 11 points against the Huskies and had 13 points and 11 boards against the Mountaineers. Junior forward Adriana Bedalov had a team-high 14 points against the Mountaineers.

"They have two guards that penetrate well, and I can shoot from outside," freshman forward Kelly Siemon said about the Red Storm. "It's going to be hard to beat them three times, but I think we're going to be ready this time to shut them down.

On the other end of the court, see W.B-BALL/ page 18

HOCKEY

Icers prepare for playoffs

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

Two weeks from tonight, the Fighting Irish will play in the post-season of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association for the first time in head coach Dave Poulin's three-year tenure at Notre Dame.

The Irish (15-16-4 overall, 10-13-4 CCHA) assured themselves at least an eighth-place finish in the eleven-team league and a spot in the postseason with a 4-3 win last Friday night against Northern Michigan.

Before they get there, the Irish have a difficult road ahead of them. They will play two games this weekend against Northern Michigan and one game next weekend against Michigan. "Our goal is to build momentum for the playoffs," stated senior captain Steve Noble. "We would like to get on a roll before the playoffs, because a hot team is difficult to beat.


How will the Irish be able to create momentum with such tough opponents looming on their schedule?

The CCHA is extremely competitive, and on any given night it is any team's hockey game. Earlier in the season the No. 1 Michigan State Spartans and the Irish played two back-to-back games. On Friday night at the Joyce Center, see HOCKEY/ page 18

Mike Brown leads Irish pole vaulters

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Fencers compete in last team event

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