Members propose Trustee forum on discrimination

By FINN PRESSLY

Discussion of a resolution regarding the recent Board of Trustees decision to reject the inclusion of sexual orientation in Notre Dame's non-discrimination clause dominated the agenda of last night's meeting of the Campus Life Council. The resolution, presented by April Thomas and Ryan Steele of the University Committee, called for a forum for members of the Board of Trustees to personally explain to students why they voted the way they did.

"We felt that because the Student Senate, Faculty Senate, and Academic Council spent time researching and debating this issue and passed resolutions in favor of including the clause and it would be a shame if the Trustees vote just happened and ended debate on the issue," said Student Union Board manager Steele, explaining his committee's reasons for presenting the resolution. "We felt that it deserved a little more input into why the Board of Trustees and Board of Fellows voted the way they did."

Bill Kirk, assistant vice-president for Life, distributed copies of the Board of Trustees' press release regarding their decision in London. "I don't think it would be appropriate for Student Affairs to handle such a forum," Kirk said, adding that he felt there wasn't enough material left unaddressed by the press release to warrant such a forum. "It seems to me these are the same arguments made when the Spirit of Inclusion was brought to the attention of the students and faculty of Notre Dame," said Steele, referring to the arguments printed in the press release. "It seems to me that just tells us there are more questions to be answered ...

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"I think the Board of Trustees and the Board of Trustees have done extensive research and review of the matter," he said. "Father David Schniedler, rector of St. Edward's Hall, expressed hesitation to pass the resolution. "I feel like its time to come up with ... some new questions or perhaps a new angle or answers ourselves," said Schniedler. "I just don't feel like we should be wasting anymore time on this."

Brother Jerome Meyer, rector of Krocott Hall, was also reticent to approve the resolution. "If think at a certain point in discussion, you have to accept the conclusion that comes up," said Meyer. "The authors of the resolution were not convinced. "There hasn't been a discussion in the first place," Stecz replied. "I think it's dishonoring and harmful to us, and many others who are outraged," added Davis. "I think it's the University's obligation to talk to us as a student and tell me what happened."

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That Kid That Does the Clown

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I first was going to use this column to point out how decidedly un-funny the girder (I know I said it was un-funny, but this clown deserves no respect) has a way to be this year. But then I looked at myself: "Self, it's not his fault he's un-funny. Some people are decidedly un-funny. (See Per, Gin, etc.) You're not their fault, and, Self, you should be easy on him." But it's not my fault he's funny.

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Film to prompt discussion on justice, death penalty

A film about the case of Pennsylvania death-row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal will be shown Wednesday at 7 p.m. in room 141 Beatty Hall.

The film, "Behind These Walls: Mumia Abu-Jamal and The Long Struggle For Freedom," will be followed at 8:15 p.m. for a panel discussion on "The U.S. Justice System: The Death Penalty in Question."

Panelists include Peter Wasser, professor of government and international studies, Fernand Jullot, professor of law, Jay Tolmach, assistant professor of history and Patrick Mason, assistant professor of economics.

On July 3, 1982, Mumia Abu-Jamal, a journalist and political activist in Philadelphia's African-American community, was convicted of the Dec. 9, 1981 murder of Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner and sentenced to death. The controversial trial, marked by numerous irregularities, received international attention and gave rise to widespread doubt about Abu-Jamal's guilt. Scheduled for execution on Aug. 17, 1995, Abu-Jamal received a stay, and has continued to demand a new trial ever since.

The film and discussion are being sponsored by Notre Dame's African and African-American Studies program and the history department.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Days before the debut of the latest computer processor from Intel Corp., the chip's critics sought Monday to widen their boycott and enlist the government in opposing the new technology, which they say will allow easy tracing of Internet users.

The leaders of the boycott, Junkbusters Corp. of Green Brook, N.J., and the Washington-based Electronic Privacy Information Center, sent letters to privacy and consumer groups, encouraging them to get the Federal Trade Commission involved.

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After the planned boycott was announced last month, Intel officials said they would include software that allows consumers to turn off the new technology and that the company will encourage computer makers to turn it off by default in machines they sell.

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Committee nominates Clinton for Peace Prize

**Associated Press**

OSLO

President Clinton, U.S. peace envoy Richard Holbrooke, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Pope John Paul II are among 118 nominees chosen this year for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Awards committee secretary Per Oscarsson said Monday the number of nominations could increase, but would probably fall short of the record 139 candidates last year.

"We can't set a record every year," he said. The five-member awards committee accepts nominations postmarked by Feb. 1, and can add its own candidates. The Nobel prizes are announced in October. The amount for this year's prizes has not been set, but in recent years each prize has been worth about $1 million.

In keeping with the committee's strict policy of secrecy, names of candidates are 85 individuals and 33 organizations this year — are not released.

The five 118 nominations, however, often announce them and this year's known American nominees include Clinton and former President Jimmy Carter, along with Holbrooke.

Clinton has been nominated several times for the award. Though the specifics of this year's nomination were not released, past nominations have cited his efforts to maintain peace and stability throughout the world.

The pope was nominated as a symbol of peace in the world, and Annan for his efforts to avoid or stop many of the world's armed conflicts. Holbrooke was nominated for his work to bring peace to the Balkans.

The Salvation Army, Doctors Without Borders, and NATO, for its role in European peacekeeping, have also been nominated.

**Associated Press**

BAGHDAD, Iraq's vice president threatened Monday to attack a Turkish base for U.S. warplanes, along with other American and British bases in the region, if the jets can't bring them all in. It's the Board of Trustees who are the rectors of Farley Hall, and accepts the notion that duty was demanded.

Responded Stoez, "That's talking about the peace."

In the interest of truth, the debate of the resolution was suspended until the next meeting.

The Council also approved two resolutions, each to altering amendments to previous resolutions, such that their syntax will be up-date when the Board of Trustees reviews them later in the Spring.

"They're basically just tweaking things that needed to be changed," said Roberts, whose Bylaws Review Committee presented the resolutions.

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Chinese ring in New Year

Macao

Bed�ant lanterns festooned Chinese colonial buildings and fireworks exploded in the heart of Macau movie on Monday as Macau celebrated its last Chinese New Year under Portuguese rule. While the Chinese majority rang in the lunar New Year, their Portuguese neighbors watched the celebrations knowing that most of them would be gone for next year's bash. Macau will be handed over to China on Dec. 20 after 40 years of colonial rule. China and Chinese communities throughout Asia welcomed the Year of the Rabbit, which stretches between Wednesday and Friday.

The ride, which stretches between Monday and Friday, is annually marked with a parade of artists and socialites, Graham Parker, 50, also taped with automobile and television cameras on his way to Monday's Oscar Barnum and the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Disney worker dies from fall

ORLANDO

A custodian at Walt Disney World died Monday after he was swept from a platform by an elevated cable car and plunged 40 feet to the ground. Raymond Barlow was on a platform for the Skyway in Fantasialand when the cable-car ride was switched on in preparation for the park's opening Sunday morning. Whemever switched it on didn't know Barlow was standing in the path of the cars. Orange County sheriff's deputy Robert Larson said Barlow, 63, grabbed the fourth-person gondola and struggled to pull himself inside, but then let go when he was over a flowerbed, park employees told investigators. "He was looking for a place to fall. He didn't want to fall on the concourse for himself or the flowerbed," Larson said. Barlow, who was hired last year, died a short time later at Orlando Regional Medical Center.

The ride, which stretches between Fantasia and Tomorrowland, was closed in operation after the accident. "We are deeply saddened by what happened and our hearts go out to the family and friends of this cast member," said Disney spokeswoman Rena Cafahan, using the company term.

The stock market

was closed

Monday in observance of President's Day

Kurdish rebels protest in Greek capital

Associated Press

A Greek riot policeman covers an unidentified Kurdistan Worker's Party member who set himself on fire as a demonstration and hunger strike were broken up Monday. The strike was staged by 100 Kurds outside the Greek Parliament.

Protestants assail Sinn Fein

Associated Press

Protestants hooped scorn on Sinn Fein leaders during a debate Monday that illustrated a peace process strain by approaching deadlines and the question of when — if ever — the IRA will start disarming.

The Belfast Assembly was discussing plans that would create a joint Protestant-Catholic government for Northern Ireland when one spectator, a relative of an Irish Republican Army victim, yelled, "I'll be in your guns. You murderer!"

The shadow in the Assembly followed Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams' call for Protestant politicians to accept the IRA-rafted party's democratic credentials "without preconditions."

McGuinness shouldn't feel "embarrassed and ashamed" of his IRA links. Following debate that could last until Wednesday in the Assembly, elected in June to serve as the launch pad for Northern Ireland's new government, most of the legislature's 108 members are expected to vote in favor.

That vote is supposed to clear the way for Protestant politician David Trimble and Catholic politician Seamus Mallon to oversee the formation of a 12-member administration drawn from four parties: Titubale's Ulster Unionists, Mallon's Social Democratic and Labour Party, Sinn Fein and Robinson's Democratic Unionists.

The British government, which has directly ruled Northern Ireland since 1972, wants to start handing over responsibilities to the local administration on March 10, but Dublin has conceded that that deadline probably won't be met.

Instead, this week's vote is likely to confirm growing dissent within the ranks of the Ulster Unionists, whose backing for the accord is essential to making it work.

Trimble emphasized again Monday that he was prepared to allow Sinn Fein to join the administration if the IRA doesn't start disarming, but that hasn't placated two party members who already have said they will join the ranks of the anti-agreement Protestants.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, speaking in Paris after meeting with French leaders on European Union issues, said Monday that he couldn't envision a Northern Ireland government without Sinn Fein.

But Ahern refused to give his view on whether the IRA must disarm in order for Sinn Fein to take part in the new government. He said the final decision remains with Gen. John de Chastellain, the Canadian army general who leads a disarmament commission.

"The issue won't go away. We have to find a resolution to it before we move on," Ahern added. "And that resolution has to be credible."
**Romania**

**Court sentences union leader**

Associated Press

BUCHAREST

A trade union chief who has led Romanian coal miners on a series of violent protests was sentenced Monday by the Supreme Court to 18 months in prison — up from 16 months — for what it called a 1991 rampage.

Miron Cozma, the coal miners’ leader, already has served the 18-month term. Interior Ministry spokesman Ion Petre Cozma would not say whether he would be arrested shortly.

Yet the miners’ leader, who was sentenced in absentia, later appeared in front of the coal mining company in his home city of Petrosani, 150 miles northwest of Bucharest, Romania’s capital.

Some 300 miners gathering there supported him shouted: “Down with the government,” and “We’ll fight to our deaths to protect Cozma.”

Cozma was convicted in a deadly 1991 rampage through Bucharest that pitted Romania’s first post-communist prime minister, Petre Roman, against his coal miners.

On Monday, the high court upheld Cozma’s conviction for illegally possessing firearms, undermining state authority and jeopardizing railway traffic. In addition to extending his sentence, the court also banned Cozma from entering Bucharest and Petrosani for the six months he gets out of prison.

The Supreme Court did not explain the change in sentence.

Last month, a five-day march by the miners blocked the road and dealt a blow to its efforts to boost foreign investment in the impoverished country.

In Petrosani, Cozma told the miners: “Let’s get organized and get ready to leave for Bucharest.

This time, we shall go to the whole way,” he said, referring to the miners’ planned march of the January march just before the miners reached the capital city.

Miners first rampaged through the capital in 1990, breaking up a pro-democracy protest. Six people died in street battles that lasted several days.

Cozma was never charged in connection with those clashes.

Then-President Ion Iliescu thanked him and his followers for “restoring order” to the city.

But on Sept. 24, 1991, about 5,000 coal miners from Petrosani, Bucharest and other mines, entered Bucharest, headed by Cozma, commandeered trains and traveled to the capital. Subsequent clashes left three people dead and nearly 100 injured. The prime minister stepped down several days later.

Last month, at least 200 people were injured in clashes with police when Cozma led 10,000 miners on a violent protest march across much of Romania, demanding higher wages and no layoffs in Vlciu Valley’s mines.

The march stopped short of Bucharest only after Prime Minister Vasile Luca promised the miners wage increases of up to 35 percent if they come up with a plan to reduce losses at unprofitable mines by 20 percent this year.

**Brazil**

**Citizens celebrate Carnival by hosting parade competition**

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO

The roughly 70,000 Carnival revelers who had packed into the Brazilian “sambadrome” Monday were on their feet. Red and white firework displays showered the sky and a chart-topping pop song boomed from the sound system.

The samba group Salgueiro — made up of a core of musicians and as many as 4,000 dancers — had entered and the fans were jumping.

“ ‘You’re the best, Salgueiro,’ 20-year-old Ana Maria Goncalves yelled as she danced to the track. ‘You’re going to win this. Bring on the champions.’

Brazil comes to a standstill for the annual four-day Mardi Gras-type bash that precedes the Christian observance of Lent. One of Brazil’s best-known Carnival traditions is Rio’s parade competition when city neighborhoods offer up huge ensembles of musicians and dancers that vie against each other for cash prizes and major bragging rights.

A panel of judges picks the champions, taking into account each group’s floats and costumes, samba tune, organization and drumming skills. This year’s decision will be announced the day after flooding. Volunteers had worked around the clock to make sure the group’s parade still looked brilliant on the night.

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"I made myself stop caring because I knew I couldn't do a thing about it, and I knew it was going to tear me up if I tried." 

In an interview in 1982 to promote his memoir — "Witness to Power" — Ehrlichman minimized his own role in the scandal and said Nixon's character kept him from telling the truth about Watergate.

"It was a question of weakness," Ehrlichman said. "He simply could not bring himself to do something which I think he did by tearing himself to his enemies."

Ehrlichman was born March 29, 1925, in Tacoma, Wash. He graduated from University of California, Los Angeles and got a law degree at Stanford University in 1951.

During World War II, John was a lead navigator in the 8th Air Force where he earned the Air Medal clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Before joining the White House, Ehrlichman was a partner in the Seattle law firm of Hullin, Ehrlichman, Roberts & Hodge from 1952 to 1968.

After getting out of prison, he moved to Santa Fe, N.M., where he began a new career as an artist, writer, and commentator. Ehrlichman wrote four novels: "The Company" (1976); "The Whole Truth" (1981); "The Kilgore Card" (1986), co-author of "The High Flyer" (1989). He also wrote a memoir which was published in 1983, "Witness to Power: The Nixon Years."

He eventually moved to Atlanta to serve as senior vice president of Law Environmental.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Hilliard, four sons and two daughters and his mother, Lillian. 

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The Pope: Visionary of Human Justice

Perhaps I am just being paranoid, but the impression I received from the mainstream media regarding Pope John Paul II’s recent visits to Mexico City and St. Louis was that Americans are respectfully waiting for the Pope to pass away. Reporters emphasize the Holy Father’s frail condition and comment on his decisions and actions that lead to suicide. They show for him the deference due the Vicar of Christ Himself, the gift of the truth that will liberate us in eternity and here on earth.

But even here at Notre Dame, especially when reading the exchange in this newspaper, I worry that the Pope is being written off as a sick old man who is out of touch with our world and who impinges upon our personal freedom by asserting certain religious tenets as the law of the church. Last semester, the campus publication Common Sense printed an article entitled “The Long, Dark Legacy of John Paul II.” Additionally, the Progressive Student Alliance implicitly questions the moral authority of the Holy Father when it rolls against the prohibition of abortion information in the Women’s Resource Center or when two of its members wrote last semester on the necessity of safe, legal abortion to keep women from being oppressed by capitalists.

Pope John Paul II has never flagged in his call to end abortion, but amid the hysteria that word stimulates, what gets lost is the positive and consistent message of life that the Holy Father has championed throughout his pontificate and especially in his encyclical Evangelium Vitae.

Throughout the document, the Pope associates the “spiritual” knapsack uniting mankind in one great family, in which all share the same fundamental good—equal personal dignity and freedom. He urges the Church to exhibit solidarity with the most vulnerable members of society, including children, immigrants, the elderly, the sick, the poor, and the handicapped. The Pope’s message of nonviolence against women, abuse of the environment, arms trade, and our unjust distribution of goods.

Furthermore, neither is violence against a murder victim to be tolerated for that murderer is a child of God endowed with inherent individual value. “Whoever attacks human life in any way,” declares the Pope, “attacks God himself” (1, 9).

The pro-life message of the Catholic Church is so beautiful because it celebrates human life. When asked why a cardinal’s position on abortion most influences his voting, I explain that the issue can tell so much about a person. I am ter rified of a culture in which “the life which could result from a sexual encounter thus becomes an enemy to be avoided at all costs.” One who respects unborn life should be more likely to hold a reverence for women, the poor and the terminally ill. Anyone who is truly pro-life should also share the Pope’s concern for the weakest in our society, and should be able to look at another human and see the light behind her eyes and the glow of her soul that mark her as a child of God.

For all of their appeals to the Catholic faith regarding sexual orientation in the nondiscrimination clause, I cannot understand the attitude of the Progressive Student Alliance toward abortion and other Catholic moral teachings. In theory, a Progressive Student Alliance is a good idea. Through the year we have seen the passion of this group of students for pursuing social change, whether on campus, at the School of the Americas, or in our economic system. But I question their priorities.

When they express the language of our faith on solidarity and human dignity, their words ring hollow to me. It sounds almost as if they feel they can choose to keep those elements of Catholicism which serve them well, and discard the rest. Last semester, recall, one PSA column referred to the Church’s teachings on sexuality as “peripher al” doctrines. States Evangelium Vitae, “when God is forgotten, the creature itself grows unjustifiable” (1, 22).

I use the word “unjustifiable” here to refer to the validity of the PSA’s positions on abortion and sexuality in the context of the entire faith from which they have drawn their arguments. When I read of the PSA’s fast and rallies over rights, freedom and dignity for gays, lesbians and bisexuals, I wonder how they can simultaneously brush aside the most innocent and defenseless human life, the unborn baby. For me, this diminishes considerably the sincerity of their other arguments.

Without securing the fundamental right to life, the entire humanity, all other rights and freedoms mean nothing. I challenge you, my fellow Notre Dame students and members of the Progressive Student Alliance, to use the emotion you have built up over the last few weeks to do something progressive. Dare to commit yourselves consistently to the Catholic truth that all life is sacred. When we hear that message amid our world’s many instances of disrespect and violence, our 80-year-old Pope sounds strikingly radical.

Laura Andes is a government major and participant in the Esperanza Program in Public Service Policy. She is the Director of Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s Right to Life, and has taken up positions after finally accepting that she will never pitch for the Baltimore Orioles.

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My daughter's huge. The stirring image of me striding towards thecarnerals of the world to open the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta and proceeding to trip on my way to the microphone.

Blatant views of my fine, fine thighs exposed in Spandex running shorts.

All Gore.

My wife.

All Gore's wife. The First Lady of the President of the United States, in the process of testifying before a grand jury, having in ask permission to take a First Tinkle.

New meaning to the term 'cigar holder.' I've even thinking a lot lately about Richard Nixon who, although dead, needs some big political advice. Dick, dude, if you've gone reroll improbable offarces, at least have fun doing it. You can't pallor around with bush money and the CIA and God knows what all kind of legal government crap I'm in. If you're planning on breaking into a hotel room, at least make sure there's some 10-dram rump rib waiting for you in there, you know? You could've

gotten some serious Presidential subpoena action, if you smell what The Man From Hope is cooking, and you can't complain about it. You, sir, are a disgrace to the office. Call me for pointers. Ask for El Compadron.

Now, to the distinguished members of the House Judiciary Committee: You talk. You stick. You SLICK. You aren't a' gettin' none from the Big Man! You tell Al Gore to cancel that order on those news addresses labels. I ain't a NOBODY, my friends! You feel my pain?

Feel THAT! Eat crap. Eat A BIG, STEAMING CRAP. You hear me, Steve Chabot, Rich. Oh boy? You hear me, Christopher Cox, R-Utah? You just keep sifting through your tape transcripts and your senes samples and your 50 bazillion subpoenas. What did they get you? Another James Carville, who sent them those nnws addrnss labels should.

In his speech on Feb. 2 rally when 19 courageous people stood on stage in a show of solidarity and proclaimed to everyone in attendance that they are proud of who they are.

I wanted to say that the President, the Senate, the Faculty Senate and the Academic Council all passed resolutions in favor of adding sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause, but that it was 12 people who overrode all those bodies and all the people they represent. Not only that, but the 12 people did not even have the courage to stand up for how they felt and instead hid their decision until it was necessary to make it public.

Finally, I wanted to praise the recent Faculty Senate resolution condemning the Board of Fellows' actions. I wanted to thank that overwhelming majority of faculty senators who said that what the Fellows did was unethical and that the resolution was their decision and had already been refunded by the Academic Council.

But then something happened, and though I still want to express my views on all those things I listed above, I decided that this story is too important to go untold. I sat down to check my e-mail on Sunday and found a copy of an article from Sunday's edition of the San Francisco Examiner from a unknown sender. The contents of this article touched, inspired and saddened me.

The article tells the story of Adam Colton, a 17-year-old high school senior in Nevada. Adam is openly gay and has put up with discriminatory harassment because of this he "came out" back in September. This treatment ranged from vandalism of his car, to discriminatory comments at school and vandalism of his family's home. It got so bad that he decided to take only two classes at his high school and the rest of his classes through an independent study program.

This past Friday, however, Adam was damaged in a way that will last longer than vandalism or name-calling. Adam was attacked on his way to school and beaten severely. He was bruised and cut all over the upper-half of his body. As if this wasn't enough, his attackers carved the word "FAG" in both his forearm and abdomen with a pen.

Adam proceeds to crawl into his classroom and pass-out on the floor. He was then rushed to the hospital, will live, but the deeper than a word tattooed on his arm and stomach, Adam barely remembers Ever, and cannot even recall the exact events of his attack. The physical scars will last a long time, but the mental scars that this extra mark leave on him may never heal.

With this in mind, I returned to examine the happy world of Notre Dame, where a gay and lesbian student group cannot even have a room to plant in to themselves, that they can support each other, lest being legal protections against discrimination. Many will say that what happened to Adam would never happen here. Are you sure? Ask anyone, gay or lesbian what they have had to go through. Ask about the discriminatory words, threatening letters and astounding harassment some of them receive. Thus come to me.

In his column on Feb. 9 Sean Vipoe attempted to explain that those of us striving for the acceptance and protection of homosexuals on this campus have been refused and intimated. Sean, I have two things to say to you. First, the very day of your column, "Not in my name," suggests that you do nothing to protect the kind of hate-crime violence and discrimination that happened to Adam will never happen here.

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Second, I am so very, very sorry. You are in my mind, just like I'm in yours. I'm STILL THE MAN!!

The Observer
A Celebration of the 32nd Annual Sophomore Literary Festival
appraisal of writing to students

By LOUBEL CRUZ
Assistant News Editor

Playwright Martin Farquhar Tupper once said, "A good book is the best of friends, the same today and forever."

That is one of the principles which the Sophomore Literary Festival bases their dedication on—to celebrate authors, their lives and works. With past guests including Arthur Miller, Tom Clancy and Tennessee Williams, the Festival has become one of the most popular events at Notre Dame, displaying both the works of nationally and internationally renowned writers as well as prospective student writers.

"The purpose of the Sophomore Literary Festival is to bring important literary figures to campus so that students can have close contact with great literature and its creators," said Annie Ralph, a 1999 Sophomore Literary Festival committee member.

The 32nd annual Sophomore Literary Festival (SLF) began this week, with the first reading held last Sunday and the event continuing until Friday. The festival aims to show the Notre Dame community modern day literary figures and offer an opportunity for audience participation in a variety of readings, discussions and workshops. Each night of the week authors give speeches or readings about their works and creative processes, during the day, the same authors host workshops and sessions for students.

"SLF is a Notre Dame tradition and serves as an event in which both students, faculty and the community are able to meet and interact with authors," said Jim Bilek, chairman of the 1999 SLF committee. "The event is one of few that targets the more artistic and creative side of campus."

The Sophomore Literary Festival began in 1967 when Notre Dame student J. Richard Rosi organized a symposium of literary scholars to honor the works of William Faulkner. Rosi's new idea was supported by the sophomore class, who raised $1500 for the event, and they were able to sponsor four Faulkner scholars to lecture and host film presentations for a week.

The Festival was considered a success and Rosi decided to make it an annual event. He asked sophomores John Murow to chair the next Festival and Murow continued the tradition of bringing prominent writers to campus. With the help of former Arts and Letters Dean, Reverend Charles Sheedy, Murow successfully brought Catch 22 author Joseph Heller to Notre Dame.

That year, the Sophomore Literary Festival received national attention both for the impressive group of writers attending—Hellem, William F. Buckley and Norman Mailer to name a few—and the political events surrounding the occasion like the assassination of Martin Luther King. Through the years, SLF started to invite student writers into their presentations and began to provide workshops taught by the guest authors to the students and community. This year's SLF committee began their work last spring with a brainstorming session to form a long list of potential guests. With the help from faculty and professor suggestions, the fifteen to twenty committee members were able to chose writers who met the literary standards of the festival. They sent the authors invitation letters over the summer and this year's guests are among the invitees who accepted and were available this week.

"The committee shorews for everyone, I even sent an invitation to Toni Amos and Sir Paul McCartney," said Bilek. "Tori Amos was actually interested but could not make it due to conflicts of schedules."

"We try to schedule authors who represent a broad field of literature and I think we succeeded," said Ralph.

This year's guest include: science author Alan Lightman, novelist and essayist Leonard Michaels, The Basketball Diaries author Jim Carroll, science-fiction author Raymond F. Feist and poet Annie Finch.

In addition to the nationally renowned authors invited to the Festival, several student writers are chosen to read their work one night of the week. This year, six Notre Dame students—in two sophomore and four MFA candidates—will read an example of their writing. The committee held auditions in early December to choose the readers. In November, SLF also sponsored a coffeehouse at Recker's with graduate student readings and an open microphone for other students.

"On the Student Reader night, budding writers from the Notre Dame student body are given the chance to highlight their works," said Bilek. The workshops and discussions offered focus more on the students' questions about writing and the guest authors get a chance to teach their style.

"The format is completely up to the author giving the workshop, but it is a great opportunity to receive feedback about the writing process in general and a further opportunity to communicate with the artist," said Bilek.

"In the workshops, some authors want students to bring their own literary works, while others want to discuss different aspects of an author's life," said Amber Thill, SLF committee member. Throughout the year, the committee has organized with local businesses and campus organizations for advertisements in the Festival program. They have also arranged travel plans for the guest speakers and designed publicity advertisements.

"I have learned just how much hard work and determination it takes to plan for such an event," said Bilek. "It has given me insights, through the authors, on the writing field."

The Sophomore Literary Festival's goal is to offer the rare chance for Notre Dame students to meet, communicate, and learn from poets, novelists, songwriters and screenwriters.

"SLF benefits students by heightening campus interest in literature and filling the need for literary enrichment," said Ralph. "It helps to create a university culture that values and celebrates good literature."

The hope that the Sophomore Literary Festival will be appreciated by the students, said Bilek. "These authors are amazing and the opportunity to meet them is very seldom.

Upcoming Sophomore Literary Festival Events

Tuesday, Feb. 16
8 p.m. Jim Carroll reading

Wednesday, Feb. 17
8 p.m. Raymond E. Feist reading

Friday, Feb. 19
6:30 p.m. Annie Finch reading

Thursday, Feb. 18
8 p.m. Student Readers
Stacy Cartledge
Tony D'Souza
Lisa Marie Fabrega
Katie Lehman
Mary Margaret Nussbaum
Josie Vodicka

All readings will be held in Washington Hall.
Literature Festival will bring an ts and community

JIM CARROLL
Works include: The Basketball Diaries, Organic Trains, 4 Ups and 1 Down, Living at the movies
Mr. Carroll is also the leader of the Jim Carroll Band which has recorded three albums with Atlantic Records.

RAYMOND E. FEIST
Works include: The Riftwater Saga: Magician, Silverthorn, A Darkness at Sethanon; The Empire Trilogy: Prince of the Blood, The King's Buccaneer and Faerie Tale

ANNIE FINCH
Works include: The Ghost of Meter, A Formal Feeling Comes, Eve, Meter in English
Ms. Finch's opera libretto, A Captive Spirit, will be produced next year.

Better than any textbook

By ADAM MALLORD
Scene Copy Editor
Retreat!
No, I am not calling soldiers back from battle or dealing with anything to do with war for that matter. Instead, I'm calling for Notre Dame students to get away from homework, away from stress and away from every other annoyance of being a student.

Last Friday I had the opportunity to participate in the first annual Sorin Hall Retreat, which took place at a house near Lake Michigan. At first, I was not interested in going on a Friday night for the sake of talking with a group of guys I see everyday. With a little influence from my friends, however, I agreed to sign up for the Friday night away.

When Friday rolled around, I still looked ahead to the retreat with some apprehension. I knew that I could not escape, as many of my friends who had convinced me to go had done, and participate in a different yet probably less holy experience that night.

I followed through with my commitment, however, and got into the car. After an hour of driving, we arrived at the house at which we were going to perform our retreat functions, and it was only a couple blocks away from the shore of Lake Michigan.

We became accustomed to the house, and immediately a Daytona electric race track was found. Of course, we put it up and raced against each other with the competitive spirit only found at a retreat. After the dust settled and I retired victorious, we had to get down to business.

Our rite began the retreat by guiding us through a fantasy where we imagined ourselves literally releasing every thing we had learned up until this point in our lives. We envisioned these emotions, feelings, beliefs and memories lying on the ground beside us, and we had the ability to pick up and retain whatever we wanted to pick up.

This exercise was supposed to show that you can eliminate your bad habits and unwanted feelings and improve your life if you make an effort. I imagined every unnecessary negative feeling or tendency leaving my body, and I made sure that I did not pick them up again.

After this we discussed personal experiences, which really brought the group close together. To understand someone, it is important to know exactly what has happened to him in his lifetime. From near death experiences to a loved ones' deaths, we discussed all the baggage that we have such been carrying around for some time. It was fantastic to talk to people who really care about your experiences.

At this point we decided it was time to take another break, so we were able to either go back and play on the Daytona race track, or talk about something else.

Some of us decided to talk about other important issues, including strategies for college football for Playstation, I personally, always run out of shotgun, but other people come back with ideas and 1formation. This was also a learning experience for all of us.

After we were able to get that addiction out of our minds, we were able to once again refocus our attention on the retreat. We continued our discussion into the early hours of the morning, when we decided it was time for sleep.

The following morning we woke up early, at 11 a.m., and started by discussing issues such as sex, drunkenness and the rules as stated in du Lac. All the participants learned the importance of keeping your door shut if you are not pursuing these activities, because the penalties if caught are serious.

It was nearly time to depart after this discussion, but we had time for one last activity — a beach football game. Now, I'm from California, so you can imagine how odd it is for me to see an empty beach at any time during the year. It was understandable, however, considering it was nearly zero degrees outside. Needless to say, no one went swimming in the frigid water. We did get the opportunity to play our game, though, tripping over the rocks and into the water washed up by the tide. At the end of the game, it was time to head home to Notre Dame.

We arrived back at school only 24 hours after we had left, but it seemed as though we had been there a week. My retreat was not just an opportunity to get away from the rig ors of Notre Dame's academic life, but also a way to truly put priorities in order.

The first annual Sorin Hall Retreat was an experience I enjoyed, and a better learning experience than anything you can find in a textbook.

The views expressed in Scene Through Our Eyes are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer.
The Red Storm won a key game in its quest for a Big East tournament berth. The most impressive of the assists was a dump pass from Reggie Jessie to Antawn Jamison. They finished off the Minnesota Timberwolves with a 3-2 break that gave the Red Storm a 25-17 lead at halftime. The Timberwolves were held to 20 points in the run, sharing the ball well and posting a 9-2 stretch of 5:49 and another of 3:33. The Timberwolves finished the half at 19-37 from the field (29-70), were outrebounded 32-18 and committed 17 turnovers. The Timberwolves’ lead of 49-26 was their 21st straight game and their 21st straight game and posting his second straight double-double. Jerome President scored 16 points for the Sooners, who will give up seven points for the Sooners, who also became 1-0 in the Big 12 standings.

The Vikings turned the ball over three first-half possessions and the Red Storm scored again. Oklahoma scored 25 points in the run to start a 28-4 burst that breezed past East Tennessee State.

The Red Storm scored more than 100 points in last night’s loss to No. 10 St. John’s. The Big East’s leading scorer, had 21 points in last night’s loss to No. 10 St. John’s. Thomas, the Big East’s leading scorer, had 21 points in last night’s loss to No. 10 St. John’s.

Edwardo Najera had 20 points and 15 rebounds as Oklahoma knocked off No. 22 Missouri, the Big East’s only ranked team, 69-57 Monday night. Thomas finished with 21 points and 10 rebounds Monday night. They then went 4-14 before they scored again. Oklahoma scored 14 points to start the run, six by Najera.

Tim Hardaway had seven of his 10 points in the closing run and East Tennessee State was 36 percent from the floor, including 4 of 18 in the second half. Michael Jordan had 14 points for the Sooners, who have won six straight and three in a row over Missouri. The Sooners returned to first in five games at the Heurens Center and also was coach Kevin Sampson’s 31st victory in five seasons at Oklahoma.

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White makes his retirement official

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — This time, Reggie White put it in writing.

The NFL's career sacks leader turned in his retirement letter to Green Bay Packers general manager Ron Wolf — and gave no indication he intends to return.

"It's officially retired. It's over. I think he's had it," Packers spokesman Leo Remmel said.

The 37-year-old White had said last season would be his last.

But there had been hints the All-Pro player might change his mind after the Packers hired his longtime head coach, Ray Rhodes, as new head coach, replacing Mike Holmgren, who lead Green Bay to two Super Bowl appearances.

White wound up making 16 sacks and earning Defensive Player of the Year honors in what was to be his farewell season, and that also raised speculation he might not be ready to retire.

Then came reports during the weekend that a return by White would have to be manageable for the Packers in staying under the NFL salary cap.

White, an ordained minister, said last April that he intended to retire.

But after repeating Holmgren he wouldn't come back, White said he had a revelation while having back therapy.

"God spoke to me and said you made a promise," White said at the time. "When I signed the deal last year, I signed a five-year deal with the promise that I would retire for two years."

Last month, after the Packers lost to San Francisco in the playoffs, White said he expected to retire and focus on his other interests.

But when he was in Hawaii earlier this month for his record 11th Pro Bowl appearance, he wanted to leave a slight opening when he told an interviewer he was "intrigued" about the idea of returning to play under Rhodes.

"When Ray got the job, if anyone else had gotten the job I wouldn't have been interested," White told Fox television at the time. "I've really been praying about it and thinking about it. Right now I'm retired."

Wolf had acknowledged the Packers were counting on White's $4.4 million salary to provide room under the salary cap to pay defensive tackle Santana Dotson and linebacker George Koonce under the Pro Bowl formula.

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CINCINNATI — For the first 15 games, Cincinnati remained perfect, coach Bob Huggins remained comparatively calm and Bearcats fans started mentioning about a Final Four appearance.

"In the last 10 days, it has all changed.

"The once-lily Bearcats have lost their cool, their intensity and three consecutive games against nondescript teams, leaving them in an unusual predicament for a Huggins team.

"And the losing streak matches Cincinnati's longest during Huggins' 10 seasons. he's had only three other slumps as long — and will end up riding it in at tournament time.

Cincinnati, ranked No. 3 for much of the season, fell to No. 9 in the poll released Monday. The Bearcats (24-4) are no longer in first place in their Conference USA division and figures they've wasted the chance for a top seed in the NCAA tournament.

Ten days ago, it was unimaginable. Now it's unexplainable.

"For some reason, we've lost our focus," point guard Michael Forton said before practice Monday. "I don't know what it is. This needs to stop somehow. We need to get a little confidence back."

They were full of confidence during the 15-0 start that included wins over Duke — they remain the only team to beat them — as well as Minnesota, Louisville and Rhode Island when they were ranked.

They had depth and seemed to make the right moves. The volatile Huggins was a lot calmer on the sidelines and the Bearcats pulled out one close game after another.

"Somehow, I was supposed to sit there and take it," Huggins said. "Really, I thought I was pretty good (until then). At a certain point in time, you've got to fight for your team.

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Bearcats search for answers

Associated Press

Cincinnati head coach Bob Huggins has watched his team drop three straight and fall to ninth in this week's poll.

The ominous signs — close wins against overmatched Dayton and Southern Mississippi — were ignored. A 62-60 loss at UNC Charlotte was shrugged off to a bad call.

So was a 61-60 overtime loss at DePaul, even though Cincinnati blew a lead and was fortunate to get the game to overtime. The officials couldn't be blamed for a 62-58 loss at Marquette four days later.

The crushing loss came Sunday in St. Louis, where tech­ nical fouls on Huggins and Melvin Levett helped the Billikens pull away to a 69-57 victory — the Bearcats' most lopsided loss in 52 games.

Huggins' technical foul for jumping in the air and screaming about a non-call allowed Saint Louis to cut the score 48-47 with 6:31 left.

Levett's technical for upending Troy Robertson on a rebound attempt helped the Billikens push their lead to nine points with fewer than two minutes left.

Huggins defended his own outburst on Monday, saying it didn't hurt the team. He also complained that center Kenyon Martin is getting fouled but the officials are letting it go.

"How much am I supposed to sit there and take it?" Huggins said. "Really, I thought I was pretty good (until then). At a certain point in time, you've got to fight for your team.

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Coaches keep spirit, tradition of Bouts alive

By ALLISON KRILLA
Assistant Sports Editor

It is a tale of unmatched tradition and dedication, where the spirit of athletic competition meets the spirit of generosity.

Each year as the story grows, so do the legends attached to the talented coaching staff, men whose lives are permanently interwoven in the very fabric of Bengal Bouts.

The work done by coaches Tom Suddes, Terry Johnson, Pat Farrell and their assistant coaches and managers to prepare the boxers for their moments in the spotlight serves a dual purpose.

Not only do future Bengal Bouts champions learn physical and mental discipline under the staff's watchful eyes, but these coaches are also working to preserve the tradition they've created.

Suddes '71 and Johnson '74 both fought in the Bengal Bouts during their undergraduate years at Notre Dame and Johnson continued during his graduate studies beneath the golden dome.

"Terry and I have been involved in (Bengal Bouts) for 30 years," Suddes said. "I was a senior when he was a freshman. And I still love it. Every year brings something new, from the officers' personal challenges to the new talent."

"The coaches bring all their years of experience," junior Mike Romancheck explained, "and it's not just straight boxing style, but maintaining the spirit of Bengal Bouts."

As most pursuits worth achieving, the goals of the coaching staff haven't come easily.

Suddes, who owns a business, used the six-week intense training program as a "mini-sabbatical." traveling from his home in Columbus, Ohio on Monday and often staying in South Bend through the week. Johnson, a Chicago resident, also makes the out-of-state commute a routine to work with the boxers. Farrell, the University pilot, a 1996 graduate and a former Bengal Bouts champion, continues to share his wisdom alongside his son Chip, a 1998 graduate.

But as manager and resident poet Jack Zimmerman wrote, it's "the aura of the mirrored room" that transcends the fighting itself.

"I used to think it was more about boxing," Suddes said. "But it's great when the kids realize that boxing is just a small piece of life. These guys are athletes, but very few have ever boxed. It's fun to watch how they progress each year."

However, as Suddes explains, the most important results of Bengal Bouts don't occur anywhere near the boxing ring in the Joyce Center. After winning a trip around the world, Suddes was fortunate enough to visit the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh. It was there that he saw the fruits of the club's labor; an orphanage, medical facilities, a high school and a college that the money raised by the Bengal Bouts has contributed to create and maintain.

"Last year we raised $41,000, and it seemed like that was worth a half million dollars over there," Suddes said. "All the coaches make a huge commitment, and they're not getting paid for this," Romancheck said. "They have full-time jobs, but they still give a whole lot to the program. These coaches really embody the selflessness that Bengal Bouts stand for."

And as the Bengal Bouts continue to flourish with each passing year, the legend grows as the fighters of the past meet the coaches of the future.
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the tone for the day, winning the opening match 6-1, 6-1 over Crecila Rincapin. Kelly Zalinski clinched the win for the Irish, by beating Christina Oldock 6-4, 6-3.

In doubles, all three teams, Dasso and Hall, Varnum and Velasco, and Lindsey Green and Sarah Scarringe, won their matches. Green and Scarringe bounced back from a two-game deficit to post an 8-6 win and to complete the sweep for the Irish.

"Common is down a little bit right now, they're usually a top 25 team," said Louderback. "In the past they've been very deep, and I'm sure they'll get those players back. This was a good match to have before Duke, because we won't have many more easy ones."

The tides turned a bit for the Irish on Sunday. After jumping out to a quick 2-0 lead against Duke, on the strength of wins from Zalinski and Varnum, the Irish soon found themselves in a 4-2 hole following the singles matches. The situation was grim for Notre Dame, but players did not lose confidence.

"Going into the doubles matches, we were still expect- ing to win," said Zalinski, owner of an undefeated singles record. "Everyone was pretty pumped, but their dou- bles team just played really well. Even when we were down 7-4 in our match, we still thought we could win."

However, the Varnum and Velasco closed the gap to 4-3 with a big 8-3 win, the teams of Dasso and Hall, and Vaughan and Zalinski could not find a way to beat their tough opponents. The most pivotal match of the day was the contest between Hall and 15th-ranked Megan Miller.

In a rematch of a thrilling fall clash at the Riviera AllAmerican Championships, Miller defeated Hall in three sets, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4. The match was marred with controversial calls, the most crucial coming when Hall was ahead 5-3 and serving for the match in the second set.

The meet was clinched when Duke's Kathy Sell and Brooke Siegel beat Vaughan and Zalinski, 8-3. "(Duke) was a tough match to lose because we played so well," said head coach Jay Louderback. "All the matches were so close, but I'm sure that we'll bounce back next weekend." Next weekend 16 of the top 20 teams in the nation will be in Madison, Wis., for the National Team Indoor Tournament. Notre Dame will open against No. 1 Florida on Thursday. "The weekend will be important for our ranking, because there are so many great teams there," said an excited Louderback.

Following such a close dual meet with Duke, the team feels confident. "We feel like if we can play this tight with the No. 2 team in the country, we definitely have a chance against any team in the top 10," said Varnum.

\[ CROSS COUNTRY \]

[Special to the Observer]

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The Stillwater, Minn. native is the third Irish cross country runner to win the race, joining former All-Americans John Coyte (1990) and Jason Resing (1995).

Watson will also become the fifth Notre Dame student-athlete to run at the World Junior Cross Country Championships. Coyte, Resing, Antonio Arce and Ryan Shay also represented the United States at the world championships.

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Watson will also become the fifth Notre Dame student-athlete to run at the World Junior Cross Country Championships. Coyte, Resing, Antonio Arce and Ryan Shay also represented the United States at the world championships.

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Campus Ministry This Week

Monday-Friday, February 15-19, 103 Hesburgh Library
NDE #56 (March 26-28) Sign-up

Tuesday, February 16, 7:00-8:30 pm, Badin Hall Chapel
Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, February 16, 7:00-8:30 pm,
Montgomery Theatre, LaFortune
Overview of Natural Family Planning
Co-sponsored with The Natural Family Program of St. Joseph County

Wednesday, February 16, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Ash Wednesday
11:30 a.m. Mass, Music provided by the Basilica Schola
5:05 p.m. Mass, Music provided by the Liturgical Choir

Wednesday, February 17, 10:00-10:30 pm, Walsh Chapel
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
Music led by the Celebration Choir, rehearsals before the Prayer Service at 8:30 pm.

Friday-Saturday, February 19-20, St. Joe Hall
Sophomore Class Retreat

Saturday, February 20, 5:30 pm, Joyce Center
Junior Parent's Weekend Mass

Saturday, February 27, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Retreat for Ministers at the Basilica
Topic: "Ministry in the Church"
Registration in the Basilica Office, Earth Science Building
Attention lectors, ushers, coordinators, eucharistic ministers, servers and choir members:
You are all invited to participate in this mini-retreat. Our principal speaker will be
Beverly Rieger, Director of Liturgy, Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese. An optional tour of
the Basilica will be led by Father Rocca following the retreat. If you plan on attending,
please contact Steve Camilleri at 287-5259 or Camilleri.4@nd.edu.

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 topp Wisconsin-Milwaukee in dual meet

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

The Irish men's swimming team reached the 500 mark in dual-meet competition by soundly defeating the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Friday night.

The 145.5-91.5 victory, which ended Notre Dame's season at 4-4 and improved its all-time record against Wisconsin-Milwaukee to 9-6, was highlighted by Irish wins in eight of nine individual events and one relay.

Notre Dame took the first three places in the 1,000-yard freestyle, 200-yard individual medley, and 200-yard backstroke. Bob Letter, the only double-winner for the Irish, led the charge by capturing the 200 individual medley and 100 freestyle.

Irish coach Tim Walsh was encouraged by his team's display of depth. Seven different swimmers contributed to the eight individual wins. Walsh emphasized the importance of having stand-out swimmers from the top-bottom.

"If this were a ball sport, you would have an offensive game plan," he explained. "To me this is how many events you can win. Our defensive game plan is how many second, third and fourth places can you get."

Both plans worked for the Irish. In addition to eight rare victories, enough additional points were scored to make up for Notre Dame's lack of a participant in the diving event.

Wisconsin-Milwaukee placed three divers each in two events, automatically collecting a 32-point advantage.

The meet featured the most expected competitive battle, but confident they would emerge victorious. Many swimmers, therefore, swam events in which they did not normally compete. The results of the lineup change were encouraging.

Senior Scott Zumbarck, who specializes in individual medley and butterfly, won the 200 freestyle. Backstroke Chris Fugate touched out Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Andrew Bahnick to win the 200 butterfly.

The meet was good preparation for the Big East Championships, which take place Feb. 25-27 in Uniondale, N.Y.

"What we want it (the UW-Milwaukee meet) to say is that we're on schedule, and our preparation is right on course, and we're anticipating going faster than ever at Big East. That's the goal," Walsh said.

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The goal appears to be within reach. John Pierce swam the team's second fastest time of the season in the 1,000 freestyle. His 9:32.71 was nearly 30 seconds faster than teammate Dan Szilagyi, who placed second.

Washington Hall

"We're getting faster right at the time of year when we want to," Walsh said. "We're on course to have a great championships meet at Big East Championships."

The team placed fourth at championships last year and hopes to beat either Miami or Syracuse to break into the highly competitive top three.
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Duke continued to dominate singles as well, rendering the doubles a non-factor with a 6-0, 6-0 singles shutout, the first for the Irish since the 1997-98 season. Only two matches required a deciding third set and, not surprisingly, they occurred at No. 1 and 2.

Third-ranked Sachisse, who had split four matches with the 49th-ranked Root, rebounded from a first set, 6-3 loss to knot the match at 1-1 after downing Root 6-2 in the second set. Root, however, captured the third set 6-2 to hold on and win the match.

"These players were two of six Americans to be chosen for the USTA All-Star team," said coach Brian Connolly. "I expect the match to be competitive," explained Bayliss.

Likewise, No. 2 singles featured an impressive showdown as Brian Patterson faced Pedro Escudero, a transfer from No. 2 LSU.

Despite Patterson's remarkable hustle, Escudero took the match, 7-5, 2-6, 7-5 in another close battle.

"Brian was all over the court, which maybe made him give up a little fire power," observed Bayliss. "Overall he played a great match."

At No. 3-6, Duke earned straight-set victories from Mazurka (6-0, 6-3 over Daly), Andres Pedrero (6-0, 6-1 over Andy Warford), Jones (6-3, 6-2 over Smith) and Marko Garenko (7-6, 6-1 over Mark Overdevest).

Andrew Laffin, who has been sidelined for the last two matches due to illness, has received clearance from the doctors and will join the Irish when they take on 37th-ranked Northwesterns at the Eck Tennis Pavilion Saturday.

Brian Patterson and the Notre Dame men's tennis team return to action on Saturday, Feb. 20, when they face Northwestern at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

FENCING

Notre Dame freshmen place at Jr. Olympics
By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

While most of the Notre Dame fencing team was enjoying an off weekend to recharge before the stretch run into the Midwest Championships, freshmen epeeist Brian Casas and sabreman Andrew Crompton placed second and third, respectively, at the Junior Olympics in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Junior Olympics bring together the top fencers from around the country each year for four days of competition. Neither fencer's success at the Junior Olympics should come as a surprise.

Both fencers are competing at all-American levels and have stepped up to become important pieces of a possible national championship puzzle.

Crompton's season record stands at 32-10. He has solidified his role as a solid competitor to all-American Carl Jackson on the men's epee squad.

Crompton's year has also been productive. His outstanding 40-3 record has been one of the keys to the men's sabre team's complete dominance of top competition like Stanford and Penn State.

He, along with fellow freshmen Gabor Szelle and 1998 NCAA sabre champion Luke LaValle, have helped the Irish sabre team become the best in the country.

The success of athletes such as Crompton and Casas is expected to continue the strength of the Irish fencing program, even after the graduation of all-Americans LaValle and Jackson.

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THE BATTLE ROYALE

The Second Annual Ethics Week Battle Royale Debate
The Ethical Implications of the Nike Sweatshop Operations
TAG TEAM SWEAT: Professor Paul Schultz
Professor Paula Tkac

TAG TEAM ANTI-PERSPIRANT
Professor Matt Bloom
Professor Oliver Williams, CSC

REFEREED BY:
Professor Lee Tavis
Tuesday, February 16, 1999
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Jordan Auditorium

Everyone is invited to the Tag Team Debate of the year. Have you ever wanted to grill your professors? Do you want to watch other professors grill each other? Would you like the opportunity to grill your professors without affecting your grade?

The format consists of five minute presentations by each professor, followed by the floor being open between the professor and the audience for the next 15 minutes. Come see who will be the last team standing. Refreshments and snacks will follow the conclusion of the event.

Students for Responsible Business
For more information on Ethics and Responsible Business, contact StuCo or the Business Department.

#6 Women's Basketball
vs.

Syracuse

Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00 pm

VARSITY SHOP VARSITY SHOP
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY

Yasmin Al-Sirees, Tammy Grimes, Jeannie Farris, Louis Rukeyser, Carel Hakken, Ben Rutten.

Happy Birthday! You have what it takes to get ahead! Now all you have to do is focus on your goals and the things you want to achieve. Don't be afraid to share your ideas and innovations with individuals who can help you along the way. You are a powerful force this year, so don't be afraid to speak up. The courage you take this year will be your answer. Your number: 1, 12, 13, 33, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You may choose to go it alone if you don't find your usual behavior temperament will be directed toward introspection. Try to keep busy. Don't let yourself get worked up over your concerns.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Family members may not be your biggest fans. Don't push your luck, but try to get out of the way. This is not the best day to consider a new job or to act on anything. You won't see things as they are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You're in a spending mood, so be sure to keep your credit cards at home and stay focused on what's important to you in the big picture. You can make new friends or enjoy new hobbies at leisure.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You need time to yourself. Re-evaluate your situation and try to come up with ways to make things better. You may want to talk to someone you trust about your personal relationships.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You can expect to be more assertive with authority figures. This is your original plan. However, you might feel a bit secretive about them. Don't let others put demands on you or curtail your freedom.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Makin g your plans carefully is the key to getting ahead. You're prone to confusion about appointments, your appearance will be noticeable, and you must make every effort to do everything just right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You can make major financial gains by using your intuitive sense. Talk to your financial advisor or a good friend who does well with business matters before doing so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)
Trouble with your emotional partner will hold you back. Put your personal differences on the back burner and concentrate on getting ahead personally. Be firm in your decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
You can get others to do things for you if you use your diplomatic charm. Your creative abilities begin to come alive. Be sure to listen to the things you want to happen and do what you need to do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
The influences are likely. You must use determination in your personal affairs, and you should really set your sights on someone who you wish to think highly of.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Fortune is uncertain. You may see a lot of things that will develop through work relationships. Take care of your health. More efforts are likely and will cause your prospects to improve.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
You will have a good time this year. Take on the role as much as possible for your satisfaction. Organize yourself well in order to make the most of your day.

Of Interest
Jobs You Can Be Proud Of — The Public Interest Research group is interviewing qualified students for exciting and challenging jobs in the non-profit, social change field. Information session Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the CSC, interviews Thursday.

Kellogg Institute Lecture — Patriotta Weise-Fagan from the American Development Bank will be giving a lecture entitled "The Role of the International Community in Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Reconciliation" this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in C-103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Mid-Deers — Come to the first meeting of the academic year for mid-madmen — the ND Mad User group. The meeting is at 6:30 p.m. tonight in 104 Laidlaw.

Loan Defenders and Americorps Awards for Post-Grad Service — Representatives from the Financial Aid Office and from the Holy Cross Associated will present information on post-grad student loans for post-graduate service programs. Also to be discussed is the Americorps Educational Award of $4,725 toward student loans or further education.

Wanted: Reporters and photographers.
Join The Observer staff.

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**ND claims four first-place finishes**

By KEVIN THOMPSON  
Sports Writer

In an important test before the Big East Indoor Championships, Notre Dame's men's and women's track and field teams captured four of nine first-place finishes at the Wolverine Open in Ann Arbor, Mich. on Saturday.

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