Yearly operating budget exceeds $1 million a day

By CHRISTINE KRALY
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What could someone do with a million dollars a day?

Most people would consider this scenario a dream, a fantasy only to toy with in one's mind.

The University, however, has to essentially answer this same 'What-if?' type of question every year when deciding on the annual budget. It currently boasts a yearly operating budget in excess of $460 million.

To those with jaw-dropping figures, John Lohmeyer, director of Finance and Budgeting, says this exorbitant amount is normal.

"The budget is always a make-up for inflation growth...and because the campus is expanding," Seigling said.

If money grows on trees...

If money did grow on trees, Notre Dame would be a veritable forest with branches reaching from alumni donations to tuition increases. It is probably no surprise to Notre Dame parents that the bulk of the year's year comes from tuition.

According to the University's annual budget report, revenue from the $19,800 undergraduate tuition provided 51.2 percent of the total educational and general expenses of the University.

Although tuition has increased from the 1994 rate of $10,810 by nearly $4,000, the rate of increase is actually decreasing. This year's hike decreased to 5.3 percent from 5.5 percent from the year before.

Approximately 33.2 percent of the University's educational and general expenses come from revenue sources such as the dining halls, the Copy Shop and the bookstore.

David Prentkowski, director of Food Services, says the dining halls are "a dream, what like independent businesses."

Prentkowski even worries sometimes that the revenues won't provide enough funding for the year, especially when the dining halls perform services that are "not cost-effective," such as running bakers 24 hours a day.

"Our goal [for this year] was to break even," said Prentkowski. He indicated that Food Services will most likely reach this goal.

The final portion of the budget consists of various gifts and revenues from the University endowment. Last year marked a record in annual gifts the University received, adding to the $1.8 billion endowment.

Revenues generated from the endowment came from University investments in enterprises such as real estate, U.S. bonds and global equity.

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I'd like to address the University in the words of Janet Jackson: "What have you done for me lately?"

I love this school — its reputation, its spirit and especially, the new Hammes bookstore.

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A Texas legislator is pushing for the creation of a state-wide minimum academic standard for student athletes to improve graduation rates. "We get to do something to make sure these athletes have a fighting chance to graduate," said Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston. Wilson filed a bill that would be the first step in creating a uniform standard for academic success in college sports. The board could also track the graduation rates of student athletes and use the information to assess the performance of each university. If the coordinating board finds a university is non-compliant with the standards, that school would be barred from using state funds or student fees to support athletic events until a compliance agreement can be reached with the board. If the university does not comply within a year, it would be barred from participating in intercollegiate sports for two years.

BROWN UNIVERSITY

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Nussbaum explores need for universal list of human rights

By DEREK BETCHER

Accelerating sex equality through the implementation of a universal list of essential human rights formed the centerpiece of a lecture about women and development given by Martha Nussbaum, a University of Chicago professor of law and ethics.

Nussbaum's examination of women's issues focused on developing nations, especially India. Women across the world desire economic self-sufficiency, Nussbaum noted, but her talk largely addressed reform efforts in India because she recently participated in a U.N. research project there.

The challenges Indian women face resemble those of women elsewhere.

"The body that labors is in essence the same body around the world," she noted. "All workers are badly paid but women face special disadvantages."

By working to improve education, employment opportunities, land rights and nutrition, governments and volunteer organizations can make great progress towards ensuring progress on sex equality," Nussbaum said.

"We need to be highly alert to the variations of need," she added.

While exact circumstances vary, the issue does not, Nussbaum said. She emphasized the universality of feminist issues and explained that because of these universal characteristics, disciplines such as philosophy and political theory can supply common solutions to aid sex equality around the globe. They can also help dispel persistent criticisms against the international feminist movement, Nussbaum explained.

International feminists still encounter charges of westernizing when they try to export their ideas to the developing world. These charges are "not fair at all," Nussbaum told her audience. Arguments raising questions of culture, diversity and paternalism all fail to counter the need for greater sex equality in the developing world, Nussbaum emphasized.

Thursday's lecture was the fifth annual Theodore M. Hesburgh lecture on ethics and public policy. Nussbaum will present a second lecture at the school's law, philosophy, divinity and classics department. She has authored several books on feminist issues.

Méndez takes over law school center

Special to The Observer

Juan Méndez, executive director of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights in San José, Costa Rica, has been appointed director of Notre Dame Law School's Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Méndez, a native of Lomas de Zamora, Argentina, received his law degree from Stella Maris University in Mar del Plata in 1970 and for five years practiced labor law and defended political prisoners. During Argentina's military dictatorship, from 1976-83, he was twice imprisoned for his political and professional activities. He was adopted by Amnesty International as a "Prisoner of Conscience" in 1976. After his release, Méndez moved to the United States and soon acquired a reputation as a leading international human rights lawyer. From 1982-88, he directed the Washington, D.C., office of Americas Watch, a human rights organization principally concerned with Latin America nations.

He was executive director of Americas Watch from 1989-94, leaving that position to become general counsel for Human Rights Watch in New York from 1994-96. He has directed the Inter American Institute of Human Rights since then.

Méndez has taught and lectured at the Aspen Institute, Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University and Oxford. He also was a fellow of Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies during the 1996 fall semester.

He has written numerous articles on international human rights law for a wide variety of scholarly journals and several opinion pieces in the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times and the Miami Herald.

The Notre Dame Law School's Center for Civil and Human Rights was founded in 1973. At first, the center's efforts concerned civil rights in the United States, largely because of the work of Father Theodore Hesburgh, then-president of Notre Dame and a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

In recent years, largely due to the efforts of Father William Lewers, its director from 1988 until his death in 1997, the center has become increasingly concerned with international human rights, undertaking such projects as study of the draft and military justice systems during the Vietnam period and developing a computerized database of human rights violations by the former military regime in Chile.
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dering how much of this money they actually see. According to Sejdinaj, they can see a lot of it. He pointed to services people may overlook, such as the fire department and Notre Dame SecurityPolice.

Much of the budget, not surprisingly, goes to faculty salaries. The 1997 average salary for a full professor was $91,300 a year.

Financial aid, a godsend to those parents shelling out tuition payments, receives a major portion of the budget as well. Notre Dame donated $43.6 million in scholarships and fellowships in 1998.

Another large portion of the budget is distributed among University departments, such as the various academic colleges and Facilities Operations.

Whether it's invested in supplies for the College of Engineering, or match for a new patch of grass outside the library, all the money goes to facilitate the school. "I think that does surprise people," said Sejdinaj. Those amazed at the staggering numbers might ask, Who runs the show? Who is the man behind the curtain controlling the funding for the city we call Notre Dame? According to Sejdinaj, there is no one man, but many people pulling the strings of the money machine.

The officers of the University decide every year what the budget should be used for and approximately how much it will cost. They send their proposal to the Board of Trustees who either approves it or denies it. The funding is then allocated to each of the individual departments.

The departments, however, do not always receive all the money they originally request. "The budget's always too small," said Mary Ellen Koepfle, director of Restricted Funds. Regarding the College of Arts and Letters, Koepfle says that this year's allocation is similar to last year's.

Koepfle, though, knows that Arts and Letters "are cut-backs, especially in the areas of travel, when it does not receive all its money. The administration takes measures such as creating its own set of standards so they do not have to spend any unnecessary money.

The University, when denying the departments their requested budgets, usually responds: "Just that funding's not available," she said. Koepfle is quick to point out that preparing a budget is "very labor-intensive" and that there are other facilities that need funding too.

"You just have to be patient and wait for it," she said. It is unusual, according to Sejdinaj, that the University would witness any monetary surplus at the end of the year. In the rare occasion that it does happen, though, the leftover money is added to a financial aid-endowment that has been receiving funds since 1990.

According to Sejdinaj, Notre Dame students can witness the influence of the University's budget whether listening to a lecture in class, or sitting on freshly-cut lawn in the middle of the quad.

"It's really like a little city," said Sejdinaj.

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of 2002 offices against Tim Lyden and his running mates. Rosman's ticket received 31.2 percent of the vote, while Lyden's garnered 21.7 percent. Lyden and his running mates made it into the run-off by the narrow margin of six votes over the ticket headed by Tim Jarotkiewicz. There were six groups of candidates vying to lead this year's freshman class, doubling the number of candidates in any other class.

"A lot more freshmen tend to run," said Nicole Borda, Judicial Council vice president for elections. "It seems to be a good thing for them to get involved in student government."

Rhia Gertken and Pat Foy will continue their campaigns for offf-campus senate over the weekend, as neither was able to garner the required majority of votes Thursday. Foy and Gertken, who are both members of the current Senate, were the only two candidates entered in the race. While Gertken edged Foy 96 to 93 in the vote totals, there were 31 registered votes to abstain. As a result, neither candidate received a majority, and a run-off will be held in order to determine a winner.

Run-offs will be held Monday, with voting in residence halls from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Off-campus students can vote from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in LaFortune Student Center.

ANNOUNCING THE 1999 ANNUAL AWARDS OF ALBERT RAVARINO ITALIAN STUDIES TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the 1999 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Goal will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,500, and will not normally cover all expenses. Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

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

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Feminist professor causes trouble for men

BOston

A radical feminist professor at Boston College has been given an ultimatum from the school: admit men to her classes or stop teaching. The president, Mary Daly, who was among 12 women who took her courses, Daly, whose seven major books, including "Outrource," have made her a pioneer in feminist circles, has said she won't back down. Opening her classes to men would compromise her belief that women tend to defer to a man whenever one speaks up, she said. Daly took leave of absence from the Jesuit college this semester rather than how to demand that she admit sexist Diane Nash into her class in feminist ethics. Nash, who claimed discrimination, has the backing of the Center for Individual Rights, a conservative law firm in Washington whose lawsuit ended affirmative action at the University of Texas.

HIV infects 3 million in 1998

GENEVA

Six young people are infected with the AIDS virus every minute, the United Nations said Thursday as it launched a new campaign to slow the spread of the epidemic among young people. Nearly 600,000 children under 15 and 2.5 million people aged 15-24 caught the Human Immunodeficiency Virus last year, it said. "Too many children are still being deprived of AIDS information and skills because of fears by adults -- including govern­ ment authorities -- that education will encourage sexual activity. Targets are simply the opposite is true," said Peter Piot, head of UNAIDS. The UNAIDS campaign, called "Listen, Learn, Live," is aimed at increasing dialogue with the young about the risks of catching the disease.

Man sues over misspelled tattoo

ROSEVILLE, Mich.

A man who used gourmework instead of a dictionary when getting a tattoo is now suing the tattoo parlor over the mistaken spelling of "villain." Lee Williams was left with "villain" on his right forearm, but he didn't notice until a friend made fun of him, according to the Circuit Court lawsuit filed Wednesday. Williams, 23, is seeking $25,000 in damages against Eternal Tattoos. To cover up the mistake he had plastic surgery, which cost him $1,900 and left a "scar as long as his forearm," said his lawyer, Paul Clark Williams, a student at Wayne State University and a former Marine, got the tattoo in 1996. Before the procedure, workers at the parlor debated how to spell the word. Clark said Williams wasn't sure, either.

Old rifts return to Nigerian politics

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nigerian politics are split by ethnic differences and held together by fragile alliances, short on ideolo­ gy and long on ambition. Days before Nigerians vote on Saturday to elect the man who will preside over the country's first civilian govern­ ment in 16 years, deals are being cut. Maybe no place is the maneu­ Vernon going on more furiously than here in southeastern Nigeria, which has become the battleground for the presidency.

Consider the sudden shifting for­ tunes of the Alliance for Democracy, one of the three parties in Nigeria, Africa's most populous country. A big loser in earlier elections in the last two months, the party won most of Enugu State in legislative races last Saturday. The rival, domi­ nant party's choice of a presidential candidate from outside the region reopened an old wound in the coun­ try's complex history of ethnic rival­ ries. It was a wound that politicians for the Alliance for Democracy were toiling to deepen before the pres­i­ dential election. Feeding on the region's longtime sense of ethnically motivated exclusion was their best, and maybe only, chance to claim the nation's highest political office.

Ensnared in a throne-like chair at the Alliance for Democracy's headquarters here, Arthur Nwankwo, the head of the party in the southeastern states, received a stream of reports that made him shudder on Sunday, including one from a party agent from a neighbor­ ing state. "The mood of the people is out­ rage, outright anger," the agent said.

"So you are exploiting that one?" Nwankwo said "Very much." What Nwankwo and fellow mem­ bers of the Ibo ethnic group here exploited was anger that one of their own, Alex Ekwueme, a former vice president, had been rejected by the leading People's Democratic Party.

Instead, the party chose General Olusegun Obasanjo, 61, a Yoruba from the southwest who is popular with Nigeria's third main ethnic group, the Hausa-Fulani in the north. Twenty years ago he became the country's first military leader to give up power voluntarily, winning respect here and abroad.

The Alliance for Democracy and another group, the All People's Party, have joined forces by present­ ing a common presidential candi­ date, Olu Faleye, 60, a former finance minister and a Yoruba from the southwest. It is a union of two par­ ties that share almost nothing except a desire to win the presidency — what Nwankwo described as "an unholy alliance."

"It's a pragmatic alliance, not an unholy alliance," corrected an offi­ cial who said he was not Nwankwo's political consultant but cheerfully kept giving him advice.

Man gets death in dragging case

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jasper, Texas

Smirking and cursing his victim's family as he was led away, a now-supertor John William King went to death row Thursday for chaining a black man to a pickup truck and dragging him to pieces.

From white jurors and their elected black fore­ man took less than three hours to sentence King to lethal injection rather than life in prison, taking about the same amount of time they needed to con­ vict him Tuesday of mur­ dering James Byrd.

The savaging killing — one of the grisliest racial crimes since the civil rights era — shocked the nation and horrified resi­ dents of Jasper, a timber town of 8,000 people about 100 miles northeast of Houston.

King becomes the first white sent to death row in Texas for killing a black person since capital pun­ ishment resumed in the 1970s. Texas has execut­ ed only one white person for killing a black — in 1985.

Byrd's relatives wiped their eyes after hearing the death sentence but declined judge Joe Bob Golden's offer to say something to King. Byrd's nephew Darrell Verrett held up his fin­ gers in a V sign and said, "Everything's OK." On the courthouse lawn, women high-fived each other and exclaimed, "Justice is served!"

"For once, I'm proud to be from Jasper. For once, justice has been served in Jasper," said Ethel Parks, a black woman wearing a T-shirt with a picture of Byrd beneath the words, "Love, Peace and Harmony."

Spectators taunted King, yelling "Bye! Bye! King!" as he was led from the courthouse.

When asked if he had anything to say to Byrd's family, King said "Yeah" and muttered an observa­ tory. "I wouldn't expect for him to say 'God bless the Byrd family,'" said Byrd's sister Mary Verrett. "He just sums up the total personality of this young man. He has no remorse, even in the face of death."

Through his attorney, King released a statement saying: "Though I remain adamantly about my inno­ cence, it's been obvious from the beginning that this community would not get what they desire; so I'll close with the words of Francis Yockey. 'The promise of success is with the man who is deter­ mined to die proudly even when it is no longer pos­ sible to live proudly.'

Man watches Thursday at a campaign advertisement in Lagos for presidential candidate Olufa Falae, showing the candidate on one end and a faceless general on the other. The elections will take place Saturday.
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nates tonight with the first annual Stanford Dance-a-Thon.

"The Dance-a-Thon is a ten-hour dance challenge. The guys in Stanford are dancing for pledges. The campus is invited at the cost of five dollars per person, and it's open to everyone," said Gaughan.

The proceeds will benefit Stanford's Lenten Project, the Hogar San Jose orphanage in Talagante, Chile.

Dancing gets underway at 9 p.m. tonight in the Stepman Center with live bands playing until 1 a.m., followed by a disc jockey until 7 a.m.

The death penalty: faith and human rights

A panel including representatives from the Indiana State Public Defender's Office, the Notre Dame Law School and Saint Mary's College gathered Thursday in the Stapleton Lounge to discuss how the death penalty concerns persons with faith.

The Women of Badin Hall invite you to an exploration.

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GOP leaders seek budget unity

Associated Press
WASHINGTON
A year after Republican divi­sions led to an embarrassing stalemate, House and Senate GOP leaders told their budget committee chairmen Thursday to work together quickly and produce a fiscal 2000 spending plan.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate majority leader Trent Lott, R-M., made the comments in a closed-door meeting as Republicans from the two chambers began designing a budget they hope to push through Congress by April. The remarks were described by officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

House Budget Committee chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, told reporters afterward there was a consensus to produce a 10-year tax cuts totaling $800 bil­lion to $900 billion, far more than President Clinton wants.

Participants said the numbers mean any tax cut would be phased in gradually, rather than beginning next year in full force, but that they have not yet agreed when the tax cuts would begin.

Kasich also said there was general agreement to set aside about $5 trillion for Social Security, roughly what Clinton wants to use to buttress the program for the baby boomers' retirements, which begin in a decade.

But Senate Budget Committee chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., wants to set aside more than that, and that issue is unresolved, said one official.

Participants also said the leaders have made no decision on which taxes will be cut and whether spending limits enacted in the 1997 budget-balancing deal with Clinton will be honored.

The group plans to meet again next Tuesday.

Republican leaders are intent on producing a budget to show the public that the GOP has moved past Clinton's impeach­ment trial, and an avoid giving Democrats fodder for their familiar accusation that the GOP is running a "do-nothing Congress."

The budget is also important because it will be a road map for several high-profile mea­sures Republicans want to pro­duce this year. These include tax cuts, spending increases for defense and education, and possible overhauls of Social Security and Medicare.

"There are arguments between Republicans over tax cuts prevented Congress from producing a budget for the first time since the current budget process began in 1975," said the vote's margin.

The committee vote "reflects the consensus of the two chambers the test of ballistic missile attack," said the committee chairman, Fendall Spence, R-S.C.

Spence said the vote's margin "reflects the consensus of strong bipartisan belief that all Americans deserve to be protect­ed against the growing threat of ballistic missile attack."

Voting against the measure were committee Democrats Wayne Evans of Illinois, Cynthia McKinney of Georgia and Tom Allen of Maine.

"I am encouraged by the administration's announcement that an additional $6.6 billion has been identified for a national missile defense system that might be deployed. But I am concerned that the administration has not committed to deploying this sys­tem," Weldon said.

"Such a system, to protect against incoming nuclear missiles, has long been a favored pro­ject of congressional Republicans since then-President Reagan proposed a space-based missile defense in the early 1980s."

Last year's firing of a ballistic missile by North Korea, and reports of weapons programs in Iran and Iraq, has drawn Democratic support to the pro­gram as well.

The committee vote "repre­sents an important step in the debate over defending the American people against the threat of ballistic missile attack," said the committee chairman, Fendall Spence, R-S.C.

Spence said the vote's margin "reflects the consensus of strong bipartisan belief that all Americans deserve to be protect­ed against the growing threat of ballistic missile attack."

Voting against the measure were committee Democrats Wayne Evans of Illinois, Cynthia McKinney of Georgia and Tom Allen of Maine.

The measure does not attempt to set a timetable or mandate the kind of defense system that should be built.

The measure, which has 30 Republican and 25 Democratic sponsors, states simply "that it is the sense of Congress to produce a national missile defense system."

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Feds defend light truck crash test

Associated Press
WASHINGTON
Last year when the federal government was looking for ways to make light trucks less dangerous to cars in crashes, automakers said officials should eliminate or alter a government crash test that was blocking design changes.

On Thursday, the govern­ment fought to keep a light truck crash test that has helped to make sport utility vehi­cles, pickups and other "light trucks less deadly to cars on the road."

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"There's a lot to be learned on the science of compatibility," Connolly said. Indeed, automakers said they were interested in looking at how to make their light trucks less stiff. A major prob­lem, they said, was that the 35 mph crash test the government uses is so severe it requires light trucks to have stiffer structures in order to do well.

The test is meant to provide information to consumers and automakers are not required to pass it as they are less severe tests. But it is like the government's seal of approval and automakers fear if they abandoned it unilaterally, buyers would suffer.

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Nixon tape tells of 1972 burglary at Chilean embassy

WASHINGTON

In the spring of 1972, a month before the Watergate break-in, the Chilean Embassy in Washington was surrepti-
tiously entered. A new, white-tape carrying tapes was released on Thursday at the National Archives. The conversations — ranging from just a few seconds to several minutes long — had been withheld from national security reasons.

The conversation occurred on May 16, 1973, the eve of Senate hearings on the Watergate affair. White House counsel John Dean was going to be a witness at the hearings, and the president and his lawyer, J. Fred Buzhardt, were in the Oval Office discussing what Dean might disclose.

The burglary in that had occurred at the Chilean Embassy one year earlier. On May 13, 1972, persons entered the embassy, rifled files and stole official documents, books and radios.

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Dean, who pleaded guilty in 1973 to one count of conspiring to obstruct justice in the Watergate scandal and served three months in jail, said he has never heard that the White House was behind the break-in at the embassy.

Dean said he believes Nixon's talk of a "cover" is a reference to an attempt by lawyers for James McCord, one of the burglars arrested at the Watergate, to get his case dropped on grounds further investigation would reveal national security secrets.

McCord, a former CIA agent and security chief for the Committee to Re-Elect the President, was trying to get the government to stop investigating the Watergate break-in by saying the probe would lead to the revelation that there "had been some sort of surveillance of the Chilean embassy," Dean said.

The embassy break-in occurred one day after Chile’s socialist president, Salvador Allende, asked his country's legislature to nationalize the Chilean Telephone Co., which was largely owned by International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. ITT had opposed Allende’s election in 1970.

In other conversations:

"Nixon talks in the Oval Office on July 2, 1971 with his assistant, Peter Flanigan, about giving ambassadorships to large contributors. They discuss making one GOP donor ambassador to Belgium. "Understand, that’s only if he gives a quarter-million," Nixon says.


Nixon praised President Kennedy for his death. "Kennedy decided to go forward and got us involved and it shows that Kennedy was the one who got us in the damn war," Nixon said. "We got the Kennedys in this thing now."

As the tapes were opened to the public, the Nixon Library in Lima, Calif., provided for the first time — released transcripts of the conversations on the Internet. John Taylor, executive director, said the library provided the transcripts and commentary so the public could read them and compare them with the released audio tapes.

Except under court order, the archives never makes transcripts because there is no way to ensure the accuracy of the interpretation, says Karl Weissbach, director of the Nixon project at the archives. Transcripts are hard to prepare because of background noise, people talking at once, the difficulty of identifying voices and the quality of the recordings, he said.

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Avalanche death toll rises to 33; ‘miracle’ child found

How an avalanche kills

Fatal avalanches have plagued parts of Europe in recent weeks as the region endures its snowiest winter in a half-century. A look at why slides are so deadly:

Powder cloud: A wall of air saturated with snow blasts objects in its path with a strength up to three times greater than hurricane-force winds.

Starting zone: The place where loose snow fractures away from hard-packed snow beneath and begins to move downhill.

Runout zone: The bottom of the slope where the mass of snow and debris collects which can bury objects with the strength of concrete.

Associated Press

LANDECK

The smile of a resuscitated four-year-old boy — given up for dead when rescuers found him under a massive snowslide — brought hope and joy to this snow-deluged valley Thursday, even as the death toll from two avalanches rose to 33.

In the western Austrian village of Galtuer, where at least 28 people were killed, scores of rescuers used long metal probes to search for at least three people still believed buried beneath tons of snow. Videotapes brought back by rescue teams showed cars crushed by walls of snow or hurled like toys by the force of an avalanche.

The four-year-old Austrian boy, whose name was not released, was dubbed "the miracle of Valzur" for surviving 100 minutes under the snow in the second of two deadly avalanches that killed dozens in western Austria.

When rescuers found him late Wednesday, he was frozen and had no circulation. He was rushed to nearby Galtuer, where doctors saved his life by slowly “warming him up” before sending him to a hospital in the town of Zams.

"When he arrived at the hospital he had a pacifier in his mouth, and he even smiled a little," Dr. Alois Schranz told the Austria Press Agency.

"The boy is well. He eats normally, he talks and plays," said pediatrician Irene Walch told The Associated Press. She said he would remain under observation.

Meanwhile, authorities warned that the risk of more avalanches remained extremely high due to rising temperatures and fresh snow. Another slide hit Neustift in the Stubai Valley south of Innsbruck late Thursday, but initial reports said no one was missing.

Another avalanche in Switzerland, set off artificially with explosives, injured at least one person.

Among the 28 people confirmed dead in the Galtuer snowslide were five Dutch — two fathers and their children. Twenty-three people, eight of them injured, had been rescued from the village. The search continued Thursday, concentrating on two ruined houses where 10 bodies, including several children, were pulled out of the deep snow, the Austria Press Agency reported.

The other five confirmed dead were from the neighboring village of Valzur. Three more bodies were uncovered there Thursday and at least two others were missing.

Suffocation is the most likely cause of death in an avalanche, followed by being crushed by the weight of the snow.

About 2,500 tourists were helicoptered out of Galtuer on Thursday and hundreds of others were flown from nearby villages and hamlets. But about 1,000 remained in Galtuer, refusing to end their holidays.

Weary survivors arriving in Munich, Germany, said they were glad to be home.

Hans Weimann, 77, said the avalanche started with an incredible noise that "got louder and louder," before everything went white.

The Galtuer avalanche is the worst to hit central Europe this winter, as the region endures its heaviest snowfall in 50 years. More than 70 people across Europe have died in avalanches this year.

In Switzerland, the man-made avalanche that hit the southern resort of Lukerbad on Thursday sent one person to the hospital with a suspected heart attack. Several others were treated for shock.

In the past few weeks, officials have set off hundreds of controlled avalanches to limit the potential for devastation. But there is currently so much snow that even deliberate explosions are being risky.

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The Death Penalty is All Wrong for the U.S.

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Mease's execution was postponed pending a legal challenge to the state's execution protocol. After the Mass, the Pope walked over to Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan and said, "Have mercy on Mr. Mease." The Governor commuted Mease's sentence to life without parole.

"I continue to support capital punishment," said Carnahan, "but after...conideration of his direct and personal appeal and because of a deep...respect for the Pope and all he represents, I decided...to grant his request." While the Governor returned to the Pope's appeal, polls show that Catholics and others in the United States register 2 to 1 in favor of the death penalty on the death penalty. So is John Paul out of touch? Or is he on to something? Let's review some basics.

The death penalty, legal in 38 states, is in trouble. One problem is numerical. 3,549 inmates were on death row in the United States at the start of 1999, including 17 condemned under federal law. About 380 more are sentenced to death every year. In 1998, 188 persons were executed. To eliminate the backlog could require the execution of one person every day for about 60 years.

A perennial problem, of possibly executing the innocent, was brought to the fore by the release this February of Anthony Porter from Illinois' death row. Porter, who had come within two days of execution before he was released when a Northwestern University journalism class investigated his case and obtained from another man a confession which exonerated Porter.

A third problem is expense. The death penalty is three times more expensive than life imprisonment without parole. In North Carolina, each execution costs $2.16 million more; in Florida, $3.2 million more; in Texas, $2.3 million more. "Life without parole could save millions of dollars," said former Texas Attorney General Jim Mattix. "It's cheaper to lock em up and throw away the key. As violent crime continues to escalate, it's something to consider."

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The final text of the Catholic Church makes it explicit that a Catholic can no longer argue for the death penalty from an undifferentiated need to "protect society." (The traditional teaching of the church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor. If, however, nonlethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means... Today... as a consequence of the possibilities which the state has for effectively preventing crime, by rendering into hands who has committed an offense incapable of doing harm... the cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity are very rare, if not practically nonexistent.)

A Catholic could still argue for the death penalty in exceptional cases, such as where a prisoner murders a guard. Should you give him another life sentence? Or would it be consistent with his dignity to wall him up in a cell, with food and wastes passed through a slot and with no direct contact ever with any other humans? Either cases could be argued, such as a rebellion or other disturbance in which the authorities would lack the ability to keep a murderer securely imprisoned. Although the death penalty could be argued to be absolutely necessary in such cases, even then it is debatable. But the criterion is protection of society from this criminal.

Before EV, I and others supported the death penalty as a necessary way to restore the balance of justice and to promote respect for innocent life by inflicting a punishment for murder which was qualitatively different from the punishment for other crimes. But the Vicar of Christ has made these arguments absolute, raising the discussion in a new level. He authoritatively challenges the claim of the state to assume the jurisdiction of God over life and death. After discussing the death penalty, EV states, "If such great care must be taken to respect every life, even that of criminals and unjust aggressors, the commandment, "You shall not kill" has absolute value when it refers to the innocent person..." (No. 27) if we owe such respect to the life of the guilty, so much more, and absolutely so, with respect to the innocent. But this works the other way, too. If we could maintain the absolute inviolability of innocent life, we must begin by safeguarding even the life of the guilty from termination except according to the very restrictive law of God. "God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living." (ECCLESIASTES 3:22) Before EV, murdered Abby, God "put a mark on Cain...not to condemn him to the hatred of men, but to protect and defend him from those wishing to kill him... Not even a murderer has his personal dignity, and God himself pledges to guarantee this... God, who preferred the correction rather than the death of a sinner, did not desire that a homicide be punished by the execution of another act of homicide." (HV No. 9)
The Real Meaning of Bengal Bouts

This is the story of just a regular guy—not a boxer. Not any more. Last year I was Daniel “The Boxer Formerly Known as” Prince. This year I am Daniel “The Former Boxer Known as” Prince. It is a story about how much someone can learn in four years. Like all of you who will be graduating this year, I have learned so much here at Notre Dame. Academically, yes, but more importantly, I have learned about the real world. The volumes of information I crammed into my head the night before so many tests I will forget—I have already forgotten the experience! I will never forget. Among those many experiences for me is boxing, which taught me more than I ever thought it could. Boxing gave me an outlet, a focus and organization—and it showed me how much I needed support.

I began my freshman year with the novice program, but did not fight in the Bengal Bouts because my father didn’t want me to. Why didn’t it think it was a safe or good idea. I had made the mistake of actually being honest with him. I should’ve just forged the damnable form. The following summer, my family and I went through a scare when I had a tumor the size of a lemon removed from my elbow. I still hear the screams as a humbling reminder of the surgery and recovery I went through afterwards. Because of this I could not box my sophomore year. Finally for my junior year, my arm was recovered and I could box in the Bouts. I went into those bouts with a lot on my mind.

On January 9, 1998, on the day my father was supposed to return to our home in New York City, he woke up in our grandmother’s house in Miami, Florida, where we were staying. He woke up from pains in his chest. My grandmother woke me up because something was wrong with my father. I ran into my parent’s bedroom and found my mother on the phone and my father lying motionless in his bed, eyes open. After performing CPR on my father I found out later that morning that my father had died of a heart attack. I do not tell you this to sadden you or for your pity. I tell you this because I honestly believe boxing helped me. Getting punched is not half as hard as recovering from a continued assault. But being able to keep on my feet is the best medicine. I am unable to get out of that situation. Just like they taught me in school, I don’t understand straight punch—don’t get hit!

When I walked into my parents’ bedroom I was not expecting to have to give CPR to my father, that was harder than anything I had ever taken. But somehow I was able to keep my composure and do what I had to. I’m not saying that boxing was the reason I was able to keep from going hysterical, but I believe it had something to do with it. Soon after, when the 1998 Bengal Bouts began I had a lot of things on my mind. I threw myself into training for Bengal as soon as I returned to school. I didn’t miss a single practice last year. Psychiatrists may say I was projecting, or channeling, or something like that, but I believe it helped me considerably.

I had a lot of things to think about, a lot of anger to release, and emotions to get under control. That’s the thing very few people realize. I actually believe boxing is about control—not power. It’s about controlling yourself. And that’s what I needed—to get myself under control. I had found much more than I expected during training. I found a true friend in Kyle Smith, who was my opponent in the final round. But in whom I found someone who had gone through the same experience. I think I had found a true friend. If you can’t make friends through the Bengal Bouts I am in trouble. I made many friends at the Bouts, but the only person I could call a friend was Kyle Smith.

This year I had trained hard, and was very excited about the coming Bengal Bouts. I had only been disappointed in the last week by a shoulder injury that would prevent me from fighting in the Bouts. It wasn’t an easy pill to swallow. I remember talking with Brian Gaffney about it the day I officially had to stop practicing. Brian, who has won three times and has been designated as my opponent, simply told me, “It’s not worth it.” He then went on to explain how he felt about saying it to others so often that it really wasn’t worth it. This is an admission of weakness on my part, of not finishing something I had started, and of letting priorities in life. I realized boxing was not the most important thing in my life. I think back to my high school senior Prom, Spring Break, moving off campus, and so many other things I thought were on the crux of the world. I think I’m alone. It was the realization I had made in life—in fact that Bangladesh. And that’s not so little. The effects of the school had been huge, and I have poured my efforts—more so than anything boxing may have given me. Those efforts were because I didn’t want to ever think I’m not doing my part. It’s not a bit of justice, too, in sacrificing the money away from the rich and giving it to the poor? But when you are being used, you are dirty? I feel good.

My mother once asked me, “If you want to raise money for the missions, why doesn’t the boxing team all pray the rosary together?” I simply said, “Mom, no one’s gonna pay money to watch us pray the rosary.” But if you get a bunch of guy to go in a ring and beat each other up, then I’ll give money to the poor. What does it say about you and your society if such extremes are necessary to get money for the poor? Can you honestly tell me that if whoever said the ticket had simply asked for $10 with nothing in return you would have given him the money? I’m pretty sure I wouldn’t.

I’m not going to tell you that I was the sole reason for joining theDeveloper’s so-called Bengal Bouts was for those poor in Bangladesh. That would be lying to you and to myself. I honestly, I never really thought about those who would lose—when Tom South of The Observer would talk to us about their visits to Bangladesh and the amount of good our money was doing. And even then, I usually was just glad to be sitting and taking a breather, instead of doing pushups, sit-ups, or God forbid, arm circles. Why did I do Bengal Bouts? Why do most of the guys do Bengal Bouts?

Boxing is something different, not everybody wants to do it, or can. It’s something most of us have never done before or will ever do again. Yes, there are a lot of great boxers, through us which we admit we are boxers, something not exactly lacking on this campus, but there is more than that. There is a personal challenge to see if one can really do it. Can you step in the ring and fight against your opponent, knowing that you will get hit, knowing that you will get a bloody nose and probably a bloody mouth? That you will probably lose? That you may lose in front of all your friends, out thinking of how many other friends from The Observer, and that the next best boxer could take the picture of you receiving a strong right from your opponent? There is no such thing as an easy—“Mom, give me a break.” I believe that boxing is a challenge—physically and mentally. You will find that most fights will be one by the ones who can maintain control over themselves the best.

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HEAD COACH MUFFET MCGRAW

By JOEY CAVATO
Associate Sports Editor

It all began as a way to simply stay around something she loves.

When she looks back at what she's built, Muffet McGraw sees one of the best college basketball programs in the country.

After graduation from Saint Joseph's University with a degree in sociology and leading the basketball team to a 59-12 mark over four years, the options were limited for a young female athlete with a passion for basketball.

After a brief and successful stint as head coach at Archbishop Carroll High in Philadelphia, an opportunity appeared leading the basketball team to a 59-12

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Muffet McGraw played point guard

for the California Dreams, a team in the

folded women's professional league.

The league did not last long but her next step would lead to continued greatness.

She became an assistant at her alma mater, then earned her first collegiate head coaching assignment at Lehigh University before another opportunity arose. This one was a golden opportunity for both McGraw and the University of Notre Dame.

May 18, 1987 was one of the most significant days in Notre Dame women's basketball history. It was the day then-athletic director Gene Corrigan hired McGraw.

"It was searched for an entire year. I don't think we would find anyone better suited for our program," Corrigan said.

Twelve years and 258 wins later Corrigan's words still ring true.

"I was drawn to Notre Dame by prestige, tradition, the reputation of the school," McGraw said. "It was everything that I wanted in a job. It's a great school with a pretty small campus in a nice area and I thought it would be easy to recruit."

McGraw's list of accomplishments as head coach are long and distinguished. She became known to decorate the Center with NCAA tournament banners, the most notable signifying the 1997 Final Four.

Notre Dame's Cinderella run behind 2,000 point scorers Beth Morgan and once they were gone we

was going to develop that kind of close friendship she instilled in us."

"I think it was a greater accomplishment than going to the Final Four," McGraw said. "I think that when we went to the Final Four, people thought we were just Katarina Gaidier and Beth Morgan and once they were gone we were done. It gave the whole program the sense that we're for real and we're going to be in the top 10 or certainly expect to be in the top 20 every year."

"That reflects on what a great coach she is," senior captain Sheila McMillen said about last year's run in the NCAA Tournament. "Last year was suppose to be a down year because we were losing two great players. She can tell the personality of the team and how to handle it and how to get the most out of it."

"I couldn't believe how much that team grew some that year and how far we went," point guard Niele Ivey said. "She had a lot to do with that. Coach McGraw helped us realize the confidence that we needed for us to do what we had to do. I think we went so far because of the confidence she instilled in us."

McGraw's success has come from more than just her skills with a clipboard. Her passion for the game and developing the coach-player relationship help to make her program what it is.

"You can tell that she loves coaching by how she is on the sidelines," McMillen said. "That carries over to the players on the floor."

"I wanted to go to a program that reminded me of home and my family," Ivey said. "When I met her, I felt like I was going to develop that kind of close relationship with her that I had with my previous coaches and my mom. She's a real personable coach, a very understanding and caring coach. Regardless of athletics, it seems that she really cared about my success here as a person besides an athlete and that's what convinced me to come here."

"With success comes greater opportunity," McGraw's decision to stay at Notre Dame reinforced her dedication to the program and her players.

The Irish just finished their best regular season ever and are eying their first Big East tournament championship.

"She puts so much time and energy into everything we do," Ivey said. "Everything we do is a reflection upon her and I think that's why she's a really good coach. She cares so much about us. We wants us to succeed so much and puts so much effort and energy to it. I think that's what makes her really special."

That has made Notre Dame women's basketball really special too.

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Junior center Julie Henderson will see quality minutes off the bench for Muffet McGraw's squad.
The shot is open for the Irish to take, and landing it means more than winning another game.

Actualy, Notre Dame will need to win its next three games before it can score the biggest victory of the season. With coach Muffet McGraw at the helm, the Irish have been able to tear their way through the NCAA championships, including a run to the Final Four. But the team has yet to pick up a Big East tournament title.

That third win has eluded the Irish in the past three seasons. And every time, the blow has come from Connecticut. In fact, the Irish have never defeated Connecticut, losing all nine meetings. On paper, McGraw’s task this season seems all the more improbable with No. 7 Rutgers in the mix of teams with shots at the title.

But basketball is played on the hardwood, and the Irish know that now’s their chance. "I think the Big East tournament is really up for grabs," said Miami coach Ferne Lahat after her team finished the regular season at Notre Dame Tuesday. “It’s going to be a wild tournament.”

Wild is exactly the setting the Irish need to pull off a magical run to the top. When even the seventh-seeded Hurricanes have hopes of making an effort for the championship, then a team like Notre Dame should be able to play like champions to.

And they have, by rebounding after losses and persevering for conference contention. The key now is to rebound from the losses in head-to-head matchups with Connecticut and Rutgers.

"So far I think we are living up to the expectations we had," said team captain Sheila McMillen. "Early on in the season, we beat the teams we wanted to beat, but we’ve also lost a couple of games that we probably shouldn’t have. I think the key thing from that is that we rebounded after those losses. Now it’s time to turn our focus onto the tournament. This is like a second season for us.”

The Irish beat themselves in both of those losses by allowing the opposition to dictate the game’s momentum. "Man and gun" might be Connecticut’s style and a stifling slow-paced game might be in Rutgers game plan, but neither can overpower McGraw’s team when it sticks to its game.

Though they continue to concentrate on the defense, the Irish have grabbed much attention for their attack. When on its game, it is basically unstoppable. The threat can come from anywhere, including 6-foot-4 center Ruth Riley from under the rim and Shawnetta Stewart in the backcourt. Their defense can give them the springboard to bounce to the title.

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

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Irish search for first-ever Big East title

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TOP CONTENDERS

No. 1 Connecticut

Starting the season on top of the polls and virtually untouched in the Big East, the Huskies had a rough second half for a team that only lost one game all last season. After losses to Tennessee and Louisiana Tech., Boston College proved that it is not invincible in the Big East. With five players earning double-digit points-per-game averages in the conference, and Paige Sauer, Svetlana Abrosimova, and Shea Ralph all earning conference player-of-the-week honors, Connecticut has the muscle to blast through the tournament.

No. 2 Rutgers

Tying Connecticut for the conference regular-season crown, Rutgers’ 17-1 mark not only landed it a No. 2 seed heading into the tournament, but also a ranking of seventh in the nation. The Scarlet Knights boast one of the strongest defenses in the nation. Leading the way will be Tammy Sutton-Brown in the paint and Shawnetta Stewart in the backcourt. Their defense can give them the springboard to bounce to the title.

No. 3 Notre Dame

Wielding one of the most varied offenses in the conference, the Irish have counted on a number of scorers to drop the ball this season. The biggest problem is the defense has failed in the three conference losses. Notre Dame will need to focus on the defense in order to challenge teams like Connecticut, Rutgers and Boston College and have a shot at the championship.

No. 4 Boston College

The first team without a first round bye, the Eagles have recorded their first-ever 20-win season. Alissa Murphy has been the team’s most consistent, with 15.8 points per game. With two wins against lower-ranked opponents in the first and quarterfinals, Boston College could find itself in the semis against Connecticut.

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McMillen leads Irish into conference tourney

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Growing up on a farm in Rochester, Ind., few would have thought that Sheila McMillen would make her living downtown.

The senior captain, however, has done just that. McMillen already holds the single-season Irish record for three-pointers made (64) and has entered her name into the Notre Dame record books for a second time this season. Most recently, she eclipsed another of Beth Morgan's records and became the school's all-time leader for three-pointers made (233).

"It's quite an honor to be mentioned with Morgan," said McMillen. "I played under her for two years and she's a great player, so it's definitely an honor.

"Those records are something I'll be able to enjoy when the season and my career are over," McMillen continued. "Right now, I'm just focusing on our team's success."

McMillen has been an integral part of the that team success. The lone Irish captain is enjoying an outstanding senior season and has provided invaluable leadership for the young squad.

"Sheila has had a tremendous season," head coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think the biggest thing she's done for us this year is her leadership and poise. She always brings her game and comes out ready to play. We can count on her and we know exactly what we are going to get out of her every single night."

In her senior campaign, McMillen is averaging 15.8 points per game, ranking her eighth in conference scoring. She has turned in a team-high 10 20-point performances and pulled down a career-high eight rebounds on three separate occasions. She is also third in the nation in three-point field goals per game, averaging 3.1 per contest.

"I think she's improved a lot," said McGraw. "She's come up big in every game for us and she's played so well for us all season long. She's probably been the mainstay on our team and definitely the person we can count on the most during the year."

McGraw is not the only coach to praise McMillen. Following the Irish's victory over the Hurricanes on Tuesday night, Miami head coach Ferne Labati lauded the three-point specialist.

"I think McMillen is a great player," Labati said. "She has a really quick release, but the greatest thing of all is that she shoots so well off that pass and has a really pretty shot. She's improved a lot and worked awfully hard. She was a great player coming out of high school, but I think she's worked hard to improve the quickness of her shot and the confidence of her shot."

McMillen's distinct no-rotation shot has given opposing coaches fits and even broken down the conference's best zone defenses.

"People say I have a knuckle ball rotation, but I just focus on the quick release and getting the shot off," McMillen said. She made that shot famous in the first round of last year's Big East championship when she hit up St. John's for a tournament-record eight three-pointers at the Louis Brown Athletic Center. "I'm looking forward to playing there," said McMillen. "Shooters have their favorite gyms and I'm not sure what it is about it, but I feel really comfortable there."

McMillen also felt comfortable in an Irish uniform.

"Being so close, I grew up with Notre Dame," said McMillen, who was named to the Successful Farming All-American basketball team earlier this season. "I went to basketball camp here and I fell in love with the place. Irish fans have also fallen in love with her and her presence on the court will surely help us make tournament time.

As for now, the senior is looking forward to a successful postseason. "I think I'm pretty loose going in," McMillen said. "I'm having a lot of fun and that's the key I think now, especially going into the NCAA tournament.

Notre Dame's first-ever Big East championship would make tournament time that much more enjoyable for McMillen, who was a member of the 1997 Final Four team. The Irish will be tough to stop if McMillen gets it going from downtown.

Senior captain Sheila McMillen is averaging 15.8 points per game and has gone over 20 points 10 times this season. The Irish bench will play a key role in the fate of the women in this year's Big East Tournament. Notre Dame's balanced attack and depth will give them an advantage heading into the postseason.
Versatile comic looks to make his mark on the entertainment world

A former IBM computer engineer, Jamal's analytical approach and perceptive range is brilliantly parlayed into a comic vision that evokes laughter the moment he touches the stage. He possesses a theatrical gift and versatility that is evidenced in his every move, whether he is impersonating a wide range of characters or simply recalling some hilarious facet of human nature. Jamal has consistently demonstrated that he is more than simply a funny-man of comedy. As the host of "Comedic Justice," Jamal broke comedic ground, presenting us with images that ran the gamut of entertainment to information. A fun-paced, urban showcase, "Comedic Justice" spotlighted ethnic humor while incorporating stand-up and sketch comedy, as well as celebrity interviews. Arsenio Hall, Reverend Jesse Jackson and Sinbad are only a sample of the personalities who have been interviewed by Jamal for the show.

With The Cheapest Movie Ever Made, Jamal once again presents us the opportunity to glimpse his comedic genius at its best. The movie details the trials of a young filmmaker, Sherlock Jamal, and how he is involved in the help of his homies to produce his screenplay, entitled, "The Final Exit—008," the story of the first black James Bond. The lively spoof incorporates action, thriller and suspense.

Jamal is on a career path that is continually expanding. And as long as comedy continues to be one of America's favorite pasttimes, A.J. Jamal will remain in the forefront. A prolific talent, he is fast on his way to becoming a comedy legend.

A.J. Jamal is perhaps one of comedy's hardest working comedians, having conquered internationally the territories of television, film, concert halls, colleges and comedy clubs with his captivating style. With credits that include "Vibe-TV," "Keenan," and "The Tonight Show," the comedian also served as host of his own show, the A&E nominated, "Comic Justice" which still airs on the Comedy Central network. Many remember Jamal from his early days, as part of the comedic core of "In Living Single."

He has worked in venues from Radio City Music Hall to Caesar's Palace, and performed in concert with a bevy of top recording artists, including Diana Ross, Aretha Franklin, Cher and Kenny Loggins. His enchanting G-rated persona has been captured on the screen of "The Arsenio Hall Show," "Comic Strip Live," "A&E's "An Evening at the Improv," and "Def Comedy Jam." He has also served as the host of "Comedy in the Caribbean," for the Arts Entertainment Network.

The Cheapest Movie Ever Made, however, is Jamal's greatest venture to date. Adding filmmaker to his list of accomplishments, A.J. recently wrapped up production on the movie, a vehicle which he directs, produces and stars in. A labor of love, laughs and not dollars, The Cheapest Movie Ever Made is a madcap whirlwind adventure. It stars film veteran Art Evans (Die Hard), Garrett Morris ("Saturday Night Live"), and Tiny "Zeus" Lester (Fifth Element).
Straka had a goal and an assist in the third period this season, giving him 14 points (7-7-14) and 28 points (10-7-3) in his last 10 games. The Avalanche lead the NHL with 19 wins on the road. They are tied with Boston in the last 10 matches against New Jersey.

Jackson Allison tied it with a 1-0 lead in the middle period.

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MINNEAPOLIS

Minnesota continued itsekyll-and-Hyde season Thursday night, rebounding from Tuesday's poor performance against Purdue for a crucial 62-48 victory over the Boilermakers (No. 22 ESPN/USA Today, No. 23 AP). Big Ten scoring leader Quinnipac's high scorer, Lewis had 27 points to lead the Golden Gophers (No. 25 ESPN/USA Today, No. 23 AP), but his efforts were not enough to keep the NCAA tournament hopes alive after dropping four of their previous five games.

The Gophers finished 6-2 at home in the conference, but they are just 1-6 on the road with Saturday's regular-season finale at Northwestern coming up. Purdue (19-10, 7-8 Big Ten) committed a season-high 25 turnovers in that loss, and also set season lows for points and field goals.

Lewis also had a season-low 11 points in that game, but he matched that by halftime Thursday. After shooting 5-for-12 and scoring 10 points and 10 rebounds in the last home Big Ten game of his career, Kevin Clark, another of Minnesota's four seniors, scored 16 points.

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42. Jackson's 173 career epee wins place him second in career epee wins in Notre Dame history. The men's sabre and foil team should have no trouble with any of the competition this weekend.

Charles Hayes rejoins the foil team this weekend after missing last week's competition while attending Junior Parents' Weekend. Freshman Steven Mautone, who leads the team in victories after picking up 15 wins last weekend and captain Stephane Auriol who won the 1998 Midwest foil title will combine to form a lethal combination.

The sabre team will be without the services of freshman Andre Crompton again this weekend. Crompton will be competing at a Junior World Cup circuit in Montreal. He has a chance to make the World Championship team and needs to do well at this meet to pick up points.

While Crompton is an extremely talented fencer, the tremendous talent and depth of the sabre squad should be able to overcome his absence. All-American captain Luke LaValle, senior Stephen McQuade and freshman Gabor Szelle are all capable of defeating anyone in the Midwest.

"On the men's side I don't see anyone who can challenge Notre Dame," Auriol said. Both the men's and women's team will be looking to pick up their eighth-straight Midwest team championship.

The consistent success of the Irish fencing program in the Midwest might lead to complacency on the part of Notre Dame. The chance for revenge, however, will keep the Irish focused.

"I think it is lucky that we did lose those two meets," Mustilli said. "Now we are out for revenge. It has been easy in the past to just sit back, but I think that this year we will definitely step it up because of the revenge factor."

The team competitions will be held on Saturday. The drama, however, does not end on Saturday. The individual competition on Sunday includes not only more revenge match-ups, but also the added excitement of teammates facing teammates.

The women's foil competition should provide some of the most excitement of the weekend. Walsh will compete with two-time Ohio State All-American Yelena Kalkina for the Midwest foil title. The two have met twice this season with Walsh winning the first meeting and Kalkina taking the second.

Walsh will also receive stiff competition from her teammates, Paulina and Brown. Another battle of teammates to watch on the women's side is the clash between all-American epeists Mustilli and Auriol.

"It is pretty neat opportunity because Magda and I don't get to fence each other a lot," Mustilli said. "The individuals meetings will definitely provide an opportunity to face Magda and other top fencers.

"Auriol will also be facing tough competition from his teammates, as he looks to defend his 1998 Midwest foil title. Hayes and Mautone will both provide stiff competition for the senior captain. The epee and sabre competition will both feature battles between seasoned veterans and talented new comers. Casas should provide a tough match for Jackson and Szelle, who will push LaValle to the limit.

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on getting their point guard
Martin Ingelsby healthy and on
the Eagles who knocked off Notre Dame, 78-67, in
Chestnut Hill, Mass.
"We want to get out revenge
against Boston College," Murphy said.
Ingelsby sat out the first
game of his career Wednesday
night due to a sprained ankle.
He is listed as questionable for
Sunday’s game.
In his place Jimmy Dillon and
Rainey will try to fill the void of
Notre Dame’s most solid ball
handler, as the Irish gear up
for the Big East Tournament.
"We’re using it as prepara-
tion for the tournament," Murphy said. "I don’t think
we’ve won a game in the Big
East Tournament so far, but I
think we’re right on the verge
of breaking in and making a
run."
If the Irish hope to make the
NIT they’ll have to beat Boston
College and win at least two
games in the tournament
which would include knocking
off either Connecticut or
Miami. The Irish beat Miami in
Miami earlier this season, but the
Hurricanes have been on a
tear recently and the Huskies
are still in the top five.
"We were looking forward to
getting into a post-season tour-
nament," Murphy said. "We
had some troubles with
injuries and we didn’t play as
well as we would have liked
down the stretch, but we still
have a chance going into the
Big East Tournament if we win
a couple games there and beat
Boston College we should be on
the verge of getting into the
NIT."
Even if the Irish do not get a
NIT bid they will look back on
this season as one of growth,
instead of one of dissapoint-
ment.
"We are a real young team
and there are going to be ups
and downs because we are so
young," Murphy said. "We will
win some big games like we
have and we’ll lose some
games that we should win, but
we’re learning and we’ll use
this as a springboard for next
year."
"It’s been a learning
process," he continued.
"It’s the first time we’ve been
on these road trips and play in
these different arenas. Now
that we’ve got a full year under
our belts we’ll be that much
more ready to play next year."
Tracksters close home indoor season this weekend

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field team will look to add to its NCAA Indoor Track Championship qualifications this weekend, as they host the Alex Wilson Invitational at the Loftus Center.

The invitational is the last meet for the Irish before next weekend's NCAA's at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

The men's team qualified three members last weekend at the Big East Indoor Championships. The team placed second in the conference.

All-Big East junior Marshan West qualified in the 200 meters and the long jump. His time of 21.42 in the 200 meters took first place, four-tenths of a second ahead of his nearest competitor.

Senior Mike Brown qualified in the pole vault by placing first in the event with a mark of 16-2. His victory tied a team record of three consecutive Big East individual indoor championships in a single event. Former Irish All-American Jason Rexing accomplished the same feat in the 5,000 meters from 1996-98.

Senior Ryan Shay also qualified with a second place time of 1:18.70 in the 5,000 meters. The Alex Wilson Invitational, named for the former Notre Dame coach, will give Brown and Shay an opportunity to improve on their marks. Brown, who won his event at last year's invitational, looks to repeat as champion. Sophomore Terry Wray also will attempt to repeat his first place finish in the 500 meters.

The invite is crucial for other team members looking to secure a bid in the championships. Antonio Arce might have the best chance in doing so. The senior could lock up a spot with a fast time in the mile.

The women's team placed third at the Big East Championships, a tremendous improvement over last year's 10th-place finish.

"Track is arguably the Big East's best sport," head coach Joe Plano said. "Last year two of the top three women's teams in the nation were from the Big East. To make that kind of improvement is quite an accomplishment."

Helping the Irish to this accomplishment were all-American Jocasta Deeter and junior Jennifer Engelhardt.

Deeter placed first in the 5,000 meters with a time of 16:22.64. She just missed another victory, taking second in the 3,000 meters at 9:32.48. Seventeenth of a second behind Providence's Sarah Dupree. She has qualified for the NCAA's in both events.

Engelhardt placed second in the high jump for the third-straight year. Her jump of 5-10 tied her career best for indoor competition, and qualified her to compete next weekend in Indianapolis.

Senior Nadia Schmiedt will be defending her first-place finish in the 400 meters from last year's Alex Wilson Invitational. All three of the women look to have a big weekend, as the indoor season concludes.

The ninth annual invitational begins tonight at 6 p.m. and continues on Saturday at 11 a.m.

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Irish open season at Nittany Lions

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

After a disappointing 5-7 record last year, the 22nd-ranked Nittany Lions' lacrosse team will look to kick off the 1999 campaign on a positive note when they face-off against the 16th-ranked Penn State on Sunday at State College.

"Last year was definitely disappointing for us," said goalie Kirk Howell. "I think we had high expectations going in and took for granted that we were going to be good. This year we've had a great preseason and everyone's working hard, so it's totally different from last year. We're ready to go."

The Nittany Lions are one of the three last four season openers. Notre Dame is 13-5 in openers and 3-2 all-time against Penn State.

Last year, Notre Dame failed to make the NCAA tournament for the first time in seven seasons. In addition, the Irish lost three key players from last year's squad. Three-time honorable mention all-American Jimmy Keenan, three-time all-American and 1998 Great Western Lacrosse League player of the year Todd Barauskas and four-year starter Alex Cade were all lost to graduation.

"It's going to be tough without them," said Howell. "They were all great players." Barauskas was one of the best defenders in the country and Keenan was someone we counted on for offense, so now we're concentrating on team defense and have changed our offense a little bit.

The Irish do, however, return six starters. Preseason all-American candidate Chris Duseau heads a solid attack unit. The senior co-captain has been the leading goal scorer for the Irish each of the past three seasons, and at Notre Dame has piled up a 24-20 career goals scored (82) at Notre Dame and 73 at Dave Utech. He'll also supply some firepower for the midfield.

As a freshman, he was second on the team in scoring. He netted 16 goals and dished off 18 assists.

Senior Ned Webster also returns at attack, after missing the 1998 season with a knee injury. Webster had 13 goals and 18 assists in 1997.

The midfield unit lost two starters, but two seniors are returning on defense. Co-captain David Biddulph started 12 games for the Irish, while senior Tim Hieke started 10.

Howell will get the nod in net for Notre Dame. Neither he nor backup Pat Darcy have seen extensive playing time in their first two seasons.

"I'm really excited after sitting on the bench for two years," said Howell. "Cade was lost last season, so I got some playing time in their first two seasons. I'm really excited after sitting on the bench for two years."
Irish prepare for weekend of Wildcat hunting

By TED BASSANI

Now that it's the penultimate weekend of the regular season, we can officially label this weekend's games as crunch time.

With just four games to go before the CCHA playoffs start, Notre Dame is in fifth place in the CCHA. They trail fourth-place Northern Michigan by just one point for the final home ice spot. The two games this weekend feature battles between the Irish and the Wildcats.

It is quite likely, given how each team currently sits in the standings, that the winner of this weekend's series will go on to host a first-round series. Assuming these two teams finish fourth and fifth, this weekend's series will determine which team will have to make an extra nine-hour bus trip to begin the CCHA playoffs.

Irish head coach Dave Poulin said it is not a stretch to call Friday night the most important game of the year.

"Especially winding down the stretch with a chance to go up on a team that we're competing against specifically for home ice, there's no question it's the biggest game of the year," he said.

The only prior meeting this season between Northern and Notre Dame took place in Marquette, Mich., five weeks ago. After taking a 3-1 lead midway through the third period, Notre Dame squandered the lead with less than five minutes to play. Team captains Lee Huff and Fred Mattersdorfer each scored within a span of 37 seconds to force the 3-3 tie.

Every team that plays Northern Michigan has the same game plan coming in — stop the Wildcats' top scoring line of J.P. Vigier, Buddy Smith and Roger Trudetar. Although head coach Rick Comely has mixed and matched his lines at times this season, this precise unit has remained in place for the majority of the season. Smith, Vigier and Trudetar are the top three scorers on the Northern Michigan roster. Each player has contributed 29 assists to lead the conference.

More importantly for the Irish, who have struggled with late killing penalties, this line forms a lethal power play combination as well. Vigier is tied for second in the CCHA with 10 power play goals on the year.

In their current four-game slide, Notre Dame has only managed two goals, and has gone scoreless in its last 25 power play opportunities. Earlier in the year, the Irish power play enjoyed much success. Lately, however, opposing teams seem to know what to expect from the power play unit and have shut it down.

"As you go on in the year, you have to learn to adjust," Poulin said. "Early on, the power play was clicking along at 25 percent. But it has snapped, so we've changed it up, changed the formation a little bit, changed the personnel a bit."

In the last four games, the team's top scorers simply have not been scoring. The top five scorers on the team have all gone scoreless over the last two weeks. In addition, the team's second line, which consists of Dan Carlson, David Inman and Joe Dusbabek, has also gone through a recent dry spell. Over the last nine games, the second line has combined to score only two goals and seven points.

With so much pressure put on the team's top scorers, the third line of Chad Chipchase, Piano and Ryan Dolder may need to fill the void. Over the last two games, this unit has created the most chances, but has not been able to cash in on them.

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Women take early lead, men still afloat at Big East

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The Notre Dame women's swim team took an early lead, while the men are currently in third place after the first of three days at the Big East swimming championships.

With 148 points, the men are just 11 new points shy of second place Syracuse and 24 points ahead of Rutgers. Pittsburgh is in command with 244 points.

Even though the exact women's team scores were not available because of a dispute about a diving score, it is clear that the Irish are well on their way to winning the meet for the third consecutive year.

The highlight of the night was provided by sophomore Carrie Nixon. Her 22.77 in the preliminaries of the 50-yard freestyle earned a school and Big East record, as well as an automatic NCAA Championship bid. She proceeded to drop that time to 22.62 en route to a victory in the finals.

"It was a pretty incredible swim," women's head coach Bailey Weathers said, "I knew she could do it here, it's pretty critical to us." Nixon was followed by teammates Brooke Davey in fifth place, Laura Sheppard in seventh and Maureen Hillenmeyer in 14th.

The women also won both the 200 freestyle and 400 medley relays. Both relays broke Big East and school records with times of 1:32.96 and 3:43.17, respectively.

After one day of competition at the Big East swimming championships, the Irish men's and women's teams stand in third and first place, respectively. Competition continues today and throughout the weekend.

Scott Zumbach contributed 17 points by scoring second in the 200 individual medley. Liz Barger, Shannon Suddarth, Allison Lloyd and Tiffany O'Brien combined to score 54 points in the championship final heat. Suddarth and O'Brien tied for third place at 2:05.61.

Kristen Van Buren and Tara Riggs qualified second and third during the preliminaries of the 500 freestyle, then held their spots during the finals. Both earned NCAA Championship consideration times.

The men have struggled through the sprints all season, but were very competitive in the 50 freestyle last night. Ray Fitzpatrick finished second at 20.73, followed by Vince Kuna's seventh place time of 21.13. Fitzpatrick's time broke another old school record, set by Jim Birmingham in 1990.

"This is the fastest first day since we've been coming to the Big East Championships," men's coach Tim Welsh said. "We were pretty confident that we would sprint better here than we had been doing all year, but we would not have predicted this."

Although the women appear to be dominating the meet, they know that the meet is not over yet, and are not assuming that they will win.

"It's not in the bag yet. Villanova has their best team ever, so it's not going to be a walk in the park to beat them. We have to stay competitive with them," Weathers said, noting the Irish score is behind where it was after the first day of competition at last year's championships.
**Baseball**

Sluggers take field in New Orleans

By BILL HART

With snow still covering the campus, it's hard for someone not Irish about playing baseball.

This weekend, however, the Notre Dame baseball squad will return to the diamond when they head southward to New Orleans to face the 1999 New Orleans Classic. The Irish return to action after opening the year with a four-game series in Miami last weekend.

"As far as competition goes, they're going to be tough," sophomore pitcher Aaron Heilmann said about the upcoming opponents. "We're going to have to treat them with the respect they deserve, tough, and go out there to win."

On Friday evening, the Irish will open the tournament when they face the Miami Hurricanes. The Hurricanes finished last season with a 36-18 overall record and an 12-2 mark in the Big 12, good enough for fifth place in the conference.

Mizou has gotten off to a slow start this season. Having been swept by conference rival Texas in three straight games of which were called off early by the 12-run rule, the Tigers will be looking to get back on track this weekend.

The only bright spot in the Tiger lineup was infielder Jon Williams, who went 3-for-10 on the weekend with three doubles, three runs and two RBIs.

On Saturday afternoon, Notre Dame will play tournament host New Orleans. The Privateers were picked to finish fourth in the Southeast Belt this year, and currently they hold a 3-2 record in conference play. The team will look to maintain the same pace they had last season, when they finished fifth in the conference with a 29-29 record. The Irish hope to continue past success against the Privateers. Two years ago, they completed a three-game sweep of the Privateers.

Notre Dame will finish the weekend's action on Sunday with a matinee against Southern Illinois. The Salukis entered the weekend with a 2-1 record. After losing their home opener to Stetson, 8-7, the Salukis rallied with 10-7 and 14-6 wins to claim the series. "The competition in New Orleans was very challenging," SIUC head coach Dan Callahan said about the upcoming weekend. "We know UNO always has a fine lineup, and Missouri and Notre Dame are loaded. Missouri is 0-3, but the Tigers are coming off action at the University of Texas — perhaps the top team in the country right now. Missouri won 36 games last season, and Notre Dame nabbed 41, so we know the competition will be tremendous."

The Irish struggled offensively last weekend. They opened with an 8-4 victory over James Madison, before losing three straight.

All three defeats last weekend came at the hands of Florida International, who extended their record to 12-0, the best start in the team's history. After the game, Irish head coach Paul Mainieri had high praise for the FIU squad.

"We ran into a buzz-saw there," he said. "This is probably FIU's most outstanding team in its history. They have a very solid team and their starting rotation completely handcuffed our hitters."

In the final game of the series, the home team retired the first 11 Irish batters, before senior catcher Jeff Wagner reached on an infield single. Wagner stole second and took third on a throwing error, but the next batter bounced out to the catcher for the closeout of the inning.

As it turned out, it would be as close as the visitors would get to scoring a run. They had just four hits and five walks over the course of the game. Despite falling to 1-3 on the season and losing their opening momentum, the team still feels confident about their chances this weekend.

"Last week was pretty unfortunate," Heilmann said. "We had some things go wrong, but we've come out with a positive attitude. We've practiced all week long, and have pretty much put it all behind us."

**Men's Tennis**

Broncos visit the Eck Pavilion

By NATHANIEL DeNICOLA

This Friday, the Notre Dame men's tennis team hosts the Boise State Broncos at the Eck Tennis Pavilion at 3 p.m.

The match is on the last of three this week for the 24th-ranked Irish. Notre will head to Iowa on Wednesday and play Ohio State on Saturday. By shutting down the Hawkeyes, 7-0, the Irish compiled their second shutout of the season and moved their season mark to 5-4.

Last Saturday, the team enjoyed their first shutout, as they blanked 37th-ranked Northwestern, 7-0. They then fell to 23rd-ranked Minnesota on Sunday. Several notable changes occurred in the lineup in the victory over Iowa. Andrew Laffin moved up the singles ladder from No. 6 to No. 4. Laffin, who boasts an unfeated record at No. 6 singles, continued his impressive freshman season by downing Pete Mazdir in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2.

Senior captain Andy Warford assumed the No. 4 slot, where he got the best of Jason Bunn in a straight match, 6-0, 4-6, 6-1. The doubles lineup also experienced some reshuffling at Nos. 2 and 3, due to a relief of Matt Horvay's wrist injury.

Weekend included Trent Miller to fill the vacancy at No. 2, while the freshman tandem of Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico excelled in their dual-match debut, beating Ben Ramsey/II. Chidley 8-3 at No. 3 doubles.

The Irish will take their new and improved lineup against a 3-5 Boise State team. Last year, the Broncos defeated Notre Dame two times in as many weeks. Historically, the Irish hold a 2-2 record versus the Broncos.

Despite losing to Clemson, SMU and Minnesota, Boise State has yet to lose a doubles point, an ominous stat considering that this elusive point has been the deciding factor in several of the Irish's 4-3 losses.

In the latest ITA rankings on Feb. 16, all-American Ryan Sacrifice improved from the No. 3 spot to No. 2, marking the highest ranking held by an Irish singles player since 1992, when David DiLascia finished the season at No. 1. The rise from No. 3 to No. 2 derives from his success at the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships singles consolation and his 9-2 dual-match record.

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Cougars look to finish strong

By J W CAVATO
Associate Sports Editor

Although chances for the post-season appear slim, the Notre Dame men's basketball team will look to send its seniors off on a high note this Sunday when the Boston College Eagles come to town.

Antoni Wyche, Phil Hickey, Paul Rainey and Dennis Carroll will make their final appearances this weekend as the 14-16 Irish look to rebound from a 20-point loss to St. John's and prepare for the Big East Tournament.

"We've got a lot to finish up our season strong at home," freshman Troy Murphy said. "It's senior day so it will be an emotional game for Tone and Phil and all the seniors.

Aside from all the emotion of senior day, the Irish are still playing for position in the Big East Tournament.

The Irish could finish anywhere from seventh to ten in the seedings for the tournament. They are in a traffic jam in the middle of the pack with Providence, Seton Hall and Georgetown.

The seven and ten spots will play each other Wednesday, with the winner playing the second seed the next day.

The eighth and ninth seeds will also play each other Wednesday at Madison Square Garden and the winner of that game will take on the top seed.

The top two seeds will be Connecticut and Miami, but the order may not be reversed.

The Irish are concentrated

Irish point guard Martin Ingelsby goes for a layup versus Georgetown. The team wraps up its season against Boston College on Sunday.

Irish host Midwest Championships

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

In the words of all-American center E.J. Jackson, "It's pay-back time.

Notre Dame hosts the Midwest Championships this weekend and the Irish are looking to avenge two losses for past defeats at the hands of Midwest teams.

The women take on Midwest opponents Northwestern and Ohio State, both of whom defeated the Irish earlier this season. The return of all-Americans Magda Krol and Sara Walsh and junior Anna Kalogera should propel the Irish to victories over both the Buckeyes and the Wildcats.

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"Ohio State and Northwestern have decent teams," head coach Yves Auriol said. "But this coming weekend we will have a full team so we should be ok.

The men's epee team will also be looking to avenge a past defeat when they match up with Lawrence University. Last weekend when the two squads clashed, Lawrence emerged with a 5-4 victory.

"We found out that Lawrence has a very good epee squad," Auriol said. Jackson and freshman stand out Brian Casas will look to lead the Irish to victory this weekend and win the Midwest title.

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guard captain Nicole Mustilli said. "I think that this is a chance to prove that our full team, with Magda back, that we can take Northwestern, no problem. And Ohio State, we beat them at home last time so we are going to do it again this time.

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— Dominic J. "Nappy" Napolitano
OVERBECK OUT FOR THE FINALS

While each of the boxers fought just once after advancing with first round byes, Overbeck will not be available for tonight's finals. A previously scheduled medical interview in Kansas City will keep the Knott Hall senior from a match up with the Morrissey freshman.

The senior looks stronger than ever and will make for an interesting fight, but might not be enough for Kent to pull off his third upset. Although he does not have a powerful punch, Chen's controlled and patient attack assures that his punches hit the mark. Kent's similar build and fighting style may be more for a test of endurance as both of these fighters endured some tough fights.

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This is just one of the premiere captains’ matchups. The battle between captains and friends will come down to who wants it more. No. 1-seeded Vill will be primed to capture the title that eluded him last year when he lost an epic battle to senior Lucas Molina. This time, the second-seeded Maguire finds himself fighting the friend he respects. Will bring a controlled, technical approach while Maguire takes a more aggressive approach. Both boxers display solid techniques and similar body types. This one will come down to a test of emotions.

- Allison Krilla

**150 LB.**

**MELLIN**

**HERNANDEZ**

Who could ask for a more even fight than this one? Junior captain J.R. Mellin has the experience but so does freshman Edward Hernandez. The freshman sensation packs a powerful punch which often times leaves his opponents stunned. Mellin can boast nothing less as both his quarterfinal and semifinal matches have been called early. Each have the footwork and the skills, so this could be one of the best fights of the night.

Hernandez gets a slight advantage with his ability to box both ways, leaving many questioning how to prepare.

-Nathan Lopez

**170 LB.**

**HAMMES**

**KERRIGAN**

Junior Mike "Honey" Hammes could have his hands full with senior favorite Alex "The Corn Cob Kid" Kerrigan. Hammes earned an impressive unanimous upset in the quarterfinals but has not seen any ring action since.

Kerrigan, with a big height and reach advantage, has put on two solid performances and is riding on two unanimous decisions. He will be tough to beat in the finals.

Hammes will have to be aggressive from the start if he wants to upset Kerrigan for the title.

-Kerry Smith

**195 LB.**

**KENT**

**RYAN**

Alex Kent can knock you out early but still have enough left in the tank to do the same in the third. Endurance has been key to his success thus far.

Pete "Beat the Rap" Ryan, with only one Bengal appearance under his belt, is still relatively unknown, which could work to his advantage. He possesses quick legs which he must utilize to avoid a brawl with powerful Kent.

Ryan must endure an early barrage from Kent and pace himself. If he follows these rules, expect this one to go down to the wire.

-Kevin Thompson

**HEAVY WEIGHT**

**SALVINO**

**YATAROLA**

David "The Rock" Murphy is definitely rested but the question might be is he too rested. He saw a quick minute of action in the quarterfinals and has been quiet ever since. Tom "Boo" Cronley could enter the finals somewhat tired after a split decision in the semifinals.

It could come down to determination because both are seniors with this being each of their last chance to win the big one. Cronley has the height and reach advantage but Murphy packs a powerful punch. This bout should be a duel to the end with the most determined being victorious.

-Kathleen Lopez

Both fighters proved themselves Wednesday night. Dave "Bell-Vegas" Butz showed he can stand in the heat, take his hits and dish out a wallop as well.

Mike "It burns more than it feels good" Velten, in his 1999 debut, showed he is a bruiser. He throws hard combinations and is relentless in the attack. Velten must use his power and speed to wear down Butz.

Both have proven stamina, but expect Velten to come out swinging early, looking for the quick Victory. If not, Butz will try to wear him down in a three-round slugfest.

-Kevin Thompson
Gaffney may enter record books with fourth straight title

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Entering the final match of his Bengal Bouts career, senior captain Brian "The Nutty Irishman" Gaffney has proven that he is no fluke.

With his unanimous decision victory Wednesday over Ben "Buster" Johnson in front of a large crowd at the Joyce H. Huddle Convocation Center, the Okton, Va., native now has a chance to achieve what only a handful of fighters has: four straight titles.

You could say that Gaffney burst onto the Bengal Bouts scene, surprising many his freshman year.

In his first match, the referee stopped the contest, not because of a daze in Gaffney's eyes but because he drilled Mike Shinners. The fight was called 1:26 minutes into the second round.

After his semifinal match, people truly began to take notice.

Gaffney registered one of the largest upset of that year's tournament, stunning both the crowd and captain Mike Deblasi.

His controversial split-decision victory over the 6-foot-2 Deblasi began the legend of this aggressive three-time champion.

Gaffney went on to record another split-decision victory over Dan Cunningham to capture his first Bengal Bout crown in the 185-pound division.

Gaffney returned his sophomore year to defend his title, but this time in the 180-pound category.

In the finals, he met Deblasi, a familiar face, who was now a senior captain looking for revenge. Gaffney was not to be denied, however, recording a dominating performance.

The defending champion floored Deblasi, knocking him down four times before ending the fight 35 seconds into the second round.

Gaffney aied Deblasi exiting the ring, showing indeed he was a true champion.

The two-time champ's hard work and dedication paid off last year when he was one of six fighters named captain.

Along with the title and his rising reputation came enormous pressure upon the junior.

Gaffney was not shaken.

In the 175-pound finals, Gaffney once again proved his grit and determination, defeating Chris Dobranski in three rounds to capture a third straight title.

While he did earn his third title, Gaffney endured one of the closest fights of his career.

In Wednesday's fight, Gaffney again felt the pressure of keeping his unbeaten streak alive.

"There was tremendous pressure," Gaffney said. "Every fight, there's more pressure. It's good though; you feel alive. You're doing something special."

Gaffney's opponent in the final of his career will be close friend and returning champion in the 180-pound division, junior Mike "Guns Don't Kill People, I Kill People" Romanchek.

Romanchek, renamed "El Pescador," won a controversial split decision victory over Dan Prince in last year's final and recorded a unanimous decision Wednesday over Garry "I'll Make Your Face Look Like Mine" Clay.

Gaffney has great respect for his opponent.

"Mike and I are not only training partners but we are extremely close friends," said Gaffney. "It'll be a competitive battle."

The friends are no strangers in the ring either.

In 1997's 180-pound semifinals, Gaffney defeated the freshman Romanchek, his last loss in Bengal Bouts competition. Since then, the competitors have trained together extensively, but have not sparred.

Romanchek is excited for the final and sees this fight as the culmination of a great rivalry.

"It's going to be a lot of fun. It's something we've both been looking forward to for a long time," said the junior captain and Colorado native.

"We have a golden bond out there. It really pulls us together. I think it's the best possible thing that could have happened."

Perhaps the best thing that could happen to this dedicated captain is a fourth straight championship and a place in the record books.

Will seeks a third and final championship to dispel doubt

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Managing Editor

Seven fights into his Notre Dame boxing career, junior captain Tommy Will was perfect.

In retrospect, he was too perfect.

After winning Bengal Bouts championships in his freshman and sophomore years, Will advanced to the finals in 1998 for a shot at a third consecutive title. It wasn't meant to be.

"The big difference between the first two years and going into last year was [that] your expectations of how good you should have raised so much," Will said of his streak-breaking loss to Lucas Molina, who Will had defeated in the 1997 finals, in last year's 135-pound championship.

"It's just because of the fact that I had won twice and you feel like maybe you have to win again.

Will may indeed win again. The senior captain and president of the boxing club is the favorite in this year's 145-pound division.

He has advanced as expected through the quarter- and semifinal rounds. After disposing of Zach Fulton Monday, Will went to work on Jim Shacklett on Wednesday. Will used his strong hooks to overpower both, winning unanimous decisions. He is set to face Mike Maguire in the highly anticipated final.

Will knew he had found his niche the first day he spent at the boxing room in 1996.

"I went down to boxing. 'Every fight you win, you're like, 'I can do this stuff,'" Will said of Molina's flashy in-the-ring routine intimidated most opponents, but Will was unfazed.

"It's his eyes were swollen, and just looking at him, I knew I had won the fight," Molina insisted after the match.

It was more than Will's impressive jab that earned him the split-decision victory. Molina's flashy in-the-ring routine intimidated most opponents, but Will was unfazed.

"He's saying a prayer in his corner, then he gets up and unloads all this crazy stuff," Will said of Molina's fancy footwork and showmanship. "I'm like, 'that doesn't mean a thing when it comes down to boxing.'"

Will studied in London the following fall and missed the novice workouts for the 1998 season. Will knew Molina would seek redemption and he found himself, for once, at a psychological disadvantage.

"You hate it so much right when it happens," said Will of his loss to Molina. "But then you look back on it and you realize that sometimes that's the best thing that could have happened to you at that point in your life. I think it helps you grow and makes you realize what you're weaknesses."

With his final fight on Friday, Will intends to keep the 1999 Bengal Bouts championship in perspective.

"It's my last chance to do this ever in my life," Will said. "So I just want to make every second of it awesome. You just want to leave knowing that no matter what, you gave it 110 percent. You didn't leave anything in the ring. And then if another championship comes along with that, that makes it maybe complete, or perfect."