Students to hold environmental rally at SDH

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
Assistant Managing Editor

Today at 5 p.m., the Students for Environmental Action will hold a protest against the use of polystyrene cups and plates in the South Dining Hall.

The rally is a reaction to the dining hall’s assumption that students are not overly concerned with environmental issues, according to Chris Lomax, the president of SEA and co-ordinator of the rally.

“It seemed to me that they [dining hall officials] did not feel that there was a whole lot of environmental awareness at Notre Dame,” Lomax said. “They think that students hardly recycle. This rally is to show that students do care about the environment.”

Students returned after spring break and discovered that the next phase of SDH’s renovation had been instituted while they were away. No longer would the students be eating off of reusable china while indigent in meals. Instead, students must use polystyrene, a rarely recycled material that is considered an environmental hazard by many earth-conscious organizations.

“Polystyrene is rated number six. That means that it is in the least recyclable category,” Lomax said. “The dining hall indicated to me that they would have to pay a lot of money to people to get them to take it off of their hands. That’s why they are not recycling.”

Lomax indicated that the dining hall staff had done a great deal of research before making the decision to switch to polystyrene. If the regular dishes continued to be used, he said, the University would have to pay more china and hire extra workers to wash the dishes, which would have to be transported to another location because of the construction. Plastic and paper were also considered.

According to Lomax, Dave Prentkowski and Jim Yarborough of Food Services indicated that plastic would have been too costly and that paper would have allowed too many types of food to seep through or would have sagged in the middle.

And the winner is ...

S hane Finnel (left), proudly displays his science project for Notre Dame judge Eric Schear (right) in the annual Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair. The fair featured projects of 400 students, in grades 4-12, from public and private schools in Elkhart, Fulton, Marshall and St. Joseph counties. The students gathered in Stopan Center on Saturday, from 1-4 p.m. More than 100 awards were given in the areas of behavior and social sciences, biochemistry, botany, chemistry, computer sciences, earth and space science, engineering and many others.

Physics professor dies at age 67

Observer Staff Report

Nripendra Biswas, professor of physics at the University of Notre Dame, died unexpectedly Monday of a heart attack. He was 67.

Biswas was one of three Notre Dame physicists alive in a Fermilab group which in 1995 claimed evidence to verify the existence of the "top quark," the last of the six quarks predicted to exist by current scientific theory. A native of Pakistan, Biswas

joined the Notre Dame faculty as an associate professor in 1996 after having been a senior research scientist at the Max Planck Institute in Munich, Germany.

According to Neal Cason, a professor of physics who came in 1996 to collaborate with Biswas on several research projects, Biswas was an experimental physicist with a strong theoretical bent.

"Nripen was responsible for several connections between theory and experimental results, and made many major contributions in that regard," Cason said. "Notre Dame is recognized internationally for its important research in meson spectroscopy, and Nripen was a leading figure in that work, and was known worldwide for his expertise."

In addition, Cason said, Biswas mentored many graduate students at Notre Dame, including 14 who earned doctorates under his advis- orship.

"He was a popular thesis advisor for graduate students," said Gerald Jones, chairman of the department of physics.

Biswas received his bachelor's degree in physics, chemistry and mathematics from Scottish Church College in Calcutta, and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Calcutta.

He taught introductory laboratories in physics and life sciences for pre professional and physics stu-
Friends find Harvard student dead in apparent suicide

University Health Services clinical social worker Nadia Gould, representing the student's family, facilitated the discussion. "It is with a heavy heart that we informed Gaines' family that he was in fact severely burned," Gould said.

HOTC, the University's student newspaper, reported that Gaines' body was on fire when he was found. However, the medical examiner reportedly found no signs of life and declared Gaines' death a homicide.

A makeshift memorial quickly sprang up outside the dormitory where Gaines lived, and students placed flowers and candles in memory of the young man. Many expressed their shock and sadness at the tragic turn of events.

The investigation into the student's death is ongoing, and police are still searching for answers to what led to this senseless tragedy. Our thoughts are with Gaines' family and friends during this difficult time.
Notre Dame honors Mother Teresa with service week

By SARAH J. HILTZ
Assistant News Editor

With the help of Mother Teresa Service Week, Notre Dame students now have a chance to fulfill their Lenten resolutions to do more service projects.

This week, students will work hand in hand with Notre Dame area service organizations to honor Mother Teresa’s memory and make a positive impact on the South Bend community.

The project was started when it was suggested at a Student Senate meeting that Notre Dame memorialize Mother Teresa in some way. The senators concluded that service would be the best venue by which to accomplish this.

"Mother Teresa is a woman who devoted her life to serving others. She crossed all lines and all boundaries to make a difference in the life of her fellow human beings. It seems to me that the students of Notre Dame at least owe her this. It is up to people like us to keep her spirit alive in her absence," said Brandon Williams, senator and member of the committee in charge of organizing the program.

During the week, approximately 250 Notre Dame students will enter into the South Bend community to work with area volunteers in improving 16 different area service organizations. The program was originally aimed for participation of 500, but has had trouble recruiting student volunteers.

"It’s a kind of a trial year," said committee member Jake Cooper. "We didn’t have any funding in the beginning, so it was hard at first. AdWorks was nice enough to do free posters for us, so we’ve relied heavily on that." Cooper added that, despite the relatively low turnout, the numbers are not disappointing.

"Even if we just get a handful of volunteers, we’d be happy. Anything we get would be a positive thing for us. "Mother Teresa started small too. There is no reason we can’t expect to get 4,000 students with two months notice," Cooper said.

The type of service students do varies from group to group. Some students will be getting down and dirty renovating and cleaning Head Start facilities, while others will be building an indoor horseback riding track at Reins of Life. Others will be giving tours of the Notre Dame campus to underprivileged and elderly citizens of South Bend who have never seen the campus before, and about 30 students will be spending Saturday helping South Bend residents tear down crack houses.

The memory of Mother Teresa and the lessons from her life will be further memorialized and communicated through pamphlets and book marks that each participant will receive. The program will host anecdotes and lessons from Mother Teresa’s life, and each participant will also take part in a prayer service in her memory to accentuate the week of service.

Students interested in participating can contact Cooper, Williams or committee member Eliza Hommel.

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7:00 PM 127 Nieuwland

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Wednesday, March 25
“The Accused” Dinner provided
Movie & Discussion 5:30PM 131 DeBartolo
Women with Wings- Choreopoem in Two Acts
3:00PM Hesburgh Library Auditorium

Friday, March 27
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sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center & Gender Studies

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Protest
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The change to polystyrene is a part of a long-term plan and will only last until the end of the year, or until construction reaches a point at which the dining hall can re-open their washing facilities. But even though this change is only a short-term one, SEA wants the dining hall and the University to know that many students are not pleased with this decision.

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The rally will be held in front of the South Dining Hall.

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Cabin fire kills 11

An early morning fire killed 11 people in a mountain cabin Sunday, including high school students on a camping trip. Centre County coroner Scott Sayers confirmed the deaths but would not identify the victims. There were no survivors, he said. The fire broke out at 5:20 a.m. in this township 20 miles northeast of State College, according to state police. At least some of the victims attended Linz Mountain High School in Herrenden, about 30 miles north of Harrisburg. Principal Alexander Manis was at the high school Sunday night but would not comment. Deb Shaffer, a teacher's aide, said the school was opened in the afternoon and counselors were available to help students, families and community members.

U.N. asked to leave after discovery of grave

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Fires continue to scorch Brazil

Authorities see no end in sight, predict worst-ever year

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The fire occurred at 5:20 a.m. in a town in the northeastern state of Roraima, fueled by the worst drought in 30 years, the worst in recent history. According to Daniel Nepstad, a forest ecologist with the Woods Hole Research Center in Massachusetts, Roraima can be seen as a microcosm for the whole Amazon because it has all types of vegetation endemic to the region contained in a relatively small area. "It's very dry now and depending on the frequency and amount of rains this year, 1998 could be the fiercest year ever," Nepstad warns. While a good deal of blame for fires that have raged for three months has been placed on the El Niño weather phenomenon, which has brought only 1/25th of an inch of rain all year, there are other contributors.

"People want to treat this like a nature disaster, like an earthquake or tidal wave, where nothing can be done. But it's not just El Niño, there are economic and social factors that also have an impact," said Philip Fearnside, a scientist at the National Institute for Amazon Research in the jungle city of Manaus.

Settlers streaming into the region and increased logging are making the rain forest increasingly vulnerable to burning.

NORTHERN IRELAND

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1950s idol comes to Saint Mary’s for musical performance

Troy Donahue stars in ‘Bye Bye Birdie’ at O’Laughlin Auditorium

By JOANNA GROSSA

Tall with blond hair, deep blue eyes, tan skin and athletic build, 1950s teen idol Troy Donahue starred in the musical comedy, "Bye Bye Birdie," this past weekend at O’Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s College.

The performance was a part of the “best of Broadway” theatrical series sponsored by Saint Mary’s.

Donahue’s appearance differs little from when he was a Hollywood star; he was best known for his polite, goody-two-shoes characters struggling with the generation gap between the emerging ‘60s rebels and their conservative parents.

Ironically, Donahue plays the role of Harry MacAfee in "Bye Bye Birdie," the befuddled father—typical of the late 1950s—who can’t seem to understand the new emerging generation. MacAfee’s frustration with his own daughter’s obsession with an Elvis-like rock and roll star (Conrad Birdie) is expressed in the song, "Kidd’s What’s the Matter with Kidds?"

Before Saturday night’s closing performance, Donahue confessed his inexperience with singing. "This is my first time ever doing a musical. In fact, I was surprised to find myself committing to do this," he said. "I hope I did everything right."

After receiving music lessons form his mezzo-soprano girlfriend, the music director of Notre Dame, Donahue gave a solid performance as Mr. MacAfee, not only in the "Kidds" number, but also in "Hymn for a Sunday Evening," a parody of the 1950s reverence of Ed Sullivan.

Despite this being his debut performance in a musical, Donahue is hardly a new face in the entertainment world.

Since 1957 he has compiled an impressive resume including over 40 motion pictures, two television series and numerous made-for-TV movies. He was an American leading man in such classics as "A Summer Place" (co-starring Sandra Dee and Dorothy McGuire), "Roma Adventure" (with Suzanne Pleshette), "Imitation of Life" (with Lana Turner) and has appeared in recent hits "Grandview USA" (with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Jason Leigh) and "Godfather: Part II."

Today, Donahue, 63, considers "A Summer Place" to be his most important film, "for sentimental reasons," he said. "This film is what really got me started in Hollywood."

In honor of his famous breakthrough film which made him a teen idol, Donahue, as Harry MacAfee, wears a similar red sweater as his heartbreak character, Johnny, did 40 years ago.

When Donahue is not involved performing on stage or in films, he is usually riding his Harley Davidson or sailing around the world. Donahue established and now runs film seminars aboard Holland America Cruise Lines, which allow passengers to become movie producers in a "hands-on" learning course.

For a man whose entire life has been centered around acting, it is difficult for Donahue to imagine what else he may have become if his good looks and dignified acting characteristics had not charmed the American public.

"Well, seeing as how I’m illegally practicing medicine right now, probably a doctor," he joked, referring to how he was taking care of many of the sick actors and stage crew of "Bye Bye Birdie."

Donahue also has a serious side, and he emphasized the importance of being responsible in regards to alcohol and drugs. Having successfully conquered his own battle with alcohol many years ago, Donahue is sincere in warning high school and college students against the dangers of using "anything that affects you from the neck up."

According to the former movie and television star, "probably about 50 percent of the people you know are, or will become, alcoholics (in the formal definition of the term)."

Fortunately, Donahue was extremely lucky to get himself out of a trap of alcoholism and now eagerly looks forward to every new experience and adventure life has to offer him.

Listening Session with Professor O’Hara

The University Committee on Cultural Diversity will sponsor a Listening Session with Professor Patricia O’Hara on Tuesday evening, March 24, from 7:30 until 9 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

Professor O’Hara will offer a 15-minute reflection on issues related to multicultural challenges and concerns at Notre Dame.

After Professor O’Hara’s comments, those in attendance will be invited to share their comments and concerns with her.

Refreshments will be served.
ND hosts 13th annual medical ethics conference

By TARA CHURIK
News Writer

Issues such as medically prolonged life and physician assisted suicide were addressed at the 13th annual Medical Ethics Conference held this past weekend at the Center for Continuing Education.

The Notre Dame Alumni Association sponsored the conference.

Over 130 people from many academic backgrounds, including medicine, philosophy and theology, participated in the conference. The conference usually attracts several nationally renowned experts of medical ethics, including Mark Siegler, director of the Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at the Pritzker School of Medicine.

"This conference was a great experience because it gave those of us entering medicine some exposure to both the policy perspective and the moral perspective of medicine," says junior participant Adrian Cuellar.

Cuellar’s response exemplifies the reactions of many undergraduate participants, who were able to observe "real-world" medical issues.

The format of the conference allowed for a great deal of interaction between the participants as they addressed various medical issues.

On both Friday and Saturday, members of the audience broke up into small groups and later rejoined for a larger discussion led by a panel of experts in a relevant aspect of ethics. Members from the audience were then encouraged to respond to the opinions of the panelists.

"One of the most interesting aspects of this conference is that the case studies are taken from participants’ real cases; we don’t use many ‘set papers’ of ethics to discuss issues," said academic director David Solomon.

After an introductory luncheon on Friday, participants gathered in the auditorium of the CCF to begin debate on the status of health care since the collapse of Clinton’s health care reform plans.

The next session began with the keynote address of this year’s conference, the J. Philip Clarke Family Lecture on Medical Ethics.

This lecture was delivered by Judge John Noonan, Jr., Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth District.

Speaking on the topic "The Judges Deal With Death," Noonan outlined three main criteria for upholding the Supreme Court’s decision against the legalization of physician-assisted suicide.

Giving examples from moral, cultural and religious fields, Noonan explained that the effects of legalized physician-assisted suicide could have unfavorably consequences, particularly for the poor or elderly who could opt for suicide to avoid placing a burden on other family members.

Countering the myths of popular opinion, Noonan stated that the legalization of physician-assisted suicide would often centers around the relief of pain or loss of individual control over one’s life. He continued that these issues are not central to the ethical questions of legalized suicide because the court has upheld the right of physicians to prescribe medications for prevention of pain, even if hastening the patient’s death.

The next panel discussions concerned the role of the Supreme Court in physician-assisted suicide, and particular moral dilemmas of Catholic hospitals. Varying opinions of participants and panelists were offered in these sessions.

Participants then attended sessions entitled "Parish-Based Medicine," "The Principle of Double Effect: Is It Still Relevant?" and "Roe vs. Wade: Twenty-Five Years After."

The conference concluded with the traditional roundtable discussion on Sunday morning, where participants offered concluding remarks on the topics discussed throughout the conference.

Over half of the physicians participating in this conference, and several medical students in attendance, were alumni of Notre Dame.

As the conference continues into the future, Solomon hopes that this alumni participation will contribute to a solid core of conference attendees, as well as the new participants who arrive each year.

To help facilitate this interest, Solomon invites six to seven undergraduate participants each year, noting that the physicians are receptive and interested in the ideas of the students.

Next year’s conference has been scheduled for March 19-21, 1999.
Mother Teresa Provides Example of Service

Brandon Williams

Seriously, a lot of these issues are critical ones. As we pass into true adulthood outside of the luminescence of the Golden Dome, we have got to find some answers. I came across one. I think it might be worth checking out. "Find them. Love them. Find them and love them—all of them. That's the advice left to us by one of the greatest women of this century, if not all time. Her name was Mother Teresa. In a world beset by poverty, war and all kinds of human suffering, I think that Mother Teresa came closer than just about anybody to figuring them out."

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

Mother Teresa

We are living in confused times. It seems as if there is a new sex scandal in the White House every day of the week. The gap between rich and poor has reached astonishing heights— with the 80th-percentile earner earning more than the 20th-percentile earner at a ratio of 4.6 to 1 in 1996. The national poverty rate that same year was at a disturbing 13.7 percent. Free agency has ravaged the heart of American society, killing off the Ku Klux Klan rally, of all things, in Elkhart on April 11. We’ve restructured a deeply flawed welfare system, but for­
got to think about where the American underclass is supposed to find a replace­ment. Except for good, old fashioned hard work, of course. Problem is, that’s not so easy to find in a culture that has recently made "corporate downsizing" a part of the national vocabulary. This is especially true when that same culture has seen a college education come to cost more than most people’s homes.

(which, incidentally, cannot be easily purchased without a college education.) To make mat­ters worse, this whole crazy game of American life is set to the rousing background music of the Spice Girls from across the Atlantic. I won’t even mention the dark conspiracy that closed down South Bend’s favorite fill­
ing station. What is a bewild­ered college student to do?

Steve Ford

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I’ll feel like a million tonight—but one at a time.

—Mae West
Bengal Bouters Respond En Masse to Letter

Captains: no Challenge'

As I browsed through The Observer on Tuesday, March 17, I was very disheartened after I came upon a front page article entitled "Bedlini Fight for Warm Letter Jackets," written by one Mr. Paul Kessler. Numerous bold statements were issued in his letter, and though we initially wanted to ignore the claims Mr. Kessler made, we decided that too many outstanding young men have gone through this boxing program before us to let Kessler’s statements stand unchallenged. We, as senior boxing captains, would like to address some of his allegations.

Mr. Kessler, no one likes to be called a "liar," and I am sure you didn’t mean that when you said it. To say that all of Notre Dame’s Bengal Bouters are liars is quite a blanket statement — and I say that in no way is more than doing over one million push-ups, two million sit-ups, and running almost 500 miles in a six-week period. This we raised more than $40,000 and I promise only those men who really have their hearts set on what they are doing are the ones who perform such a great amount of time in a great cause.

As for "aggression, glory, and picking up women," I am willing to bet that you would not find anyone who sees a young man in a boxing ring would write to anymore aggressive, arrogant, or less than humble. And I truly apologize on behalf of anyone who has carried himself in this way. Even if the captains are those you may have in mind when you make this statement, we will challenge you about.

Mr. Kessler, no matter what one does in life, if a job is done well there are always rewards, both material and spiritual. When a member of the United States armed forces returns home a hero in battle, does he seem to you aggressive, arrogant, or less than noble, but just because what he is doing some great charitable thing. A former boxing president, John Christoffe, was also proud of the Bengal Bouts proceeds. I have talked about my experiences with other boxes and one of our head coaches, Tom Sudelle, who himself traveled to see what the Bengal Bouts program was all about. I have listened as he and Father Bill Sheick have shared their first-hand experiences in Bangladesh and over and over again, I have participated, as all boxers must, in donating countless hours to selling ads and tickets, asking for donations, putting up posters, designing apparatus, writing articles, and putting in any type of time to improve the program. I have watched Jack Mooney donate his time for the 50th year, and "Zimmy" approach his 40th. I have watched all the volunteer efforts of our lawyer, judge, plot, law professor, and businessmen. We doubled our total of $30,000 from last year, and will contribute $40,000 to the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh.

Yet Mr. Kessler claims that, "Bengal Bouts is about aggression, glory, and picking up women." Mr. Kessler is "tired of reading about the boxers acting as if there are doing some great charitable thing." Mr. Kessler apparently bases the majority of his claim on the fact that all finalists receive letter jackets. If Mr. Kessler’s point is that we do not solely box for charity, then he is correct. There are many different reasons why we join and enjoy boxing. Some of us join because there are mountains to be met, others join out of curiosity, and others because we like to compete. The driving force that unites us all is the amazing act of charity that we are performing in pushing ourselves to help others.

Two years ago I was having the most hellish, demanding, and confusing year of my life in law school. I joined boxing because I wanted to change my focus and push myself into the pain until 1 didn’t care anymore. Boxing transformed my life. In boxing I met the greatest people. Egos were abandoned, smiles abundant, and competitors helped competitors. Boxing does involve aggressiveness, but not total, raw aggression. The boxers become friends, not enemies. And in some cases, boxers become friends, not enemies. And in some cases, boxing itself is a family, where each other, and honestly, even our opponents become best friends.

If you were to question yourself, and face your fear that you are not good enough, as anyone knows, when you conquer your deepest raw emotion, trivial goals simply do not suffice. When you struggle with pain — physical and mental — and try to push onward, goals such as “moving more blouses,” simply do not suffice (no offense to blouses). There is no doubt that the Notre Dame Boxing Club is so special because, no matter our differences, we join, and why we enjoy boxing, we have the greatest goal guiding us all: helping the missions in Bangladesh.

Lucas J. Molina and Ryan Rans
Senior, Off Campus
Junior Bengal Boxing Team Captains
March 19, 1998

Come and Try

I would like to respond to the letter written by Paul Kessler in regard to the "real" goals of the Bengal Bouts. As you can see, I am a boxing enthusiast, and I have even had one of those infamous letter jackets, and yes, Mr. Kessler, I do like to box. Of course, my enthusiasm is a part of the reason I get out there every year and step into the ring. But I also step into that ring because I’m doing something really special, helping a wonderful charity. The one reason is not exclusive of the other. Each year, boxers volunteer themselves for a charity auction (and believe me, it’s equally as embarrassing as it is fun). Each year, boxers put in hours and hours of time to make sure that the tournament reaches its goal, it’s only goal, which is, simply put, to raise as much money as we can for the missions in Bangladesh. That doesn’t sound like to me the same aggressive, glory-seeking, waste-courting group of men you described in your letter.

You claimed, Mr. Kessler, that the boxers are about “aggression, glory, and picking up women,” and you said that anyone who says otherwise is a liar. Those are strong words coming from someone who I haven’t even seen down in the boxing ring. The truth is, they’re uninformative words, if you want to close your eyes to the fact that people believe, or not even boxers, can and will do anything to help others. I would like to invite Mr. Kessler to call me and learn more about the Bengal Bouts. Nappy would have wanted it that way.

Jervan "Jackerless & Womanless" Subbiah
Assistant Referee, Senior Hall
Third-year law student
March 18, 1998
**Students From Top Schools Invaluable to Military**

"My country right or wrong." This oft-forgotten second part to this phrase is, "Stand behind it when it's right, try to change it when it's wrong." At least David McMahon in his piece "ROTC on Notre Dame's Campus: A Blemish" (Wednesday March 18, 1998) is not afraid to ruffle our patriotic feathers in an attempt to remind us that America is not perfect, but that I actually respect him.

But McMahon's shrill condemnation of America's military history and of the military's BRTC presence at Notre Dame isn't even an objective, reasoned argument, it's a spam. It focuses on the tactical-level exceptions to America's usually noble service in defense of the greatest expansion of democracy and prosperity in human history... McMahon and those of us who believe to teach us about our sins (and, I would hope, to correct them) is so strong that he overlooks an important fact: namely, that just about every nation with the capacity to project power beyond its borders also has a skeleton somewhere in its closet.

For example, a story McMahon tells is that "McManus explained to "compassionate barbarians" (as he calls us) when he contemplates the histories of Britain and France (Empiricism), Germany (the Third Reich), Russia (Stalinism), Japan, Indonesia (of Tjilis and Vietnam), Japan (the war in the Pacific), the Ottoman Empire (genocide against the Armenians) or Spain and Portugal (colonialism). We are powerful and advanced societies are no more immune from such barbarism: Consider Rwanda, Liberia, and Kampuchea. McMahon would do well to remember that perhaps all cultures are capable of good and evil. He might become persuaded, as I am, that no nation in human history has ever possessed the power which America wields, and yet is used so benignly, very often for everyone's good.

McMahon needs to know that it takes a special person to graduate from a service academy and accept the cadet career--(only a year or even months out of college) of leading tired, scared, angry men and women who have had no training at all and are trained to kill as many people as possible. McMahon gets dozens of Notre Dames graduates a year. I wish it got 10 times as many. They're an honor to Notre Dame, not a blemish. My Lai is the stain and more such officers will help prevent its recurrence.

I wonder how Mr. McMahon would explain the metamorphosis he himself is through? What he has from the mostly "law-abiding, peaceful and just folk" of America, joined the "goose-stepping march of killing machines" that is, the Army ROTC and then to war. He must be ashamed of sending young men to combat, with no knowledge on how they'll be treated differently than he was as an ROTC student, or how his Marine classmates would not stand up to the standard of review he is taught. The point is McMahon's argument is not one based on soldierly principles, but upon his misp(((Continued on next page))

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**Military Leaders Elected**

"I speak from experience." This was David McMahon's only attempt at presenting any authority to back up his often hard-to decipher, historically revisionist and inaccurate remarks in his March 18 article. His statement of being at one time a "naive midshipman" appears to be more accurate and still holds true—at least the naive part.

The United States is a republic based on democratic ideals. Its leaders are, for the most part, elected by the people. Both the President as the Commander-in-Chief (Article II, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution) and Congress through funding and oversight (Article I, Section 8) control the military. To get to the point that McMahon obviously missed, the military is controlled by civilians elected to office by people like you and me. The military is a tool used by these politicians to achieve a public objective when necessary.

McAuliffe attempts to use two examples of military actions to illustrate his point. The first is the Battle of Wounded Knee which took place during the "Indian Wars" of the middle and late 19th century. What happened at Wounded Knee happened at battles around the world during that time frame. Large, powerful nations scramble to acquire new land and wealth. If the locals got in the way, they were removed. In the U.S., we ordered those attacks? The President and his Cabinet. Who funded them? What did the "people" say about this? Generally nothing. It was the "Age of Empire." That was just what was done at the time. Today we look at it and cringe, but that was not the mindset at that time. One thing from that time though, still holds true. The military was, and still is, headed by civilians elected by the people and was, and still is, used as a tool to achieve a public objective.

McAuliffe's second attempt to support his argument by actions in the Gulf War is also flawed. Between the accusation of the U.S. military using chemical and biological agents against the enemy, and going out of their way to bomb "airraid shelters" (which just happened to be one of the main command, control, and communications facilities in Baghdad, and therefore "neutral" and therefore protected under the Geneva Conventions), it was the government of Iraq that violated LOAC and the Geneva Conventions. By placing civilians at a lethal military target in order to protect it, McMahon appears to say that those at the military were to start the war because they felt like it. Again, he offers no evidence to support his argument. Did I miss something when the United States invaded and annexed Kuwait on March 20, 1990? Did the United States send Hussein an invitation to invade? Could we all have a bunch of brainwashed, sadistic freaks bent on killing as many people as possible just because we wanted to? The answers to all three questions is no. Hussein invaded Kuwait to gain power, oil, and to rid himself of an ally. A huge debt owed to Kuwait by the US. money lent to support his eight-year war which he started with Iran. The U.S. government, aware of those civilians we elected to speak for us did not invite him to do so (and neither did the Kuwaitis), but did respond by sending troops to neighboring countries upon request of those countries and under auspice of the U.N. The last question is obviously too ridiculous to answer with more than a "no".

McAuliffe's argument is not one based on Christian principles, but upon misunderstood historical events and nayete. His statement of "Catholic traditions, for peace instead of war" would not stand up to the standard of review he is attempting to implement on the U.S. Military. If that statement were a truism, explain to me the Crusades, the Inquisition, and the Hundred Years War. Each was initiated or strongly supported by the Church. To me neither side were supported by leaders and members of the Church. Each side done in the name of God and produced horrors that have rarely been duplicated. My statements are not meant to be an affront to the Church, but to show that McMahon's statements are selective use of history and political profit in the issue of U.S. military (not to mention demeaning the sacrifices of the men and women that gave their lives in service to us as a nation believe in — including free speech) would be able to crediting the Church in its entirety because of the three mentioned historical events.

Another application is proper and I refuse to stoop so low.

The reasoning which I agree with. It is not something I ever again wish to be part of or witness. But, if I am once again called by my country I will serve without hesitation. My beliefs and my country are worth fighting for.

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Congress Law Student
U.S. Air Force Academy 1993

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**R.O.T.C. isn't a Blemish, it's Essential**

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And the Oscar (should) go to ...

The Observer Editorial Board makes its Oscar predictions

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I t seems hard to believe that now is the 24th year when once received less attention than an airplane flight. But, as with most of our grand traditions, the Academy Awards continue to grow and mutate into a gala event to which a guest’s choice of clothing could be joke material for the next year.

In your preparation for tonight’s 70th Annual Academy Awards, here’s a rundown on Oscar’s history, found with the high-tech, little-effort research methods of the 90s — various Internet sites.

When MGM Studios’ Louis B. Mayer came up with the idea for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and its annual awards, the first night was a dinner party attended by 270 guests for the presentation of 15 awards that came out in 1927. More people celebrated the news of Charles Lindbergh’s solo flight from New York to France in 1927 than paid attention to that first awards dinner, held May 7, 1929.

The first Best Picture winner was “Wings,” a 1927 World War I air-combat epic. Nothing by today’s standards, “7th Heaven” turned out to be the big winner, winning for writing-adaptation (Benjamin Glazer), directing (Frank Borzage) and actress (Juno Goss). And although the famous statue given to the winners was introduced, the “Oscar” nickname was not applied until 1933. The Academy credited librarian Margaret Herrick with naming the little gold statue.

At the ceremony two years later, “The Broadway Melody” won Best Feature, and became the first “talkie” to take the award. Mary Pickford — a former silent film star who made the transition to sound pictures successfully, won Best Actress for “Coquette,” but most actors and actresses from the silent genre could not adjust to the new requirements of speaking.

At first, only a handful of judges selected the winners in the few categories each year, but at the third ceremony held in November 1930, eight months after the second award, all the members of the Academy — more than 400 — cast their votes. By that year, the popularity of the event grew so much to the point that members shelled out $10 for a ticket to the ceremony and it sold out.

In 1932, “Cimarron” became the first western to win Best Picture, and was the only one to do so — not counting “Midnight Cowboy” in 1970 — but the winners were able to trade the plaster awards for metal ones three years later. In 1945, Bing Crosby beat “Going My Way” co-star Barry Fitzgerald in the Best Actor category. But Fitzgerald took home Best Supporting Actor for the same role. Voting rules now prohibit actors being nominated in two categories for the same role, so Fitzgerald remains the only performer to have that distinction.

The first Oscar telecast came in 1953 and grabbed the biggest single audience in the five-year history of commercial television. It was not until 1966 that the show aired in color.

Frank Sinatra resurrected his career in 1954 by winning Best Supporting Actor for “From Here To Eternity,” which won eight Oscars to tie “Gone With the Wind” for the most to that time. The next year, “On The Waterfront” followed with eight of its own, but two movies in 1959 and 1960 would knock those three from the top. “Gigi” won nine in 1959 and “Ben Hur” took home 11 of its 12 nominations the next year. In 1967, “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” was nominated in 13 categories, winning eight.

The 1968 ceremony, postponed for two days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis and the riots that broke out as a result. The next year, Katharine Hepburn (“The Lion In Winter”) and Barbra Streisand (“Funny Girl”) became the only pair to tie for an award, winning Best Actress. Hepburn holds the record with four Best Actress wins and 12 career nominations.

Jack Nicholson, up for Best Actor this year for his role in “As Good As It Gets,” received his first nomination in 1970 for Best Supporting Actor in “Easy Rider.” He’s received three more in that category, winning in 1984 for “Terms of Endearment.” His only other Oscar came in 1976 for “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest,” but he’s now got seven nominations for Best Actor.

Another record could fall this year. In 1976, George Burns became the oldest performer to win an Academy Award for taking Best Supporting Actor for “The Sunshine Boys” at the age of 80 years and 69 days. Jessica Tandy then won Best Actress in 1990 for “Driving Miss Daisy” two months before her 81st birthday. Gloria Stuart, nominated for Best Supporting Actress for her role in “Titanic” as the old Rose, is 87. Like the 1954-60 span...
The Best of the Best

Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet in "Titanic." It is a magical performance by a celebrity who, until now, had not shown much promise as a dramatic actor. "As Good As It Gets" deserves its nomination for these individual performances alone, but do not expect much more than that. The film has its problems with the most notable being the objectification of the female lead. A splendid film, nonetheless, look for Nicholson to win in his category.

The British film "The Full Monty" is the only foreign film nominated this year. A fabulous comedy about the economic situation in Britain, the film's dry humor stands out as a strong point. Director Peter Cattaneo is new to the feature-length film, but constructed a beautiful piece on his first attempt. "The Full Monty" revolves around a group of men out of work due to the down-sizing of the steel industry in Sheffield, England. The men, led by the ingenious thinker Gaz, played by Robert Carlyle (known for his role as Begbie in "Trainspotting"), decide to earn money by stripping. What separates them from antics like the Chippendale's dancers seems their willingness to go for the "full monty."

The Academy rarely gives out Best Picture Awards to foreign films so don't expect "The Full Monty" to win. It is a rare occasion when two regular guys write a screenplay and get it made into a film. Leonardo DiCaprio and Ben Affleck have done just that. Most people agree that the story they wrote and what appeared in "Good Will Hunting" differ greatly, but it still makes for an11tastic performance. The film centers around Will Hunting, a javelin at MIT played by Matt Damon. This kid possesses something that his friends from the south side of Boston lack, a real knack for mathematics. Will appears to be a product of his situation, an orphaned child who struggled to earn respect in a rough neighborhood.

Upon solving a difficult equation, Will receives notice from Professor Lambeau, played by Sloan Skargard, but the young man's attitude toward authority seems a distraction. This leads to counseling by Sean McGuire, a psychiatrist played by Robin Williams. The performance by Williams will shock most viewers as he puts aside his wild humor to mold a truly believable character.

Williams has a good shot at coming away with the Best Supporting Actor Award, if he can edge out Sir Anthony Hopkins in "Amistad." "Good Will Hunting" also includes memorable performances by Ben Affleck as Chuckie, Will's best friend, and Minnie Driver as Skylar, a student at Harvard and Will's love interest. This film has a shot at being crowned the best in the land as does its director Gus Van Sant. What started as a college screenplay, may actually end up as an Academy Award winner.

A return to the film-noir style of the 1930s and 40s seems the goal of "L.A. Confidential." Here again is a film with a fabulous cast, most notably the three police officers and the leading lady.

Kevin Spacey, as Jack Vincennes, brings the same quality performance that made "The Usual Suspects" (1995) so interesting, but here he receives assistance from Russell Crowe, playing Wendell "Bud" White, and Guy Pearce, playing Edmund Exley.

The three police officers all work the same case, but from different angles, allowing for an intricate story. The audience watches as the cops crack down on corruption in the city of Los Angeles. Their path runs through the home of Lynn Bracken, a high-priced prostitute played by Kim Basinger. Basinger revives her career with this gritty role as she sorts through lies to love and business. Look for her as a possible winner in the Best Supporting Actress category.

"L.A. Confidential" directed by Curtis Hanson should be considered as a dark horse in the running. This is a quality film with wonderful performances, made even more interesting by its unique story construction. This film could shock the crowd tonight with an upset victory.

Finally, the film that has received more hype than any film in recent history is the project of director James Cameron, "Titanic." If you have not heard of this film, then you are the one resting at the bottom of the North Atlantic. A film that spent hundreds of millions and proved it can earn hundreds of millions, "Titanic" has led the box office for numerous weeks. Recently topping "Star Wars" as the all-time money maker, it is the cult film of the 1990s.

This film deserves attention, but needs to be looked at with a critical eye. Those who have seen "A Night To Remember" may actually end up as an Academy Award winner.

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Miller leads Pacers to victory

Bucks fail to snap longest losing streak

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MILWAUKEE

Reggie Miller scored 32 points and Rick Smits converted a key three-point play in overtime as the Indiana Pacers defeated the reeling Milwaukee Bucks 96-94 Sunday.

Ray Allen led Milwaukee with 25 points and Michael Redding added a career-high 21, but the Bucks lost their sixth straight and their 12th in their last 13.

Mark Jackson scored 16 points and Smits had 15 points and seven rebounds as Indiana maintained its hold on the second-best record in the Eastern Conference. Indians, which never led in regulation, won three straight and ninth in the last 12.

Jackson hit a 3-pointer to open the overtime period, but Milwaukee stayed close and tied it at 89 on Elliot Perry's jumper with 33.2 seconds left.

After a time out, Chris Mullin inbounded the ball to Jackson, who backed down on Allen and then hit Smits with a perfect pass as the Pacers pulled in the basket.

Smits split the defenders and dunked it to make it 91-89. He was fouled by Armon Gilliam and converted the three-point play.

The Bucks turned the ball over six times. Hines could not handle Michael Curry's inbound pass. The Bucks immediately fouled Miller, who made two free throws. Allen answered with a 3-pointer and then the Bucks fouled Jalen Rose, but he made two free throws before Curry made two for the Bucks' final points. The Bucks, who led by as many as 10 early in the third, missed a chance late in regulation to snap their longest losing streak of the season.

Indiana's Reggie Miller scored 32 points in his team's overtime defeat of the Milwaukee Bucks, 96-94.

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ST LOUIS

Down six with less than a minute to go, Stanford somehow wobbled to the largest NCAA tournament victim of opportunistic Rhode Island.

"To be honest, it looked like we were going to lose," Cardinal forward Mark Madsen said. "And then Arthur Lee started making plays."

It was time for Lee, the little guy on an otherwise huge Stanford team, to carry the Cardinal to the Final Four for the first time in five decades.

"We had no other choice," said Rhode Island coach Jim Iharrick. "We were going to lose," said Madsen. "I don't know what happened but the ball hit me, it was a miracle."

Lee disagreed: "If it was a miracle, it's a bad one."

Rhode Island coach Jim Iharrick said. "Rhode Island had a phenomenal year," said Iharrick, whose Rams (25-7) had neutralized the game. It fell upon Lee to carry the load for Stanford. "I'm very upset," said Mobley. "I thought we could have won it."

Lee said. "Arthur Lee fouled me again and got the ball."

"I think it's a good sign for the team," commented Eastburn. "It's a great way for us to start and get pumped up and looking forward to upcoming matches. We're just going to take them one at a time." said Eastburn.

The Belles look towards Thursday as they travel to Wheaton College for their next match.

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**Missed free throws haunt Rams**

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**Netters settle in as**

**Defiance in opener**

By VICTORIA BUTCKO

Sports Writer

The Stanford team, to carry the Midwest Regional 79-77. The Rams lost a crushing end to Hawaii's season.

"We had a phenomenal year," said Hawaii's coach. "The Rams were upset that Lee put his hand to his throat in the choke gesture, compared to former Stanford star Brevin Knight, was named to the Final Four for taking the third-seeded Cardinal where Stanford, which lost the Final Four in its first season by five decades.

"It was at midcourt," said Lee. "He fouled me."

Rhode Island coach Jim Iharrick said. "They had a phenomenal year."

"I didn't make him miss," said Mobley. "I just had the ball."

"It's the only blemish on his almost flawless performance," said Stanford. "He caught the inbound pass but had the ball stripped by Lee, the ball went directly to Mark Madsen, who dunked, was fouled, and hit a free throw."

"I felt the pressure," said Mobley. "I am going to do the best I can do."

"Lee's moment of poor sportsmanship was the only blemish," said Stanford. "Lee had better be a great player who helped me a lot."

"It was a great way to get geared up for the rest of the season," said Iharrick. "The match was very quick and we used it more as a practice to work on our mental focus during games. All of the girls went off extremely focused and did what they had to do. "

"The Rams did a great job against the much taller Cardinal players. With 7-foot-1 Tim Young and the 6-8 Madsen neutralized most of the game, it fell upon Lee to take over. And that's just what he did in the final 204."

Lee drove for a double-pump layup, made two 3-pointers defensively and made a 2-point shot in the closing seconds of the game.

"It's not a great sign for the team," said Iharrick. "I think we could have won it."

Lee disagreed: "We could have won it."

"That's a shame we had to lose in the manner that we did," said Lee. "I think we could have won it."

Lee said. "It's just ridiculous."
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one of the most difficult rebuild­ing challenges in the country. Five seniors from last year's 31-7 squad were lost to graduation, including Beth Morgan and Katryna Guither. Senior Mollie Peirick was left in a daunting role as the sole remaining starter on a team with only four letter­winners returning.

While the recruiting class for the upcoming season had a great deal of talent, with freshmen like Ruth Riley and Kelly Siemon, the newcomers were untested in the environment of college basket­ball. Moreover, as the 1997-98 season approached, many critics stated that the Irish would be led by three current juniors - to repeat the success of previous seasons. However, with the talent that has been shown during this season's tour­nament and the regular season, next season will give the team a chance to carve another niche in Notre Dame's women's basket­ball annals.

This season is a testament to McGraw's ability to take a rebuilding year and turn it into one of the most successful sea­sons in the country.

It's a difficult challenge for next year's team -- which will be led by three current juniors -- to repeat the success of previous seasons. However, the team showed that it had overcome many challenges throughout the year. With that one win, Notre Dame was able to make it to the regional finals, where they lost, 70-65.

But the Irish did not listen or give up. Instead, they were ready to take on the task at hand and gave their all. Freshman Kelley Siemon and junior Sheila McGraw provided the spark that led to the Irish's ultimate success. In fact, Notre Dame showed they were not ready to fade into obscurity after a season in the limelight. Instead, they were ready to take the next step, and join the elite of women's college basketball pro­grams.

The upset sent shockwaves throughout the country, prompting experts to question whether Notre Dame was one of the most successful sea­sons in the country. The team fought their way back to the demands placed on them.

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Knights steal win from Irish with last second goal

By DAN LUZIETTI
and TOM STUDEBAKER
San Francisco

In a game that came down to the wire, the Fighting Irish just ran out of time.

Freshman attacker Keith Crowell put Rutgers up by scoring with 2:42 remaining in the game to break a 12-12 tie. The Scarlet Knights went on to steal one on the road from the 13th ranked Irish by the final of 13-12.

Notre Dame, 3-2 on the year, was led by junior attack Chris Duseau, who had four goals on the game. Duseau, was frustrated with the teams performance in the previous two games, but realizes that the season is far from over.

“We need to take care of the little things if we want to turn it around,” Duseau said. “We need to finish our plays, capitalize on opportunities when they arise and eliminate some of the mistakes.”

The Irish had battled back from a 9-5 deficit in the third quarter by scoring four unanswered goals in less than five minutes. The teams then traded goals to enter the fourth quarter tied at 11.

Rutgers pulled ahead on a goal by senior Craig Buckley two minutes into the quarter. Duseau answered three minutes later to tie the score once again. Notre Dame had one final attempt before the buzzer, but senior captain Chris Keenan’s shot failed to reach the net.

Leading Rutgers throughout the contest, junior Brody Bush scored five times and added two assists. The Irish only led once during the game at 3-2, but Bush scored three unanswered goals for Scarlet Knights in the second quarter.

The Irish were coming off of a crushing loss to highly ranked Loyola, and were hoping to rebound against Rutgers.

“Against Loyola we were out of it from the beginning,” Duseau said. "With Rutgers we competed the entire time, and we were very close throughout. We kept battling back, but just fell short in the end."

Despite the early losses, the Irish season is far from over. In the remaining seven games, Notre Dame will face several ranked opponents. Learning from these early losses could prove to be crucial.

“These losses will help us in the long run,” Keenan commented. “It’s beneficial to learn from your mistakes early. We now know we need to focus before every game, and we just need to start playing harder as a team.”

Keenan had two goals and two assists for the Irish, while freshman attack David Ulrich led the team in assists with four. Senior captain goalie Alex Cade played the entire game and finished with 11 saves.

These team leaders will be called upon in this critical point of the season.

“All of our seniors need to step up,” Keenan observed. “Especially now, after two straight losses, leadership is crucial. But everybody needs to elevate their play as we look to Hobart next weekend.”

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Eaton earns Rookie of the Year honors for CCHA

Notre Dame freshman defenseman Mark Eaton has been named the 1998 Central Collegiate Hockey Association rookie of the year, as selected by the conference's coaches and announced Thursday night at the annual CCHA Tournament banquet. Eaton is the second Notre Dame player to be named conference rookie of the year in the 30 years of the program's modern era, following in the footsteps of eventual All-American center Brian Walsh, who was named the Western Collegiate Hockey Association rookie of the year in 1973-74.

Notre Dame right wing Joe Moreau was runner-up to Western Michigan defenseman Darryl Andrews in voting for the 1997 CCHA rookie of the year. Eaton edged out Ohio State goaltender Jeff Maund for the award, receiving 64 voting points to Maund's 62. Both players received five first-place votes, with Michigan State award Rustyn Dolyny receiving the other first-place. Dolyny finished third in the balloting with 43 points, followed by Michigan center Mark Knick and Bowling Green goaltender Shawn Timm. First-place votes received 10 points while second-place votes were worth five points and third-place worth two points.

Eaton's 12 goals are the seventh-most ever by an Irish defenseman and most since 1986. He totaled 19 points in Notre Dame's final 16 games, highlighted by a four-point game at Alaska-Fairbanks and four goals in six games vs. Michigan.

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Walsh places in third consecutive championships

Women give Irish early lead in tourney

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Sports Writer

The Irish women ended their competition on Friday in first place in the NCAA Championships, continuing where they had left off the day before.

The lead the team established on the first day of the tournament allowed them to focus a bit more relaxed while continuing to build the lead.

After the women did their damage on the strip, Notre Dame stood in first with 73 wins. Second-place Stanford trailed with 66 points and defending champion Penn State was a distant third, 10 points behind Stanford.

"Saturday was more fun," junior fencer Sara Walsh said. "We were able to relax but maintain our high intensity.

After posting a near-perfect mark of 11-1 on the first day, Walsh added eight more victories on Friday. Her biggest wins came against Columbia's Erin Smart and Stanford's Monique de Bruin. With scores of 5-3 and 5-2, respectively, she only lost one on the day in the round-robin came against Stanford's Felicia Zimmermann, who would finish as the national champion.

Walsh's 21-2 record in the first eight rounds gave her the second seed in the finals. Despite having defeated Smart in the earlier rounds, the third-seed was able to defeat Walsh in a 15-11 bout. Smart fencer Zimmerman in the finals, and was defeated 15-11.

In the bronze-metal match, Walsh defeated Columbia's Susan Jennings to finish third on the day.

"I was very relaxed in the finals," Walsh said. "I fenced Erin [Smart] touch by touch, which kept me focused and fun. Because of my fencing, I was more relaxed even with third." Junior Myriah Brown, the other Irish flier, forced a 6-3 mark on the second day, finishing the tournament with 17 wins and a no. six ranking.

"Women's foil is a very strong event, with three Olympians in the field," head coach Yves Auriol said. "Brown missed the finals by matter of three touches.

In the end, Brown and Walsh combined for 38 wins, tying them with Stanford and Columbia for most wins in the finals.

The other side of the women's strip was equally as relaxed and dominant. Led by junior Nicole Mustilli, the team amassed 35 victories in the tournament. Mustilli's 19-4 record in the opening rounds included a win over the eventual champion, freshman Charlotte Walker of Penn State. Sophomore Magda Krol, the other Irish epeeist, recorded 16 wins in her sixth-place effort.

Going 8-1 on the second day, Mustilli was able to move from fifth place to become the no. two seed heading into the finals.

"Today was an easier day," she said. "I was much more relaxed and the competition eased." Mustilli stated. "Yesterday, everyone was surprised with my fencing. Today, I expected it.

In the finals, Mustilli was paired against St. John's Nicole Dygert. Dygert won their first meeting of the tournament, 5-0.

"The fact that I lost before didn't hurt me in the finals. I fenced her in a similar situation at the Penn State tournament earlier in the year, and it didn't hurt me."

Mustilli was edged out 15-14 in the match. She finished second after a second loss, this time to Lisager. Yet Mustilli finished the tournament with 19 victories, which sec­onded to only Walker's 20.

The goal to focus on winning bout by bout gave the Irish women the outcome they expected.

"I am happy about the way the women fenced," Auriol said. "They said they were able to hand the men a good lead, and they fenced excellently.

Junior fencer Sara Walsh earned the second seed heading in to the final four but fell to Columbia's Erin Smart in the semifinals. She went on to capture third, defeating Columbia's Susan Jennings.

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they all recorded victories against him.

"I know that after that, I really had to work hard (on Saturday) to make it," said LaValle. "I needed to refocus my efforts."

With the help of head coach Yves Auriol and sabre coach Janusz Bednarski, LaValle was able to turn the tide.

"Luke and I sat down with coach Bednarski," said Auriol. "We told him that the girls were able to win by fighting, and so can he. In my mind, he was ready to fence and win."

"Janusz's coaching was phenomenal," said LaValle. "He was always there at the strip and motivated my fencing."

LaValle began his second day of competition in a different mindset.

"The was a different fence than yesterday," Auriol said. LaValle went 8-1 in the three remaining rounds of opening play, which bumped him up to third place and giving him a spot in the finals. Entering the final round, LaValle was tied for fourth for the final spot in the championship, along with NYU's Paul Palestis and Penn State's Aaron Steuwe. Palestis and Steuwe each went 2-1 in round eight while LaValle went 3-0.

"My goal this morning was to make it to the final four," said LaValle. "I knew that from there, I could win this. It really wasn't an option after that." In the first final, LaValle faced second-seeded Durkin once again. But this outcome differed from the 5-4 bout Durkin won in round-robin play. LaValle came out to an early lead of 9-5 to eventually beat the sole Columbia sabreman in the tournament 15-12. LaValle advanced to the finals in another tournament rematch, this time against Golia. Again, LaValle's opponent appeared to have the upper hand, as Golia handed him a loss the day earlier, by a 5-4 margin.

"Going into the final bout, I told myself I'm here, and I don't want to waste it, I don't want to settle for second place," said LaValle.

He jumped to a 10-4 lead against the Penn State freshman and hung on to win the bout 15-11.

"I don't think it was a matter of overwhelming," said Golia. "Fencing together at the New York Athletic Club, we already knew how the other fences. I think it was being at Notre Dame that pushed him over the edge. It was different than when I fenced him in the round-robin, because the crowd wasn't as focused then as in the finals. I could hear them, they were loud."

The championship is only Notre Dame's third, with the other two coming back-to-back in 1977-78. In addition, Sullivan served as an assistant coach for the team from 1996-97.

LaValle fenced with him here and back home at the New York Athletic Club.

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hang, leading the field with 73 points, ahead of second-place Stanford with 66 points and 17 points ahead of Penn State.

Men’s sabre was the first event. Junior Luke LaValle and freshman Andrey Bednarski started the tournament ranked sixth and ninth, respectively. The Irish accumulated just 16 victories compared to Penn State’s 23.

“We weren’t showcasing our abilities,” LaValle said. “We refo­
cused our goals that evening, and came out the next day and for­
ed the way we should.”

In the final three round-robin rounds, the team compiled 13 victories. The team upped its lead against Penn State by three wins in the sixth round as LaValle and Bednarski gained 5 wins compared to the Lions 2. In the next round, the two gained another point against Penn State, spurred by LaValle’s win against Penn State’s Michael Takagi and Bednarski’s victory over Penn State’s Aaron Steuer.

LaValle’s 8-1 record in the final three rounds propelled him into the final four. Wins against Durkan and Mike Golia of Pennsylva­nia gave LaValle the championship.

The men’s foil and epee events were just getting underway Saturday. Penn State edged its way closer to first, as their foil duo of David Labow and Gang Lu swept Notre Dame’s Stephan Austel and John Tejada 4-0.

“These early losses made us sit back a bit. We forgot how to have fun and forced the wins,” Tejada said on the foil team’s disappointing 9-19 collective start.

Brian Stone and Carl Jackson had a different outcome on Saturday, combining for 17 victo­ries in epee, with only Stanford and St. John’s gaining more points.

“No one carries the squad for Notre Dame,” Stone commented. “Everyone is doing their part.”

At the end of the day, Notre Dame held on to first place, but its lead had slipped to just three points over Penn State.

Sunday’s first round of compe­
tition saw Penn State finally close the gap on the team champi­
onship and then pull ahead by two points. The break was main­
dy due to Penn State’s 4-0 sweep against Jackson and Stone. Penn State captain Tom Peng recorded wins over Stone (5-4) and Jackson (3-1), as did his team­
mate, freshman Brandon Baby, with two 5-4 decisions. Stone and Jackson rebounded in the next round, combining to go 5-1 and setting up an intense eighth and final round.

The team score was tied at 139 for the Irish and Penn State as they entered the final round of competition in the tournament. Peng’s victory against Princeton’s Jason Burrell gave Penn State the point that put them over the top and gave them the championship. Baby’s bout and win gave them a two point victory over the Irish.

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SPORTS

Notre Dame foiled again

LaValle wins National Championship in sabre

By ANTHONY BIANCO
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After winning three consecutive Midwest Regional titles, junior sabre captain Luke LaValle was ready to take his game to a level higher in the NCAA championships. On Saturday, he did just that, winning the men's sabre championship.

"I'm going into the championships worrying about it one step at a time, one duel at a time," said LaValle last week on his outlook for the tournament. His climb led him to the pinnacle this weekend as he became the first Irish men's fencing champion since Jubal Reshin in 1990, who won in epee.

The competition for LaValle and the men's sabre began Friday afternoon with the event's first five rounds of round-robin competition. Despite finishing the day with a 9-5 record — good enough to give him sixth place — LaValle lost to a number of top-ranked fencers that he is familiar with.

St. John's Keith Smart, Penn's Mike Golia — who finished the day ranked fourth — and second-ranked Patrick Durkin of Columbia have all fenced with LaValle at the New York Athletic Club, their home fencing team. And on the first day of competition,

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Boilermakers end Irish quest for championship

Purdue rallies in second half to advance to Midwest regional finals

By BILL HART
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Like last year, the women's basketball team's run to the regionals was an one of the most surprising aspects of the NCAA Tournament. After defeating top-seeded Texas Tech on their home court last week, the Irish seemed poised for another run to the Final Four. However, this goal proved to be just out of reach, as Notre Dame fell to fourth-seeded Purdue 70-65 on Saturday in the Midwest Regional semifinals in Lubbock, Texas.

At the start, the Irish took quick advantage of their height and strength. Notre Dame went on a 6-0 run to start the game, not allowing the Boilermakers to score for the first two minutes. Junior Stephanie White kept Purdue in the game, scoring the first six points for the Boilermakers. However, the Irish held a 42-30 advantage going into the locker room, most...