**M.D. MADNESS**

*As the April 17 test date approaches, pre-med students have two more months to review eight semesters of work for the MCAT.*

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY

For nearly 150 Notre Dame students, the day of reckoning is approaching. After countless classes in biology, chemistry and physics, the medical-school hopefuls have two more months to master everything from amino acids to aromatase in angular momentum — all for one test that affects whether they ever earn the title "M.D."

"I don’t think people are ready to kill themselves over it yet, but we’re all apprehensive," said junior Kate Howland. "You can do OK on the SATs and you’re still going to college. If you don’t do well on the MCATs, you’re probably not going to med school. There is a lot of pressure to do well."

As the April 17 Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) approaches, most students go beyond their Notre Dame classes for test-preparation. The University focuses on providing a strong, comprehensive pre-professional curriculum, but it does not offer any formal MCAT preparation, according to assistant Arts and Letters dean Kimberly Flint-Hamilton.

"We don’t have an MCAT review course," said Flint-Hamilton, also the advisor for pre-professional students. "We just tell them what to expect and give them good courses."

Flint-Hamilton noted that students who do well in the core classes of physics, biology and general and organic chemistry are well-prepared for the exam.

Howland agreed that knowing the material well is critical.

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**New Eck Center opens with Hammes Bookstore**

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

New Eck Center

The new Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore will open its doors to the Notre Dame community today, with more than twice the floor space and five times as many titles as the old facility on South Quad.

The store will carry a mix of academic and popular books, academic and general and organic chemistry are well-prepared for the exam.

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**MIAA reviews SMC**

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

Men’s/Women’s

Officials from the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) visited the Saint Mary’s athletic department this week to reevaluate the College’s conference membership.

The MIAA will vote April 1 on whether to change the College’s membership status from provisional to full-time. Before joining the MIAA two years ago, Saint Mary’s was independent.

Evaluators looked for institutional compatibility during their visit, according to Jim Cook, assistant director of Athletics and Recreation.

"They were looking to make sure that Saint Mary’s meets
Outside the Dome

Computers to replace pencil and paper GRE

COLUMBUS, Ohio

Students who work better with a pencil than a mouse will have their last opportunity to take the paper-pencil version of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) on April 10.

The paper and pencil test is being replaced by the computer adaptive test (CAT) that is administered year-round. The CAT allows students to work at their own pace. In the future, take the exam privately, and almost immediately learn their score.

The CAT's adaptive format makes it fairly different from the paper version.

Test-takers answer only one question at a time and are subsequently given questions on different levels of difficulty based on whether they answered correctly. Each question is presented only once and students may not return to any questions once they have answered them. Although the CAT has the same question types as the paper version, earlier or later question scores are worth more than later ones and thus questions are weighted differently.

When the exam is complete the computer compares the student's answers and the difficulty of the questions.

Diane Bickerson, a senior majoring in nursing, took the CAT and said she's glad she chose it instead of the traditional paper format.

"I don't think that looking over your test really helps because it consumes too much time, and I've always been told it is better to do your first instinct," she said. "The only complaint about the computer is that I have is that it seemed like it took forever, and the screen kind of made my eyes hurt.

Bickerson purchased a computer-based GRE study package and it was the computer that substantially helped her prepare for the CAT exam.

The scores of both test versions are supposedly comparable, but it really depends on the test-taker. Said Anderson, Kaplan's executive director for the graduate and professional center in New York.

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Inside Column

Teletubby Turmoil

Last week, Rev. Jerry Falwell alleged that Tinky Winky, the purple Teletubby from the PBS children's program, was gay. Falwell alleged that the character's algae green color promoting homosexuality.

He based his accusations on several factors, including Tinky Winky's character being genderless, his head (supposedly a gay pride triangle) and his pose, which the creators of the show call "magic bag."

I decided I'd take a closer look at the situation and see if it deserved any serious consideration and to judge whether or not the character was the one to focus on among the show's young viewers.

Admittedly, I was skeptical — the purple color and triangle are merely coincidental in the eyes of most people. And so the so-called "purists" I'll give the creators the benefit of the doubt that it really is a magic bag. Thus far, I hadn't been convinced that any type of conspiracy existed. I needed to investigate the matter further.

My first course of action found me viewing a copy of the program. After several minutes of watching the creatures happily about, the deeper contextual meaning became clear to me.

On the heels of the appearance of the first scenes, the four Teletubbies frolicking out to the hills when suddenly they came upon a building, one which dubiously resembled an administrative building. They all sat down and began chanting, each in his or her own language.

The words: "quickly, quickly," which roughly translates to "magic bag." I was skeptical, but as yet, I had no hard evidence to support Falwell's claims. Luckily, using a Teletubby Translation Manual provided by the Christian Coalition, I was able to interpret the chant. The chant was directed at the building.

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Virginia's vice president for program assessment. "I would say we're looking at a national trend," Barnes said. "There's reason for the decline and supply is competition.

Minority students have greater choices than they did ten years ago," said Angela Terry, vice chancellor for student affairs at North Carolina Central University. "The market for black students are broadening.'

Evanston, Ill.

Cecilia Lynch is an international political scholar, so she reflects on her upcoming departure from Northwestern in great terms. "I'm going to stop at this point, as I'm sure you could, because that is what concerned citizens. It has suddenly dawned on me that we've been so closely watching the story under the veil of a seemingly harmless television program, that have infuriated the living rooms of our children and adolescents. We have seen their reactions as acceptable. Furthermore, their parents and other authorities service and only to ensure their impending doom come judgment day.

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**Chemists highlight career choices**

By NOREEN GILLESPIE  
News Writer

Career opportunities for women in chemical industries will be discussed this weekend at Saint Mary's fourth annual Women Chemists Symposium.

"The advantage of the symposium is to educate science majors about opportunities available post-Saint Mary’s," said Deborah McCarthy, assistant professor of chemistry and physics.

Speaking with professionals in the chemistry field will be a major advantage during the weekend, said McCarthy. Saint Mary's graduates will be available throughout the presentations to answer questions and discuss available post-graduate opportunities.

"This is all about careers," McCarthy said. "We want these students to be able to discover their career and make it happen."

Highlights of the weekend’s events will include a keynote address from Mary Singleton, a 22-year employee of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, where she served as the deputy plutonium facilities manager. Singleton will discuss her experience as a woman in government laboratories and opportunities available for women scientists in the chemistry field.

Junior chemistry major Catherine Goolshy will kick off the weekend at noon today with a presentation detailing research she completed in the Ohio State University molecular biology department this past summer. The presentation will take place in room 105 in the Science Center.

Senior project presentations will also take place throughout the weekend. Science majors can receive professional critiques of their resumes and participate in mock interviews to prepare themselves for the job application process.

Michelle Prupp, '97, an Allied Signal Laboratory employee, and Patrice Rakowski, '97, a middle school science instructor, will be two of the graduates available for discussion.

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**Students help residents do taxes**

By KYLIE ANDREWS  
News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are sponsoring a free program to help low-income South Bend and Mishawaka families file their tax returns.

The Tax Assistance Program, now in its 21st year, matches students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's with local residents with annual incomes of $30,000 or less. The program began Feb. 6, and will continue filing state and local returns until April 15.

"The large majority involved in the program are accounting majors from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's," said Bob Holcombe, a Notre Dame senior and publicity director for the program. The students are divided among 10 South Bend-area locations. In addition, there are two Students Working at Taxes (SWAT) teams: one travels to Plymouth, Ind., and the other visits to disabled, homebound people.

Five major centers have certified public accountants on staff, and people with complicated tax problems are directed to those locations.

"It really was worth it. To see how grateful these people were to get it out of the way in February instead of waiting until April was unbelievable," said Holcombe. "It's a great feeling. It's nice to be able to give something back to the community."

The program is advertised on radio, television and through news releases.

To prepare for the program, student volunteers attended a series of training sessions under accounting professor Ken Milani and chairperson Ken Balloita. Participants also must have completed Accounting 476 last semester.

The project is a two-credit, non-graded class for the students. Last year, over 2,000 returns were filed by the volunteers.

Funding is provided by the Notre Dame College of Business Administration; supplies are donated by the IRS and the Indiana Department of Revenue.

The five major locations are the Northeast Neighborhood Center, the Mishawaka Public Library, the La Salle Branch of the St. Joseph Public Library, the St. Joseph Public Library and the Hanesel Neighborhood Center.

The program will not operate March 5-14 because of spring break.

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MCAT

is absolutely essential to MCAT success.

"It's a weird kind of standardized test. It tests how you think, but it also tests flat-out factual knowledge," she said. "There was one practice test with a section on torque. If you don’t know what torque is, you’re out of luck. There’s five questions, and you can’t answer any of them."

Father Joseph Walter, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry and the chair of the science pre-professional studies program, is responsible for providing information to students about the test and for exam registration.

"There are two short essays," he said. "There are sections on physical sciences, biological sciences and reading comprehension ... The questions follow a paragraph of reading material with graphs and tables."

Each of the three sections is graded on a scale of 15 points: the first section, a writing sample, is scored separately with a letter grade.

Each student approaches the test in his or her own way, but in the absence of a University-sponsored prep course, many students choose to take a series of classes offered by the Stanley Kaplan program, according to Walter.

"Some students take the Stanley Kaplan prep course, which runs about $1,000," he said. "Others study on their own using the complete prep for the MCAT by Williams and Wilkins ... We're the Princeton Review of the American Association of Medical Colleges."

Phyllis Hubbard explained that the University's position on prep courses is a neutral one.

"It's what you should have been doing this whole time," she said. "If you're not really dedicated, there's no way you can get through it."

Younger pre-med majors might be feeling the crunch like their junior counterparts just yet, but the drive to be a doctor does influence these students' attitudes toward their classes.

"It's definitely in the back of your mind, but I don't really think about it," said Aaron McCann, a sophomore science pre-professional major who intends to take the DAT, dentistry's analog to the MCAT. "You always hear people talking about the MCAT ... Personally I don't really worry about things that far down the road."

"I think that everyone's trying to make sure this is what they want to do because it's so much work," McCoy continued, citing organic chemistry class as an example of the pre-professional workload. "What we're going through now has nothing to do with being a doctor ... but just telling yourself it's what you want to do motivates you to do it anyway."

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Association offices and visitors' center. The complex was designed by S/L/A/M Collaborative, a Connecticut architecture firm. Follett College Stores, which has 585 stores in North America, will run the shop. The company, based in Elmhurst, Ill., has operated the Hammond Noise Dame Bookstore for two years and runs the Joyce Center v at.

The old facility on South Quad has functioned as Notre Dame's bookstore since 1955. It will be torn down this spring and new facilities for the First Year of Studies and Campus Ministry will be built in the next two years.

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FRENCH go to extradite U.S. fugitive

BOURDEAUX

A French court agreed Thursday to extradite American fugitive Ira Einhorn to the United States, then allowed him to walk free, heightening fears he might flee the country.

Einhorn, wanted in Philadelphia for the 1977 murder of his girlfriend, was held when the court approved the U.S. extradition request then ordered him set free pending appeal.

The joy felt by two of the victim's sisters at the extradition decision was tinged by Einhorn's expression, which they interpreted as a sign he might flee again.

"I'm jumping all over inside," said one of Einhorn's sisters. "As a refugee, I feel a great sense of vindication. But I'd be very surprised if he doesn't escape again. Fortunately, the world's smaller now, and people know what he looks like."

Einhorn, now 58, fled the United States in 1981 shortly before his trial in a Pennsylvania court.

He was later sentenced to absentia to life in prison for the murder of Helen "Hilly" Maddux, whose corpse was found stuffed in a trunk at his Philadelphia home. He denies killing her.

An antiwar campaigner and activist in the 1960s, he was well known in Philadelphia, where he once ran for mayor.

After living in Ireland, England and Sweden under false names, Einhorn was arrested in France in June 1997.

But the Bordeaux court refused to extradite him, citing a French law that requires a retrial for all defendants.

Pennsylvania then passed a law allowing Einhorn a retrial. He was re-arrested in September 1998.

On Thursday, the court said that along with the guaranteed retrial, Einhorn must not face the death penalty.

Mary Maddux said she and her sisters never wanted Einhorn executed. "We want him to live with what he did for the rest of his life," she said.

Einhorn's lawyer, Dominique Tricaud, said an appeal on the extradition decision could take up to two years.

Einhorn went to his home in a village outside Bordeaux, accompanied by his partner, Anika Flodin, a Swede.

In Philadelphia, District Attorney Lynne Abraham also expressed concern that Einhorn would run once again.

"He has proved to be elusive and resourceful in the past," said Abraham, interviewed on WCAU-TV.

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MIAA

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the athletic and academic standards of the conference," Cook said. "They want to make sure that Saint Mary's is an academic and athletic peer for the conference."

Throughout the evaluation process, MIAA representatives have visited the campus three times, interviewed employees of the Financial Aid and Admissions offices and spoken with faculty representatives, coaches, student-athletes and athletic directors. The evaluators also toured the athletic facilities.

So far, the process has gone well, according to Cook. "Academically, there is no question that we are a fit for the conference," she said. "We are also competitive in the conference."

One drawback for Saint Mary's could be its current lack of athletic facilities like a track and swimming pool. Improvements made in the past year — especially the addition of a new gymnasium floor — should compensate, said Cook. "The conference has heard that we are taking strides to remedy the situation," she said.

Interviewers also wanted to know what student-athletes considered the advantages to joining the conference, said Samreta. "For one thing, it makes the college more marketable for student athletes," she said. "Also, it is good for current athletes because we can be competitive in the conference."

Cook echoed Samreta's observation about recruiting. "It gives us a huge edge in recruiting in the Michigan area, which is good because Michigan is the second-largest area that admissions draws from," she said.

Closure to the athletic season and broadened athletic opportunity are also major advantages. "Each sport has the opportunity for championship competition, which gives closure to the season," Cook said. "The teams also have the opportunity to compete in Division III nationals if they win those competitions."

Conference competition also raises the level of athletic expectation, Cook said. "The quality of competition in the MIAA is strong in every sport. It pushes our student athletes to become better athletes."

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Love, Heather
Turkey

Turkish troops chase Kurdish rebels

Associated Press

ANKARA

Pounding rebel bases in northern Iraq and hunting fighters in their mountain hideouts, Turkey's army is bearing down hard on a Kurdish guerrilla group following the capture of its leader.

The Turkish military released no casualty figures from the fighting in northern Iraq against Kurdish rebels loyal to Abdullah Ocalan, who was abducted by Turkish commandos in Kenya last Monday.

With Ocalan's 40,000-member Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, apparently leaderless, the military kept up its latest incursion into neighboring northern Iraq in pursuit of guerrillas who have bases there.

The Kurd rebels, who want to carve out an autonomous homeland in southeast Turkey, have offered to negotiate, but Turkey has rejected the offer and is pressing forward with a military solution.

Turkish newspapers said that about 10,000 soldiers had stormed into northern Iraq.

Baghdad has strongly denounced the incursion and has demanded that Turkey withdraw.

In southern Turkey, meanwhile, pro-Kurd demonstrators protesting the capture of Ocalan fired on police Thursday, wounding three officers and a pedestrian, the official Anatolia news agency reported.

The clash in Ceyhan, 330 miles south of Ankara, was the first violent confrontation between Kurds and police since Ocalan's capture.

Turks have been celebrating since the capture of Ocalan, and many hope that his trial will help lead to an end to the conflict. Some 37,000 people have died since fighting erupted in 1984.

Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said the government would renew a call to rebels to surrender, assuring them that parliament would pass a law providing lenient punishment after elections in April.

The capture of Ocalan has forced to seek refuge in areas of northern Iraq that were controlled by Baghdad.

Iraq denies harboring the rebels. Turkey handed evidence to Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz of their presence on Iraqi territory while Aziz was visiting Ankara on Monday.

Turkish prosecutors began their interrogation of Ocalan on Thursday, traveling to the tiny prison-island of Inrail, off the coast of Istanbul.

The military released video tapes Thursday showing Ocalan drenched in sweat and looking uncomfortable, standing between two red Turkish flags at the prison.

Turkish stations ran the footage with a caption reading: "This is the image Turkey has been waiting for for the past 15 years."

Ocalan is expected to be formally charged next week.

Turkish intelligence reports suggest that the PKK faces an internal conflict for leadership, pitting Ocalan's brother, Osman, against a leading PKK commander, Cemal Bayik.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Parliament passes '99 budget

Associated Press

TOKYO

The lower house of parliament approved Japan's 1999 national budget Friday, boosting spending by 5.4 percent and cutting taxes in hopes of jolting the economy out of its worst recession in decades.

The $682.5 billion plan, which now goes to the upper house for a vote, is packaged with legislation cutting taxes by more than $75 billion.

The plan is aimed at pumping more money into Japan's moribund economy, which is suffering from anemic consumer spending, a record-high unemployment rate and a hobbled financial system.

"Once the budget passes, I will feel like we have climbed a major mountain," said Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi.
Clinton to speak at annual NAACP leaders meeting

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton is a featured guest at the NAACP’s 90th annual meeting, which unlike in recent years will hear good news about the organization’s finances.

The NAACP, the nation’s largest and oldest civil rights group, was playing host to Clinton at a special reception tonight before the main meeting Saturday.

Through his creation of the race advisory board, Clinton has attempted to increase the discussion of racial and ethnic issues in America.

He is expected to release a report this spring on the White House’s racial reconciliation campaign.

In contrast to the recent past, NAACP Chairman Julian Bond said the future bears promising financial prospects for the association.

Bond said corporate giving to the association is up 40 percent and foundation gifts 50 percent over the past year.

Revenue from memberships is up $3.7 million in the last year, Bond said.

“We will have many other good things to talk about Saturday,” Bond said.

Bonding has been critical since the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People struggled with insolvency during the mid-1990s. Debt totaling $3 million Saturday. Bond will discuss the state of race relations. Other topics to be examined at the meeting are protecting affirmative action, considering the problem of police brutality and helping ex-felons have their rights to vote restored.

“We were founded in 1909 to fight a rising tide of white supremacy,” Bond said.

“Sadly, while legal apartheid has been vanquished, our democracy is still stained.”

On Sunday, the NAACP and the American Cancer Society will sponsor a national breast and cervical cancer training workshop in Washington designed to help bring attention to the illnesses, which strike black women at disproportionately high rates.

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WASHINGTON

In a dramatic courtroom confrontation, the government alleged Thursday that Compaq Computer Corp. passed secret information to Microsoft Corp. about an upstart rival.

David Boies, a Justice Department lawyer, made the accusation in seeking to discredit a statement by a senior Compaq executive that his company was not aware of any confidential information about Windows, which also makes a computer operating system.

Passing secrets obtained under a so-called nondisclosure agreement to another company's rival is extremely serious, the industry's equivalent to being caught cheating on a spouse.

"Microsoft has such power in the industry that Compaq feels it is in Compaq's interest to share the details of confidential negotiations," Boies said.

A lawyer for Compaq, William Goston, called the accusation a "cheap trial stunt" and complained to U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson that his courtroom was being "sullied."

The judge ended the episode after the witness denied any knowledge of a disclosure. But he reminded counsel with assurances from Boies when he asked, "You have a good-faith basis for that?"

Another Compaq lawyer, Tom Sinkman, said outside the courtroom that the company "takes its obligations very, very seriously."

"It's not appropriate to make an allegation of this kind in open court," said Sinkman, who added that Compaq was investigating.

Jean-Louis Gasse, the chairman and chief executive officer for Be, based in Menlo Park, Calif., said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press that Compaq had called him "a little embarrassed" about three months ago confessing what it described as an inadvertent disclosure to Microsoft.

"Microsoft is in such a threat to the livelihood of PC (makers), there is a climate of fear," Gasse said Thursday. "They will do things almost instinctively to protect Microsoft."

Thursday's accusation was the latest in the government's scheme that Microsoft wields its enormous influence inappropriately.

The Justice Department charges that Microsoft violated antitrust laws by using its monopoly power to dissuade Compaq and others from doing business with Netscape and other Microsoft rivals.

Microsoft denies that it possesses monopoly power.

Boies on Thursday also introduced a November 1996 e-mail from Compaq speculating why Microsoft was offering to share with Compaq money it earned from Internet subscribers.

"Why is Microsoft making this offer? Microsoft does seem to very strongly want to get staying Netscape Navigator off Pressuro desktops," Compaq executive Bob Friedman wrote.

Rose denied Thursday that Microsoft had exerted any pressure to discourage Compaq from dealing with Netscape. "I was never aware of Microsoft wanting us to exclude the Netscape icon from the desktop," he said.

Compaq canceled plans in 1996 to distribute Netscape's browser but currently includes the software with its computers.

The government alleges that Microsoft threatened in 1996 to stop selling Windows to Compaq, which was distributing Netscape's browser but also had removed easy access to Microsoft's.

Compaq has said it mistakenly made that change under a 1995 agreement with America Online Inc., stipulating that AOL's Internet icons would be the only ones easily accessible to consumers. And it has said that Microsoft was correct to object.

The judge cast doubt on the explanation Thursday, saying the Microsoft-Compaq agreement was dated August 1995 and was not signed nor executed until June 1996. The disparity "makes no sense at all if this was a genuine agreement," Jackson said.
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American Troops on Their Way to the Balkans

Actually this headline isn’t quite true, yet, because a possible ethnic explosion or a huge political development, American troops will either be on or they can still be in Kosovo or flying in air raids over Serbia by the end of the day. This news bubble we all live in no one seems to know much about this. In the latest instance of keeping Nozick’s Paradox.

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You must act now. Unruly protests have erupted in a little background on what is going on in Kosovo. If our countrymen are truly heaping to another country among

I am going to do more than just sit back and think about it. Kosovo: What’s the problem? Kosovo is officially a “province”, located on the Balkan Peninsula. However, it enjoyed constitutional autonomy until 1989, when Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic revoked that autonomy in keeping with his “Greater Serbia” idea. No one is sure precisely what Kosovo’s status is, but it is clear that Kosovo enjoys many of the rights of a de facto independent state.

Kosovo doesn’t share this sentiment. The province is 90% ethnic Albanian, while Serbia is primarily a Slavic nation. There are also significant religious differences. The majority of Kosovo Albanians are Muslim, except that Albania is mostly made up of members of the Eastern Orthodox Church. There is no religious conflict.

What does the United States have to do with this? A lot. First of all, there are humanitarian concerns. The displacement of hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians from their homes could potentially lead to a continued refugee problem. This is coupled with the massacre of civilians perpetrated by Serbian forces.

Moreover, there is potential for this war- warfare to spill out not only into the rest of the Balkans, but into other areas of the world as well. As the obvious possibility of Albania, the poorest country in Europe, intereing on the side of the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. Macedonia is another potential problem area. This country is split in its allegiance, with its 25 percent Albanian population supporting those in Kosovo and its Macedonian starving or supporting the Serbs. The United Nations has been unable to stem this conflict.

Also, the possibility of continued conflict would lead to the reinforcement of the United Nations peacekeeping force.

Brandon Williams

 Monday

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What are you giving up for Lent?

“I’m giving up lying to myself that I’m actually going to give something up.”

Jack Lenzo
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O’Neill Hall

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Tiffany Roman
Freshman
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The Basilica of the Sacred Heart was a popular place for members of the Notre Dame community to celebrate Ash Wednesday services this past week.

Giving something up

By SARAH DYLAG
Scene Editor

There are a lot of standard options. No more chocolate. No more coffee. No more snacking after 9 p.m. And yet, somehow, none of the options seemed right this year. People asked, "What are you giving up for Lent?"

And I had no reply.

All of the standard options somehow seemed selfish to me - not a true sacrifice, but an excuse for people to improve their appearance or eating habits. Why is it that people choose to give up things like dessert or candy or vow to go to the gym instead of sitting in front of the television? Do they really hope to become better people by doing so?

Maybe they do, but as I considered the options for me, none of them seemed right. So I made the command decision - maybe it's not the right idea, but somehow, it seems right to me. I am not giving anything up this year.

No more half-hearted attempts to quit drinking coffee every morning. No more hopeless promises to myself that this will be the year that I make it all the way to Easter Sunday without my favorite food. No more changing the "rules" throughout the season of Lent until giving something up means giving it up on odd days of the week when the sun forgets to rise. Or something like that.

What I propose, instead, is to add something to my life. A little more sunshine. A few more smiles. A little more compassion. Maybe it sounds choosy or like a cop-out to the challenge of giving something up, but I truly hope to take this season of Lent to become a better person in a small way.

I want to remind myself every morning how lucky I am to be here. I want to look at the friends and family around me and remember how important they are in my life. I want to take 10 seconds to recount my blessings before I open my mouth to complain or criticize or argue. I want to give to other people back a little of the joy they bring to my life.

Perhaps this idea does not seem to correspond with the idea of sacrifice and repentance that the season of Lent represents. But, in some ways, I really believe that it does. Here, beneath the glow of the golden dome, I often find myself too busy to appreciate the beautiful people around me. In a rush to "get stuff done," I take for granted their friendship, compassion and support. I forget sometimes about the time they sacrifice to listen to me, to laugh with me and to stand by my side.

If you think about it, maybe I really am giving something up. I'm giving up being too busy to say thank you to the people who are important to me. And I'm taking the time to be there for them because it's people and friendship who fill life with wonderful moments and I regret that sometimes that slips my mind.

So, to all of you - I hope you know who you are - thank you.

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New York Yankees' David Wells will not be joining the Blue Jays as a pitcher. The Yankees made a decision to not bring Wells back for the upcoming season.

Wells, who has been with the Yankees for 15 years, had a controversial off-season. He showed up to spring training in poor shape and was suspended for 10 days. He then went to the Dominican Republic to train, which was not considered acceptable by the team. Finally, he signed a contract with the Blue Jays, only to be released a few weeks later.

Yankees manager Joe Torre praised Wells, saying, "David has been a tremendous asset to our team. He's been a leader both on and off the field." However, the decision to not bring him back was not surprising, given the circumstances.

Wells will now look for another team to sign with, as he has not found a new home yet. He remains a free agent, and his future in baseball is uncertain.

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The Baseball Hall of Fame is set to induct seven new members this year, including Pitcher Randy Johnson, Outfielder Ken Griffey Jr., and Pitcher Pedro Martinez.

Johnson had a 22-year career with the Seattle Mariners and the Arizona Diamondbacks, going 226-148 with a 3.29 ERA. Griffey played his entire career with the Seattle Mariners and Cincinnati Reds, hitting 630 home runs and driving in 1,995 runs. Martinez had a 20-year career with the Boston Red Sox, going 236-177 with a 3.29 ERA.

The induction ceremony will take place on July 29, 2023, in Cooperstown, New York. Fans are encouraged to attend and celebrate the achievements of these great players.

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The FA Cup is the oldest and most prestigious domestic cup tournament in English football. It was first played in 1871-72 and has been held ever since then, with the exception of World War II.

The tournament is open to any club that is a member of the Premier League or the Football League. There are 2,445 clubs competing in the FA Cup this year, with the first round scheduled to begin on December 11, 2023.

The FA Cup is a single-elimination tournament, with games played on a home-and-away basis. The winning team progresses to the next round, while the losing team is eliminated. The final is played at Wembley Stadium in London.

The FA Cup has a rich history, with many famous matches and iconic moments. It is considered the pinnacle of club football in England, and is eagerly anticipated by fans across the country.
Lemieux continues effort to purchase Pens

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Mario Lemieux is stepping up his efforts to assemble an ownership group that would raise the Pittsburgh Penguins out of bankruptcy, meeting with Gov. Tom Ridge and NHL officials to rally support for his bid.

Lemieux's legal representation held another in a series of ongoing meetings Thursday with NHL, legal counsel in New York as the six-time league scoring champion rushes to gather a viable ownership group by late March.

Lemieux must raise at least $40 million and possibly more to clean up the Penguins' debt-laden balance sheet and supply short-term working capital.

Penguins co-owner Roger Marlo's lawyer, Harry Manion, last week dismissed Lemieux's bid as being unrealistic, but Lemieux advisor Chuck Greenberg said Thursday, "I think we have a very good chance."

Lemieux has appeared only infrequently in public since retiring after the 1996-97 season, but he has taken a far more visible and active role in assembling investors than might previously have been imagined.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman has not endorsed Lemieux's bid, but is encouraging it and has met at least once with Lemieux.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Bernard Markovitz will begin next month to consider offers to reorganize the Penguins' debt, estimated at more than $125 million — including $80 million owed unsecured creditors such as Lemieux.

Lemieux is due $26.2 million in deferred compensation, but would exchange much of that debt for equity in any ownership group.

Lemieux apparently will submit a plan even if he has not yet raised the necessary equity.

"I think that in a month's time, if we haven't raised it all, we'll be close. We've made enormous progress," Greenberg said.

Neither Lemieux nor Greenberg has disclosed any possible investors, but Lemieux apparently has received some firm commitments. One possible partner: golfing buddy Dan Marino, the Miami Dolphins quarterback and former Pittsburgh Pirates three years ago.

Roger Marino, who angered Lemieux last year by trying to renegotiate his deferred compensation, has offered to work with Lemieux. But Lemieux said he will not partner with Marino, who has lost an estimated $37.5 million since buying into the Penguins two years ago.

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Tight end Brady jets to Jaguars for $14.4 million

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.

A white, stretch limousine pulled up to the New York Jets’ hotel late Wednesday afternoon.

Brady said he was told not to come out of his room until Thursday morning. Then he would have to file a legal complaint to make sure the Jets will pay him the $14.4 million, the amount of his signing bonus. If Brady had not signed with the Jaguars, he would have been an unrestricted free agent.

He wouldn’t give details on what he and his agent, Leigh Steinberg, discussed with the Jets. But he said he was ready to go back home. Brady said he had spent most of his off-season in Connecticut, where he lives.

Photo courtesy of Pam Salo Sports Information

Kyle Brady will play for Jacksonville next season.

“Before the Jaguars signed me, I knew I had a pretty lousy team,” Brady said. “I decided I’m not going to sign with them. I’m not going to go back to them.”

The Jaguars signed Brady to a one-year, $14.4 million offer sheet early Thursday afternoon.

Brady got the big money thanks in part to Jacksonville coach Tom Coughlin, who has made the Jaguars one of the most aggressive teams each year in free agency, especially in the signing period.

Before Brady, the Jaguars had signed defensive linemen Greg Wyse Walker to a five-year, $18 million deal and Carnell Laker to a four-year, $18 million contract.

Jaguars senior vice president Michael Slighuale said this is obviously the time for the Jaguars — who went 11-5 and won their first Central last season — to be aggressive.

“It’s clear what our goals are,” said. “We could have been more cautious and said let’s bring back the team and try to win 11 or 12 games. But we’ve never been comfortable with that mentality.

Brady’s contract was structured to count $1.3 million against the 1999 salary cap.

The Jaguars still have $3.1 million left under the cap and are expected to pursue linebackers and defensive linemen with the money.

Brady’s signing came as a surprise considering Jacksonville was expected to concentrate fully on a defense that finish 25th in the league last year.

Still, in Brady, they get a fifth-year, 6-foot-6, 288-pound player who Coughlin has liked since scouting him during his senior year of college at Penn State.

Coughlin thinks Brady’s frame is perfect for the run-blocking schemes he uses and feels he’ll give the Jaguars a throwing option deep in the middle of the field unlike any they’ve had.

“His confidence level is up. His production is up,” Coughlin said. “He’s got to continue to develop in the passing game. But I think his best football is yet to come.”

The signing means the Jaguars have likely seen the end of Pete Mitilelli, one of the original Jaguars and always considered as true a “Coughlin guy” as there was.

Before coming to Jacksonville, Brady coached the tight end at Boston College. One of his first moves was to bring Mitchell to the Jaguars in a trade.

He caught 166 passes for 1,845 yards over four seasons, including 38 for 363 yards last year.

Coughlin said he would take the transition tag off Mitchell and allow him to test himself in the free-agent market.

“I love the kid and he’s the kind of guy who’s very, very difficult to think about not having around,” Coughlin said.

“But we have to move on with our system. That’s what we do here. We evaluate and go on from there.”
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles end long losing streak

By MOLLY McVOY  
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's basketball team finished its season with a bang, ending a long losing streak by beating Andrews University 67-42 in the last home game of the season. Forward Charlotte Albrecht, in her last home game as a Saint Mary's Belle, not only had a team high but a career high of 24 points.

"The team played well," said Albrecht. "They did a great job setting screens and getting me the ball."

In last Saturday's game, sophomore forward Julie Norman set a Saint Mary's single-game scoring record with 36 points. Norman again had a strong game on Tuesday with 19 points, which puts her as the team leader in individual scoring.

The Belles seem to have finally put it all together this week. The young team's inexperience that plagued the team all year was finally overcome by the wisdom and court awareness that they acquired as the season progressed.

The youthful energy of their freshmen was an asset to Saint Mary's on Tuesday, obvious by their energy and spirit.

"We worked hard and it paid off," said Norman. "We got all over the loose balls and that was really exciting."

The Belles pulled out to an early 12-2 lead on some smart shooting and tough defense. Anderson came back to take a two-point lead going into halftime.

The Belles refused to allow Anderson's first-half rally to dim their enthusiasm. They came out in the second half playing tough, tight defense and kept the game close the entire half.

Lead changes characterized the second half as the close contest raged on.

"It was awesome," said Albrecht. "As a senior, it was the best way to go out. There's no better way to go out than with a win on your own floor."

Statistically, the Belles and Anderson were even, but turnovers proved to be the deciding factor. Saint Mary's only turned the ball over 13 times, nearly doubled by Anderson's 21.

The Belles managed to turn their turnover advantage into scores. The Belles shot 12 of 14 from behind the three-point line and .769 from the line.

The close games have been a problem for Saint Mary's all year, and most of their losses were by small margins. The Belles had to start turning the close losses into wins, and against Anderson, the team finally managed to pull out a victory in their final homestand of the season.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Servers struggle at indoor nationals

Special to the Observer

The 16th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team lost five of six singles and two of three doubles matches in a 7-2 loss to top-ranked Florida in the first round of the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships on Thursday at Wisconsin's Nielsen Tennis Stadium.

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Irish prepare for Mountaineers

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

With the Big East Tournament just over a week away, the No. 9 Notre Dame women’s basketball team (21-3) will look to gain some momentum when they travel to West Virginia (10-14) tomorrow to take on the Mountaineers at 2 p.m.

The Irish will then close out the regular season on Tuesday when they host Rutgers last week, these two games will give us a chance to get our game together and improve on things before we get into the tournament,” said Kelley Siemon, who had 10 rebounds in Wednesday’s game against Syracuse.

The Irish are 6-0 all-time against the West Virginia, including a 111-90 victory over the Mountaineers on Jan. 7 at the Joyce Center.

“After that game, we started playing better defense,” sophomore forward Siemon said. “It was frustrating to see them score 90 points on our home court. We should never allow anyone to score that many. We’re looking to step up our defense this weekend.”

Senior Danielle Green stole the show in the team’s first meeting, as she scored a career-high 28 points and pulled down nine boards.

“She is just coming off a shoulder injury, but will play on Saturday,” Siemon said. “I think she’ll be able to do the same things this game. Their defense is their weak point, so she’ll be able to take people off the dribble and run the floor well.”

Green is ninth in the Big East in scoring, averaging 15.4 points per game this season.

Irish captain Sheila McMillen added 26 points and eight rebounds in that game, while Christie Lambert had 19 for the Mountaineers in a losing effort.

Both teams have shown the ability to put up big point totals, as Notre Dame (82.6 points per game) and West Virginia (73.5 points per game) rank second and third, respectively in conference scoring.

Center Ruth Riley leads the Irish in scoring with 17.2 points per game, while the Mountaineers are led by guard Rebecca Burbridge (15 points per game). Burbridge is also first in the conference in the three-point percentage (45 percent).

The Irish are coming off Wednesday’s 82-60 win over Syracuse, in which McMillen scored a game-high 20 points. It is the ninth time this season that McMillen has gone over 20 points in a game. Niele Ivey had 17 points, while Riley added 16.

“It was tough playing without Danielle and coming off that loss, but we showed that we can come back and play well as a team,” Siemon said.

The Mountaineers, on the other hand, dropped a 64-60 decision at Villanova in their last outing. Maria Tchobanova recorded her ninth double-double of the season (11 points, 12 rebounds). Senior Opstaele had 12 points.

Reminder

Undergraduate students applying for the Kellogg Institute’s summer international research grant competition must have their applications in by Friday, February 26.

If students want to apply, and have not picked up application forms, they can get them at the Kellogg Institute on the second floor of the Hesburgh Center or from Hurley 110.

For information, contact Michael Francis, Assistant Provost for International Studies

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Brant Ust and Jeff Wagner will lead an Irish offense that carried the team to just one game shy of the NCAA Championships.

Baseball

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ing staff will have to decide whether use the Logansport, Ind., in a starting or closing role.

"The great thing about Aaron is that he is happy at any role," pitching coach Brian O'Connorsaid. "We tried him as a starter in the fall and he showed he can throw three pitches to be effective in that role. It's a nice dilemma to have."

While the Irish lost last year's leaders in the off-season, an impressive recruiting class offers still more talent. Center fielder and left fielder Matt Strickroth has secured a starting spot for the spring, while Paul O'Toole looks to share time at the catcher position with Wagner.

With a number of freshmen on the starting lineup, Mainieri believes that the athleticism will overcome any problems that inexperience might pose. "This is clearly going to be our most athletic and solid lineup in the last five years," he said. "Most coaches would be a little nervous knowing that so much of that lineup will be freshmen, but I'm not."

While the Irish will not be playing their home opener until March 23, the team has a pretty full plate of games before then. The Irish start off Friday morning against James Madison before taking on No. 23 Florida International (9-0).

Next week, the team will travel to Louisiana for four games in the New Orleans Invitational. In March, they will host the Irish Baseball Classic in San Antonio, Texas.

Finally, after two games against West Virginia to start off Big East play, the team will open their home season against Western Michigan.

Following NCAA regulations, the Irish will play 55 regular-season games this season, one below the maximum allowed. That game was played on Sept. 12, 1998, at Michigan State and featured the starting lineup. The 9-5 victory does not factor into this season's record but did provide the opportunity for Ust and Wagner to score back-to-back home runs while five freshman starters combined to hit X-for-21 with three BB, five runs scored and only one strikeout.

"We're glad we played that game," Mainieri said. "It was important because of how much time we have, to give them exposure to college baseball."

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WOMEN'S RUNNING

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Without Walsh, depleted Irish travel to Appleton

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

When the Irish travel to Appleton, Wise, this weekend, their opponents will contend with a slightly easier task since many key Irish fencers will not make the trip to battle Chicago, Wisconsin, Lawrence, Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue and Wayne State.

All-American épéeist Magda Krol and fencers Charles Hayes and Aimee Kalogera will remain in South Bend for Junior Parents’ Weekend, and Irish fencing coach Stephane Auriol is not very concerned about the absences.

"This is just a dual meet, but we still want to keep an unbeaten record. We can’t let these setbacks distract us," he said.

While the losses of Krol, Hayes and Kalogera significantly weaken both the men’s and women’s teams, these absences can be overcome against weak Midwestern competition like that which faces the Irish this weekend.

Since each fencer is a member of a different team, each team should be able to fill the void without too much trouble.

The women’s full team will also contend without three-time All-American Sara Walsh and her 45-1 record, who will not fence because of illness.

However, the women’s full team is loaded with talent. All-American Myriah Brown and captain Nicole Paulina have posted 47-10 and 45-21 records respectively, and Chris Eita, a freshmen épéeist, will fence full this weekend.

"I think all three of us need to step up this weekend," Brown said. "We will definitely have to pull together and pull out all the stops.

As for the competition, the Northwestern Wildcats are one of the Midwest’s top women’s teams. Following Irish loss to Ohio State two weeks ago, the Notre Dame women do not want to wrack up another Midwest loss.

"I hope we can still pull a victory over Northwestern," Walsh said. "We are a strong team. They will be tough for the women." Auriol has other reasons for not wanting to fall to the Wildcats as well.

"I have never lost to them before," he said.

The men’s team will contend with less strenuous competition during the weekend contest.

Hays’ spot on the foil team will be filled by freshman Steven Mautone, who has registered a 29-15 record in his rookie season.

Captain Stephane Auriol will also have to step up this weekend to offset the loss of Hayes. The strongest of all the Irish teams, the men’s sabre team will be as dominant as ever with all its members making the trip to Appleton.

Freshman Andre Crompton will look to follow up his bronze medal at the Junior Olympics last weekend with another strong performance this weekend.

"I know he was a good, solid sabre fencer," coach Auriol said. "But this year he has become a great fencer.

Junior Olympic silver medal winner Brian Casas will look to improve on his epee team-leading 32 wins. Casas, who was known to be a top fencer coming in this year, has also significantly improved his play this season.

"We knew he was a good fencer," coach Auriol said. "But he needed top competition and training to reach his potential. Our epee squad has given him that this year."

Although individually talented, the strength of the men’s team continues to be its team-work and depth.

"The men are very consistent," coach Auriol said. "If one doesn’t fence well, the other will step it up. They are fencing well as a team. When they have to come together, they can do it."

Despite the lack of strong team competition this weekend, the Irish know that they will face some talented individual fencers.

"No team will beat us," Stephane Auriol said. "But there are some good individuals." If the men win at least six of their eight matches this weekend — they should win them all — coach Auriol will pick up his 100th career men’s victory in only his fifth season as the men’s head coach.

With each passing weekend and every victory, the Irish grow closer and closer to their final goal of a National Championship in Waltham, Mass. While they are on the right track, they know that the journey is far from over.

"We all have improvements to make," Stephane Auriol said, "but we are happy with where we stand right now. We know there is still a long way to go."
**Hockey**

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recent slump.

"I think you have to look to the power play," Ulrick said. "We had a five-on-three against Ferris State (and didn’t score). You have to convert on five-on-threes; it’s a must to win a hockey game. I think we have to turn the power play up a notch."

The Spartans’ student 1-2-2 forechecking system also poses problems for competitors. Such a system tends to crowd center ice and makes it hard to gain speed into the offensive zone.

Ulrick wants to adapt that same style to throw off the Spartans.

"I think we have to get a forecheck going against Michigan State," Ulrick said.

="We have to get the puck in deep and fight through the checks."

Carroll plans to implement consistent play against the Spartans.

"You have to be patient against Michigan State," Carroll said. "They don’t give you much, they don’t make many mistakes defensively, but you have to capitalize on the chances you earn."

Saturday’s game against Bowling Green will be an especially tough one for Notre Dame. Bowling Green is in the 1-10 Friday, but the Irish will arrive on enemy ice after a potentially grueling battle against Michigan State.

Currently, the Falcons are second in the CCHA with 18.9 percent efficiency, with the man advantage. Still, Notre Dame beat Bowling Green in both of their meetings this season, 6-2 and 4-1.

In those games, the Irish deftly handled the speed and size of the Falcons, whose best asset is their effective use of the power play. Since their second meeting on Jan. 8, Notre Dame revitalized its penalty-kill, burning 47 of 53 penalties (87.7 percent).

"Their power play has been very good," Carroll said of the Falcons. "I think we’ve done a nice job in terms of not giving them a lot of chances. Our penalty kill really started to turn the corner after the second game with them."

Bowling Green boasts its size at the forward position. Since the Falcons play a punishing physical game, they will make it even more difficult on Notre Dame, already tired from the Spartan clash.

"They’re a scoring team," Ulrick said of the Falcons, who lead the CCHA in goals per game. "You want to slow down their forwards by finishing checks."

Overall, the team needs to re-focus after a tough weekend in order to nail down a home ice spot for the CCHA playoffs. Right now, Notre Dame is in fourth place by just one point over Ferris State, and if the Irish continue to struggle offensively, they may find themselves on the road to the playoffs.

"I win! We’ll give us a lot of confidence going into the playoffs" and knowing that you can beat the best team in the league," Ulrick said of tonight’s game. "We’re kind of down a little; we haven’t scored in a while, we’ve lost a couple straight. It’s a big game in that we need to get back on a winning streak again.

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**BENGAL BOUTS**

Junior co-captains pull all the punches

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ

Sports Editor

The average fighter dedicates hours of the spring semester to sit-ups, push-ups and working on technique.

Four of these boxers dedicate even more. Juniors Mike Maguire, B.R. Mellin, Tom Biocichi and Mike Romancheck pour their blood, sweat and tears into the administrative and organizational tasks necessary to carry the 6-2 annual Bengal Bouts to its fundraising goal and beyond.

The four co-captains, working in conjunction with senior captains Dave Murphy, Tom Will, Michael LaDuke and Brian Gaffney, spend a chunk of time soliciting ads, designing posters and selling tickets.

Each captain takes on a fundraising duty on top of the rigorous training schedule. Maguire and Romancheck handled on-campus ticket sales. Mellin worked on the public relations aspect and Biocichi solicited advertisements and distributed posters.

While each enjoys the charitable aspect of the Bengal Bouts, all the captains favor the roles they take on in practice. There, they become teachers, showing the first-year boxers the techniques needed to dominate in the ring.

(“The best part is being able to help out and pass on what I learned,” Mellin said.

“I like being in the spot that I looked up to as a freshman. It is nice to know that I get to help them out.”)

Biolchini got his first taste of Bengal Bouts at an early age. He follows in the footsteps of not only his three brothers, but his father as well.

When he was younger, Biocichi recalls flying up to watch his siblings fight; now, Biocichi’s father and brothers will make the long trek to watch him carry the torch.

Mellin’s favorite Bengal Bouts moment came when he fought in the finals his freshman year. Despite losing to Doug Polina and despite knowing that it was “lost cause,” he still savored the experience.

The four co-captains — and the other fighters — share a camaraderie that transcends the intense Bengal Bouts competition.

Biocichi said his favorite part of the Bouts is getting to work with the “magnificent Mike Maguire.”

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Freshman Watson qualifies to run in Ireland

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

Freshman Luke Watson will cross the Atlantic.

Watson placed first in the 1999 USA Junior Winter Cross-Country National Championship this past Sunday in Tacoma, Wash. As a result, he and the other top six finishers will represent the United States in the 1999 World Junior Cross Country Championships on March 28, in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Watson claimed victory with a time of 23:26. Watson felt that the race was not too fast, "It had a crisp start and was not too fast," he said.

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The 8K race was tight for the first three-quarters of the race, but a pack of six then emerged from the rest.

"Around the 6K, runners started to make their moves and six runners eventually formed a pack in the lead," Watson said. "We came around a sharp turn with a quarter mile to go and I was able to take the lead.

"With about one hundred meters left, I was passed by Steve Slattery," he continued. "I just dug down and found something and was able to regain the lead and win by two seconds."

By winning the race, Watson automatically qualified for the Junior World Championships. Watson's qualification makes him the third Notre Dame runner in the past four years to make the team. Current sophomore Ryan Shay made it last year.

"It's a pretty big deal to make the team," said Watson. "It is a great for each athlete, having the experience from world competition. It is also good for our program."

Once Watson gets to Belfast, he will train for a week with the national team, and the race will feature runners from around the world. He is preparing now by working out with the track team for speed training.

This past fall, Luke was the No. 2 runner on the cross-country team and an all-Big East selection. His top finishes included seventh at the Big East championships, fourth at the National Catholic Invitational, and sixth at the Wolf and Kritle Invitational in Elgin, Ill.

Watson also noted that, having participated in the World Junior Championships, he and Shay will both bring valuable experience to the team next fall.

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Icemen prepare to face off vs. Spartans, Falcons

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

Coming off two consecutive conference losses, the Notre Dame hockey team will look to solidify a spot on home ice for the NCAA playoffs as it takes on Michigan State and Bowling Green on the road this weekend.

Tonight, the Irish will wrap up their season series against Michigan State at Munn Ice Arena. Two weeks ago, the teams skated to a 2-2 draw at the Joyce Center. Last Friday at Munn, the Spartans posted a 1-0 victory that advanced them toward their current 18-game winning streak.

The latest U.S. Collegiate Hockey Organization poll has the Spartans ranked No. 3 in the nation, while the Irish are at No. 8 in their 17th-straight week in the top 10.

The Irish need to disengage the Spartans' goalstopping and stifling defense, which allowed more than two goals in just two of the team's last 18 games.

“We have to be a bit more aggressive in how we shoot,” assistant coach Tom Carroll said. “We have to get our goaltender Joe Blackburn to move a bit and get on the rebounds. He’s a good goaltender; we have to have him not see shots. Many of the goaltenders at this level are not going to get beat on the first shot most of the time.”

Blackburn, a sophomore, currently leads the league in goals-against average (1.39) and save percentage (.931). The Irish have netted only two goals against him in six periods and only one at even strength.

More astounding has been the success of Michigan State’s penalty-killing unit, which has not given up more than one power play goal in any game all season.

Notre Dame’s offensive needs to snap out of a scoreless streak that ran through last weekend’s losses to Michigan State and Ferris State. All told, the Irish have gone without a goal for more than seven periods of play — almost 146 minutes.

So far this season, the team has looked to its power play unit for offensive help, and it has produced. Despite going scoreless in its last 10 attempts, Notre Dame still leads the conference with a 52.8-percent mark on the power play.