O’Donoghue wins; Hanover disqualified, will appeal

◆ Election Committee forfeits Hanover/Micek for e-mail campaign violations

By TIM LOGAN News Writer

Outside the student government office Thursday night, a crowd gathered, peering through the window at the candidates and election officials inside.

"This is going to be one of the godfathers of all time," predicted Student Union treasurer James Jones. "Just watch, something is going to happen.

About 25 minutes later, something did happen when Judicial Council president Kelly Folks opened the door and announced the results.

"Because of a forfeit by the Hanover/Micek ticket," Folks said, "the O’Donoghue/Norton ticket has won, pending an appeal."

The Election Committee forfeited Hunt Hanover and John Micek from the run-off election because of three violations of campaign bylaws, thus giving victory to Brian O’Donoghue and Brooke Norton.

One of the violations involved Michael Fairchild, a Hanover/Micek supporter and senior from Alumni Hall, e-mailing on behalf of the campaign on election day. Campaigning on election days is prohibited. Fairchild declined to comment.

The other two violations occurred when Hanover e-mailed students in Alumni and Heman-Phillips Halls on behalf of his campaign. The Student Senate prohibited the use of e-mail in campaigns at its Jan. 26 meeting.

Hanover and Micek will appeal the decision to the Election Committee, according to Dan Peate, their campaign manager.

After the results were announced, neither ticket would comment, but no one seemed to believe this was the end of the race.

"The election is in limbo," said student body vice president Michael Palumbo.

Judicial Council president Kelly Folks (above) announces the Election Committee’s vote to forfeit Hanover/Micek’s candidacy. O’Donoghue (right) reacts to the decision.

Hanover, Micek, Norton and O’Donoghue study the violations before the decision is announced. The Hanover/Micek ticket was accused of soliciting votes through e-mail during the campaign. Such an action violates election bylaws.

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Trustees to vote on construction of new Dalloway’s

By MOLLY McVOY News Writer

The fate of the new Saint Mary’s club house, better known as the new home of Dalloway’s Coffeehouse, is in the hands of the Board of Trustees this weekend.

At this point, the decision facing the Board may have much to do with the lack of funds available for the building.

The Board will have on its agenda the proposal of the floor plans for the new club house. If approved, it will be built on the far south part of campus near the proposed Welcome Center, with ground breaking aimed at March 15 and completion by the start of fall semester.

The proposed club house will cost an estimated $650,000, according to Keith Dennis, vice president of finance and administration, and Richard Russell, vice president for College relations. Currently, only $279,000 has been raised for the project.

“We're hoping to get approval from the Board to proceed even without funds,” Russell said. “We have a solid plan.”

Members of the parents’ council, who began fundraising for renovation of the existing club house, will head the effort. Jim and Colleen Ryan are the current chairs of the council, but Bobby and John Riconosciuto will soon take over. In the interim, Russell has stepped in to organize the effort. The parents’ council is still in the process of deciding how the money will be raised, but it anticipates success.

“Jim and I have fundraised before, and are confident (the funds) will be raised in a timely manner,” said Colleen Ryan. Russell explained that if the Board determines construction cannot start until all funds have been secured, the March 15 deadline will be a challenge.

“That’s going to be a tall order,” Russell said. "$350,000 is a lot of money, but its not a daunting figure. Its an achievable goal in a relatively short time.” Dennis expressed his confidence that the new facility will greatly benefit the students, but sees funding as a hurdle still to overcome.

“It will be a bigger, and better building than the current club,“
The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Falling, slipping and sliding**

As a sheltered Southern Californian, I have had little contact with a certain aspect of Southern winter: snow. Until attending Notre Dame, I had little experience dealing with it on a daily basis. Not until finally, my arrival to the Midwest, evoked a series of season-related questions. Will I be warm enough in regular jeans, sweaters and a coat? Do I have the right shoes, or will I be stuck on my toes with spikes in the bottom to walk on ice and those snowshoes that they wear on cartons that look like tennis rackets?

Besides these questions and an adventurous disposition, my only worry surrounded my vision when I developed a deep-rooted fear of falling, sliding and a fear of icy conditions that would incapacitate me. I was relatively painless. I did fall. I did get stuck on my legs spread into the chair lift. I did consider just staying on it to conquer one of the last hurdles with snow. But the fear was too strong.

Fortunately, that winter was mild. During the winter, I should have worn conventional and not as soft as it looks) and hobbled on my knees landed on the hard stone. Amid my bruises, I learned that I should not be so soft as it looks and I frequently tried to construct and throw snowballs.

Recent slip in a bathtub that tore a ligament when it was 80 years old. Soon, I became comfortable enough with the snow to slide across it on my stomach (it's not as soft as it looks) and I frequently tried to construct and throw snowballs.

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**OUTSIDE THE DOME**

**First woman takes presidency at Brown U.**

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** Sheila Blumstein, the University of Rhode Island's president last week when she was named interim president, marking the first time that Brown has had a woman as its president. As Brown's acting president at the top of Brown's administration, she is surrounded by many other senior administrators who are women — a phenomenon not yet common in today's male-dominated society.

Although Blumstein is a trailblazer for Brown, she is by no means the first woman university president. Women took college presidencies as early as the 1930s, when Ada Louise Comstock was president of Radcliffe College.

Only in recent years have women taken the presidencies of major research institutions. Nan Keohane, one of the first female presidents of a major research institution, appointed to the Duke University presidency in 1993. "At the time, there was some discussion on Duke having the courage to hire this appointee," said Duke Senior Vice President John Burns.

Judith Rodin became the first female president of an Ivy League institution when she became president of the University of Pennsylvania in 1994. Immediately preceding Rodin was interim president Claire Fagin, who served in 1993.

The only other woman who has held the title of interim president of an Ivy League institution is Hannah Grey, who served as interim president of Yale University from 1977 until 1979. She later went on to serve as the first woman president of a major research institution, at the University of Chicago, from 1998.

Women make up a small percentage of total university presidents, and an even smaller percentage of presidents of major research institutions," according to Jacqueline King, director of federal policy analysis for the American Council on Education.

**LOCAL WEATHER**

**5 Day South Bend Forecast**

**ACCWeather forecast for aggregate conditions and high temperatures**

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**This Week in ND/Saint Mary’s History**

**Debate focus on contraception**

Feb. 18, 1994

Debate was held between Stanford and Sorin Halls. One side argued that contraceptives should not be distributed within the University because it would threaten the school’s Catholic Traditions. The anti-contraception side won unanimously by the panel of judges. "The availability of condoms may promote promiscuity on campus," said one Stanford speaker.

**Students build shack in S. African protest**

Feb. 20, 1986

Seven Howard residents built a shack on their front lawn and hung banners that said "Constructive Engagement Continues Unlawful" because they wanted Notre Dame to divest from South Africa. Similar to their Ivy League peers, students protested Hesburgh's talk against African divestment. After hearing the students, Hesburgh was still unsure that divestment was the right thing to do.

**PHILADELPHIA**

The student anti-sweatshop protesters ended their nine-day sit-in Tuesday as University President Judith Hesburgh officially withdrew from the Fair Labor Association and promised to re-evaluate factory monitoring options.

Tuesday afternoon, Rodin faxed a letter of withdrawal to the FIA, which had been monitoring the manufacture of Penn logo apparel. The agreement also specifies that the Ad Hoc Committee on Sweatshop Labor comprised of students, faculty and administrators — will evaluate the different monitoring organizations and make a recommendation to Rodin by February 29. Rodin said she was pleased with the outcome, calling it a "strategy that will wipe the slate clean and have the committee continue to do its work."

Members of Penn Students Against Sweatshops expressed high spirits at the conclusion of their protest. The agreement made sure the first school to withdraw from the FIA, which activate maintains in biased and ineffective. "We feel as a result of our actions President Rodin made a good decision," said Penn student and College sophomore Harrison Blum said.

**Activists take over dean's office**

**ANN ABROR, Mich.** The battles between anti-sweatshop activists and university administrators centered on Big Ten campuses Wednesday as members of Students Organizing for Labor and Economic Equality seized the office of University of Michigan LSAD Dean and students at the University of Wisconsin at Madison took over the office of Chancellor William H. Ford. The battles were as usual in the office of the LSAD dean until two students from SOLE entered the office asking to see her about a pilot sign language program, an office secretary said. Minutes later, about 20 members of SOLE took control of the office demanding that University President Lee Bollinger commit the University to the Worker Rights Consortium, a student-developed policy to enforce labor codes. After SOLE members had established their position in the office, LSAD senior Andrew Cornell read a statement that stressed the group's policy of nonviolence and its commitment to workers' rights. SOLE members constructed in the dean's office a "symbolic sweatshop to keep the issue of workers' rights closer to home," Cornell said.

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Festival celebrates African films

By MIKE VANEGAS

This Sunday, the African and African-American Student Program presents the "Festival of Films on Africa and the African Diaspora," which will last until the end of the month. The festival celebrates cinematic endeavors by members of the African and African-American community, as well as films that illuminate the cultural presence of the same community. Its goals also include expanding cultural awareness at Notre Dame, according to Hugo Page, director of the African and African-American Studies Program.

"It is an expression of our commitment to provide the University with exposure to Michiana communities with educational and cultural events that increase public awareness about the peoples of Africa and the many African diaspora communities throughout the world," he said.

The festival begins with a screening of "Sankofa," presented by an African drum and dance revial. Each subsequent day will include similar activities — a film screening and a panel discussion or moderated lecture.

The festival grew out of the African Students' Association African film series of past years, and comes during Black History Month.

"It is our contribution to the campus-wide celebration of Black History Month and our gift to the many publics served by the University," said Page.

The festival will take place at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Featured Films
- "Sankofa"
- "Warrior Marks"
- "Pieces d'Identite"
- "Women with Open Eyes"
- "La Genese"
- "Frosh"
- "Shattering the Silences"
- "La Tale Dans Les Nuages"
- "Cry the Beloved Country"
- "Behind These Walls: Mumia Abu-Jamal and the Long Struggle for Freedom"
- "Black Athena"
- "A Son of Africa"

FILMS shown at Hesburgh Center Auditorium, Feb. 20-29.

Glancing around the main floor of the LaFortune Student Center, one might see students studying, eating or watching television, but one Student Senate committee is looking to change that.

The senate's Committee on Social Space is currently surveying students before creating a plan to either remodel LaFortune or build a new student center.

"We're trying to get ideas," said student body secretary Luciana Reali, who is chairing the social space committee, which consists of student senators, Student Union Board representatives and hall presidents.

The University requested the survey after looking at the results of a study it conducted.

"The University does a self-study every 10 years prior to reaccreditation," said Joe Cassidy, director of student activities. "The last study was called the Gilloque for the Year 2000. One of the recommendations from that study was the need for additional campus social space. The recommendation was not specific on what it meant by social space or the specific social space needed."

As a result, the University requested that a committee be formed, Reali said.

"It's the first time the administration has consulted students about a building," she said.

The committee's report will be based on an online survey, which everyone may take through the Notre Dame Web site. The committee is also relying on surveys handed out randomly in LaFortune as well as information from club members and leaders about what kind of space could help them in planning special events.

"We're going to be going solely on student opinions. We don't have any plans yet," Reali said, encouraging students to fill out the survey.

Some committee members have even traveled to other universities to look at social space at those schools. One aspect these members have been considering is the amount of space per student at the school.

"Compared with other schools, our student center is very small," Reali said.

At the end of March, the committee will submit its plan to the Student Senate and then to Student Activities, she said.

"It's the first time the administration has consulted students about a building," said Luciana Reali, committee chair.

JUNIOR PARENTS WEEKEND
"The Times of Our Lives"

FRIDAY, February 18
"Places to Remember"
Gala 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, February 19
"These are the Days"
Following 3:30 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, February 20
"The Future So Bright"
Brunch 10:00 a.m.

N o t r e D a m e F i l m , T e l e v i s i o n a n d T h e a t r e p r e s e n t s

Actors from the London Stage
"All's Well That Ends Well"

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

SUNDAY, February 20 7:30 p.m.
MONDAY, February 21 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, February 23 7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, February 24 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, February 25 7:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, February 26 7:30 p.m.

Tickets available at LaFortune Student Center

"All's Well That Ends Well" is a romantic comedy by William Shakespeare, in which the title character is played by a woman. The play is set in the court of King Henry IV of France, and follows the adventures of the countess of Rousillon, who seeks to redeem her reputation and marry the Duke of Milan. The play is known for its complex plot and its exploration of themes such as gender, power, and love. It is a humorous and often irreverent take on the classic Shakespearean examination of gender roles, intelligence, and power, and is a testament to the playwright's ability to create a compelling and engaging story with a diverse cast of characters.
Hunt Hanover reads the charges against his campaign Thursday night as the Election committee announces its decision to forfeit the Hanover/Micek ticket.

**Trustees continued from page 1**

Hunt Hanover reads the charges against his campaign Thursday night as the Election committee announces its decision to forfeit the Hanover/Micek ticket. "I am extremely confident that we can raise the funds because the people we are going to win will recognize the value of this club-house to the students," Russell said.

The first donation the council received was a $250,000 donation towards the renovation of the current clubhouse.

When it became clear that there would not be feasible, it was agreed that the money would be used for the new building. When discussion of renovation were not released to anyone, including the candidates. Only Folks and Becky Demko, Judicial Council vice president for elections, know who won the vote.

The Election Committee, comprised of one representative from each dorm, did not learn the final tally, but did vote on the violations. The Committee voted unanimously that Fairchild's election day campaigning was a violation. The charge stated that Hanover or Micek through "prior contact" with him, were responsible for his actions. The Campaign bylaws state that "candidates will be held responsible for the behavior of their supporters and anyone in their campaign organization."

The Committee voted 16-2 that each of the two charges concerning e-mails from Hanover constituted a violation. They voted 17-0 that a charge of posting campaign material after the established deadline in Alumni Hall was not "of merit" and was not a violation.

Members of the Election Committee confirmed that several students bought the e-mails to their attention today. The four who were reached by The Observer declined comment.

This event capped an election which has seen a number of ethical debates. The Election Committee suspended the O'Donoghue/Norton committee from one day of campaigning for their appearance on WVFI Feb. 6. After the first run-off ended in a tie and the second run-off was declared unconstitutional.

"Elections this year have taken an unprecedented turn in terms of the dramatic," Demko said. And it's not over yet.
Abuse alleged in Mexico health care system

MEXICO CITY
A U.S.-based rights group issued a report Thursday slamming Mexico's mental health care system, and describing situations in which young patients were sometimes ignored or abused. The independent Washington-based organization Mental Disability Rights International said it found "a number of serious human rights violations" against people with mental disabilities during three trips to Mexico. In a statement released with the report, Dr. Robert Olin, chief of psychiatry at San Francisco General Hospital in California and co-author of the report, said investigators "urge the Mexican government to immediately end its abuses of human rights of mentally disabled persons." The report also said that conditions had improved recently at some centers.

Venezuela not worried by oil prices

CARACAS
Venezuela's foreign minister on Thursday said the government was not worried about post possible moves by President Clinton to lower oil prices. Clinton said this week he is concerned about soaring prices for oil — especially for home heating oil — and did not rule out releasing oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help reduce prices. Venezuelan Foreign Minister José Vicente Rangel said Clinton's proposal was not a source of concern for the oil-producing South American nation, where people don't use home heating oil. "We're in a greenhouse. We're not hot or cold," he said. Oil prices have soared since Venezuela and other Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries reduced their production, cutting supply to the world market.

Police battle students in Lebanon

BEIRUT
Police fired tear gas and sprayed a water cannon Thursday at about 2,000 students protesting outside the U.S. Embassy against perceived American support for Israeli airstrikes on Lebanon. At least two students were hurt by police batons and rifle butts, and three others fainted from tear gas, witnesses said. Students burned on Beirut flag channel "Death to America" and "Death to Israel," and chanted a drawing of what looked like the U.S. flag bearing skulls instead of stars. The protesters, students from the American University of Beirut and other universities, hurled rocks and tomatoes at the Lebanese troops and policemen.

Romania acknowledges spill severity

Romania's foreign ministry on Thursday slammed the U.S. government for being indifferent or ignoring environmental problems in Romania. Romanian foreign minister said Thursday that the disaster in Romania is a "catastrophe." Speaking in Szolnok, Hungary, where she inspected the Tisza, Wallstrom said the spill "is a catastrophe." Romania is a formal candidate for membership in the EU, and Wallstrom's visit was a sign that the EU will help in times of crisis.

Summit aims to promote Africa in U.S.

WASHINGTON
African drums sounded through Washington's convention center and Kenneth Kaunda decorated the walls Thursday as thousands of advocates for the continent gathered to debate what President Clinton called "Africa's triumphs and trials." Africa does matter to the United States, Clinton said to the applause of some 2,000 businesses, academics, local and African government officials and others at the National Summit on Africa. Under the motto "Africa matters," summit organizers have been working since 1996 to unify and strengthen the lobby for Africa in America and improve Africa's image in the states. They have been working, and are expected to approve Sunday, a new policy they would like the U.S. government to implement toward the continent they say has long been underestimated and ignored.

He said globalization, among other things, demands more attention to the 54 nations. Some of the countries' economies are growing and some are making advances towards democracy. Meanwhile, others are mired in strife, and the majority of the continent's 700 million people are trapped in poverty.

"It is no longer an option for us not to know about the triumphs and trials of the people with whom we share this planet," said Clinton.

"We can be indifferent, or we can make a difference," Clinton said, adding that the United States has worked on peacekeeping, conflict resolution, education and economic revitalization since his historic 1995 visit to Africa.

But, he said, progress on the poor, war-wrecked continent depends "fundamentally and first, on whether African leaders put the best interests of their people ahead of political concerns."

"No one in our government is under any illusions. There is still a lot of work to be done," Clinton said. "These things cannot be imported, and they cannot be imposed from outside."
University names two as Trustees

Special to The Observer

Ted McCartney, managing general partner of Venrock Associates, and Shirley Welsh Ryan, a national leader on disability issues, have been elected to the Board of Trustees of the University.

A 1960 graduate of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, McCartney previously served on the University's Advisory Council for the College of Engineering. He earned a master's degree in business administration from the Harvard Business School in 1966.

As the managing general partner of Venrock Associates, McCartney manages venture capital investments for the Rockefeller family and other limited partners. With offices in New York City, Boston and Menlo Park, Calif., the firm identifies and supports emerging companies in the information technology and health care and life sciences sectors.

Ryan's many civic contributions include service to the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, the Lyric Opera, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Chicago Community Trust.

She has been director of the Lincoln Park Zoological Society since 1971, is a general trustee of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, and is a director of the American Ireland Fund.

She was elected to the Board of Trustees of the University, Ryan also has served in leadership roles at the University of Paris, Sorbonne, and the Ecole du Louvre. She received the Distinguished Service Award from Northwestern in 1986 and the 1999 Kid's Court Award from the Voices of Illinois Children.

Notre Dame's Board of Trustees, established in 1967, currently is chaired by Andrew McKenna, chairman and chief executive officer of Schwarz at Morton Grove, Ill. The elections of McCartney and Ryan raise the board's membership to 57.
Forum addresses social space, faculty-student interaction

By BRIGID SWEENEY

Forcing on conflicts that arise between academic and residential life at Notre Dame and possible solutions, faculty members and a lone student met Thursday night at the second open forum sponsored by the ad hoc committee on Academic and Student Life.

Sophomore Tim Dysart, an engineering major, mentioned the struggles he has encountered attempting to reconcile academics and social life.

"The workload is so demanding that it's difficult to form social relationships," he said. "My roommate is a math major, and if we talk half an hour a day, that's a lot. It's difficult to form bonds that mean more than being able to nap between classes or finish homework, but there's not a lot of interaction," he said.

At the suggestion of increased social space for science and engineering students, Dysart claimed that it would not provide much of an immediate improvement, because students already have ingrained study habits and probably would not use new facilities. In the future, however, he said he could see more students taking advantage of additional social space.

Social space in Cushing and Fitzpatrick offer a possible solution, but according to Dysart, few students utilize the social space currently available in Cushing.

"A few kids are there, usually trying to nap between classes or finish homework, but there's not a lot of interaction," he said.

"The workload is so demanding that it's difficult to form social relationships." — Tim Dysart, sophomore

Social space proved to be a main issue of the forum, as participants mentioned increased social opportunities. Psychology professor Naomi Meara pointed to lack of space in Haggan as a problem.

"The lounge is so small that it makes studying difficult," she said. "I think if we had space, we'd have a lot of students, both graduate and undergraduate, mingling.

Associate provost Carol Money, serving as chairperson of the committee, commented on the situation in the law school.

"My experience as a law school professor has been quite different (from the engineering circumstances) with regard to social space," she said. "There's a very nice snack bar in the basement, and a big open room with faculty and students alike. I sit down to eat and people inevitably join me, often students.

This case was the exception rather than the rule, as many faculty present mentioned lack of student-professor interaction outside of class and office hours.

A scarcity of casual space where faculty and students can meet outside of the academic setting form the basis of the problem.

"It seems like such a simple problem," said John Cavadini, theology department chairman. "Every school seems to manage to have informal space where students and faculty can mix. Why is it not available for us?"

Students and faculty operate in different spheres, and the two groups rarely meet socially.

"Students are reluctant to ask faculty to come eat in the dining hall with them," said Sister Mary Louise Gude, assistant vice president of Student Affairs. "Professors will enter our dorms at their home, but students won't take them to the dining hall."

According to Gude, faculty tends to eat at places such as Greenfields, where students rarely go, although Flex points are accepted.

Money brought up the idea of offering reduced prices for faculty members in the dining halls as a way of both fostering unity and providing practical help to busy professors.

"As a mother of four and a professor, I remember not wanting to come up with meals every night," she said. "A faculty member in the dining hall alone is not that attractive (to students), but a faculty member with little kids would be very appealing." Michael Palumbo, a student body vice president, mentioned the possibility of bringing professors into dorms to deliver presentations, along with prospect of faculty members living in dorms.

Dysart responded positively to the latter suggestion, claiming that such a living arrangement would enhance student-faculty relationships.

"I think it'd be more interaction if there was someone I could talk to on a daily basis who had interesting perspectives or common interests," he said.

In addition to improving student-professor relationships, the discussion addressed the issue raised at the first forum that the university raises too much control over students.

As a student, Dysart said that because Notre Dame makes the transition to college a gentle one with the highly structured First Year of Studies, students lose out on learning experiences.

"In a way, we don't have the experience that our peers at other schools, especially big state schools, have," he said.

Additionally, the issue of social life in terms of dorm life, as opposed to university-sponsored events received attention.

Dysart, a Morrey resident, mentioned both the positives and negatives of living in a large dorm.

"The possibility of getting to know so many people is the best part, but on the other hand, I live on the fourth floor, where no one goes without a reason," he said. "You don't really get to know everyone."

Furthermore, he commented that free time and fun activities are hard to come by Monday through Thursday.

"I would work 24 hours a day and still not be able to go," Dysart said. "I guess I just wish it was a little more balanced."
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FBI arrests Cuban spy

Associated Press

MIAMI

A U.S. immigration official with "secret" security clearance was arrested Thursday and charged with spying for the Cuban government, the FBI said.

Mariano Faget, 54, was being held at the Federal Detention Center in Miami and was expected in court Friday, the FBI said in a statement.

Faget, a native of Havana, is employed at the Immigration and Naturalization Service as a supervisory detention adjudicator officer. He held a "secret" security clearance and was responsible for supervising decisions that affected immigrants and people seeking political asylum, the FBI said.

"Faget has access to classified and sensitive INS files relating to confidential law enforcement," FBI spokesperson Mike Hammer said.

In October 1998, 14 people were charged in Florida in what authorities called the largest Cuban espionage ring uncovered in the United States in decades. Authorities said the group tried to penetrate U.S. military bases, infiltrate anti-Castro exile groups and manipulate U.S. media and political organizations.

FBI spokesperson Terry Hicks said The Orlando Sentinel that Faget's arrest was unrelated to this spy ring.

The United States severed diplomatic relations with Cuba in January 1961, two years after Fidel Castro's rise to power, and initiated a trade embargo in 1962.

Travel to and from the country is restricted by the U.S. government, but athletic, cultural and academic exchanges are allowed. Relations between the United States and Cuba recently have been strained by the case of Elian Gonzalez. The INS has said the 6-year-old boy should be returned to his father in Cuba, while his relatives in Miami have been fighting to keep the boy in the United States.

Elian survived a crossing from Cuba last November but his mother drowned when their boat capsized.

Flight data recovered from crash

Associated Press

BANAHO CORINHO, Calif.

Flight data and cockpit voice recorders were retrieved Thursday from the wreckage of a DC-8 cargo plane that crashed into a salvage yard, killing its three crew members.

Investigators hope the recorders will provide more clues about the pilot's report of a "center of gravity" problem shortly after the plane's takeoff from Mather Field in suburban Sacramento.

The recorders, which were damaged by fire but in fairly good shape, were sent to Washington for analysis, said George Black of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Emery Worldwide Flight 17 plunged into the Insurance Auto Auctions yard just before 8 a.m. Wednesday, killing its three crew members and setting dozens of cars ablaze. The plane was bound for Dayton, Ohio.

The victims' bodies were recovered Thursday afternoon, Black said.

The center of gravity problem could have several causes, including a shifting load, incorrect tarp weight and mechanical problems, said Preston Hicks, also of the NTSB.

Black said the flight recorder could provide information about the fuel, performance and transmission fluid, clothing and other materials found in the plane.

One witness said the plane hit the ground, "blasting everything to holy hell," and was immediately engulfed in flames.

The crash set as many as 100 cars on fire, many with gas in their tanks, causing several explosions.

Motorist Scott Colyn saw the plane as it approached the salvage yard, "at eye level."

"It looked like it was skipped like a stone," said Colyn, who witnessed the crash while he was driving home. "I looked in my rear view mirror and there were flames everywhere, sparks and a big old mushroom cloud."

The plane, carrying 62,000 pounds, was a DC-8-71, a four-engine plane manufactured by McDonnell Douglas. Allen said it has a capacity of 90,000 pounds.

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Bishops ask Bush to halt executions

AUSTIN, Texas

The Catholic bishops of Texas have asked Gov. George W. Bush to suspend the death penalty and review capital punishment in the state, which leads the nation in executions.

"It is essential that if the state is going to impose the ultimate punishment that there be no margin of error," the bishops said in a letter to Bush made public Thursday.

Bush, a death penalty supporter who has presided over 119 executions since taking office in January 1995, has no plans to halt executions, spokeswoman Linda Edwards said Thursday.

Two Texas convicts are scheduled to die by lethal injection next week, including Danny Lee Leen, who was convicted of killing her fifth husband in 1983. She was indigent, but never tried, on a charge of killing her fourth husband.

Edwards said Bush "is sworn to uphold the laws of Texas, including the death penalty, and he believes we have a fair process in Texas with many checks — including a thorough and exhaustive review by the courts — to prevent an innocent person from being put to death."

Texas has conducted 206 executions under four governors since capital punishment resumed in the 1970s.

Thursday's letter, written on behalf of all the Catholic bishops and signed by Richard Dally, executive director of the Texas Catholic Conference, said seven of the 85 individuals released from U.S. death rows were in Texas.

The bishops urged Bush and the state Board of Paroles and Pardons to suspend future executions on a case-by-case basis and "conduct a thorough examination of the system by which condemned persons in Texas are executed."

The bishops also said they would join other death penalty opponents in trying to convince the Legislature next year to impose a moratorium on executions while a review is conducted.

The death penalty issue has received renewed attention since Illinois Gov. George Ryan, a Bush supporter — halted executions this month due to the exoneration of 13 death row inmates in his state over two decades.

Bush defended the Texas death penalty system Tuesday when asked about the issue during a Republican presidential debate in South Carolina, where he has been campaigning.

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"We do not live in a colorblind society. Race is still a factor," said Brown, a Democrat from Jacksonville. "I'm very disappointed with what's going on in Florida, and it's an example of the ugly side of politics."

In addition, the regents approved a system to admit students who do not meet minimum admission criteria by using a "student profile assessment," which considers factors like socioeconomic status, whether a student's parents went to college, and whether a high school is low performing.

The board also approved a change to the rules eliminating the use of race, national origin and gender as considerations for admission, eliminating affirmative action programs.

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Florida bans affirmative action

Public universities cannot use race and gender in admissions decisions

ORLANDO, Fla.

The State University System's Board of Regents on Thursday approved rules eliminating race and gender as considerations for college admissions at Florida's 10 public universities.

The 14-member panel voted 12-0 in favor of Gov. Jeb Bush's One Florida plan, which ends racial and gender preferences in admissions to state universities and in granting state contracts.

Two members were not present for the vote.

Bush contends the plan will enhance diversity by increasing outreach efforts and by admitting the top 20 percent of each high school senior class into state universities.

Hundreds of college students, elected officials and others came from around the state to the Regents' meeting at the University of Central Florida. Most said the One Florida plan would result in fewer minority students attending state universities.

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Tuesday Voice on Friday

“Starting today, you can have the life you’ve always desired. You can have closer relationships. Greater success in business. More Money. Real happiness and fulfillment. True passion in your life.” It’s all in Personal Power II by Anthony Robbins. Major credit cards accepted.

In high school, I survived my first ill-advised brush with the world of the self-help guru. Inspired by career day, the earnest but otherwise inane counseling center cancelled the annual visits by area businessmen and women and replaced their advice and counsel with an early morning assembly featuring the most unscrupulous of entrepreneurs: the inspirational speaker.

Overjoyed at the cancellation of first period calculus, the bus of my existence, I shuffled into the gym along with my fellow blazer-bedecked, loafer-clad classmates. He arrived with a fervor evidently induced by his blazer and blazer-sized classmates. He arrived with a fervor evidently induced by 10 to 12 cups of coffee. Jumping to the center of the stage, he spouted definitive, specific rules to obtain unlimited success in all areas. "No! For the sky. Don’t stop if you fall. Be confident. Listen to your mother. Eat green beans. You are good for you." He covered all areas of life: weight loss, health, religion, family, business. The list goes on.

He continued unabated for over an hour and a half, increasing the speed and volume of each of his phrases with each passing moment. "Reach for the stars." I stared dumbfoundered and unconscious. My mouth sagged. I started to drool. He rambled undaunted by the lack of interest exhibited by my schoolmates, unenthusiastic and yawning, frequently and loudly. I wondered where this man came from, who inspired him to become successful by inspiring other people to become successful and, most importantly, I wondered who was listening.

Apparently, the majority of America, Anthony Robbins, arguably the most famous and notorious of self-help gurus, has tutored the likenesses of President Clinton, Madonna, Andre Agassi and Nelson Mandela. He has also allied with Lou Holtz to provide stadium-sized seminars on success. Granted, the first three personalities possess arguably questionable judgment. Mandela and Holtz, however, command my undying respect.

Inspired by my admiration for Mandela and Holtz, overwhelming guilt surrounding my possibly premature dismissal of "inspirational speaker," and the nagging thoughts that if I had listened I might have earned a "A" in calculus, I decided to investigate the world of the self-help-inspirational-motivational-weight-loss guru via the Internet. (The Internet, of course, possesses arguably questionable judgment. I have lived my life in anticipation of the opportunity to learn about optional primordial sound meditation, but my limited college-student funds prevented me from taking the chance.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Animals are not sacred**

This is a response to a particular reason that Aaron Kessler gave in favor of the animal rights standpoint that animals should not be eaten by men because it causes the animals “to lead lives of pain.” We must begin, therefore, by looking at the idea of animal suffering.

We as humans cannot form any accurate notion of what animal suffering is. We can be certain though, that the degree of their suffering is much different from our own. Cardinal Newman accurately states, “Beats far less that man, because they cannot reflect on what they feel; they have no adversee or direct consciousness of their sufferings.” Animals must suffer to some extent though, and it is wrong to add unnecessarily to these sufferings. The sentimentalism that treats animal pain as an evil as great as human pain, however, is unreasonable and ridiculous. Killing innocent human lives in the womb, for example, offers no comparison to butchering “helpless” cattle.

There is nothing wrong with being a vegetarian, or even a vegan. This is certainly a choice that person is wrong. Animals though, would not want to have to do with us if we were killed for meat. As the Director of Holy Cross Associates, one of the “service projects” mentioned in the letter, I had many opportunities to listen to post-graduate volunteers as they begin the "what next" process. I encourage them to think of the feelings of anxiety that naturally come with life changes as a mass of possibilities, not a lack of opportunities. There are lots of jobs out there for folks with all kinds of backgrounds, even if they seem harder to find in certain major fields or if they appear as financially lucrative as what one might find had one pursued other majors. It becomes better than the idea that one’s call is not necessarily founded on graduation day, but rather a continuous journey taking one through the possibilities of vocation as family members, single people, religious life, and many other callings. Most participants in our program will tell a listener that they discovered many things about themselves and their callings, but that even their experiences moved them farther away from the career they were interested in, because of ignorance. The ignorance thrives in baseless stereotypes and outdated categorizations of people inflicting senseless pain and confusion. Yet, the problem becomes worse when professors and known departments at Notre Dame perpetuate this ignorance in the most inappropriate manner and full victimization to stereotypes and prejudices. It is inaglorious that I believe profession is the standard of professionalism to which this incredible faculty feels obligated to adhere.

If the students at Notre Dame are to fully respect and understand cultural diversity and combat stereotypes which continue to plague our country, then at the very least, Notre Dame must ensure that proper educational messages are set as precedent. I have holding hope that my friends’ experiences will exemplify to students the reality that there is crucial work that remains to be done by everyone in regards to understanding and promoting the spiritual, relational and understanding belief systems of others as a setback, I challenge readers to acknowledge the subtle, yet painful forms of prejudices that ultimately affect people and develop an interest to positively bring about change.

Kas Sefritt
Multicultural Commissioner for Stanford Hall

**Colleges are not job training**

The letter on Feb. 15 from two seniors concerning jobs for Animals and Letters students and post-graduate programs programs took me right back to many of the concerns that I felt as a student nearing the end of my life at Notre Dame, as well as to the anxieties many feel as they near their end in their program. As the Director of Holy Cross Associates, one of the “service projects” mentioned in the letter, I had many opportunities to listen to post-graduate volunteers as they begin the “what next” process. I encourage them to think of the feelings of anxiety that naturally come with life changes as a mass of possibilities, not a lack of opportunities. There are lots of jobs out there for folks with all kinds of backgrounds, even if they seem harder to find in certain major fields or if they appear as financially lucrative as what one might find had one pursued other majors. It becomes better than the idea that one’s call is not necessarily founded on graduation day, but rather a continuous journey taking one through the possibilities of vocation as family members, single people, religious life, and many other callings. Most participants in our program will tell a listener that they discovered many things about themselves and their callings, but that even their experiences moved them farther away from the career they were interested in, because of ignorance. The ignorance thrives in baseless stereotypes and outdated categorizations of people inflicting senseless pain and confusion. Yet, the problem becomes worse when professors and known departments at Notre Dame perpetuate this ignorance in the most inappropriate manner and full victimization to stereotypes and prejudices. It is inaglorious that I believe profession is the standard of professionalism to which this incredible faculty feels obligated to adhere.

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**Kessler out of line**

Brian Kessler was out of line in his Irish Insight column concern­ning Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun. It is embarrassing that the opponents can walk away from Notre Dame and correctly point out that the student body has no class. It is embarrassing that so many fans write in to say how disappointed they are at how poorly the students of Notre Dame carried themselves.

This is not what Notre Dame is supposed to stand for. It’s one thing to cheer on the Irish, and Matt Doherty has given us something to cheer about — as long as it is in our eyes less — and we should not be criticized for it.

In back sports. Class isn’t just pouting on your opponent or not voicing the right to do something or say something. Class is winning. Winning defines the expression. It is expected here, for any who think about it. It causes the animals to be done by everyone in regards to understanding and promoting the spiritual, relational and understanding belief systems of others as a setback, I challenge readers to acknowledge the subtle, yet painful forms of prejudices that ultimately affect people and develop an interest to positively bring about change.

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**Wrong is wrong**

If we are to believe Bill Fenton (“UConn chants were not that bad, 2/16”) then we can toss rules of etiquette altogether and sim­ply run our behavior against something worse. This should be easy. Never mind etiquette! Following his logic (and I am thinking reasoning here, not basketball) everything from human rights viola­tions (well, the Germans killed 6 million Jews) to spearing through a red light and causing a traffic accident in which one man and five children (or five children, twelvethere, this guy who has killed an entire family in a car accident) can be made somehow less unacceptable, and we can let ourselves off the hook for what is in and of itself wrong. Worse yet is the notion that if we have been the recipient of some action that was wrong, we have the right to do some action that is wrong — as long as it is in our eyes less wrong — and we should not be criticized for it.

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**Faculty perpetrates racism**

My friend, dark-skinned and of Mexican descent, sat in class this week and received his painful lesson in red marks. The teacher later talked to my friend, who incidentally is the only dark-skinned student in the class (although one of several that received a poor grade), and asked, “Was Ethernet a word you came up with?” My friend was stunned at the question and felt incredibly awkward. This is the same friend who, after being told he was a United States citizen, asked, “Are there still questions and comments that professors usually ask all and every student when the student performs badly on an assignment and wants to apply for a job? Or do they just inform the student to do with the color of his or her hair and the diseases against people of varying races?

In the incipience of a new century, at one of the finest universities in the world, it is appalling to discover the ignorance at Notre Dame. In addition, the process of improving cultural relations at Notre Dame is commendable, and even for many who fail to appreciate the importance of embracing and feeling comfort­able around diversity, I do not believe that it is better to do with our evil intent, but once again, because of ignorance. The ignorance thrives in
Yes, this is another article about eating disorders. I know you’ve heard your fill. From the myriad of testimonials, which appeared last semester in The Observer, health awareness article you’ve read this week, you are perhaps developing a new dis-order — a sickness spawned by reading too many do-good stories about young women who are on the brink of bulimia or anorexia.

Only your disorder is of a far more dangerous kind because it reflects the attitude you carry towards this issue. An attitude that if not changed today will continue to plague you, your family and the Notre Dame community. An attitude, if not stopped, that those students diagnosed with these diseases and those students and counselors trying to help them, I, like so many others, will continue to absorb.

Looking back, I think about how much it hurt her, our shallow assessment of this other girl, transposing our judgments about her onto herself. I admit that eating disorders were my problem. I was so absorbed by my new life, filled with new friends, new classes and of course a new football season.

Naively, I began to think that nothing could go wrong on this hallowed ground. No one could think, "I hope she tells me a less fateful day when my roommate, my new best friend, my confidant, to this disease. I didn’t want to ask her. But my friends and I had suspected another friend of being bulimic and we agreed not to talk about it. I think she must have been crying every other day, but the moment they would ask me, I would make her problem disappear. Making her problem disappear.

If you live on this campus and you think eating disorders are not your problem, I certainly have good news for you. If you have a friend with an eating disorder, don’t be afraid to get help for yourself before you try to help them. Your ability to cope is critical to opening the lines of communication and maintaining honest exchanges with others. You also have to admit you will never cure your friend’s disease. But you can help them, but most importantly listen to yourself. Recognize your limits and never feel guilty about saying no or not answering their questions.

Dancers prance

By MIKE VENEGAS

Saint Mary’s dancers present a 20th Century Dance Retrospective

There’s going to be a dance at Saint Mary’s this weekend. It’s called the “20th Century Dance Retrospective,” and it’s not an STP. Instead, it’s the “20th Century Dance Retrospective,” and far from the BYE-BYE, today, the show plans to give you a look at the evolution of dance.

“It is looking at a take on what dance has done, what paths it has taken and how it’s changed.” said the show’s director Laura Lowry. "We tried to give an overview of what dance has done, what paths it has taken and how it’s changed."

And though the "Dance Retrospective" is not a typical show, it may one day be seen at an O’Laughlin Auditorium or at the Little Theater of Moreau Center or even at Washington Hall, it comes during the rest of the spring season. Every little dance group is performing the typical Broadway- esque dance. So, there’s "Grease" and there’s "Shakespeare."

But Lowry, this "Dance Retrospective" is not theater. It’s Vegas. It’s dancers, on a stage, dancing. And there is variety throughout the show, which makes it much easier to handle with a short attention span.

"The pieces are more like a kaleidoscope of different things,” said Lowry. But the show isn’t bogged down by an overarching theme or messages. Instead, it’s there, that factor, the "Dance Retrospective" can differentiate itself from other spring productions.

"There are some pieces that have social messages — Trepidation Toward Liberty has a social message against violence and war," she said. "And we’re trying to create one big message through the whole show; I would say it’s kind of reflecting on where we’ve been as a country, and how we express ourselves through dance," added Lowry.

But Lowry recognizes that such a production — a "Dance Retrospective" — is not for everyone.

"There is a dance audience that is interested in dance, and has a tendency to come all the time,” she said. But still, she said people who aren’t particularly fanatic when it comes to dance should expect "to get a taste of many different things in one show."

These things, indeed, are many. There will be a few excerpts from "Romeo and Juliet," a longer ballet piece, a series called American Dances, which shows the progression of social dance throughout the century, the aforementioned Trepidation Toward Liberty, a combination of modern dance with a group of different dancers..."
onto SMC main stage

20th Century Dance Retrospective this weekend

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JPW’s real purpose

Jenn Zatorski assistant Scene editor

I remember being told that there are three times when you are important at Notre Dame: 1) Freshman Orientation, 2) Junior Parent’s Weekend and 3) Graduation. Well, the Class of 2001 has finally emerged from the anonymity of sophomore year and made it to No. 2. JPW. This weekend is dedicated to our families and us. Are you ready to bask in the spotlight? Personally, I have been looking forward to JPW since I worked at the event last year. Granted, I didn’t have the most fun trying to serve dinner to thousands of people (so please be kind to your wait staff this weekend!), but everyone I waited on was having a great time. All of my upperclass friends raved about JPW. I was excited for the time when my family and I would be the guests of honor at these events.

The anticipation for JPW has steadily increased since I returned from winter break. My friends and I are thrilled to finally have plans for the weekend that don’t include watching a movie or trying to find an off-campus party. We are excited for our parents’ visit: we’ve organized a dinner for more than 25 people tonight. The evening promises to be filled with good conversation and fun. My dorm is hosting a luncheon tomorrow. My friends and I also bought tickets for a huge after party that is being held at the College Football Hall of Fame on Saturday night. In addition, there are the University-sponsored activities — a gala, a Mass, a dinner and a brunch. With so many events to partake in, it is becoming hard to keep track of where I will be and when.

It is also hard to believe that after all of this waiting and excitement, JPW is finally here. It is almost like your birthday or Christmas — you wait so long for something and then when it finally happens, you can’t believe it. Unfortunately, these occasions are usually over in the blink of an eye. While today is the start of JPW, you will be waking up for class Monday morning before you know it.

Therefore, we must be extra careful not to let the moment of this weekend slip us by. There will always be books to read, problem sets to complete, computer programs to write and tests to study for. You will only be a junior at the University of Notre Dame once in your lifetime, however. This special weekend gives us the chance to contemplate the years that we have spent at this university and the short amount of time that we have remaining here. It gives us the chance to reflect upon and cherish the friendships that we have made. It gives us the chance to be proud of our many accomplishments. Most importantly, though, it gives us the opportunity to honor our parents and to thank them for providing us with the best education possible.

So take a quiet moment for yourself this weekend amidst the laughter and the dancing. Think about your family, your friends and your life here at Notre Dame. Think about your future and how bright it looks. Think about the wonderful gift that you have been given. While the glory of this particular occasion is fleeting, these truths will endure. As part of the Notre Dame family, we bask in the spotlight everyday.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
NBA

Bulls take care of Mavericks without Kukoc on court

Associated Press
CHICAGO

Toni who? with a three-pointer?...that was the infirmary huh?

Alonzo Mourning led Miami with 15 points and 11 rebounds, and the Heat added 14. Jamal Mashburn had 12 points. It was Chicago's second-straight victory over Miami, which has the second-lowest point total of the season. The Bulls got within 60-59 on a layup by Chris Carter, but Carter's three-pointers and Brand made two free throws and Hawkins drilled a short jumper to add to the 65-59 lead. The Bulls soon realized Kukoc wasn't going to come through to close out the game, opening the second quarter with a 12-3 run of their own.

When Kukoc, Chicago's leading scorer and the last key piece of the championship dynasty was traded to Philadelphia, the Bulls' already dismal fortunes looked even worse. 22-2 and fliriting with the NBA record for futility when he was on the injured list and their prospects didn't look much better. Kukoc looked lost for much of the first quarter, scoring just one of Miami's 23-16 lead. The Bulls soon realized Kukoc wasn't going to come through to close out the game, opening the second quarter with a 12-3 run of their own. But back-to-back 3-pointers by Matt Maloney and Hawkins, followed by Brand's dunk, gave the Bulls a 26-26 lead.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish look to steal win away from No. 23 Pirates

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

The road has been a lonely place for the Notre Dame basketball team this season. Aside from huge wins over Ohio State and Connecticut, Notre Dame has been 0-8 away from the Joyce Center. It won't get any easier Saturday when the Irish take on the No. 23 Seton Hall Pirates at Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, N.J.

"Playing on the road is definitely a concern for us," sophomore forward David Graves said. "When we play at home, we feed off the crowd and we feel comfortable. We're definitely due for a big road win, but this will be a tough game. We need to come out and set the tone defensively."

Seton Hall earned a Top 25 ranking this week for the first time since 1993 and boasts an 18-5 record. The Pirates are second on the team in scoring with 12.9 points per game and rebounding 5.3 per game.

Graves who is second on the team in scoring with 12.9 points per game. "We're going to have to pound the ball into Troy and Harold (Swanson) throughout. Hopefully we can control the game that way and get them into foul trouble because they are not very deep."

Notre Dame is coming off last Saturday's 68-66 upset win over defending national champion UConn.

This game is the start of a crucial five-game stretch that closes out the regular season. During that stretch the Irish will face the top three teams in the conference.

"Coach has been saying that we can finish the season anywhere from second place to ninth place," Graves said. "We control our own destiny. If we come out and play hard, play smart and play together than we'll be right up there at the top."

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the second day of the meet." Citing inconsistency in morning races, difficulty with technical aspects in races, and a struggle to re-focus, Weathers wants to see the squad step up to their optimal level of performance in the next two days. "We were not as good as we could have been in the morning," he said. "We had a lot of kids end up in consolation heats that should have been in the finals. There were a lot of things we could have done better. Overall, we’re pleased with where we are, but we can improve.

While the possibility of the four-peat looms in the distance, the potential win is not the only motivating factor for the team. Seeking to increase the number of swimmers qualifying for the NCAA Championships, the Irish’s goals reach beyond the Big East.

"The girls would like to win, but it’s not as much of an issue as performance," Weathers said. "We were relieved it was a victory. We have to keep our intensity." In addition, expectations are high from frontrunner Carrie Nixon, who added to her list of Big East titles Thursday by resetting her 50 freestyle conference record in preliminaries, then lowering the mark again in finals.

Nixon’s mark of 22.58 seconds earned the junior sprinter another automatic NCAA qualification. Nixon was also a member of two Big East record setting relays on Thursday, establishing Irish dominance. The 200 freestyle relay of Brooke Davey, Nixon, Kelly Suddarth and Nixon undercut the 1999 record set by the Irish, re-establishing the mark at 1 minute. 32.64 seconds.

Hecking, Elizabeth Bargor, Shannon Mattingly and Nixon answered at the end of the meet, resetting the 400 medley relay record at 3:42.69. Other top performances included a 1-2 finish in the 500 freestyle from the duo of Kirsten Van Saun and Allison Newell. Van Saun, who entered the final in second place behind Newell, pulled ahead of the pack during the last six lengths to win the title in 4:52.97.

The duo’s finish set the pace for Thursday’s finals, establishing Irish dominance early on. "The 500 was really critical for us," Weathers said. "It was the first individual event, and it was important to score there because we’ve scored well in the past."

Continuing the trend, Notre Dame placed four swimmers in the final heat of the 50 freestyle, showing off a depth of a talented corps of sprinters.

Following Nixon’s first place finish, Shepard added a fourth place finish. Davey fell into sixth, and Hecking rounded out the heat in seventh.

The Irish also saw strong 200 individual medley performances, with Allison Lloyd and Suddarth placing seventh and eighth.

Diving competitors Heather Mattingly and Gina Kleinholz earned fourth and seventh place honors for Notre Dame in the 3-meter competition, respectively.

Placing multiple swimmers and divers in the final heats will continue to be a priority, as the team looks to capitalize on both standouts and depth.

While stroke specialists will get a chance to utilize Friday and Saturday, there are holes that leave Weathers wary.

"We only have one swimmer in the 400 individual medley tomorrow, and that will hurt," Weathers said. "But we can score well in the stroke events.

"I won last year, that has really given me the confidence to know that I can do it again," she said. "I don’t look at this as pressure, but another opportunity to do something great. The more pressure you put on yourself, the harder it is," she said.

Like Nixon, the team’s focus will remain on not the imminent four-peat, but on NCAA qualifications.

"It is our largest team goal to win [Big East]," Nixon said. "But honestly, that’s going to be easier than it has been in past, because we’ve steered to a new level. This is a side goal—something we think about when we’re done."

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By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN  
Assistant Sports Editor

The women’s track and field team only lost one athlete who placed in the top four at last year’s Big East Indoors Championships. Unfortunately, that athlete scored both the victory and a runner-up finish a year ago.

The Irish return everybody but All-American distance runner JoAnna Deeter from the 1999 squad, but her loss could leave the Irish short-handed in some events, especially in the middle-distance races.

“The women’s side, I don’t know that we’re as strong,” sprint coach John Millar said. “Last year, we were able to put people in events and have them do well. This year we’re not as expected from them. Losing JoAnna Deeter, that obviously hurt us.”

The women’s squad is very wide-open, with Georgetown, Miami (Ohio), Villanova, Seton Hall and Notre Dame all likely to contend for the top few spots.

“Basically, if everyone performs up to their capabilities, we shouldn’t have a problem taking second,” senior Dore DeBartolo in the long jump, new a Notre Dame record in the event.

“Tameisha can hopefully run to the occasion,” Winsor said. “Tameisha’s got all kinds of talent. Tameisha is in a situation where she’s just had to buckle down and really go hard, so we don’t have the depth to fall back on.”

The program is only eight years old, so it’s not as ground as the men’s side, which started when Knute Rockne was coach. “We’re just a little behind because most of the other schools have had women’s track for 15 to 20 years now.”

The field events provide strength for the Irish women. They have competitors who are strong enough to run at the championship in the long jump, high jump and pole vault.

Engelhardt, a senior All-American has placed second in the high jump in the Big East Indoors Championships each of the past three years, while adding two victories in the Big East Outdoors Championships. The same competitor, Tomika Prior, is a first-year indoor runner for the Irish and has defeated Engelhardt in each of the indoor championships.

“Going from past years, I think we’ve got kind of an archrivalry going. I’m definitely going after her,” Engelhardt said. “I think it’s any man’s game. I’ve got to be really counting on her to stop it up.”

Distance events hold the disadvantage of going up against a loaded deck. The Big East has a history of competitive teams, as five schools sent squads to nationals in cross country.

“The league is just so good in those areas,” women’s distance coach Tim Connelly said. “That’s just the nature of the league. That’s what the schools in our league have traditionally been strong in.”

Deeter, who won the 5,000-meter run and took second in the 3,000-meter run a season ago, could be a missing link for Notre Dame as they race for the top of the Big East.

“Tameisha has gotten her indoors. It’s just the nature of the season, we were able to put them. Losing JoAnna Deeter.”

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Irish have eyes on Big East Championship title

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

After placing second each of the past three seasons, the men’s track and field squad hopes this is the year it finally comes out on top in the Big East Indoor Championships.

“This is the best chance we’ve had to win it in a long time,” junior sprinter Terry Wray said. “So a bunch of people are really pumped about it. And I think the corps is really strong this year. We just feel very good and really strong right now.”

The Irish return the core of their runner-up team from 1999, with the exception of All-American pole vaulter Mike Brown. But to come away with a victory, athletes will need to post the best performances of their lives.

“I think it’s key for every event to go well,” field events coach Scott Windsor said. “I’m not quite convinced that we have the depth that some of the other schools in the Big East have. We’re going to have to have a perfect meet, frankly, for me to win it on the men’s side. We’re going to have to have people step up and get some PRs (personal records) for us to be in that meet.”

Other Big East teams will force the Irish to push to the limit.

“I think the key is that the major competition will come from Georgetown or Connecticut, and they’re both excellent teams. Track head coach and field coach Joe Piane said. “We’re just hit on all major cylinders to have a chance. The men and women that can score need to score.”

It may be a close competition for the championship as opposed to last year, when Georgetown topped Notre Dame by about 100 points.

“This year, I wouldn’t be surprised if the top three teams were within 10 points,” distance runner Luke Watson said. “We certainly think that we’re in a good position to win. I know we’re capable of it. We’ve got the talent to win it. It’s just a matter of putting it all together on the same day. I think we have an advantage in the sprints. We need to maintain and match them in the distance and jumps, and then beat them in the sprints.

“The Irish sprint squad is particularly strong. Leading the way will be All-East sprinter John Millar said. “We’ll have people who are going in there, if not leading the events, at least in the top two or three going in there. “So we’re hoping that they’ll perform at the level they’re capable of so they can score some big points.”

Cochran won the 400-meter dash at the Big East Outdoors Championships a year ago, and will attempt to win the race indoors this weekend. Cochran is not the only go-to guy for Notre Dame’s Indoor Championships. He will also head the list of Irish competitors in the 60-meter dash.

West, an All-American long jumper and 200-meter Big East indoor champion a year ago, is competing for the first time since injuring his hamstring last year.

“This is his first meet back since his hamstring pulled, but he’s looked very good in practice,” Windsor said. “He’s running 6.7 at the same time as the long jump. We’re hoping he can hit a big one early in the long jump, so maybe he can pass through. He’s going to have to buck down. That’s what being a senior is all about.”

Wray and senior Tim Kober should pace the Irish in the 500- meter run.

“To win it, nothing else,” Wray said of his goals. “I’m really not concerned with anyone else. I’m pretty much determined. I’m going to have to run the best race of my life, but I think I’m in shape to do it.”

Kober will also be a leading contender for Notre Dame in the 800-meter run.

Senior Phil Mishka scored breakthrough performances in the 800-meter run earlier this year, but will compete in the 1000-meter run this weekend.

“I’ll be interesting to see what Phil Mishka can do in the 1000,” Piane said. “I think he can win it.”

For the distance crew, Watson and junior All-American Ryan Shay should compete for titles. Watson will compete in the mile and the 3,000-meter run, while Shay aims for victory in the 3,000 and 5,000-meter runs.

“Weing my first meet, it’s really hard to establish goals,” Shay said. “I want to win. I just don’t know if I’m physically capable of doing that this weekend. I definitely think I’m capable of being in the top three in the 5,000.”

Shay suffered an injury prior to the first meet of the season, and the Big East will mark his first competition of the season.

“It’s a hell of a meet to start with, but he’ll do fine,” Piane said. “We don’t have any other choice. We can’t not run him. We gain nothing by not running him.

In the field events, the men have no sure contenders for victors besides West in the long jump. However, Irish have a solid supporting cast. Senior Matt Thompson placed fourth in the Big East Indoors Championship a season ago with his hurl of 58 feet, 3 1/4 inches in the weight throw. Fellow thrower Derek Dyer is Notre Dame’s best chance for points in the shot put.

“I don’t believe he (Thompson) has thrown his best this year,” Winsor said. “I have four guys in the weight throw, and hopefully, we can get them all through to the finals.”

Sophomore Quill Hedwine is a key competitor in the high jump and triple jump.

“Quill Hedwine is in another key,” Winsor said. “I think he’s going to have to step it up in the triple jump, and also score some points in the high jump.”

In the pole vault, Notre Dame will enter sophomore Josh Heck, senior Jesse Massicky and freshman Nathan Cahill in an attempt to make up for the loss of Brown.

“We don’t have a Mike Brown in the pole vault, but what we do have is three vaulters who can score and hopefully score pretty well,” Winsor said.

The Irish will also enter teams in the distance medley relay, the 4x400-meter relay and the 4x100-meter relay.

“The last two relays could get really exciting, because I know Georgetown’s got good teams entered and so does Connecticut and so do we,” Watson said. “It could come down to the last two events.”

The meet begins Saturday morning in Syracuse, N.Y., and continues through Sunday.
Notre Dame looks for victory at Bowling Green

By MATT OLIVA
Sporz Writer

The Irish hockey team (13-15-6, 10-9-5 CCHA) remains in the fifth and final home-playoff position spot as they visit conference rival Bowling Green (13-15-0, 10-12-0) this weekend.

They hold a one-point lead over Ferris State after splitting last weekend's series with Nebraska-Omaha. Bowling Green enters the series holding on to its 9th place in the CCHA standings.

This will mark the second straight year in the Irish head into the traditional late-season Bowling Green series on the bubble for a home-ice playoff opener. The Irish dropped one game last year, which forced a final series with Northern Michigan to decide the playoff positioning.

The key to Notre Dame's success is its power-play. The Irish are 11-8-4 when scoring one power-play goal, 7-1-1 when scoring two, and 2-7-1 when scoring none. Notre Dame's percentage of power-play goals to overall goals (136 to 83) ranks as the third-highest in the CCHA.

Despite their power-play success, Notre Dame is one of the CCHA's lowest scoring teams. They do have one of the league's top scoring five-comers all in the CCHA's top 40 scorers. Dan Carlson, Joe Dusbabek, Ryan Dolder, Ben Simon, and David Inman all have scored more than 20 points this season. Only Michigan has more players that have totaled 20 points.

The Irish have relied on their defense for their success this season because of their low scoring totals. The penalty-killing unit has shut out their opponent on 15 of the last 16 powerplay chances, spanning three games. The defense has allowed only 32 powerplay goals on 191 chances this year for a 16.8 opponent average.

Adding to the defense's success has been the limited number of shots that they have given recent opponents. Notre Dame has outshot its opponent in seven games and tied them in the other. During this stretch the average shot totals have favored the Irish 36-22, while the Irish have posted a 5-2-1 record.

The freshmen Irish players emerged in last Saturday's game to contribute eight points against UNO. Michael Chin has four goals and four assists in his last seven games, and all six of his goals have come in the last 15 games. He has scored the most goals by a freshman and trails Connor Dunlop (12 goals, 11 assists) by only one point for most points by an Irish freshman. Defenseman Livn Nielsen added one goal and two assists last weekend to pass senior Tyson Fraser as the top scoring defender, with 12 points (4 goals, 8 assists).

The Irish begin their two-game series with Bowling Green tonight at 7:35 p.m. In the last eight games, their last home game next weekend against Michigan will determine the home and home series to conclude the regular season.

HOCKEY

Lehtinen recovering from surgery

Associated Press

DALLAS

Dallas Stars wing Jere Lehtinen will miss three weeks after he underwent surgery Thursday on his broken right ankle.

Lehtinen was injured Dec. 30 and has played in 30 games before returning on Dec. 31. He played eight games before the ankle started bothering him again and has been out of the lineup since.

Lehtinen could have opted to continue playing, but having surgery now increases his chances of returning at full strength for the playoffs.

"The plan is for him to play again on April 2, when five games will remain in the regular season," the Stars trainer said.

"It's been a tough time," Lehtinen said. "I felt like I could play, but I just did not feel good enough. I didn't have any confidence. At least now, I can come back strong for the playoffs."
**Irish open season in Las Vegas**

By RACHEL PROTZMAN

**SPORTS**

The 2000 Irish softball team will kick off its season this weekend as the lone team from the University of Nevada's Las Vegas Tournament. Notre Dame will play a total of five of the 16 participating teams.

Head coach Liz Miller, now in her eighth coaching season at Notre Dame, has high expectations for the opener this weekend.

"Right now we set very high goals for ourselves," she said. "We expect to go and win every game."

The Irish are coming off of a 42-20 record last season, with an undefeated conference performance.

Notre Dame grabbed its first Big East championship last year before advancing to NCAA Regionals where they defeated fifth-ranked Michigan before falling to Nebraska in extra innings.

This year Notre Dame looks to repeat its 1999 stellar performance, and it is expected to, having been chosen in a poll of conference coaches to finish first again in the Big East.

The Irish scored eight of nine first-place votes, finishing with 64 points, 11 more than No. 2 Boston College.

The Irish lead off the three-day tournament against Portland State Friday morning. Finishing at 12:37 last year, the Vikings have yet to fare Notre Dame in competition.

Notre Dame plays Southern Utah next. The Thunderbirds, ending last year at 10-48 and returning just three of their nine starters, are currently 0-2.

Saturday morning the Irish are slated to face Oregon. The Ducks stand at 4-1 in the 2000 season, losing only to fifth-ranked Southern California.

Two finished last year at 40-29 after advancing to the NCAA Regionals and grabbing the No. 25 national ranking. With a 1-1 history against the Ducks, Notre Dame looks to grab the upper hand.

Following a 6-2 loss in the 1999 season, Notre Dame looks to get revenge against UC-Santa Barbara Saturday afternoon. USCSD stands at 3-1 in the 2000 season.

The Irish finish weekend play against Utah.

The Utes, picked to finish third in the Mountain West Conference, are currently 0-3 after the Finley Bowl Tournament last weekend.

The Irish, although lacking senior leadership, have returned seven starters, including 1999 Big East pitcher of the year, Jennifer Sharron, and 1999 Big East player of the year, shortstop, Melanie Alkire.

Also returning from the all-Big East Team are outfielders Lizzy Lemire and Jennifer Krieh.

Notre Dame has a new defensive look in the infield this season as freshmen Andrea Loman, Alexes Madrid and Andria Bledsoe are slated to start at first, second and third bases, respectively, while sophomore Jarrah Myers moves from third base to catcher.

Joining Lemire and Krieh in the outfield is junior Danielle Klyaman, a returning starter.

The Irish, yet to get outdoors this year, face teams who already started the 2000 season.

"We have a little catching up to do, but we don't let that be their advantage. It doesn't hold us back," Miller said. "We need to go out there and play our game."

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**MEN'S TENNIS**

No. 29 ND aims for two home victories

By RACHEL BIBER

Sport Writer

Two more matches and two more wins.

That's the goal at hand for the 2-9 Irish this weekend as they match-up against Wisconsin on Friday at 5 p.m. and Notre Dame at 1 p.m. (Fla.) on Sunday at 12 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The 4-2 Notre Dame squad is in the midst of a successful homestand that has included impressive wins over Kentucky and Ohio State, but the focus of the Irish remains fixed on putting more victories in the win column by way of a little fine-tuning.

"We'd like to continue winning," Irish coach Bob Bayliss said. "And we are going to try to tighten up some of the areas we are soft on."

The Badgers of Wisconsin, who poor the first test for the Irish, completed the week with a 2-1 record following a 4-3 loss to the DeVul Paul Demois and are lead by senior David Chang and sophomore Scott Rutherford, who rank 15th in doubles. Notre Dame has claimed victory in the last eight meetings with the Badgers, giving them a 38-16 lead in the overall series.

Sunday's match against the Miami Hurricanes might stand as a tougher obstacle for the Irish, who barely defeated the Big East rival in a memorable 4-3 victory over the Hurricanes in the 1999 Big East Championship.

Miami has garnered a wealth of talent over the offseason, picking up eighth-ranked Thomas Smid from Kentucky, Michael Lang from Georgia, and Peter Hoffmann from Florida International.

"Miami is a bona fide top 25 team," Bayliss said. "They love to take advantage of the fact that they are here and playing indoors. They are a good team, and we are a pretty spirited rival."

The Irish hope to come into this weekend's battle against the Irish with a sparkling 0-0 record, recently claiming wins over 36th-ranked Alabama and 67th-ranked Southern Alabama. Miami holds a tight lead over the Notre Dame in the all-time series 6-5, but the recent consistently solid play of the Irish could lead to an evening out of the overall series.

Seventeenth-ranked senior Irish captain Ryan Sachire will again lead the Irish at No. 1 singles this weekend, looking to continue a successful spring season that began with a quarterfinal showing at the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in beginning of the month. Sachire will be followed by sophomores Casey Smith, Taborgo, Talarico, Laffin and freshman Brian Farrell, while the services of Daly, who's shoulder injury has improved, still remain in question.

The Irish lineup might see a little shake-up with injured senior and Irish 2 singles player Matt Daly questionable for the weekend matches. Freshman Brian Farrell has been a constant force to be reckoned with for Irish opponents, dropping just 11 games in his last eight singles matches and posting two straight victories before falling to Ohio State opponent Bob Wellington.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 5 Irish head into battle against No. 8 Knights

By KERRY SMITH
Associate News Editor

Big East action heats up this weekend when the Irish travel to Rutgers to take on the Scarlet Knights Saturday.

The No. 8 Knights will be the toughest competition the Irish have faced so far this season. But the Irish are up for the challenge.

The Irish proved Wednesday that they are more than ready for the last leg of the regular season with an 18-point win over the Villanova Wildcats. "It was a great test to play a very challenging team," said point guard Niele Ivey. "We came out very aggressive and were ready to play. Everyone knew their role and played accordingly."

Villanova, which has proved to be a menace in the Big East this season with big upsets over ranked teams like Boston College and Rutgers, didn't have the strength to counter the powerful Notre Dame squad.

Like the Wildcats, the Knights play a slowdown game.Preferring a low-scoring and patient offense, the Knights have worked their way to a 17-5 record and the third spot in the conference rankings. "We have to focus hard and prepare for Rutgers," said Ivey. "Rutgers is such a great team. We've been making everything more intense in practice. The team is focusing more and getting excited for the game."

The showdown game can hurt the Irish, a team that likes to run the floor and capitalize on the fast break, or the Irish plan to set the pace of the game from the opening tip off Saturday.

Both the Irish and the Knights like to give the ball to post players.

Irish center Ruth Riley will find her match in the Knight's Tammy Sutton-Brown. The junior went 11-15 from the field, scoring a game-high 22 points in the Knights' last outing against Syracuse Tuesday.

With a stingy defense, the Knights have held 12 of their opponents to 51 points or less this season.

The Irish plan to spread their scoring power under the basket and behind the arc. Along with Riley, Kelley Siemon has stepped up this season to help the Irish in the paint. The junior forward averages over seven points and five rebounds a game.

In the Irish court, the trio of Niele Ivey, Danielle Green and Alicia Ratay have dominated opponents all season with sharp shooting and tough defense.

All three average double-digit scoring for the Irish. With their eyes on the Big East tournament and beyond, the Irish are set for a tough set of games beginning with Rutgers and concluding with Connecticut next weekend. "There are a lot of competitive teams and we're excited for the challenge," said Ivey. "This is our chance to hold the 6-5 edge in their series with the Irish. The Irish have come away with a victory only once out of five free contests with the Knights at Rutgers."

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Niele Ivey
Irish point guard

Third-ranked Georgia staves off Kentucky, 73-69

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky.-Kelly Miller scored 23 points and Dranya Nolan added 14, including two free throws in the final moments, as No. 3 Georgia held off Kentucky 73-69 on Thursday night.

Miller was 9-for-14 from the field, including 2-of-4 from 3-point range, and Nolan hit 5-of-10 shots as the Lady Bulldogs (12-2, 10-1 Southern Conference) won their 11th straight game.

Erica Jackson scored 19 points, Tiffany Wait 15 and Laura Meadows 13 for the Wildcats (12-11, 4-7), who have lost six of their last seven games.

Kentucky trailed by as many as 14 points in the second half, but cut the deficit to two with 58 seconds to play. Following Coco Miller's miss, Jackson drove to the baseline but stepped out of bounds with 11 seconds remaining.

Nolan then hit two free throws with nine seconds to play to seal the game for the Lady Bulldogs, who are one victory away from equaling their regular-season record.

Trailing 38-25 at halftime, Kentucky opened the second half with a 9-2 run to cut the margin to 40-34.

Georgia took its biggest lead of the game, 58-44, on Kelly Miller's 3-pointer midway through the second half. 10-2 run, capped by back-to-back 3-pointers by Wait and Jackson, again cut the margin to only six at 60-54.

The Lady Bulldogs led 69-62 with 2:40 to play, but Kentucky again fought back and pulled within 71-69 on Jackson's steal and layup with 58 seconds to play.

Georgia shot 52 percent for the game (30-of-58) and scored 23 points off 21 Kentucky turnovers. The Wildcats shot only 43 percent (25-of-58) but made 5-of-9 from 3-point range and 14-of-17 free throws.

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**Crossword**

**ACROSS**

6 Le film's artist
11 Becomes twisted
18 Police unit
20 "Grand Ole Darts"
24 "I've Never Thought a Box of Mashed Potatoes Could Be a Whole Week's Worth of Food"
25 House coat
27 Becomes
29 One of the Andrews Sisters
30 Breathers
31 Howled
32 Whose line is "The mask shall inherit the earth?"
33 Eibows on the table
37 Way to get a job
38 Regular and long
39 Seasonal serving
40 Like some muscles
41 Aquino's successor in the Philippines
47 They may be noted pyramid artists
49 Pseudologist
50 Like elbows, sometimes
51 Like some "The Andrews Sisters"
52 "A daughter of false hopes!"
55 "I thought I'd wake up as a giant insect! A dung beetle! Not something as hideous as this!"
57 "I can still hear your voice like a bug"

**DOWN**

1 There is one on most coins
2 Arrests
3 Stips and such
4 Holds up
5 Reply to "That's all"
6 ___ Xing
7 Tanker
8 College leader
9 Take for
10 Su-and-sos
11 In-flight announcement, for short
13 Stopped taking
14 Like poison ivy leaves
16 Winners get them
17 Philately collection
19 Not so tough
21 Portable
22 "Count Dracula"
23 "Cute? Mother, I've turned into a mini-page!"
25 "I'm a sooty toad"
26 "I'm a talking squirrel!"
28 "Welcome to Our Humble Abode"
34 "Wait a minute... Don't what do you mean?"
38 Places of art
39 "I'm the one you leave your sister alone!"
42 "Coronation stone"
43 "Fail (Irish Level)
44 "Down"
47 "I'm cuTE"!
49 "I'm a sooty toad"
52 "Visit the Observer on the web at http://observer.nd.edu/"
54 "I'm a sooty toad"
55 "I'm a sooty toad"
56 "I'm a sooty toad"
57 "I'm a sooty toad"

**Horoscope**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2000**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY**

Dai-Ni, Jack, Faith, Grace, White
Yoko Ono, Matt Dillon, Helen Gurley Brown, Jack Paar, John Sjoholm, Cyrille Shepherd, Roberto Beggois, Julian Nauda.

**Happy Birthday!** Your hard work will start to pay off as you move into a key position in your chosen field. You will deserve those who have fol­lowed your progress over the years, and you will impress those who have recently discovered you are all about. Squid tail and predator stories will be the talk of the day. If your horoscope can be good this year if you follow these rules. Your numbers 12, 17, 22, 26, 31.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):"Put money into personal investments. Change your self-image. Take the time to learn to count and order relatives. Creative projects should turn out well."

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):"Be optimistic. Use your powers of reasoning and attention to the order of a task and you may make contributions to groups if you have not been very successful."

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):"You can accomplish a great deal if you work quietly behind the scenes. Try to spend time with loved ones who have personal or health problems."

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):"Group or organizational activities will be most rewarding. Your ability to help others will not go unnoticed. Romance will develop through the current you keep close."

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):"High energy at work will bring advancement and or recognition. You can make changes in your personal life regarding your domestic situation or partner."

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):"Deception involving laws or un­called friends may be somewhat upsetting for you today. You will do well if you concentrate on organizational systems."

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):"Look into making residential changes. A move may improve your emotional outlook. New friendships will be solid and lasting. Join groups that can provide you with mental sati­sation."

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):"New romantic encounters will develop through sports or while attending seminars. Your communication skills will be magnified, aiding you in attracting new loves."

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):"Work quietly behind the scenes where you can accomplish the most. You may find that恼路problems will prevail if you haven't dealt with them in the past."

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):"Social activity in your home will be entertaining. Think about getting those individuals who can provide you with the intellectual stimulation you require."

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):"You can make positive changes in your home environment. New equipment that will make your domestic duties easier will pay off."

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):"New romantic encounters will develop through travel or educational pur­suits. Be aware that more than one individual is interested in you personally."

**Birthday Baby:** You will attract a lot of attention over the years. Your charm and good looks will capture the attention of everyone who comes in contact with you. You'll always take on too much and overspend unless taught from a young age to be prudent.

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Irish make big splash at Big East championship

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's editor

UNIONDALE, N.Y. —
A fourth Big East conference championship title is a near-certainty in the Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team's future after ending day one of competition over 100 points ahead of the closest competitor.

Advancing 15 swimmers to finals and breaking three conference records in the process, the Notre Dame squad emerged the undisputed favorite in the meet. Perennial conference struggles Pittsburgh-Villanova and Miami struggled to put points on the board throughout the day.

"This is probably more than we expected in terms of position," said head coach Bailey Weathers. "A lot of teams did not have as good of a day as we did. But we still have a lot to improve on." Seeking status as the first Notre Dame team to win four consecutive conference championships, a major factor by the team would be necessary to narrow the lead. Regardless, Weathers will not guarantee a victory this early in the competition.

"To say I am confident in our victory is a foolish thing to do," Weathers said. "We have to stay focused and make sure we don't let down. Maintaining intensity is always a challenge going into.

The women's swimming and diving squad outswam their conference competitors by more than 100 points in the first day of the Big East championships Thursday. The Irish advanced 15 swimmers to the finals and broke three conference records.

Swimmers race into third place at conference championship

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SPORTS Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y. —
Between the finish of preliminaries and finals last Thursday, the Notre Dame men's swimming team revived a team saying that helped them finish the first day of competition at the Big East Conference Championship in third place behind defending champion Pittsburgh in first place and Rutgers in second place.

There is a saying on our team that there is a difference

between just swimming events and racing events," said Tim Welsh, men's swimming coach. "Racing events are more difficult. This morning we were swimming well, but we weren't racing. This meet is about racing and that's what we came to do tonight." Finals saw Irish swimmers times become faster after a slow start in morning preliminaries. Junior Ryan Verlin improved his time in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1 minute, 54.35 seconds, a significant increase over his preliminary time of 1:54.98. Verlin finished 10th overall in the event. John Luker, a senior competing in the 500-yard freestyle, improved his time from 4:57.32 in a time in finals of 4:34.40, giving him a tenth place overall finish in the event.

The performance of sophomore Jonathan Pierce in the 500-yard freestyle found him cutting his time for the final race and setting a personal record and breaking a University record in the event. Pierce finished with a time of 4:30.96, compared to a preliminary time of 4:33.48, giving him a second place overall finish in the freestyle event.

Welsh credited his swimmers in freestyle events with helping the Irish achieve their third place finish at the end of Thursday's competition.

"Jonathan's performance really set the tone for the evening," said Welsh. "We've counted on our distance freestylers all year to set the tone and they did it again tonight. Adjustments made between preliminaries and finals helped the Irish finish the day strong.

"We went faster this evening than at preliminaries and we achieved that by racing more aggressively and faster at each point during each race," said Welsh. "That was our objective tonight as a team, to race faster." Increased focus led to improved times, said Verlin.

"It was a case of us realizing after this morning that we started off swimming slow and we started off sluggish," said Verlin. "The result was that we reforocused for tonight's races. We were not mentally in it this morning.

Team captain Ray Fitzpatrick agreed. "Physically, we were fine. Mentally, we were just a little off," said Fitzpatrick. "Tonight we had better focus that we will carry on throughout the rest of the meet."

Welsh also credited his team's performance to having