Members vote not to support Big Ten campaign

By FINN PRESSELY
News Staff
The Campus Life Council added its name to the growing list of organizations opposing membership in the Conference on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) on Monday when it approved a resolution that solidifies its stance against joining the Big Ten conference.

"It's been noted that this is one of the most important decisions Notre Dame will ever make for a while," said Tim FitzSimons, whose committee authored the resolution. He also expressed the desire for Notre Dame to maintain its independent character.

"We are ND ... It's because we're proud of it, and we're proud of our independence," said FitzSimons. "These large, secular state schools aren't the kind of schools that we want to be outmanned in."

FitzSimons also stated the concern that an increased graduate program would have negative effects on the quality of undergrad education.

"Somehow [people think] that graduate programs are given more money, that will mean a loss for the undergraduate programs. I'm not sure where that equivalency comes from," she said.

FitzSimons also warned the council that joining the CIC may not equate to an immediate increase in research classification.

"It may not change us. Notre Dame will still be the smallest institution in the Big Ten," she said. "It may bend us down to the road to higher classification, though."

Bill Kirk, assistant vice-president for Residence Life, was not convinced that the matter of joining the Big Ten was one that would be debated by the I.C.C.

"I just don't think that this is the right body to make this call," he said. "I don't think this emotional decision needs the support of this council. The popular decision is against joining. That statement has been made clearly by the students."

"I believe this body is an appropriate place to talk about this because it brings together three different groups of people; students, faculty, and rectors," said Mamak. He also stressed that the emotional nature

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Coaches debate conference pros and cons

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Staff Sports Editor
After committing four years to the Big East Conference, men's basketball coach John MacLeod figures, why leave? "It's a hard question to answer. We're in a top-rared basketball conference. Reality says we're in the Big East right now. Do we like being in the Big East? Yes," he said. "When we were looking for a conference the Big East lent its hand to us. We're happy to be here."

Coaches said that they were consulted about the possible move to the Big Ten, but most agree that the move was driven by football and consequences money.

"Football obviously pulls the most weight," volleyball coach Debbie Brown said. "That's not a negative, but in the dollar and cents of it all, that's how it is."

"To be realistic, if it's best for volleyball and not anyone else, it's not going to happen. In the same way, if it's good for football and not anyone else it wouldn't happen either."

When weighing the prospects of leaving or staying in the Big East, many Irish coaches examine the effects the move would have on recruiting, scheduling and the role of Notre Dame's student-athletes.

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VOLLEYBALL COACH

If the Board of Trustees votes in favor of joining the Big Ten on Friday, MacLeod, like many coaches, said he will have to redefine his recruiting strategies.

MacLeod may have to wonder what makes a prospective college basketball player opt for Notre Dame when he could play at Big TenIndiana powerhouses like Illinois or Purdue.

"We should be able to adjust without any problems. We've spent four years recruiting in the Midwest, but a lot in the Big East. That's the minus," he said.

"We'll focus on someone who maybe has the background in Notre Dame tradition, family ties, close friends or coaches. If we go into the Big Ten ... we would be closer to [our] recruiting base."

Brown said the volleyball program may also experience some glitches in recruiting.

"Since we recruit nationally, there's a good chance that we'll play at a player's home once during their career. That sometimes helps," she said. "One of the things lost is the ability to play a national schedule."

When assessing the benefits and sacrifices of the move, Brown said she would rather stay put.

"From a pure volleyball standpoint, I'd join the Big Ten. The real big plus is the Big Ten has the strongest volleyball in the country," she said. "Just looking at what's best for the student-athlete, though, I'd prefer to stay in the Big East."

The traveling schedule would become hectic because of the double-round-robin system of the Big Ten, causing students to take more classes. Students can only miss three classes. In the double-round-robin, there's no way they could miss just three classes. It's a real disadvantage to the student-athlete," University. "The Big Ten has said that they can't change that format to accommodate us."

Men's soccer coach Mike Bertielli stat...
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A day for all

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OUTSIDE THE DOME

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Full frontal nudity on display at male dance revue

The routine included stage strip­

ing, and licking tips. “They came in clothes and went

got a little bit out of control.”

Mitchell said the show drew a posi­
tive response from the seventeen­
dreaded women who attended. But, now that the show is over, Mitchell said he expects negative feedback from UI officials regarding the event.

“I think that if they shouldn't have, some things I wasn’t aware of, all the things that go down as much as I could, but once they did it, what can you do?”

Penza, who said she enjoyed the event, was surprised to see this nature was held in celebration.

“They would take the women up on stage, and (the women) were stradd­
living with the leg up in the air and (the dancer’s face) in their crotch,” she said.
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Midden/Little suggest study day, winter carnival
"Shine on with Midden/Little"

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

Instituting a study day during finals week, creating a technology commissioner position, and adding light to the list of campaign goals for student body presidential and vice presidential candidates Midden and Angle Little. We have a very packed platform, but we’ve also done in with class president as well. All goals are very attainable. We’re in this for all the right reasons.

I want to ensure that everyone who is presenting is having a good time. If everyone can have fun as well as do what I believe is a goal we’d be very successful.

EXPERIENCE

Midden and Angle Little have an extensive background in Student Government Association (SGA) and experience working with each other. During their sophomore year, Midden served as class president and Angle as vice president. They share the experience of working as tutors in the writing center.

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This year they work on Board of Governance (BOG) together, Midden as the student body vice president and Angle as the junior class president. They believe that the experience of working as tutors in the writing center will be very beneficial to each other.

GOALS

Study Day, Midden and Angle Little have worked with the Saint Mary’s registrar on a proposal to the SAC for one study day for each student during finals week.

"We know it’s a need. We’ve heard what the students have to say," Midden said. "As a SGA coordinator, I’ve done research in other institutions and seen that it has worked.”

The idea has previously met opposition, Midden said, because proposals called for two days instead of one.

Because Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame Reserve each other as dormitories for the residence hall for the study day, the candidates said.

Little mentioned that some administrators have been hesitant about allowing students to study on this day because it would have to be made up at a later date.

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The four two-person teams compiled a collective 17-7 record, even after they each suffered first-round losses. The winning teams' members included Peate, sophomores Priscilla Clements and Kate Huetteman, and freshmen Joyce Rohuke, Will McDonald, Michelle Petersen, Rachel Smith and Mark Szczynski. This outing is representative of the strong season the team has produced so far, according to Huck. "We're a young team, but we're doing very well," he said. "Last semester we took first place at a tournament at the Air Force Academy, too." The team is comprised of 12 members, with only three upperclassmen and nine freshmen.

"We're going to the Novice National Tournament, for freshmen and sophomores," said Huck. "There I expect us to finish in the top ten, if not the top five. Even winning the tournament isn't out of the question." When the team competes, it is not only against the host school, but also against all other attending teams. That number can range from four to 50. The best teams now are Colorado State and Carroll College of Montana, according to Huck. "It's difficult to compare tour status to Colorado State or Carroll because, unless you go to tournaments with them, you don't know how you'll do," he said. Those teams compete mainly in the west, so Notre Dame may not meet them until nationals, he explained.

Although Notre Dame is as big as some schools it competes against, students do not receive debate scholarships. Instead, the team is funded through the Student Affairs department. "We compete all the time. It's a little-known thing," said Huck. "We travel all around the country." Students typically prepare for tournaments by practicing twice a week in front of their coach but must read on their own to keep up on current events, Huck explained.

During tournaments, students are put into two-person teams and are given a topic either to affirm or oppose, with only 15 minutes of preparation. Competition began with tournaments in August, and will conclude in April after spring break. The team will travel to St. Louis Feb. 12-14 for a tournament at Washington University, then attend one at Willamette University in Salem, Ore. They will conclude the season with the national tournament in Point Loma, Calif., Huck said.

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Chinese arrest Catholic clergy

BEIJING

Police have arrested two priests along with an unknown number of other members of China's underground Catholic church, a U.S.-based group reported Monday. Police in northern Hebei province arrested the Rev. Pet Junhau and the Rev. Chen Hekun on Jan. 25, the Cardinal Kung Foundation reported. The group provided no other details, but said priests and seminarians were possibly among the others taken into custody. The arrests are the latest moves against Catholicism in China, as the country's staunchly atheist state continues to take a hard line on religion.

Journalist disappears in Cuba

OSLO

A Norwegian photojournalist has been reported missing in Cuba after failing to return to Oslo from a three-week trip to the island. Rolf M. Aagard, 54, a photographer for Oslo's Aftenposten newspaper, was last heard from on Jan. 7, shortly after he arrived alone in Havana for a study trip. He was to have returned to Oslo on Friday, but his airline tickets were not used, Aftenposten said Monday. His family reported him missing this weekend. Norwegian authorities are attempting to trace him through the international police organization Interpol and diplomatic channels. Two top editors from Aftenposten left for Cuba on Monday to join the search. Aagard is a veteran photojournalist who has visited Cuba often and published a book about the country.

Security agent slain in Gaza shootout

A Palestinian security agent was killed Monday in a shootout with three fugitives from the Islamic militant group Hamas who had been under police surveillance.

The fugitives then sped away in a car and ran over an 8-year-old girl who died of her injuries, said Brig. Mahmoud Axsour, deputy director of the Palestinian police.

The three were arrested several hours later in the Shati refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip after another gunbattle with security forces. The second shootout left another Palestinian girl injured, but not seriously, Axsour said.

Palestinian police said the three were members of Hamas' military wing.

Mourners carry the body of Rifat Judah, a Palestinian security agent who was killed in a skirmish with three fugitives. An eight-year-old girl was also killed in the shootout.

Lawyers apologize to Lewinsky

WASHINGTON

President Clinton's lawyers on Monday offered Monica Lewinsky an apology "on behalf of the president" for the difficulties the impeachment investigation has caused her. They turned down the chance to ask any questions during sworn testimony forced by House prosecutors.

At one point in Monday's session, private presidente
trial attorney Nicole Seligman read a statement that apologized to Ms. Lewinsky "on behalf of the president for all the trouble the investigation and impeachment trial had caused her," one of the sources said. Seligman and the two other Clinton attorneys who attended the session posed no questions of the former intern, according to several sources.

The president's legal team had planned not to ask questions if the lawyers felt the prosecutors had broken no new ground, said several Democratic sources.
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certain concern about student-athletes as well. “Many of the schools do not have the same academic standards. Competing against these teams is going to make it difficult for the student-athlete,” he said.

The traveling schedule also declined when Notre Dame made the Big Ten. “It’s a bit easier to get to places; it’s a bit cheaper and a lot easier,” Birticelli said. “We could take five or six bus trips as opposed to plane travel.”

Changing conferences may not be drastic to the near-dynasties that women’s teams like Notre Dame, men’s soccer and volleyball have built in the Big East. “We’re not going to lose the comfort level at which many of these teams compete. Volleyball and women’s soccer have dominated as four-time conference champs.”

Since joining the Big East in 1995-96, women’s basketball made it first Final Four appearance and appeared at the women’s Big East tournament for three consecutive years. Currently, it is ranked sixth in the nation and at 17-2, enjoying it’s best start in school history.

“It’s going to be a tough transition,” said women’s basketball coach Muffet McGraw. “We have to learn 11 brand new things and try to get the same feel for them as we have for the teams in the Big East. We’re very comfortable in the Big East.”

McGraw said that her team should fare well in the Big Ten, but would feel like it was a starting over point. But some advantages for women’s basketball, McGraw said, are bigger crowds and more money.

“From top to bottom, the Big Ten puts more money into their sport,” she said. “The Big Ten leads the nation in attendance.”

Many coaches, however, don’t see the scales tipping in either direction.

“I don’t have a strong opinion on it either way. The Big Ten is a great conference for us. The competition in the Big East has a lot more top quality teams ... than the Big Ten,” Berticelli said, noting that almost half of the teams in the Big East consistently land a spot in the top 25.

“We’re going from one good conference to another. From a men’s soccer perspective, the trade-offs are pretty even. I don’t think we have anything to gain by going into the Big Ten.”

One challenge Berticelli will face is making a schedule outside of the conference. Currently, his schools have men’s soccer. With Michigan’s recent vote for a conference and Notre Dame’s possible move, the number would be up to eleven fully-funded scholarships in a five-group.

“The men’s soccer team is also at a disadvantage because it has fewer student-athletes to offer than most Big Ten schools. Berticelli has had the opportunity but not the experience in Big East as well.”

What can Berticelli do about the unequal funding?

“Nothing. You can’t control it,” he said. “You have to match financially if you want to compete.”

At this point, hockey still isn’t sure at what level it would compete if Notre Dame joined the Big Ten. There is no Big Ten hockey conference, but with Notre Dame joining Ohio State, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota and Wisconsin there would be six Division I Big Ten schools with hockey — the number needed for a hockey conference. Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State make up the Big Ten schools in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association with Notre Dame, while Minnesota and Wisconsin compete in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

“I’m very happy in the COHA,” said Irish hockey coach Dave Poulin. “We just have to sit back and wait for an overall decision.”

The move may actually have a bigger impact on other school programs. Small powerhouses like Lake Superior State and Alaska Fairbanks will especially be affected by the decrease in competition if a Big Ten hockey conference is created.

“We play a variety of schools; it’s sort of a weird mix with lots of Division II powers,” Poulin said. “I hope those schools are going to be concerned with a Big Ten league.”

Whether coaches are in favor of or opposed to joining the Big Ten, they agree that they will have to adapt.

“They’re not huge adjustments,” Brown said. “We have to look at things a little differently. We can’t look like it’s a huge obstacle or like we’re
Clinton proposes $1.7 trillion budget for next year

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Ushering in the new millennium with the promise of huge federal surpluses, President Clinton proposed on Monday a $1.77 trillion budget for the year 2000 that would buttress Social Security and bestow billions on everything from troops to teachers.

Republicans who control Congress immediately vowed to work much of it. Staking out this year’s political battlefield, they insisted that hundreds of billions of the $2.41 trillion in surpluses Clinton envisions over the next decade should be returned to Americans in tax-rate cuts, not used for new spending.

“Basic fairness dictates that some of this overpayment should go back to the taxpayers,” said House Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois.

We don’t want to lavishly programs to spend the surplus on,” said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

Economists caution that a deep, protracted recession could erase the projected black ink, which began abruptly last year with a surplus of $69 billion.

But Clinton exulted that after three decades of unrelenting deficits, the mountains of money give Washington a “special occasion” to address problems gnawing at the country. He would not only brace the government for the looming retirement of 76 million baby boomers, but reduce the $5.6 trillion national debt built over decades of federal borrowing — and spend money for scores of other purposes.

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Radicals Not the Hea of ‘Right to Life’

In her Inside Column on Monday, Jan. 25, Laura Petelle addressed the issue of abortion in light of the March for Life held in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 22. After cautioning March participants against aligning themselves with radical activists who seek to end abortion by killing doctors and burning abortion clinics, she offered an insight to those who fight for the pro-life cause. Claiming that protests and rosaries will not stop abortion, Petelle suggested that we instead examine the reasons behind abortion. As a March participant, I would like to offer such an examination.

The drive for force behind abortion is our culture’s prevailing, accepted attitude of “Me first, the other’s later.” Because our society generally follows this selfish manner of handling our own problems, this mentality of self-centered response to the woman facing a crisis pregnancy will cause us to ignore the child alive in her womb in order to protect her own interests. Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers tell her that her emotional and psychological needs will be better served by “terminating her pregnancy.” Not only does this argument support the aforementioned selfish attitude, it even proposes that the woman will benefit from such selfishness.

Now, in order to overcome this mentality, we need to reach out to the woman who sets one option and is pressured to exercise them wholly without considering the other questions. We need to extend our arms lovingly to her and to her child, explaining that she carries within her a beautiful, unique, sacred life. She needs to know that her emotional and physical needs can be met while still loving and protecting this life, carrying her child to term while others show her love and support.

This is not a new idea, as every day hundreds of crisis pregnancy centers throughout the country reach out to women, offering counseling, adoption services, and financial support for women who choose to love their children. The Women’s Care Center in South Bend is an example of this loving work that does not save the lives of many children and the hearts of numerous young women. Centers such as these provide education that abortion clinics and the government do not offer, such as information concerning fetal development, the risks incurred from abortion, and adoption alternatives.

While the need to reach outside of itself “the whopper of a mistake” at hand. They do not mention the incredible physical pain experienced or the possibility of hemorrhaging during the procedure. They do not explain the suffering that her child will endure, as studies have shown that hour rates of unborn children nearly double when harmful instruments invade the womb. Women do not hear any of this from abortion providers.

To confront the root of the problem many of our members spend time working at crisis pregnancy centers to encourage life-giving options for pregnant women, speaking to high school classes about the facts and dangers of abortion, and giving presentations promoting abstinence so that these first two will not be necessary.

Abortion is so prevalent and so common in our society for one simple reason: that our society does not support pregnant women enough. That is why events such as the March for Life are held in order to support those women who are mid-childbirth that believe their only solution is to have an abortion. One of the main themes of the March is to raise awareness of life carried in hundreds of signs carried by men and women alike that is pro-life—will continue to speak out until “no more children die, and no more women cry.” The march shows that the majority of women are suffering. Both pro-life movement and encourage the few lanuages. The pro-life movement recognizes the value the lives of abortionists as all of life and hopes for their safety even while working peacefully for changes in their hearts and minds.

Yes, we will be careful to whom we lend our voices, as we always have been. We would ask that you do the same. There are many ways to be more than one, however unwittingly, a voice for the culture of death. Let us all agree to speak only words of love. In order to end abortion, we must overcome selfish attitudes that allow for its proliferation. We must understand, as the pro-life movement does, that killing doctors is gravely wrong and that their lives are sacred. We must educate young people about human life, especially the value of the pre-born, by explaining the development of the unborn child to those faced with a difficult pregnancy. We must promote alternatives to abortion through these agencies and foster homes for babies. Most importantly, we must love women, especially those in crisis pregnancies, by teaching them that the can meet their own needs while still giving birth in their children. Babies are dying, and women are suffering. Both occur because we do not love each other enough.

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Quote of the Day

‘Oly the wise possess ideas; the greater part of mankind is pos-sessed by them.’

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge
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To Save, Protect a Present and prospective resident lead dorms with friendship at

By LOURIEL CRUZ
Assistant Scene Editor

Most people on campus understand the academic and social expectations that come with being a Notre Dame student — studying until dawn, serving on student government or playing a varsity sport, just to name a few. And social expectations that come with being a resident assistant or playing a varsity sport, just to name a few. And social expectations that come with being a leader in your section.

“BUT MOST IMPORTANT IS being available to LISTEN and MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUR OWN SECTION.”

DIANE SABOL RESIDENT ASSISTANT, BADIN HALL

“You are always on duty in this respect, because your whole section looks at you as a role model,” he said.

Here at Notre Dame, residence hall living is one of the most important aspects of campus life. The dorm is not only the place where a student can enforce discipline, but also a second home to students. The role of the H.A. covers so many things,” said Ferguson.

“The best aspect of being an R.A. is balancing time between being on duty, studying and playing sports, just to name a few." said Sabol. “There are a lot of things that come up on your schedule and you have to be flexible.”

But enforcing the rules is not the only concern of R.A.s.

“Many people think the R.A.’s are just there for enforcing discipline reasons, but I look at it as more of a counseling role,” said Ferguson. “First and foremost, I believe that we must be friends and leaders to the people in the dorm.

“Many resident assistants tend to develop close relationships with the students in my dorm and being able to help when they need to talk,” said Sabol.

“We try to develop close relationships with the people in my dorm through their counseling and advising.”

“I have my section. They have been a blessing because of their enthusiasm and their constant happiness,” said Ferguson. “I could always see a good relationship with the girls of my dorm. I have known many of them for years, so I am the same old Mike to them.”

“Friendship relationships is especially true in our residence halls with larger populations.”

“I believe I have a close relationship with the girls in Badin because we are so much closer and it makes it easier to work and know people,” said Sabol.

Applications for resident assistant for the 1999-2000 academic year were due this past January.

“BUILDING AN R.A. IS A CHANCE TO INTERACT WITH ALL THE RESIDENTS OF THE DORM, TRYING TO BUILD ON THEIR RESIDENT’S HALL EXPERIENCES, WHILE ALSO TRYING TO BUILD THE COMMUNITY ATMOSPHERE IN THE DORM.”

A number of resident assistant applicants are already very involved in their dorms — Althoff, Grugan and Pasquerilla East resident Molly O’Rourke are their hall Presidents, and Mendoza serves as Senator. They would like to carry on their service to the dorm as R.A.

“I think I have tried to fully immerse myself in the dorm and its activities, which I believe is important for an R.A. to have such experiences,” said Grugan.

“I am one of P.E.’s hall presidents this year and would like to continue my leadership role in the dorm,” said O’Rourke. “I hope I will get the chance to know some of the residents better and strengthen friendships I already have.

“Many of the resident assistant candidates have wanted to be an R.A. since their first year at Notre Dame.”

Being an R.A. was something I have wanted to do since my freshman year,” said O’Rourke. “I always thought it was a great way to stay involved with the dorm.

“I wanted to be an R.A. since my first year,” said Mendoza. “The role of R.A. fits my personality type — friend, advisor, resource and authority.”

Whether they are present or prospective resident assistants, students agree that they can learn and teach through their experience as R.A.

“I hope that the residents in my hall will learn how important community living is here at Notre Dame,” said O’Rourke.

“I hope that residents will learn to get involved in their interests and enjoy the friendships that are born here [at Notre Dame],” said Mendoza.
Racial Healing Begins With You

Special to The Observer

"Why do they always sit together in the dining hall?"
"It's a black thing, you wouldn't understand."
Comment said to African-American males on campus...
"You must be a football player."
"Why do you always talk and act so White?"
"You know, I really don't see you as Mexican-American."
"I'm tired of always hearing about racism."
"Have I got a good racial joke for you."

Without a doubt, you've either heard or heard one of these statements or been asked one of these questions. The common thread for all the above statements and questions is that all are based on limited information and stereotypical generalizations about race. Unfortunately, it's the same type of generalization about race that lead to racial slurs or jokes being made, racial literature being distributed, and physical confrontations occurring between different racial groups. Given that one of the traditions at Notre Dame is that of providing a familial atmosphere for students, faculty and staff, it's time that we all take an active stance to make sure that all racial groups on our campus feel included in the Notre Dame family. Healing and harmony between the races begins with you.

So you ask, why should I make a commitment to be an ally for racial harmony? When you become an ally for racial harmony, you have the opportunity to gain greater self-awareness, gain greater awareness of others, develop new friendships, develop better interpersonal skills, be better able to challenge stereotypes and prejudices, promote empathy between racial groups and become better equipped to live in a multicultural world. In other words, you have the opportunity to grow both emotionally and intellectually.

Through this growth, you contribute to the development of a society where all races are valued and appreciated.

One step in building the bridge toward racial harmony and tearing down the walls of racism is that of inter-racial communication. While we all know that it is sometimes emotionally difficult and risky to speak candidly, openly and honestly about race, it is only through this type of dialogues that we are able to become more aware, sensitive and knowledgeable about each other. Given that the topic of race can be a sensitive and emotional area, it's important to keep a few pointers in mind:

- Do use "I" statements.
- Do use "we" statements.
- Do use "we" statements.
- Do recount what you've heard about a person's experience.
- Do allow questions, no matter how trivial they may seem to you.
- Do engage in clarification and elaboration by asking for examples.
- Don't try to define or downplay a person's experience.
- Don't demand a person's point of view.
- Don't demand a person's perspective on the size of their racial group.
- Don't assume a person... 

Now that you have some pointers for communicating about racial issues, here are some questions to ask others and yourself. With each question, fill in the blank with a racial group.

When you hear the term ______, what do you think of? What are your feelings toward ___? How significant is the topic of race to ___? What are some of your feelings toward ___? What do you think of when you think of ___? How significant is __ to your life? How important to your attitudes about ___? If you haven't had much contact with ___ what prevents this from happening? When you have a racial prejudicial thought or feel a racial prejudicial overawn, how do you handle it? What has been your experience with racist? What will you do today to increase your racial awareness?

Now that you've made the commitment to become an ally for racial healing and harmony, here are some suggestions for increasing your racial awareness, sensitivity and knowledge.

- Celebrate a multicultural holiday
- Visit an ethnic art gallery or museum
- Volunteer at a school or agency with a racially diverse population
- Attend a church or synagogue that has a diverse congregation
- Visit your Office of Multicultural Student Affairs
- Learn a foreign language
- Read a book by an author who is racially different from you
- Invite a neighborhood kid who is racially different from you
- Take a cultural diversity course
- Go to an ethnic restaurant
- Watch a movie or play with racially diverse casts
- Listen to music by artists who are racially different from you
- Join a racial committee to diversify issues
- Have meals or sessions conveying diversity issues
- Take an active stance against prejudice and racism
- Healing, harmony, and unity between racial groups occur as we interact more with and become better educated about one another. It's a race for education when we are willing to take risks regarding our multicultural growth by gaining more sensitivity, awareness and knowledge about the history, values, experiences and lifestyles of different racial groups. Challenge yourself to unlock your hidden capacity for racial awareness. It's up to you to do this and create a society where there is greater understanding and awareness between different racial groups.

If you are interested in gaining more awareness about racial issues in a confidential and supportive on-campus environment, the University Counseling Center is offering a "UAAC and Other Multicultural Groups: What's Your View?" group. Also, other multicultural groups offered at the University Counseling Center include the "African-American Support Group" and "PRISM Support Group for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Questioning Students." To find out more about these groups, contact the University Counseling Center at 631-7236.

The interest of this series of articles is not to provide counseling but to provide information about a variety of mental health topics. To seek help with your individual concerns, please contact the University Counseling Center at 631-7236 to schedule an appointment. For more information on the topic, visit the Self Help section on our web page at http://www.nd.edu/.../sec.}

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to the season. "I was pleased with how our girls swam," Weathers said. "We had a really good year so far and we're looking forward to an exciting conclusion to the year with Big East and NCAA Championships." Murphy, who had won seven straight dual meets prior to Saturday, opened the Michigan tri meet with three straight victories, all in 400 individual medley relay. Freshman Heather Mattingly and sophomore Kristen Van Saul led the Irish in scoring, both tallying two individual victories. Mattingly won both diving events against a surpris­ ingly strong Michigan squad. She has won all three div­ ing events in dual-meet action. Van Saul won both the 1,000 freestyle and the 400 individual medley at team sea­ son. She also placed second in the 500 freestyle relay. Also scoring a nine-point win for the Irish was co-capt­ ain Liz Barger. Her 2:03.35 in the 200-yard backstroke was three seconds faster than her nearest competitor. Shannon Suddarth led teams­ mates Allison Lloyd and Kathleen Finnmix in an Irish sweep of the 200-yard breaststroke with a team season­ best 2:20.26.

Michigan's Jenny Chrisman and Shannon Shakespeare dominated the meet, each winning three individual events. The Irish women now pre­ pare for the Big East Championships to be held Feb. 25-27, and the NCAA Championships which take place May 18-20.

"I'm pleased with where we are," Weathers said. "The girls are going to have a big conclusion to the season, and we're really looking forward to that.

Detroit Labortatois continued to have been having lively practices, but P.B. is ready to go. It was a long time coming, I had been stuck in a rut the last two or three weeks."

Natalie Hallett's season ended getting her accreditation well, tier marks have improved from a "no height" perfor­ mance at Pontiac in 4-6 feet, 6-1/4 inch marks in Michigan. Hallett continued to improve this weekend with a 1-6 foot vault that claimed third place honors for the freshman. While admitting her third place finish left room for improvement, Hallett admitted feeling more confident in her first home performance. It was fun. It was nice to have your best friend, number two said.

"I'm really happy with how our girls swam," Weathers said. 

"I thought the girls' highlights was a gritty perfor­ mance by Patty Rice, who swam well at the meet in the mile and 3,000-meter runs. Claims was proud of the squad saying, "Our kids compete really well, we had a couple that was very unexpected."

Connelly attributes the women's revenge victory over IU to the balanced perfor­ mance. "We scored just about every­ where in the jumps and dis­ tance events. We got a lot more points than we expected against the well-balanced Irish," Connelly said. Connelly hopes that both the boys and women's squad will continue with their balanced performance during the season's final stretch they hope the assisted Meyo Institution for Co-invment.

The meet is expected to be a thriller, as it will provide fitting farewell to the Irish with their last opportunity to per­ form before the Big East and NCAA Championships in New York.
Campus Ministry This Week

Friday-Saturday, February 5-6, St. Joe Hall
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Friday-Saturday, February 5-6, Fatima Retreat Center
Marriage Preparation Retreat

Saturday, February 6, Moreau Seminary
RCIA Retreat

Friday-Sunday, February 5-7, Pilsen (in Chicago)
Encuentro Chicago Retreat
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Sunday, February 7, St. Joe Hall
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday, 11:30 pm until Tuesday, 10:00 pm,
St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall
Fridays, 12:00 noon until 4:45 pm,
Lady Chapel, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30 pm, Walsh Hall
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welcome!

University Village Volunteers
Campus Ministry is looking for two students who are interested
in doing some volunteer work at University Village, the Married
Student Housing Complex on campus. Students are needed to
volunteer in a "Parents' Time-Out" program that meets in the
community center on Mondays from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. when
the University is in session. This ministry would entail working
with two mother's to plan activities for children ages 1-4 and to
assist in general child supervision. Please call John or Sylvia
Dillon at 631-5242 if interested.
Irish lose heartbreaker to No. 7 Longhorns

By NATHANIEL DeNICOLA

In what becoming an annual affair, the 24th-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team battled tenaciously against seventh-ranked Texas, only to fall 4-3 in the last set of the last match. Despite the loss, the Irish, which fell to 3-1 on the season, can take solace from the fact that the defeat did not come from a lack of hustle or intensity.

"I thought we put forth a great effort," said head coach Bob Bayliss. "We broke down a bit in doubles, but Texas is a good team and they exposed our weaknesses."

For the first time this season, the Irish were swept in doubles, as the Longhorns cruised to an 8-3 victory at No. 3 doubles, setting up Brandon Hawk and Nick Crowell's triumph over Ryan Sachire and Brian Patterson to clinch the doubles point. The tandem of Matt Horsley and Trent Miller fought hard for the Irish, though they too fell to Gwanael Gueit and Paul Martin, 9-7.

Trailing by one, heading into the singles matches, Notre Dame quickly saw its deficit increase to 3-1, as Gunter defeated senior captain Andy Warford, 6-4, 6-2, and 33rd-ranked Martin downed Matt Daly, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3). Martin saved two set points against Daly before finishing the match in a 7-3 tie-break, a theme that would become unfortunately common for the Irish.

"Matt battled the entire second set and came within six inches of tying the match 1-1," Bayliss said. "I think he had Martin breathing hard and would have done well in a third set, but you can't make excuses."

Notre Dame did earn an early point on the doubles, where Sachire continued his tear against top-10 players, this time defeating seventh-ranked Jack Bramlington in straight sets 6-2, 6-4. Last Tuesday, Sachire defeated fourth-ranked Mark Loughrin of Wisconsin on the way to Notre Dame's 5-2 victory.

"Ryan consistently was able to hold serve against one of the top players in the nation," said Bayliss. "He has been playing at that level for us all year."

Exhibiting a never-say-die attitude, Casey Smith and Andrew Laffin brought the Irish back into contention with straight-set victories, knotting the match at 3-3. Ever the hallmark of hustle, Smith displayed his determination in a series ofailing volleys, followed by the celebratory fist pump signifying that a crucial point had been won. In the end, it was a diving drop volley that gave Smith the edge 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 over Michael Blue at No. 5 singles.

"Today was an important match for Casey; he began to find an identity to his game," said assistant coach Mike Morgan.

Seemingly wasn't the only freshman going through a maturing process on Saturday, as Laffin provided a crucial victory over Jorge Haro at No. 6 singles. With his undefeated streak on the line, Laffin forced Haro to a second-set tie-break, where he sealed the win on a powerful serve to Haro's backhand.

"Andrew demonstrated a lot of poise today, he played like a vet­ eran," said Bayliss.

Fittingly, the match between Notre Dame and Texas (which Texas had won 4-3 for the last four years) came down to one last match between senior captain Brian Patterson and 31st-ranked Brandon Hawk at No. 2 singles.

The script was straight out of an old Hollywood Western & a duel between Hawk, the freshman young gun out of Texas, and Patterson, the veteran defending his home turf. Hawk built an early lead for the Longhorns, taking the first set 7-6 (7-3) in the tie-break.

Patterson quickly answered with a 6-1 victory to set up a climactic third set showdown. Hawk drew first blood by jumping out to a 5-0 lead in the third set, all but obliterating Notre Dame's hopes for victory.

Patterson refused to go down without a fight as he battled to win the next three games, flirt­ ing with the impossible conquest of coming back from a five-game deficit. But reality finally set in as Hawk held serve at 5-3 to win the set and the match for Texas.

"We had the match-up we wanted out there," said Bayliss. "Hawk is one of the best players we've seen, but I have a lot of confidence in Brian. We need to work on tak­ ing advantage of the opportunities that arise."

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No. 16 Irish claim two dual meets

By KEVIN THOMPSON
Sports Writer

A week after losing a close 5-4 match to Pepperdine, the 16th-ranked women's tennis team dominated Kansas State and Oklahoma in separate dual meets over the weekend.

On Saturday, the women were out to prove that the Pepperdine loss was an aberration. They did so by coming out and dictating the flow of the match, losing only 10 games in No. 1-5 singles.

"Last week was a disappointment. It provided a spark for us. We did not want to let up this time out," commented senior Michelle Dasso, ranked 23rd nationally.

Against Pepperdine, the doubles tandem of Dasso and Hall dropped a tough 9-8 (8-6) match. Saturday, the duo outplayed Kansas State's No. 1 doubles Eva Novotna and Martina Pospislova in an 8-4 decision. Dasso also picked up a first singles victory against Pospislova, the 73rd ranked player in the country.

Rounding out the Kansas State match was a victory by Becky Varnum and Marisa Velasco in No. 2 doubles.

Sunday brought on the Sooners of Oklahoma, the 45th ranked team in the country. The Irish were 3-0 all-time against Oklahoma and looked to improve on the mark. The women stayed on task, sweeping the competition.

Dasso, Hall, Velasco, Varnum, Kelly Zalinski and Lindsay Green succeeded in the singles categories. On the doubles side, Dasso and Hall (39th nationally) posted an upset of 21st ranked doubles team, Danielle Knipp and Viviana Mracnova, 8-4.

The teams of Varnum and Velasco, and Nina Vaughn and Zalinski picked up doubles matches.

The weekend marked the homecoming of senior captain Jennifer Hall. The two-time all-American and Oklahoma City native racked up two singles victories including a tight 7-5, 7-6 tilt against OU's Mracnova Sunday.

Next up for the women is the Rolex National Tournament featuring Dasso in the 32-player singles draw.

The women open the home season with a dual match against Ohio State at 6 p.m.
Fencing

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25-7, and 24-8, respectively. The seventh-ranked Buckeyes of Ohio State, however, were to provide a pleasant surprise for the Irish.

Cleveland State and Illinois-Chicago provided tough warm-ups for the women's epee team, before their showdown with Ohio State later in the afternoon.

Senior epee captain Nicole Mustilli, whose 13-2 record on the tough bouts that preceded their showdown with Ohio State, however, overcame the bad calls to rally back and tie the bout at four touches.

Controversy would again reign on the final touch. It appeared that Brown had won the final touch, but the director called the point for Kalkina giving her a 2-4 win. The last call initiated scores of protest from both Brown and Walsh and Irish fencing coach Yves Auriol.

It is difficult when you have two fencers who are evenly matched," Brown said. "You do things that the director doesn't see and it's hard. Not only are you competing with the other fencer, but also in a way with the director."

Walsh, who also suffered from poor directing in her first bout, attributed the poor calls to inexperience on the part of the director.

"I think that she was a little inexperienced, so that was frustrating," Walsh said. "Plus, watching Myriah's bout with Kalkina, I saw how many mistakes she made. So I thought it would be good to get a new director."

Irish protests eventually resulted in a new director being appointed to the match.

The new director arrived just in time for Walsh's bout with Kalkina.

"In what turned out to be the best bout of the match, Kalkina and Walsh dueled back and forth with neither fencer able to seize momentum. Finally, with 1:33 remaining in the bout, Walsh surprised Kalkina with an attack. Kalkina failed to parry and Walsh took a commanding 4-3 lead."

Kalkina rallied back to tie the bout at four touches with 23 seconds left, but with time running out, Walsh ducted a Kalkina thrust and counterattacked to win, 5-4.

Walsh's victory over Kalkina was made even more difficult by a leg injury which pained her for the entire day, Walsh, however, overcame her injury and continued her undefeated season, boosting her record to 27-0.

After falling into an early hole, the Irish rebounded strongly winning nine bouts in a row to win the match, 11-5.

Brown registered a 12-1 record on the day and raised her season record to 31-8. Her 31 victories gave her 231 career wins, moving her into first place forfoil wins and second place in overall wins.

The 20-12 victory over Ohio State raised the Irish record on the year to 10-2. More importantly, the Irish recovered their confidence after a tough road trip last weekend.

"I try to forget about the weekend before," Brown said. "But it is definitely a big boost to actually fence well and to have things clicking together."
Gossip. Problems with financial schemes will set you back and cause upset. Take one try for a free look. You will be up and down if you allow yourself to become emotionally blackmail. Get all the facts before taking action. Activation involving children will be revealed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make those physical changes you've been thinking about. Get involved in activities that will bring you in contact with others. You need mental and physical stimulation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your ability to be spontaneous and creative will enhance your reputation. Use your strength and grace to achieve your objectives and don't be afraid to ask for favors or more responsibility.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your ability to be sponlaneous and clever will be a result of your good communication. You will find your social circle has left those you love wondering where you've been.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You should be pursuing your hobbies. You can make home improvements quickly and cheaply if you do the work yourself. Get the rest of the family involved in 0000.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Problems with lovers will continue to move forward. You have been avoiding the issues at hand or using emotional involvement to mask your real feelings. Your partner has contributed to your success.

■ Of Interest

Holy Cross Associates — is holding a pair of information sessions at the Center for Social Concerns today at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Holy Cross Associates is sponsoring a Discernment Evening — a night of mass, dinner, and discussion about life as a Holy Cross Associate. For information, call Jon at 1-3231.

Phil Danahoe and Bishop Gambolton — A formal discussion will be held this evening at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall concerning the revision of Notre Dame's non-discrimination policy. Experts featured are Phil Danahoe and Bishop Gambolton of Detroit.
Irish fencers sweep competition over weekend

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The second-ranked men's team and the fourth-ranked women's team dominated the opposition in the JACC Fieldhouse this weekend, as each team posted 5-0 records.

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