Local Hispanic youth participate in games and activities with Notre Dame Spanish students through CASH, the Community Alliance to Serve Hispanics.
Outside the Dome

Nationwide 'cyber attack' strikes Princeton, other schools

Huth said. Huth added the university has been an important collaborator in this and past investigations. "Princeton is well known about its expertise in computer security," he said.

According to the indictment, there are various types of "cyber-attacks" possible.

"This type of attack is called a 'denial of service attack,' when no data is conducted to the computers," Huth said. "That case is that the system is set just to reboot after they use it.

Huth also said the university's lack of Internet security makes it a more vulnerable target.

"This type of attack can only be mounted against organizations that do not protect their networks with firewalls," he said. "A firewall is a piece of software that insulates the Internet from the internal network of the organization." Huth said.

ND loses sight of students

At the end of a listening session on cultural diversity led by Edward Malloy a couple weeks ago, the audience, 95 percent of whom were minority students, was forced to attend a follow-up event where they would have to air their concerns. After a few minutes' hesitation, Malloy agreed to the students' wishes. I attended that session, and what surprised me was that no one did what anyone in the upper echelons of the administration had said he or she would listen to what the students had to say.

Sure, Patricia D'Hara reads the resolutions from the Campus Life Council before she rejects them. But then the administration has its mind made up on the most controversial issues well before it receives student input.

When we at The Observer write articles addressing the views of students to improve the campus community have been rejected, we tend to become desensitized. "So the University chose to hide behind legal jargon rather than do the right thing by including student orientation in the non-discrimination clause? That figures."

There are times when the frustration often expressed by the student body hits home at The Observer. For the past six months, The Observer has tried to make the best of the impending move to South Dining Hall, which was originally up against that for the fact that it made absolutely zero sense for the student newspaper, which devotes much of its resources to student government, not to be housed in the student center, where many students believe the administration located.

But more important than whether the University administration chooses to bother with student opinion is whether it cares about the students. You'd think the administration doesn't care, but sometimes you have to wonder.

When the school spends 50 million to renovate a swallowed home of the football squad -- a team composed of a greater percentage of minority students -- you think the administration might care, but sometimes you have to wonder.

But you can't win in a war of numbers where millions of dollars to repave the sidewalks on God Quad and move the student population from the dorms to the dining hall, and if you try to fight for the space you have to wonder.

When plenty of other Catholic universities allow for non-alumni students to run their own groups and include sexual orientation in their non-discrimination clauses, but Notre Dame's no, you have to wonder.

Every time that The Observer's outgoing editor-in-chief has expressed the idea that the Inside Column should carry the last issue of his term -- as today's edition is for me -- I haven't paid too much attention. Now that the administration has ignored both the students and their opinions. The implication is that things around here just don't get better, even as time moves from one year to the next.

Because the student body is composed of different people every year, it has an excuse for repeating the same mistakes. The administration, however, does not.

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□ DEAN UNIVERSITY

Students burn campus benches

DURHAM, N.C.

West Campus looks remarkably barren now. Displaying an impressive level of organization and unity, students Tuesday night burned many of the benches that had inhabited the area. The spark for the burnings came from the administration's refusal to allow students to build a traditional bonfire in the men's basketball team's Saturday afternoon 77-75 victory over archrival University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and its plan to take down 1 of the benches in order to prevent future fires. "Public Safety didn't want any more benches on campus," Trinity senior Jeff Kessler said sarcastically. "I guess we're just doing their job for them."

In an elaborate plot --orchestrated by two students who wished to remain anonymous -- the people planted a debt to distrust members of the Duke University Police Department. They made a plan to go to the center of the quad and start igniting it. Approximately the same time, a fire alarm went off in Clocktower Quad, and a few of the students who were trying to ignite the Microcourt benches were taken away by police.

□ MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Casino management will be offered

EAST LANSING, Mich.

MSU took a gamble Tuesday after the Academic Council approved courses that teach how to manage a casino, some faculty members said. "Does MSU want to be associated with an activity that will teach impressionable young people how to gamble?" asked Shawnne Vickery, a market and supply chain management professor, during the meeting. Vickery, who asked for dismissal of the motion, said offering the classes would only cause advocacy and could begin a disastrous path for college students. She also said courses with long-term effects of gambling may lead to many negative consequences, including habits such as alcoholism and the severity of a huge economic impact. But John Tarras, associate professor of hospitality business, said students have the right to choose whether they want to gamble, and the classes will provide the knowledge needed to make that decision.

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□ WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Freshmen charged with counterfeiting

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.

Two Western Kentucky students were indicted in a federal grand jury in Louisville yesterday in connection with a possible two-state counterfeiting ring. Freshman Jason Cardwell and Craig Fagg, both 19, were charged with conspiracy, producing counterfeit currency and passing counterfeit currency at Liberty High School if convicted. Cardwell may serve up to 50 years in prions, three years of supervised release and pay a fine of $2,500. Fagg faces up to 35 years imprisonment, three years supervised release and a $750,000 fine if proved guilty. 'I've advised to tell you guys no comment,' Cardwell said. Despite numerous calls, Fagg could not be reached for comment.

□ UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Gov't officials sued for defamation

TAMPA, Fla.

Student government chief Charles Chandra Manasingh filed two civil lawsuits in Hillsborough County circuit court against three Student Government officials for defamation of character and violating information on the computer. The defendants named in the lawsuits are state president Bob Markay, Sen. Lara Dobbski and director for Notre Ridge Bryan Verdey. In the official complaint, Verdey is accused of spreading false information in regard to Manasingh's character. "Verdey knew the good name and reputation of the plaintiff, and he willfully and maliciously published the statement that he knew (Manasingh)," it states. "Verdey composed and published a letter...in which false, scandalous, and defamatory statements concerning (Manasingh) were published on the Internet," he said. Intending to injure the plaintiff and to bring the plaintiff into contempt and disgrace, said he said. The complaint on Manasingh's lawsuit against him because he had not yet been served with a copy of the it.
Music students to perform opera

By SARAH J. HILTZ
Associate News Editor

Romance, politics and the glory of ancient Rome will be on display in an opera put on by the Notre Dame music department later this month.

The music department will also include "The Coronation of Poppea" in its spring schedule. Manneverdi's opera, which will be performed in English, is about love, politics and jealousy, and is set in the Roman Empire during the reign of Nero.

Emperor Nero, who will be played by graduate student Magnus Hiltz, is the main character. He is in love with Poppea but is married to Ottavia, who eventually tries to have him killed. Ottavia winds up banished, and Poppea, played by senior Laura Fortune, becomes queen.

Graduate student Erin Kraemer, who plays the part of Ottavia, sung the praises of the show's director, Marc Verzatt.

"Marc has so much energy, and he gives everything he has. During the first rehearsal, he gave me a whole extra hour and a half," Kraemer said.

She also explained the care taken by Verzatt to accommodate the abilities and personality of the singer.

"He takes time to get to know you personally, and then decides how the character should be played. He gets a feel for your own personality, then shapes the character," Kraemer explained.

Stephanie Mann, a Notre Dame graduate student, plays Drusilla, who takes the blame for trying to murder Ottavia to protect Ottune, the man she loves.

"The story is very sick. Drusilla is really the only one with some redeemable qualities," she said.

Mann emphasized that, while college students may not have a particular interest in opera, the intriguing plot makes the show worth seeing.

"What is interesting is that the plot has such subtle twists. There are a lot of subtleties that make it good. There is a lot of meat in this particular work," she commented.

The music for the opera will be conducted by John Apelos, who is resident conductor of the National Radio Symphony in Athens, Greece.

Tickets for "The Coronation of Poppea" are now available at the LaFortune box office. Costs are $6 for general admission, and $3 for students and senior citizens. The show will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall on March 27 and 28.

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Think beyond your boundaries

Announcing the 1998 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the 1998 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; it will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:
1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame
2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow
4) a budget indicating the costs involved
5) the names of two references

Application deadline: Wednesday, March 25, 1998

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In 1998, The NOTRE DAME ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF WHO PURCHASED SEASON TICKETS FOR THIS YEAR'S MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON. YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS TEAM AND OF THE UNIVERSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

TO OUR SENIORS, BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE JOYCE CENTER NEXT SEASON.

THANK YOU, NOTRE DAME BASKETBALL FANS.
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The Bible was the third selection Page marked as pos-
sessing the most religious instruction, especially in the Book of Exodus.

A brief episode in this book "almost goes unnoticed," according to Page. However, when examined, God's message to Moses, "I bore you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself," implies Israel's sense of liberation.
The text provides a sense of "a state of deliverance, and parental nurturing" and also the union of a community and a divine God. Israel's obedience to the covenant indicates a lifestyle of service through which people invited to piously venerated and found a link between freedom and the cosmos.

Page says, emphasizing the virtues of the eagle.

In his final example, Page noted that the New Testament embodied the ministry of Jesus, successor to the Jewish establishments. In the gospels, Jesus associated with those on "the social margins" which made him appear to represent the voice of the society. This unity links the belief in liberation in institutions and liberation of an individual.

"The New Testament appears to permit an ongoing Page believes that one can gain a greater sense of liberation. Citing Lent as an epoch jour-

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South alcohol blood

John was tried in November, 1994, in South Bend on two counts: one for caus­
ing a death while driving with a blood alcohol content of more than 0.14 per­
cent, and the second for a personal injury (which could only have
occurred in the same way, for John Rita and his family.
Unfortunately, there were few indica­
tions anywhere on campus of support, or even suspension of judgment, for
them.
The proper concern that justice be
done was transmitted in some media
and other quarters to an identification with justice and the conviction and
imprisonment of John. This prejudg­
ment was typified by the effort of some,
even before the trial, to deny John his
degree. The University has authority to
do so. However, such a rush to punish
would have been inappropriate in a
case in which the disproitive facts
were seriously in dispute.
We hear much about “the Notre Dame family” and the 
importance of family in fund raising. But when a family turns on a member in trouble, 
when the facts are in dispute and before the trial, it is. In no sense is it “a family.”
Are there facts in serious dis­
pute. After the trial, prosecutor Barnes said he “realized the case had possible
weakness—possibly the Intoxilyzer test
and Fox’s position in the road—but he
thought the other evidence would over­
come that.” South Bend Tribune, Nov.
On the breath test, the Intoxilyzer reg­
istered strikoveers and misprints, caus­
ing a sense of expert. Dr. Walter Frajola said he had never seen such errors
and that he led them to question
the accuracy of the reading. Incredibly,
the police did not retest or offer Rita the
retest of a blood alcohol test which he was
willing to take.

The trial, I have come to know
John very well and I hold him in the
very highest regard in every respect.
At the time of the accident and trial I knew
John well enough, as a student in three
of my courses, to form a judgment on
his character as well as ability I
know to be excellent in every respect.

The incident was tragic for Mara Fox
and her family. The Notre Dame com­
munity and to all readers.

The jury acquitted him on the first count
of my courses, to form a judgment on
the other 12 jurors who deliberated upon
all the evidence. Their vote to acquit
John of the first charge means only that
they unanimously concluded that the
prosecution had not proven John’s guilt
beyond a reasonable doubt. The jury
made no specific findings as to the level
of alcohol impairment, whether
imprisonment caused the accident, or any
other facts. I am not urging the reader
to adopt any particular view of the facts.
However, the verdict on the first count
is consistent with the conclusion that if
a total abstainer had been behind the
wheel, Mara Fox would still have died.

In the amended second charge, John
Rita should have returned to the scene
as soon as he realized he had hit some­
one. His guilty plea admits his fault in
that regard, for which he will pay for
the rest of his life. Why did he not return?
Because, in his own words, he
“freaked out.” He should not have done
that. But if any reader can absolutely
guarantee that he or she would not do
react, he or she is made of sterner stuff
than most mortals including this writer.

The Tribune reported that the mood on campus “was one of great sadness.” Why “sadness”? Is it just because I would have been
“happy”? John Rita is as much a member
of the Notre Dame family” as is (was not) Mara Fox.
The law gives an accused the benefit
of the doubt and does not consider him
guilty until a proper adjudication on
the evidence. His “family” ought to do no less.

Professor Rice on the Law School
faculty. His column appears every other
Friday.

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Notre Dame's Habitat for Humanity campus

By SARAH DYLAG

Spring break is typically a week to have fun and spend time with friends and a tropical sun, but the University of Notre Dame's Habitat for Humanity chapter has other plans. Although they may see some time in the sun, and they will spend the week with friends, they won't be seen on "MTV Spring Break 98." Instead, they'll be tackling a project right here in South Bend.

Notre Dame's chapter of Habitat for Humanity was established in 1988 with the help of the St. Joseph County chapter. As part of Habitat for Human International, the ND chapter seeks to eliminate sub-standard housing worldwide. Since its founding, the campus chapter has focused its efforts in the South Bend area. They funded and constructed their first house independent of the St. Joseph County chapter in 1995, and since then they have built one house every year. Their 1997-98 house is almost complete, with the dedication ceremony scheduled for April 19.

But their hard work is far from finished. During spring break, 12 students and two advisors from three Japanese Habitat for Humanity campus chapters—Kyoto University, Doshisha University and Kwansei Gakuin University—will visit South Bend. They will work together with representatives from the Notre Dame chapter and other Indiana chapters to construct a house at 1746 N. Meade St., near LaSalle High School.

"It's a great opportunity," said Amy Crawford, president of Notre Dame's Habitat chapter. "We have a great organization that has taken on a lot of responsibility funding and building our own homes. Our involvement in the Japan exchange shows that other chapters are aware of our hard work.

Developed by Indiana Lieutenant Governor Joseph Kernan, a Notre Dame graduate and former mayor of South Bend, the Kansai-Indiana Volunteer Initiative seeks to bring together Habitat volunteers in the spirit of international partnership. Participants hope the initiative will provide an opportunity to highlight the mutual achievements of both Japanese and Indiana Habitat chapters while establishing a connection across countries.

Early last semester, the ND chapter learned of the Japanese project through their faculty advisor, Professor David Kirkner. Kirkner presented the idea at a weekly board meeting and the club seized the challenge appointing freshman Jennifer Farrell as special projects coordinator.

"It's kind of the contact person," she said. "St. Joe's Habitat tells me different things, Rick Hathaway, the regional director for Habitat in east and southern Asia, will e-mail me and I try to keep everyone informed.

Keeping everyone informed means staying in contact with a long list of people in different parts of the United States and abroad since representatives from Japanese companies in South Bend and Habitat chapters from Purdue, Bethel College and IUSB will each contribute to the project with the three Japanese chapters.

Farrell communicates regularly with the Japanese chapters and has learned a lot about their culture and involvement with Habitat. Her e-mail correspondence has cultivated the Japanese students' enthusiastic anticipation of the opportunity to expand their involvement with Habitat International and work with the Indiana chapters. In addition to South Bend, the group will travel to Americus, Ga., the city where Habitat for Humanity was founded.

"It's not just a chance for them to come to the United States," explained Farrell.

\[Image: Photos courtesy of Rick Hathaway, Habitat's regional director in east and south Asia.\]
chapter to participate in Japanese exchange

"They are really excited about Habitat in general, and excited to learn about how we build. Apparently, our way of building things is completely different from theirs."

Typically, the Japanese chapter build homes made out of cement blocks instead of wood. Because land is so expensive and volunteerism uncommon, the four existing Habitat campus chapters in Japan have not had many opportunities to build within their country. Instead, the chapters frequently travel to the Philippines and build homes there.

"In the Philippines, a house made of wood is like a shack," explained Farrell. "It's not really worth anything. The Japanese students are used to building with cement blocks. They're really excited about learning how we build. They even asked if they should take carpentry classes before they come."

Building techniques will not be the only unfamiliar aspect for the visiting chapters. Although they attend international schools in Japan, only four volunteers are completely fluent in English. The rest speak only a few words or do not understand the language at all. Luckily, the Michiana Nihon Friendship group has offered to meet the students at the airport and help with translation throughout the week.

"The Nihon Friendship group is a group of Japanese-Americans in South Bend who speak Japanese and they're going to really help us out," said Farrell, who emphasized that the language barrier even poses problems with her e-mail correspondence.

Despite the barrier, the St. Joseph County Habitat chapter has planned various activities to give the Japanese students a taste of American life. After arriving in South Bend on Saturday, March 7, the students will have a full day to rest, sight-see and socialize with the Indiana student volunteers. Sunday evening, they will participate in a tailgate dinner organized by St. Joseph County Habitat. Work at the site begins at 8 a.m. Monday, and throughout the week, group dinners will be provided by various church organizations in the area.

"I'm really enthusiastic to meet all of the students," said Jen Nelson, a Notre Dame Habitat volunteer. "There are quite a few activities and dinners planned that will give us a chance to get to know each other. I'm excited to meet some people and form some new friendships."

Nelson considered various other spring break options, but Habitat's Japanese exchange convinced her to stay on-campus.

"It's a unique opportunity," she explained. "I worked on a Habitat Seminar house on an Appalachia seminar last year. The Habitat project in South Bend really convinced me to spend spring break here."

While in South Bend, the Japanese students will also visit Japanese classes at LaSalle High School and have lunch with the students. On Tuesday, March 10, participate in a press conference with Lt. Governor Kernan who will help build a house at the site that day.

For the Notre Dame chapter, however, the most unique aspect of the project is the opportunity it presents for further international involvement.

"In August, we want to send 10 of our students to the Philippines to build with the Japanese students who come here," said Farrell. The trip, which is still in the planning stage and the chapter considers funding options, would send members of Notre Dame's Habitat for Humanity chapter to a two-week work project in the Philippines. During these weeks, the chapter would attempt to construct 25 houses.

"Houses don't cost as much there," explained Farrell. "I think the whole exchange just shows how much people around the world care about what happens in the Philippines and here."

For now, the club is focusing on this week's project in South Bend.

"I'm really excited to work with these students from Japan," said Crawford. "It's going to be a busy and hectic week, but I'm excited about meeting Japanese students, learning about their lives and culture and how they're interested in Habitat."

"I just want our students to have a good time and the Japanese students to have a good time too," she added.
Runners look to qualify for NCAAs

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

This weekend will be the final opportunity for members of the Notre Dame track and field team to qualify for the NCAA outdoor championships, with just a few more steps remaining in either the Silverston Invitational in Ann Arbor, Mich., or the Lavette Relays Qualifying Meet at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

"We want to get some people qualified, and in the case of Lavette, we have a few others who are already automatically qualified, just to run well enough for the next one," said head coach Joe Piane. "It will be good for us to see who we can run to be more on the NAAs are bled on."

Heading to Silverston are pole vaulters Mike Brown, who should be bound for nationals if he can clear 15 feet, 1 inch higher than his current best; Marshawn West, who is two centimeters away from an NCAA berth in the long jump, and Jay Hofler in the 35-1/5-thr weight throw.

Taking part in the Silverston Invitational are Williams in the 55-meter hurdles, JoAnna Deeter in the 3000-meter run, whose previous times in the 3000 and 5000 may be good enough to qualify her; and a distance medley trio of Mike Conway, Danny Payton, Phil Mashun, and Jason Faddis.

"One of our goals is to try to improve JoAnna's time in the 3000, and hopefully get her into the 3000 at nationals," said distance coach Tim Cooney. "We'll try to use her as a chance to qualify her. run on whether we just win or lose, because we can of course win without playing well and that poses a problem.

In the coach's eyes, the Irish have shown appreciable improvement from last year's squad, but Cooney is quick to qualify this broad notion of "improvement" and incorporate it into a fuller expression of what we think the team will take this year.

"Given the strength of our opposition right now, we want to measure ourselves more in what we can win or lose, rather than our performance," Cooney added.

Now that midterms are over, the lacrosse team resumes competition with a weekend that will see them hitting three different courts outdoors.

"The competition is going to be tough," said senior Jakub Pietrowski who plays No. 1 doubles with Brian Patterson. "If we come out and have a bad day, we can definitely get beat."

And the teams that will be there will be more than willing to rain on the Irish's parade.

The competition will boast division one schools and contenders ranked within the top 20 in the nation. In order to win and get to nationals, the Irish will have to prove they are good enough to win.

But in the end the Irish are looking to improve, not necessarily win, because that would mean, one, he'd be an all-American, and two, any game can happen in the big game, it's just getting to the part is getting into the finish."

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Irish host classic in San Antonio

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

A seven-game stint in San Antonio, Texas, stands between the Irish and their Big East conference opener against Providence on March 21.

Notre Dame hosts its annual Irish Spring Baseball Classic at Wolff Municipal Stadium, March 11-14, with Brigham Young, Southern Illinois and Innsbruck participating in this year's tournament.

All four games in the classic present formidable challenges to the Irish, who are fresh off a Diamond Classic championship title run.

The Irish will also play two games against Southwestern Texas State and another game against BYU.

Head coach Paul Mainieri praised his team for its ability to bounce back after three tough losses to Miami.

"It would have been easy for us to lose confidence, but the opposite happened," said Mainieri. "One of the keys to Notre Dame's recent success is the resurgence of the offense. Brant Ust led the team in Evansville, Ind., although the team's power surge came from a variety of sources.

Notre Dame blasted four home runs in a win over the Purdue, with two by Ust, and drilled three homers in the final game versus Indiana, including two by junior Jeff Wagner.

"We started to swing the bats last weekend," said Mainieri. "If we can swing the bats consistently, we'll be tough to beat." Wagner led the team in hitting, going 7-for-13 in the three-game tournament, while J.J. Brock took advantage of his move to the No. 2 spot in the lineup, batting .385 over the same stretch.

The pitching staff also did its part, striking out 21 batters and walking none in a three-game stretch against Central Michigan, Evansville and Purdue. Alex Shilliday took the spotlight with his eight-inning, 10-strikeout gem against Evansville.

Depth is a major concern for the staff duration spring break. The Irish will be without the services of freshman Danny Tamayo and sophomore Scott Gavzy, as both hurlers nurse sore arms. If the Irish can survive this test they will be well-prepared for the upcoming Big East schedule.

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Men's Lacrosse

Lacrosse team prepares for road trip

Irish looking to avenge last year's loss to Loyola

By TOM STUDEBAKER and DAN LUZIETTI
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Spring break is a time for hanging out at the beach, relaxation, and a relief from the normal, monotonous routines of school.

But, for the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team, it will be time for the longest road trip of the year.

The Irish travel to Colorado this weekend for a double-header against the Air Force Academy and Denver University. The second weekend of spring break will see Notre Dame in Hempstead, New York, to face Loyola College.

The Irish are coming off of a strong performance against Penn State last weekend, winning 14-9. They were led by freshman Dave Ulrich, who scored five goals and added two assists. Senior captain Burke Hayes and juniors Chris Dusseau and Brad Owen each added two goals in the win.

Notre Dame looks to build upon this victory during this three-game road trip. "This road trip is crucial for us. In order to get the regional bids that we want, we must win these tough regional games," said head coach Kevin Corrigan. "With the season being so short, every game is crucial. We hope to keep our momentum moving in the right direction."

A unique challenge on this road trip will be playing on back-to-back days. This is the only time that the Irish are scheduled to play two in a row this season. "This will give a lot of people on our team an opportunity to play," Corrigan explained. "We need contributions from everyone in a situation when we play back-to-back games. It is a challenge for us, but we also see it as a chance for many different individuals to step up and produce."

"The first game of the weekend will be against Air Force in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Falcons play a lot of zone defense, which presents the Irish with yet another obstacle. Notre Dame hasn't played a predominate zone defense in a few weeks. With a few adjustments, the Irish hope that it doesn't disrupt their attack. The team has a chance to travel up to Denver the following day to face the Denver University Pioneers,

"Denver University is a very young team, and therefore a very exciting team," Corrigan stated. "We have to make sure to not get into a position where we are building their excitement."

Looking past this weekend, the Irish have a chance at revenge when they return to Connecticut. Last year, Loyola knocked Notre Dame out of the NCAA tournament in the first round, beating the Irish 21-5. The Irish hope to play up to their potential this time around.

"I don't think that I will have to do much to get our team excited to play Loyola," Corrigan said. "Last year where we played 11 very committed games, and only finished with one game where we were not committed. We are all anxious to go out there. The Irish have their work cut out for them this spring break, but hope to meet the challenges it presents."

Men's Lacrosse

Playoff-bound Irish end regular season with Michigan

By CHARLEY GATES
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Senior hockey players Lyle Andrusiak, Steve Noble and Matt Easier will play their final game in the Joyce Center tonight when the Irish take on the Michigan Wolverines in Central Collegiate Hockey Association action.

The game also coincides the regular season for the Irish (17-9-4 overall, 12-3-4 CCHA). But for the first time in head coach Dave Poulin's three-year tenure, his squad is bound for the postseason, regardless of the game's outcome.

The Irish clinched a playoff birth with a win at Northern Michigan two weeks ago. But that game, Brian Gura had three points on his way to becoming the third Irish player to be named CCHA player of the week.

The Irish currently sit in sixth place in the 11-team league, tied with Lake Superior State with 28 points. Both teams have one game remaining. The Lakers bowl Michigan State, the top-ranked team in the CCHA, on Friday night, which means that Notre Dame will know what it has to do to earn sole possession of sixth place when it takes the ice on Saturday night.

If the Irish do capture sixth place, they will face third-ranked Ohio State. Otherwise they all face the Wolverines in Ann Arbor on March 13-15.

Poulin's squad is trying hard to gain momentum heading into the postseason, because a hot team is hard to beat in the playoffs.

"We have played very well over the past two weekends," stated Poulin. During that span, the Irish are 3-0-1, with their only loss coming in overtime to Western Michigan on an unlucky bounce of the puck.

The Wolverines have won both meetings this season, a 7-2 triumph on Friday, Jan. 30th. But the following night the Irish played the Wolverines even, taking them to overtime. They eventually lost the game, but it was clear that the Irish could play with the Wolverines.

Both the Irish and the Wolverines have comparable special teams. They are tied in league power play scoring and the Irish hold a slight edge in penalty killing.

Regardless of the outcome, Poulin's squad will be playing away in the first round of the playoffs.

"We are going to treat it like a weekend away series," commented Poulin. "Our non-conference schedule will help us along here. We deliberately scheduled difficult away games to prepare us for this."

The Irish have proven that they are a road team with impressive wins like the pair at St. Cloud State and the thrashing of Michigan State.

"We like to go out and get in tough positions in our non-conference schedule because it helps us to become a better team," said Poulin. "Every team we played against this season outside of our conference has spent at least one game in the top 10 in the nation, except for the second weekend of the Michigan State, which we couldn't control. All this experience will help us."