Gore focuses on family values

By KATE STEER
Assistant News Editor

As Bill Clinton's vice president, Al Gore will have a lot to live up to and a lot to overcome in his campaign for the presidency. Either way, Gore bears a certain distinction which his competitor, Bill Bradley, felt in the Iowa caucuses.

Gore's strength in the polls and primaries is something his campaign staff is pleased with. Staffers plan to capitalize on this lead, which gives Gore liberty to take firmer stands on issues.

Gore presents his ideas on issues from education to health care to school violence with a heavy emphasis on family values. A self-proclaimed “fighter for the American family,” he has put energy into supporting the V-Chip and parental controls over TV and the Internet.

The Observer endorses Koelsch/Rodarte

Emily Koelsch and Rachele Rodarte stand out from the pack of candidates in Saint Mary’s presidential elections

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SONG OF PRAISE

The voices of Faith Gospel Choir perform at the “Who We Are Today: Walk in the Light of Christ,” prayer service Thursday. The service was part of this week’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Participants had a procession to Stonehenge after the service, which concluded the week-long remembrance of the slain civil rights leader and his dream.

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In Appreciation

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This Week in ND/Saint Mary's History

New locking policy at Alumni
January 29, 1971

Two main entrances were locked and additional doors installed to improve security in Alumni. "The doors were requested by Alumni residents in the Fall after the stabbing incident at Alumni. The doors only opened when a special card, distributed to each resident, was inserted. In case of a party, these men would have to be at the door with their cards to let in the guests." SMCC professor pleads not guilty
January 26, 1988

Professor Peter Smith and four others were arrested for criminal trespassing. During a Christmas Eve sit-in held in the third district Congressman John Hille's office, the residents of Crota Reels of Nicaragua. This "Pledge of Resistance" was tried in the St. Joseph County Court. Later that month, Smith and others joined a march of fasting for the same cause.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Michigan State U. recruit faces rape charges

Abducted, a Confederate battle flag burned quickly.

U. Washington students torch flag

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Va. Tech finds spring break scams
BLACKSBURG, Va.

Spring break travel scams can bring the best vacation plans to a grinding halt. As students prepare for trips to such places as Jamaica, Cancun or Florida, they should be careful to avoid deals which sound too good to be true. Many Virginia Tech students have their own horror stories. "We were flown out of Raleigh to Cancun last year," said Kim Acsue, senior. "We arrived two hours before our flight to find out that our vocational travel and our flight didn't leave till 7 p.m. "Problems can arise at any time during travel. Many people seem to have difficulties with their flight plans. "When we tried to check in they wouldn't let us on the plane because the company hadn't paid for our seats and now the flight was totally full," said Kim Acsue. After being given the run around from a travel company they arranged a flight for us from Newark, so we flew to Newark and left at 1 a.m. for Cancun," she said. Hotel reservations can also be difficult if not made properly or confirmed. "We were told that since we had such a large group that the hotel wouldn't bump us but since they were overbooked, they did," Acsue said.

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Students ‘Meet the Candidates,’ get answers

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

Members of the Saint Mary’s community had a chance to hear more from the four tickets running for student body president and vice president during a question-and-answer session.

Before opening the floor to questions from the audience, candidates answered questions generated by the Board of Governance.

Asked to address the most important issues facing Saint Mary’s, the candidates agreed that communication was important.

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In 1990, after the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq, Annan was given a special assignment to facilitate the repatriation of more than 900 international staff and the release of Western hostages in Iraq. He subsequently led the first U.N. team negotiating with Iraq on the sale of oil to fund purchases of humanitarian aid.
Born April 8, 1938, in Kumasi, Ghana, Annan studied at the University of Science and Technology in Kumasi and completed his undergraduate work in economics at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., in 1961. He undertook graduate studies in economics at the Institut Universitaire des Hautes Études Internationales in Geneva from 1961 to 1962. And, as a Sloan Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1971-72, he earned a master's degree in management.
Annan joined the U.N. system in 1962 as an administrative and budget officer with the World Health Organization in Geneva. Annan is fluent in English, French and several African languages. He is married to Nane Annan, a lawyer and artist; they have three children.

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Shaheen said Gore is the only candidate who can propagate economic prosperity. "He can keep us on the right track," she said.
William Daley, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, has said that Gore's commitment to the American family as beneficial to what might be continued efforts to improve the economy.
While Gore has acknowledged past mistakes, he has not apologized for them. He has admitted to using marijuana, but attributes it to the post-Vietnam era. His image as an honest "regular American" are his greatest attributes in the ongoing character debate.
Gore is the son of a former senator and was raised in Tennessee and Washington, D.C. He graduated from Harvard University in 1969 and attended Divinity School in Tennessee. Gore also attended Vanderbilt Law School.
REPORT: Teen smoking down

ATLANTA

Smoking among high schoolers dropped in 1999 for the first time since the government began keeping track at the start of the decade. But nearly one in 10 children are already smoking cigarettes in middle school.

A nationwide survey of 7,529 high schoolers in September and October found that 28.4 percent reported using tobacco products in the preceding month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday. In 1997, the last time the CDC looked at high school smoking, 36.4 percent of students said they had smoked in the preceding month.

At the time, teen smoking was on the rise. From 30 years ago, when it peaked at 54.3 percent, smoking has been dropping. Now it has hit its lowest point, although 28.4 percent is still considered high by tobacco control experts. Experts say the drop is encouraging.

Reports:

INDONESIA

President confident despite rumors

Associated Press

JAKARTA

One hundred days after becoming Indonesia's president, Abdurrahman Wahid on Thursday dismissed rumors of an imminent military coup with some bombshell news: the military is facing internal violence, a mosque bombing and a student protest.

The president branded his foes in the military as "cowards" and said most members of the armed forces support him.

Pushing ahead with reforms to loosen the military's role in politics, Wahid signed a decree removing four generals from the military so they can continue to serve as Cabinet ministers. One of the four was security affairs Minister Gen. Wiranto, who commanded the armed forces under authoritarian ex-President Suharto and Wahid's predecessor, Habibie.

A state-appointed human rights probe has implicated Gen. Wiranto and other Indonesian commanders in a rampage of killing and destruction in East Timor last year, investigator Asmara Nababan said Thursday.

Wahid was elected by parliament on Oct. 20 as Indonesia's first democratic head of state after four decades of authoritarian rule. A Muslim leader who has long preached religious tolerance, Wahid predicts the country's current outbreak of violence will end within two months.

Despite this, at least 65 people were killed during the past three days in fighting among Christians and Muslims in the eastern Sumatra archipelago, local military commander Brig. Gen. Max Tama said Thursday.

The clashes on Baca, a small island about 1,600 miles northeast of Jakarta, were the latest outbreak of violence in a yearlong conflict that has claimed more than 2,000 lives.

Many victims died in street battles fought with axes, swords and handmade guns in the archipelago, which used to be called the Spice Islands.

On Thursday, a small bomb rocked a mosque in Yogyakarta, on Indonesia's main island of Java. No one was injured.

In the northwest province of Aceh, thousands more have been killed in a separatist war. At least 18 rebels, soldiers and villagers have died this week despite a peace mission there by Wahid on Monday. Meanwhile, hundreds of students demonstrated for secession in the neighboring province of Riau on Thursday. Police used tear gas and fired warning shots to disperse the protest outside a petroleum plant operated by the Galles oil company.

Wahid has promised to give greater provinces more autonomy and money, but has ruled out demands for independence.

Speaking at a news conference in Jakarta Thursday, Wahid said that along with reforms to the nation's crippled financial system, his defense of national unity had been a major achievement.

"The situation is improving now. We can say that the danger to our territorial integrity is already passing," he said.

Earlier this week, Wahid blamed disgruntled members of the military as well as some fanatic Muslims for fomenting violence.

Wiranto said he would go ahead with a two-week tour of the Middle East, Europe and Asia starting Friday, despite rumors of a possible coup.

"I am not worried about a very small number of military leaders who actually do not have followers," Wahid said. "I know this small number and they are cowards."

Merck may have AIDS breakthrough

WASHINGTON

Scientists have become increasingly frustrated in the hunt for novel ways to attack the AIDS virus, but now they're getting some encouraging news: Drug giant Merck & Co. has mapped the way toward a vital drug target.

It will take years of additional research to turn the finding into a usable medication, experts cautioned.

But the research gives scientists confidence — even a long-awaited — place to aim at in fighting the HIV virus, important as today's AIDS drugs slowly lose their edge with few options in sight.

It's called integrase, an enzyme carried by the HIV virus that causes a crucial step in HIV infection: It melds HIV's genetic material with the patient's own DNA inside the infected cells, essentially hijacking cells. Only then can HIV begin reproducing at its infinitely furious rate.

Scientists have long known about integrase's crucial function and tried to create "integrase inhibiting" drugs to block its action. But attacks on the enzyme failed to block the action of a different HIV enzyme called protease.

But attempts to create integrase inhibitors have failed so far. Merck's advance, reported in Friday's edition of the journal Science, was to uncover the exact spot in the enzyme's action that must be blocked for an integrase inhibitor to work.

Merck researchers screened 250,000 samples in the company's library of chemicals and found two compounds known as "fiketo acids" that hit that spot. In laboratory tests, the compounds successfully inhibited integrase and fought HIV.

In an unusual move, Merck executives refused to allow the lead scientist — Dara Hazda — to discuss her discovery with reporters.

But a Merck spokesman said the compounds described in Science have certain problems that prevent them from being pursued as drugs, so the company is hunting better candidates.
Clinton proposes $350 billion tax cut in 'State of the Union'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Clinton proposed a $350 billion tax cut, big spending increases for schools and health care and photo ID licenses for handgun purchases Thursday night as he offered the final agenda of his presidency. "The state of our union is the strongest it has ever been," he boasted.

At the start of an election year, Clinton rebuked Congress in his last State of the Union address and called for "action." For too long, this Congress has been standing still on some of our most pressing national priorities," he chided.

The president noted that next month the United States will achieve the longest period of economic growth in the nation's history, and called on Americans to "set great goals."

The president offered 10 initiatives, many of them sure to be rewritten or ignored by Congress. His tax cut proposals were intended primarily to promote educational opportunities and expand health insurance and child care for low- and middle-income Americans. The initiative included relief from the "marriage penalty" — an idea first championed by Republicans — and a new program of retirement savings accounts.

Most of the proposals were released in advance but the White House withheld Clinton's gun licensing measure until the last minute to build suspense. Similar to a plan offered by President Al Gore, it would require handgun purchasers to first obtain a state license showing they have passed a background check and a gun safety requirement, such as a training course or an exam. States could choose not to participate in the program.

The National Rifle Association dismissed the plan as pointless and unworkable. "Every state in this country already requires hunters and automobile drivers to have a license. I think they ought to do the same thing for handgun purchases," Clinton said. "I hope you'll help me pass that in this Congress."

Clinton called for passage of a patients' bill of rights to strengthen consumer protection, gun-safety legislation, campaign finance reform, an increase in the minimum wage and votes on long-stalled judicial nominations. Republicans ridiculed Clinton's proposals but did not rule out working with him on such issues as education and health care. "If we enacted all the new programs the president has talked about, we'd spend just about the entire surplus on bigger and more expensive government," said House Speaker Denny Hastert, R-Ill.

Clinton was greeted by applause and handshakes by Republicans and Democrats alike as he made his way into the House chamber to address a joint session of Congress. His wife, Hillary, and their daughter Chelsea, home from college, were in the audience. His speech turned out to be his longest State of the Union address: 89 minutes, beating his 1995 record of 81 minutes. By one count, he was interrupted by applause 128 times, most of it from Democrats.

More than an hour into his speech, Clinton bashed a line meant to credit Gore with helping make communities more "livable." Instead, Clinton said "liberal" — not once but twice. The audience — Gore included — laughed. Five days before the New Hampshire primary, Clinton seized the chance to boost Gore in his race for the Democratic presidential nomination. Six times, Clinton made references to the vice president. Clinton also recognized another candidate: the first lady, running for the U.S. Senate seat in New York.

Many of Clinton's proposals were repackaged from earlier years and, in some cases reillustrated with spending figures double or triple the original amount.

Clinton boasted that the nation has been lifted from economic distress, social decline and political gridlock. "We begin the new century with over 20 million new jobs. The fastest economic growth in more than 30 years. The lowest unemployment rates in 30 years. The lowest poverty rates in 20 years. The lowest African-American and Hispanic unemployment rates ever. The first back-to-back surpluses in 42 years."

In offering his gun licensing plan, Clinton said: "We've all seen what happens when guns fall into the wrong hands."

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**Internship fair draws huge crowd**

*80 companies, 800 students contribute to record attendance*

By ERIN COSTANTINI
News Writer

Career options for Notre Dame students are always expanding, and Thursday's ninth annual Summer Internship Job Fair exemplified the trend.

With an unprecedented 80 nationwide companies, the fair attracted more than 800 students to the Joyce Center fieldhouse. Undergraduate job-seekers searched for employers willing to let them preview careers.

"There is a diverse array of opportunities available," said Leo Svete, director of Career and Placement. "If we can get students thinking of careers now, we can get them thinking of what they want to do, and make their dreams more competitive as seniors."

Sophomore Jed Dooley went to the fair hoping to score a summer job. He was a little nervous but excited to be involved.

"The fair is helpful to know what's out there," Dooley said. "It's nice to have so many great companies in one place." Arthur Andersen, Ernst & Young and General Electric (GE) were among companies taking advantage of the career fair as a convenient and inexpensive way to meet Notre Dame students.

"All employers are happy to be here at Notre Dame," said Robin Sullivan of the Career Center. "Our students are well thought of throughout the business world. They reflect high quality, high motivation and high success."

Pete Rubinas, a representative from PricewaterhouseCoopers, said he looks for a student with "a good academic record, communication skills and capable of an intelligent discussion."

Arthur Anderson representative Lynn Buhl looks for "inquisitive, a positive attitude, and an interest in the company." Students who have researched his company and can ask intelligent questions about it also have an advantage, he said. New features of the Summer Internship Job Fair include the student resume drop box and the "GO IRISH" Web site. The drop box allowed students to submit resumes to 50 companies not in attendance. This serves to broaden the jobs available, with internships in film, museums and nonprofit organizations.

The Web site offers information on participating companies in addition to facilitating on-campus interviews. Some students complained that the job fair does not offer a wide enough array of internships, lack of opportunities in fields of science and medicine. "It's pretty much all businesses here," said sophomore Katie Koch. "There aren't many jobs for pre-med students.

Although the most internships were related to business, other companies such as GE and Camp Sweeney were present. GE appeals to engineers and Camp Sweeney, a camp for children with diabetes, offers internships popular with pre-med students.

"There may not be something for everybody, but this is a great opportunity for the career search experience," Svete said.

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What do you want to tell them?

Every semester the Student Government prepares and presents a report to the University Board of Trustees.

All are invited to a meeting this Sunday, January 30 at 7:00 PM in the Student Government Office to give input on the report topic and to form the report committee.

Questions? Contact John Osborne or Dan Peate at 1-4553
Corrections

- In Monday's Observer, a photo caption said that former basketball coach Matt Doherty was meeting with the local Boys and Girls Club before Saturday's game. Doherty met with local Big Brothers/Big Sister organizations.
- In Thursday's Observer, a graphic said that President Clinton's proposed "College Opportunity Tax Cut" includes a $10,000 tax cut for middle income families. The plan includes a $10,000 tax deduction for middle income families.

The Observer regrets the errors.

Gad-el-Hak wins research prize

By Kate Downen
News Writer

Mohamed Gad-el-Hak, Notre Dame professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering, was recently awarded the Alexander von Humboldt Prize, Germany's highest research award for senior American scientists and scholars in all disciplines.

"I am very grateful to Germany and the von Humboldt Foundation. It has enabled me to have access to Germany and the von Humboldt Foundation, to the University of Notre Dame for giving me the means to conduct my teaching and research, and grateful to all former students, undergraduate and graduate, who have been an inspiration to me," Gad-el-Hak said.

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is a non-profit organization that enables highly qualified foreign scholars to carry out long-term research in Germany. Forty prizes are awarded annually. The award will allow Gad-el-Hak to spend 12 months in Germany researching fluid mechanics, the study of fluid motions around hard objects such as submarines, airplanes and ships. The long-term goal of this research is to improve land, air and water vehicles through understanding the diagnostics and control of turbulence.

Gad-el-Hak is known worldwide for advancing several novel diagnostic tools for turbulent flows. He holds two patents and has published more than 300 articles and authored or edited eight books and conference proceedings. He has also presented at 175 invited lectures.

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The most rewarding part of my work with the Consecration in Catholic Social Tradition is the group of students who have entered the program. I have been asked what characteristics, if any, these students share. They are a quite diverse group, running the full gamut of majors. Other than the fact that a good number come from western Pennsylvania (is it the Allegheny mountain air?), the quality that marks these students is that they view their anticipated professional lives—and their lives as a whole—as vocations.

By "vocation" I mean something quite simple, though it is not easily carried out. Catholics do not understand their work as a vocation, for instance, in ads that ask, "Do you have a calling?" The intent is to ask, "Do you have a vocation?" Then we must ask how many Christians really know and put into practice the principles of the church's social doctrine. The question arises as to why. The answer that stands out most clearly is that many Catholics do not understand their work, lives and their lives as a whole as vocations, they do not understand themselves as people called. The next question, of course, is, "Why don't they?" The answer here is also obviously complex, but two factors are worth discussing. The first is an excessively narrow understanding of "religious vocation," limited to members of formally instituted orders. The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church responds to this understanding by articulating the "Universal Call to Holiness." Through baptism, all members of the Church "are really made holy. Then, too, by God's gifts they must hold on to and complete in their lives this holiness they have received." By "holiness," the Council means the activity of "seeking the will of the Father in all things, devoting themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbor." There are different vocations, but all are called. "In the various types and duties of life, one and the same holiness is cultivated by all who are moved by the Spirit of God." The Council document goes on to state that all who work "should by their human exertions try to perfect themselves, aid their fellow citizens and raise all of society." By this holiness a more human way of life is promoted even in this earthly society.

Remnants of the narrow understanding of holiness remain in our everyday language about the Church. They appear, for instance, in ads that ask, "Do you have a vocation?" The intent is to ask, "Do you have a call to an institutional order?" What is conveyed is also, "Then I must not have a calling at all." This is largely inadvertent on everyone's part, but the effects are real. "I am not called to that, therefore I must not have a calling." The second factor is what might be called "the Catholic workerization of Catholic social teaching." In the absence of specific knowledge of Catholic social teaching and against the backdrop of a commonly-held, narrow understanding of holiness, laypersons have searched for models that fit — models like that of Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker movement for many people filled the void. The problem — other than that there are a number of often unacknowledged discontinuities between official teaching and day's writings — is that the result is again narrow. Across the country in Catholic "Peace and Justice" advocacy centers there are numerous pictures of Day (think good), but few of, say, the owner of the Malden Mills factory who continued to pay his employees after the factory burned down and rehired them when a new one was built. Persons not called to Day's degree or type of self-alignment interpret this fact as having no vocation at all. "I am not called to that," so therefore I must not have a calling." Work becomes something one does to earn an acceptable amount of money and Catholic teaching is what one does once a month at the soup kitchen. In earlier columns, I have critiqued Michael Novak's departure from Catholic teaching, but he is on target on one thing in particular: the way in which one earns one's money can and ought to be understood as a vocation. Still, Novak is exactly right, for instance, that entrepreneurial activity — or, better, rightly ordered entrepreneurial activity — can be "holy" in the way described by the Council. One task to interpret Novak's writings is as an overreaction to the Catholic workerization of Catholic social teaching.

When the Observer text is cut and pasted into the editor's system, the output is relatively clean, but there are some formatting issues. The author Todd Whitmore is an associate professor of theology. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Don't judge the way others live

I would like to respond to Elizabeth Bauer and Katherine Hoppe's letter on the Jan. 27 issue of the pre-marital sex.

Now, I am well aware that I am at a Catholic institution - excuse me, a Church institution - and the presence of the controversial Keenan Review at O'Leary auditorium, the students in the auditorium, the students in the audience wanted answers. And they weren't getting them.

Minutes before the conclusion of the press conference, the Remner/Nagle ticket gave some hope. The ticket expressed support for Ms. Bauer and Katherine Hoppe's letter on diversity board, and the president of the controversy Keenan Review at O'Leary auditorium, the students in the audience wanted answers. And they weren't getting them.

I honestly believe that mode of thinking vanishes, but not everyone, even here at Notre Dame, shares their strong beliefs with you. So please do not condemn Jeff Eyerman for simply expressing his side of the issue. After all, I myself don't know many people who actually consider that "our bodies are not ours to give or take." I honestly believed that mode of thinking vanished with the Puritans. And most importantly, you say that here at Notre Dame, "we are many things and have many identities." So, I ask only for you to let those with different identities and beliefs share them in a friendly environment, asking them whether or not they belong here is rather elitist and not very Christian at all.

As for Ms. Hoppe, I would give the same advice. You also make many assumptions and prejudices in your article that I do not agree with. For example, you point that the only real reason people may not believe that sex is sacred is because they haven't thought it through. Well, I hate to burst your bubble, but a lot of people have thought that very through and have reached a different conclusion. Also, you quote the Bible quite neatly and efficiently, but living simply by doctrines and dogmas eliminates a lot of thought, which is where true progress is made in society.

I have walked into the dining hall to find today's sweet-n-sour chicken was yesterday's normal chicken and will become tomorrow's macaroni surprise. How do you put oily spaghetti-ti noodles, rubber hamburgers and eternally dry rice? I will never be able to comprehend the workload at Notre Dame. Do the professor hold 5-10 minute walk from Debartolo to Knott doesn't make this philosophy in my daily routine, and it has made all the difference. I purposely take inefficient walks from DeBartolo to Knott that lead me past the Dome, into the Grotto and by the lakes. I ride my bike through large piles of leaves, and I take naps smack dab in the middle of the quad. Surround yourself with positive people and stay away from the oblivious. Eat at the dining hall and try to appreciate the fact that you did not have to make the food yourself anyone who has not lived on their own cannot comprehend this.

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**Beware kids. Adults an**

By MIKE VANEGAS

Imagine this scene from the fictional film, “The Making of the Notre Dame Student Film Festival 2000”:

Student filmmaker (With impatience) Drop your shorts. And move your penis to the left. Then to right.

Student actor (With confident reserve) Okie-dokie. (Drops shorts, moves penis first to left, then to right).

Shocking? Yes. Wrong? Some will say yes, but in the free spirit of academia, the answer must be no.

This is the type of question many will ask upon viewing this weekend’s installment of the student film festival. Though the festival has become a hot commodity around campus since its inception in 1990, this 2000 show comes with a snag, a point of interest, a selling point.

And it is sex. Sex is what makes the world turn. It is what teenagers long for as they walk the halls of their high schools. It is what college students revel in as they become mature members of the adult world. It is what 20-somethings transform into love as they settle into permanent lives. It is what middle-aged people forget about. And it is what the elderly remember with fondness, Viagra-induced splendor.

So this weekend, the folks in the Film, Television, and Theater department present 15 student films, all with their own messages, all with their own perspectives concerning life in this crazy world. And with the noticeable stamp on all of the festival’s advertisements, the one that screams “Strong Sexual Content” (No one under 17 admitted), sex will be on the minds of many attending the event.

But here’s the catch. The “Strong Sexual Content” involved in the festival is not what many students might expect. It is different. It is course material. It was part of a grade. It was approved by faculty members. And most importantly, it is only a minor part of what makes up the 15 films.

Really, the variety of films presented is what the film festival is all about.

“It’s like going to a pot-luck dinner or a buffet, where everybody brings something to the table that’s a little bit different and unique,” said Ted Mandell, associate professional specialist in the FTT department and supervising faculty on many student films. “I think that’s what makes the film festival a lot of fun is that you get different students from different halls on campus, and off campus, who have different views about different subjects. It’s a mixed bag. You might be watching a serious film about the penis, and then you’d be watching a musical video.”

Aside from the diversity the festival brings to the table, another special part of the festival is the level of accomplishment surrounding this year’s films.

“Comparing it to the other film festivals of the past, these films are more daring, more provocative, they’re certainly more polished technically,” said Jill Godmilow, FTT professor and supervising faculty, adds “We’re moving in that direction anyways, but there are other films that are parodies or stuff that’s on TV, which is very often what students make. They’re very original. They’re taking on tough subjects.”

A look at the student films to be shown indeed forces one to accept their originality. When it comes down to it, the film festival is geared as a forum for the thoughts of students to be on display. Not only is there a film about the penis (“A Woman’s Guide to the Penis”), but there is a film about the process by which people eat meat (“Hack and Grind”), young love at the roller skating rink (“Hollerskating Romance”) and death and violence in cinema (“The Dying Soldier”).

Claire Connelly, who with Sam Dobie made “The Dying Soldier” and “Rewriting History, The Conquest of AIDS,” noted a measure of epiphany experienced by tackling some more serious issues.

“We were talking to a lot of AIDS patients, and it became way more personal than I thought,” she said. “I realized I’m a very naive Notre Dame student.”

Disregarding the sexual nature of some of the other films, films like Connelly’s and Dobie’s also push the envelope in terms of what the audience expects from student films, and particularly student films at Notre Dame.

The NC-17 rating, as Mandell calls it, takes into consideration the all-around adult nature of the topics addressed in all the student films.

But as anyone will admit, the

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Ted Mandell

professor

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In “Strong Sexual Content,” a film by Ken O’Keefe and Sean Daily, a couple speaks frankly about sex. The film is one of 15 to be shown this weekend at the student film festival.

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*Photo courtesy of the Film, Television, and Theater department*
Student Film Festival
Fifteen films by students in the FTT department

- The Snite Museum
- Fri., Sat., Mon., 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.
- Tickets are $3, only available in advance at LaFortune

Films

- LATE ONE NIGHT
- STRONG SEXUAL CONTENT
- A WOMAN'S GUIDE TO THE PENIS
- PEACE, DEMOCRACY & THE 20TH CENTURY: GOV 498
- FREE: SHORT-HAIRED, MALE, NEUTERED
- ROLLERSKATING ROMANCE
- GOOD TIMES
- SEARCH, PAUSE, PLAY, RECORD
- THE DYING SOLDIER
- UNTITLED: EARLY POEM
- HACK AND GRIND
- REWRITING HISTORY: THE CONQUEST OF AIDS and others...

Student filmmaker

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Claire Connelly

Death is dissected in Claire Connelly's and Sam Doble's film "The Dying Soldier."

In Jonathan Alder's and Tony Fonseca's film "Free: Short-haired, Male, Neutered," humans and pets become one.

The most provocative film of the festival was "A Woman's Guide to the Penis." And the reasons for this are obvious.

"The point of the film is to take something that is generally taboo and controversial and put it onto the screen in such a way that by the end of the film it is not that way," said Mandell, who made the film with Meredith Watt. "To just let it on the screen and have people just look and listen, and to try the end of the film to just be OK with it.

He later stated that "unless God does something, these things are going to change." Of course, the questions remain: Will audiences be offended?

"When that first shot comes on the screen, there is going to be a reaction," said King. "But by the time the last few shots are on the screen, people will be expecting them and used to them. That was the point." But King adds that the aforementioned warning should allow any real offense from the audience.

Godmilow added that "you get to look at, for the first time in your life, 20 or 30 penises. They're not connected to people. Nobody's showing off. But there were that many male students that agreed to be filmed.

"It was a chance to see something that has been so veiled. So it's not sexy. It has nothing to do with sex. But it's going to appear to some people as an outrageous violation."

King also realized the subject of the film, the penis, is something America must learn to accept.

"When 'Boogie Nights' came out, the only thing women didn't like were the movie knew about was that you get to see a penis in it," he said. Certainly, for those attending screenings at the Snite this weekend, a deeper understanding of the penis will be attained.

Though King asserts people shouldn't be offended by the film, the fact remains that the film is being shown on a relatively conservative campus where censorship is a home in various media organizations. Godmilow addressed this issue in terms of the film festival's history.

"I've been here eight years, and I've never heard from the administration, and I don't expect to hear from them this year." If she said, "If a group of students went and got a bunch of porn films and showed them they'd come in heavy. But I respect that they know better than to try and determine or limit the content of something that professors are involved in.

"There are able to really run students' lives and program students lives," Godmilow continued. "But if they want to be the great university that they desperately want to be — the University of Notre Dame sees itself as competitive with Yale, Princeton, Harvard, or wants to be competitive — it cannot be caught in censoring professors.

"So I don't expect any trouble. That doesn't mean that somebody isn't going to leave the theater or Right Reason isn't going to go and see the show and write a letter to Malloy and say, 'This is outrageous. This is a Catholic university. There were penises there."

Another important development concerning the NC-17 restriction being placed on the festival is the effect it will have on attendance. In the past, there hasn't been any trouble selling tickets. In fact, a second Monday screening was added this year to accommodate the demand for tickets.

The label "Strong Sexual Content" might make demand even stronger. But Mandell and Godmilow urge the community to understand the meaning of the restriction.

"That's not aploy. It's not an advertising play," said Mandell. "It's just a warning."

Perhaps, even, it will change the stigma attached to the film festival as a festival of laughs.

"There's the Notre Dame film festival problem: that all everyone wants to do is laugh," said Tony Fonseca, who made "Free: Short-haired, Male, Neutered" with Jonathan Alder. Fonseca was a bit cynical about the audience's reaction to the various films but acknowledged his own thoughts concerning student filmmaking.

"I'm not Steven Spielberg. I don't care if my film makes money. It's just cool."

But while Fonseca admits to being ambivalent toward his audience, King submits to the fact that student filmmakers cannot escape all having to do with the Notre Dame community.

"The fact remains that they're all made at Notre Dame, and that can have an effect on it," he said. "It was made totally for Notre Dame students and made totally under the Notre Dame umbrella."

Still, the film festival is the best opportunity to allow these film students to show off their work. And by doing this, they are able to offer the blood, sweat and tears they put out throughout the last two semesters.

"What our students find out is they learn a lot about themselves in the process of making these films," said Mandell.

"These films are incredibly personal projects, it takes a lot of guts and a lot of self-sacrifice to pull it off. And b) to be willing to show it in front of 2,000 people."

Essentially, it is the exchange of content between the filmmakers and the audience that makes or breaks the festival. And that can cause for a nerve-wracking experience on the part of the filmmakers.

"My films have never been shown to more than three or four people," said Connelly. "I am a little nervous."

"The first thing you're going to see..."
Archival Penn State arrives to take on fencers

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Assistant Sports Editor

Every good rivalry inspires a bit of bad blood between the two teams. The Notre Dame and Penn State fencing rivalry inspires a lot more than dislike.

"I don't think about the rivalry very much except for last year, but apparently we hate them," junior sabrewoman Katie Flanagan said. "We don't only want any excuse now, he continued. "They can make the finals in national and international tournaments. Now it is time to fence better here. They won't get any sympathy from the coaches if they don't fence well, but I think they will fence better this weekend." The men's epee team is another squad that is not going to take this weekend lightly. St. John's last weekend. With No. 1-ranked epee junior Ian Viviani added to 1999 NCAA qualifiers James Flanagan and Brian Fabricant, the epee squad is expected to be one of the leaders this year's team. After falling to St. John's, 7-2, the squad must improve against Nittany Lion that features Brennan Baby who went 3-0 against the Irish last year.

The men's full team is young — featuring two freshmen and a sophomore. This is the squad that St. John's wanted to watch and completely crush them especially our home meet.

The animosity between the two squads is easy to understand. For the past four years, Penn State has finished first while Notre Dame has taken second in the NCAA championships. Every year the Irish seem ready to finally knock the Nittany Lions from the top of the mountain, but every year the Lions retain the title.

According to head coach Yves Auriol, the Nittany Lion's squad has an excellent chance of defeating Penn State this weekend's dual meet.

"On the man's side, we lost to Penn State by one point last year at Penn State, 14-13 in the regular season dual meet," Auriol said. "It was very close last year with a lot of matches decided as good as we are this year. If they fence the way they are capable of they can defeat Penn State. If we do not defeat Penn State, I will be very disappointed.

The men's team started the season slowly at NYU last weekend, but improved at Stanford, Notre Dame stumbled in at fourth place.

The sabre squad's performance was especially disappointing. Notre Dame dropped ranked fencers like sophomore Andre Crompton, junior Andre Bednarski and sophomore Matt Fabricant, the squad was thought to be the No. 1 sabre squad in the country. After losing to St. John's-3, however, the squad looked to improve this weekend against the Nittany Lions.

"I want to make sure that they know that we went to New York as the No. 1 sabre team and that they fell flat on their face because they might have been overconfident," Auriol said. "I want to make sure that they don’t lose that again this weekend.

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"Our freshmen are very talent- ed," he said. "I was very impressed with Meagan Call's epee. She is not really an epee fencer. She doesn't know the weapon. She is a tough competitor and she is continuing to improve.

At sabre, freshman Natalie Mazur leads the team with 10 wins with juniors Carriane McCullough and Flanagan right behind her with nine and eight wins, respectively.

The full team features fresh- man Liza Bouitsikas, who is second on the squad with seven wins, and senior Magda Krol, the most experienced female fencer. Krol, an epee All-American for three years running, led the squad with 10 wins in her first foil bouts since her sophomore year. Krol scored two key wins over 1999 All-American Jennings and 1999 National Champion Monique de Bruin.

Krol faces another stiff test this weekend from Penn State junior Charlotte Walker. Like Krol, Walker switched to foil this year after winning All-American let­ ters the past two years at epee.

"I am excited," Krol said. "This is going to be a test for me but it is going to be good. I think it will be interesting to see how two former epeeists will fence against each other in foil. I am definitely excited to fence against Charlotte Walker and give it my best shot and hopefully win.

The men take the strips to their first home meet of the season in the home dome of the JAC while the women fence Sunday.

Senior James Gaither scores a touch on an opponent in last season's Midwest Championships. The Irish fencers host arch-rival Penn State this weekend.
The members of the Notre Dame community listed below are participants in the NETWORK initiative sponsored by the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. They are prepared to offer a welcoming place of conversation about issues related to sexual orientation. If you have questions about your own sexual orientation, or have questions concerning the experience of a friend or family member, look for the NETWORK symbol.

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Dusbabek was able to better Carlson's four points, by recording six in the series against Western Michigan, and currently leads Notre Dame in points. The senior rightwing contributed a goal and two assists in each of the games.

"Carlson was the best player on the ice," Irish head coach Dave Poulin stated after last Friday's comeback win. "We had a lot of good players, but he was the best."

The Irish coach also had some good things to say about Dusbabek's play after the series was over. "Dusbabek played so well," Poulin said. "It was nice to see him get one right away after all the effort he had put in."

Another player that will play a key role in the series is goaltender Tony Zasowski. After his strong performance last weekend, he was named CCHA Rookie of the Week. He won the award for the second time this year after stopping 41 shots and allowing only one even-strength goal against Western Michigan. He ranks fourth in the CCHA in goals-against average (2.41). He also ranks fifth in the conference with a .908 save percentage. At his current pace, Zasowski will break Irish records for net-minders in both categories (Forrest Karr with 2.58 in 1998-99 and Mark Kronholm with .907 in 1970-71).

Zasowski will face top-scorers from the Nanooks in senior leftwing Nathan Rocheleau and sophomore forward Bobby Andrews. UAF also returns 20 of 26 letter winners from its team that finished in eighth place in the CCHA last season.

Junior left wing Jay Kopischke moves the puck past an opponent in a recent game. Notre Dame travels to take on Alaska-Fairbanks this evening.

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Teams travel to Bloomington for dual meet

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The track and field teams renew an in-state rivalry with Indiana today, hoping to bring home a double victory from the dual meet in Bloomington. Last season, Indiana topped Notre Dame 84-78 on the men's side while the Notre Dame women pulled out a close victory 82-78.

"Hopefully we can win both the men and the women," field events coach Scott Winsor said. "They're going to be tough. We have our events that we should win; they have their events that they should win. I would say they have more depth than we do, but we run into that a lot."

The Irish raced well in their season-opening quadrangular meet last weekend, with the men capturing first place and the women taking second.

Field events were one of the strengths for the Irish last weekend, an area they must do well in to defeat Indiana. "On the women's side, Indiana is very tough in the throws and very deep in the throws, so we're going to struggle there," Winsor said. "We need to win in the long jump and we need to win in the high jump. In the throws, the shot and the weight, we've got to get what we can. DeBartolo needs to pick off one, maybe two, of their throwers.

Winsor also keyed on the importance of freshman Jamie Volkmer's performance in the pole vault and triple jump. Volkmer set school records in both events last weekend, but must be in top form to capture victories at Indiana.

Fellow freshman Tameisha King broke another school record in the long jump in the home opener, and plans to jump farther tonight. "I'm trying to qualify for the NCAAs," King said. "The standard is 20 feet, and since that's only six inches away, that's what I'm trying to do. I'm also trying to set a PB (personal record)."

Senior long jumper and sprinter Marshaun West provides a solid foundation for the men's team. West met provisional standards for the NCAA championships last weekend, and should be a shoo-in for victory at Indiana. Senior Matt Thompson in the high jump. In college, there are guys there who can just kick your butt. I was hoping on getting 16 feet, and I only got 15-foot-six, but I wasn't disappointed. This weekend, I'm aiming once again for 16 feet. There's going to be some really strong competition with my fellow vaulters and I since we're all (jumping) around the same height."

The distance runners began their year by having two NCAA provisional marks coming from Phil Mishika in the 800-meter run and Luke Watson in the 3000-meter run.

"It will be my first mile race of the season, and we just want to score points for the team in that one," Watson said. "We're a good team this year and we've been comparing ourselves against other teams in the Big East, not necessarily directly against Indiana. If everyone performs the way they did last week or better, then we should come away with a victory."

The women will add All-American Alison Klemmer to the mix this weekend, as she will compete in the 3000-meter run for her first race of the season.

"She's ready to run fast," distance coach Tim Connelly said. "I know that just off of her training. It should be a good race."

Chrisie Kuenstler and Nicole LaSelle will join Klemmer to fill out the 3000-meter race.

Patty Rice and Jennifer Hundleby will represent Notre Dame in the mile. In the 800-meter race, Connelly will run last weekend's champion Leanne Brady, Rice and Kelly Tutko.

Top sprinters include Chris Cochran and Liz Grow, who won the 60-meter dash and the 200-meter dash for the men and women, respectively, last weekend. King and West are also key crossovers from the long jump to the sprints.
Teams prepare for Big East with weekend competition

♦ Undefeated women take on 8th-ranked Wolverines
By MIKE CONNOLLY
Assistant Sports Editor

The 23rd-ranked Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team puts its undefeated record on the line against No. 8 Michigan this weekend. The Irish are confident that they can defeat the Wolverines for the first time.

"I think we are pretty optimistic about it coming off of our wins over Northwestern and Illinois," junior freestyler Carrie Nixon said. "I think we have a real shot at beating them for the first time."

Last weekend the Irish picked up two of their most impressive wins of the year. First they shocked the then-No. 11 Wildcats with a 158-141 victory. Then on Sunday, they won 14 of 16 events against the Illini to win 183.5-116.5.

Those two wins have given the Irish more respect in the eyes of the Wolverines, according to Nixon. "I think they will be ready for us," she said. "Northwestern kind of underestimated how good we were. It kind of hit them by surprise in the middle of the meet when they realized they were losing. But I think Michigan is going to be ready."

The Wolverines face the Wildcats on Friday before traveling to Rolfs Aquatic Center for their date with the Irish on Saturday. The Wolverines are currently 7-3 overall. The Wolverines lead the all-time series 4-0 and defeated the Irish, 162-136, last year. A win over Michigan would give Notre Dame an undefeated record heading into the Big East Championships.

"It doesn't affect standings or anything, but morally, it is kind of nice to go into undefeated into any tournament," Nixon said. "But the Irish are not taking the Wolverines lightly."

This will be for our hardest tournament this year," she continued.

With two weeks off between this meet and the Big East Championships, the Irish want to end the regular season on a high note. A win would help their confidence heading into their taper, a reduced training period designed to help swimmers save energy before big meets.

"It boosts us into taper," Nixon said. "Now is the time we get more sleek and more rest. Just to have another win under our belt would be great."

The Irish and the Wolverines hit the pool Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Rolfs Aquatic Center. A special ceremony will be held for the seniors swimming in their last home meet.

The Notre Dame men's swim team hosts Oakland University at Rolfs Aquatic Center this weekend. Oakland is 8-1 in dual meets this year.

♦ Full strength men's squad hosts Oakland
By MIKE CONNOLLY
Assistant Sports Editor

With the Big East Championships less than a month away, the Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team is gearing up for a possible first place finish.

"We are in a transition period to try and get ourselves in position to do the best we have ever done at the Big East Championships," head coach Tim Welsh said of his team's second finish at last year's championships. Welsh expects a tough challenge Saturday from Oakland University at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. Last weekend, the Golden Grizzlies defeated the Spartans of Michigan State, 119-118. The victory improved Oakland to 8-1 in dual meets this year.

While the Irish finished third in the Bill Ritter Invitational in Milwaukee, Wis., last weekend, the squad was shorthanded and tired. Saturday, the full Irish squad will be ready to race. If Notre Dame hopes to improve its 3-6 record, every swimmer will have to perform well.

"The team from Oakland is an excellent team," Welsh said. "We'll race everyone we can."

In the second to last dual meet of the year, Welsh expects some swimmers to perform better than usual and others to do worse. It is all part of the fine tuning before the Big East Championships.

"When you put polish on, sometimes it gets dull before it gets bright and sometimes it gets bright right away," he said. "So there might be some surprises this weekend on both sides. We expect that some guys might look super while other guys might look not so great."

The meet against the Grizzlies offers the Irish swimmers the unique opportunity to compete in the same races they will swim at the Big East Championships.

"With one exception, all of the individual events in the Big East Championships will be contested Saturday," Welsh said. "We are excited to have a chance to see our team race in all of the Big East Championships events this weekend."

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The women's tennis team hopes to improve upon its No. 18 national ranking, but standing in its way is the competitive Yale Bulldog team, as the two teams clash Saturday at the Eck Center.

The Irish have been impressive thus far, compiling a 2-1 singles record, as they've just started to get back into shape. The more she plays, the better she'll be," noted Louderback. "Both Varnum and senior captain Kelly Zalisinski will be relied upon heavily in singles play.

Michelle Dasso. As always, the Irish will be led by junior All-American Michelle Dasso. Clearly the squad's top player, Dasso will be called upon to play both No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles where she will be paired with sophomore Becky Varnum. Dasso has won only one of her three singles matches thus far.

The Bulldogs will look to provide the Irish with a stern test. Coached by Meghan McMahon, Yale will be looking to better her No. 1 singles record, as she has won only one of her three singles matches thus far.

"She's coming off a shoulder injury," noted Louderback. "She missed most of the fall schedule and she's just starting to get back into shape. The more she plays, the better she'll be."

Both Varnum and senior captain Kelly Zalisinski will be relied upon heavily in singles play. Varnum has grabbed the No. 2 singles slot, while Zalisinski will play from the No. 3 position.

The Irish also boast two nationally-ranked doubles pairings that, coupled with a strong singles arsenal, make the squad a formidable one. The pairing of Dasso-Varnum is ranked 10th, while the pairing consisting of junior Kimberly Guy and freshman Katie Cunha is ranked 15th.

"I think doubles is our key," said Louderback. "It's really our strength."

For Dasso-Varnum and Cunha-Guy, this meet will be a final tune-up for the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoors Championships Feb. 3-6. Notre Dame is one of three schools to qualify two doubles pairs for the 16-team field.

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"They're a very young team," noted the Irish coach. "We didn't see them at all during the fall, so we honestly don't know a whole lot about them."

The Irish will certainly become acquainted with the Bulldogs in a hurry. This match could tell a lot about Notre Dame's chances to secure a fourth Big East tennis crown.

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SMC INTRAMURALS

Belles find on-campus sports

By MOLLY McVOY

Friday, January 28, 2000

Assistant

Belles this year have found a new spirit on campus by participating in intramurals. "(The intramural program) is better this year," said intramural director Janel Miller. "The enthusiasm about intramurals is very high this year. We're offering more for those who participate."

Kachmarik and Miller hope to revive the intramural program at Kachmarik and student intramural director Janel Miller hope to revive the intramural program at SMC. Miller said. "We're offering more for those who participate."

The season will run like a typical sports season, and the number of games played depends on the number of teams participating. The determination of the winning hall will depend on points earned both through winning the game and having the most participation, according to Kachmarik.

"The whole goal was to get all of the students involved," Kachmarik said. "We're offering more for those who participate."

As the opening of the season approaches on February 14, one of Miller's few concerns is the ability to control if teams forfeit or not. "We're offering more for those who participate."

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Irish center Ruth Riley puts up a shot in a recent game. Riley leads the team as Notre Dame hosts Georgetown Saturday night.

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BASKETBALL

Irish clash with conference opponents at home

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

For any dreams of experiencing March Madness to remain intact, the Irish need to defeat the Red Storm of St. John's this weekend.

One of the main goals for the Irish (12-3, 3-1) this season is to qualify for the NCAA tournament, but the Red Storm (13-4, 5-1) is the next potential Big East barrier on the road to the Big Dance.

"It's very important because they're a ranked team, a ranked opponent, and it will be a chance to improve our record," Irish forward David Graves said. "We need to get to about 20 wins. If we beat St. John's and beat Connecticut at Connecticut and beat Ohio State at Ohio State, that will help our RPI rating."

Last season, five Big East conference teams earned a trip to the NCAA tournament. Right now, Notre Dame is tied for fifth place in the conference with a 3-3 league record. St. John's, Miami, Seton Hall and Syracuse all rank ahead of Notre Dame, while West Virginia and Rutgers share the No. 5 spot in the Big East. Just behind Notre Dame is Connecticut (13-4, 2-3), which is nearly assured a postseason bid based on its top-10 national ranking.

But the Irish are not going to be content with just an NIT bid. "I don't want to go to the NIT," Graves said. "I've been to New York too many times. My goal is coming here was to help get this program back to the NCAA tournament. Hopefully with the help of the crowd and the improved play of Murphy, we can get to the NCAA tournament."

Sophomore forward Troy Murphy puts up a shot in a recent game against Pittsburgh. St. John's will have its hands full on Saturday containing Murphy, who is a finalist for the Wooden Award and leads Notre Dame in scoring.

HOCKEY

Icemen seek to continue winning ways in Alaska

By MATT OLIVA
Assistant Sports Editor

After climbing into fifth place in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association conference last weekend with two key victories against Western Michigan, Notre Dame looks to continue its recent success this weekend against the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

Notre Dame (10-13-5, 7-7-4 CCCHA) has 10 more conference games left, seven of which are on the road, which could prove a challenge as they try to move up and secure home-ice for the first round of the playoffs.

Notre Dame has three series in last place in the CCCHA standings, but holds a 12-11 series record against Alaska-Fairbanks. Notre Dame is looking to move up into the 10th and final spot for the playoffs. It trails 10th place Bowling Green by six points with only ten games to play.

In recent competition, the Irish have been successful against the Nanooks. In the last 11 matches between the two teams, the Irish have gone 9-2-0, including capturing the last three series. The two games played at the Joyce Center this year have been very tight, despite the Irish winning both games. Each game was decided by a one-goal margin (1-0, 3-2).

For the Irish to add to their win totals in Alaska, they will need several players to keep contributing. Dan Carlson and Joe Dusbabek combined for a 10-point weekend against Western Michigan.

Carlson, a junior leftwing, has surged to the top of the nation's leaders in goals (nine) with the game-tying and game-winning goals against the Broncos last Friday. He added a goal and an assist on Saturday to give Notre Dame its ninth straight win.

Joe Dusbabek has recently gotten its season back on track, a win over Western Michigan could be just what they need.

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