Former ND hockey player to bike across the nation

By COLLEEN MCDONALD
Assistant News Editor

When the hockey season ends for the East Coast hockey league, Mobile Mysticks player, former Notre Dame hockey player and 1999 Notre Dame graduate Benoit Cotnoir will be taking the road less traveled.

During his hiatus from hockey, Cotnoir was deciding how to spend his summer after his junior year at Notre Dame. Cotnoir said, "My dad was like, "What? You aren't going to be earning money this summer?" Cotnoir said.

His father worried about Cotnoir's future. "I want to go to graduate school eventually and need to earn money for that," Cotnoir said.

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A Proud Parent

Standing outside the Juniper Road doors of Kalt Hall, I said goodbye to my parents in August 1996. I cried, they cried. I thought I knew how it felt to be an adult. We neither share a house anymore, or meals or the car. That was sad. And scary.

To me, a bouncy freshman still reveling in a life with my parents, those of The Observer seemed to be adults, professionals, independent of University rules. They were old. I thought I knew how they felt, but looking back I see that in reality, students are adults. professionals, capable of surviving because Notre Dame is the second-best campus in America to find good-looking men was only popular opinion. "There's no truth to that rumor as far as I know," said Kevin Loud, editor of Playgirl magazine. Playboy also denied the rumor, but male students still hoped that the rumor was true. President of Grace Hall hung a bulletin stating Playboy for the supposed ranking.

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Yale murder suspect appears on TV

"Jim told the police right from the beginning that he was home alone watching TV." Grudberg said. "In 15 months the police have found no shred of evidence to dispute that." ARC reported that Jovin had been frustrated by Van de Velde's treatment of her when she was weeks leading up to her death. Family and friends characterized her as being manipulative and horrible because Van de Velde had not responded to her letters. But on "20/20," Van de Velde denied any negligence in the matter, saying only that she might have been absent-minded when the incident occurred.

Regardless, he said it would not make sense for him to murder her simply because she was angry with him. "I don't understand how it translates into a motive for me to murder her," he said.

U. Wisconsin groups respond to racist fliers

MADISON, Wis.

Two different sets of racist fliers have appeared in recent weeks in University of Wisconsin-Madison campus buildings this past week. One flyer details an incident ignored by the media, the authors of the flier claim, concerning a "beautiful, innocent young boy" who was drugged to death by a black male on Feb. 22 in Independence, Mo. The flier also claims U.S. Justice Department statistics say that "blacks are 2,000 percent more likely to commit interracial crimes." According to the Independent Police Department, Jake Robel was killed during the hijacking of his mother's car by Kim Davis, who is black. However, officials said this incident was a random hijacking not based on race. The other flyer made claims that slavery was a legitimate resource for plantations, while promoting the idea of racism and white supremacy.

In the meantime, Notre Dame administrators acted like stodgy parents, treating me like a child incapable of giving my Thursday nights to my friends and co-workers. I was wrong. Months later, I thought tears of sadness would fall, reminding me of all I leave at school, they cried because they recognized my personal growth as the University ignored it.

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Former Yale lecturer James Van de Velde, the only publicly identified sus­pect in the Dec. 4, 1998 murder of Yale student Suzanne Jovin, maintained his innocence during his first interview on network television Wednesday night.

Van de Velde, who was Jovin's the­sis advisor, said police have found no evidence to incriminate him. "Nothing has been revealed to link me to the crime, and nothing ever will," said Van de Velde, who has granted few interviews since Jovin's death. Jovin's murder is one of only two out of 15 murders committed in New Haven in 1998 that remain unsolved, according to the New Haven Police Department.

In a December press conference marking the one-year anniversary of her death, Police Chief Melvin Waring said the list of suspects, initially numbering 15, had dropped to "more than five" or "more than ten." According to the report aired Thursday night, New Haven Police have signifi­cantly narrowed the pool of suspects since then.

Van de Velde is the only named sus­pect in the crime. But Van de Velde's attorney, David Grudberg, said Wednesday Van de Velde should be regarded as innocent until proven guilty.

Outside the Dome

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AUSTIN, Tex.

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Schutte defends death row prisoner, criticizes penalty

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News Writer

Steven Schutte, chief public defender for the State of Indiana, believes his client, Obadiah ben Yisrael may be one of the victims of racial discrimination by the Indiana judicial system.

"I represent an innocent man who is condemned to die," Schutte said at the beginning of his presentation, titled, "Innocent on Indiana's Death Row: The Case of Obadiah ben Yisrael.

Ben Yisrael is now in prison and will stay there until his conviction is overturned or he is executed under Indiana's current death penalty laws. Schutte concentrated not only on the specifics of the ben Yisrael case, but also on the death penalty itself.

"Comprehensive study done on wrongful convictions states that as high as 5 percent of all people convicted are not guilty of the crimes they are convicted of," Schutte said. "It is my opinion that the rate of error may be higher in death penalty cases. The courts have elevated procedural regularity over fairness.

According to Schutte, the House of Representatives and the Senate of Indiana have made a resolution to explore the possibility of racial discrimination in seeking the death penalty. They are also researching the possibility of innocent people on death row and the clear proclivity of prosecutors to seek the death penalty in re-election years.

"The convivialational wisdom of society preserved is that 80 percent of the people of Indiana support the death penalty. Nobody ever lost a vote by being hard on crime because no one has ever said otherwise," he said.

Schutte expressed concern about error in the justice system.

"I believe that the death penalty is wrong," Schutte said. "I hope you leave here thinking we're not perfect. We are an imperfect people and we have imperfect systems. The system has never worked. If we have this perfect penalty but imperfect people we're going to kill innocent people."

Schutte believes the justice system was not fair to ben Yisrael.

Ben Yisrael was brought to trial four times for shooting 10 people. The first trial for two murders and two attempted murders resulted in an acquittal. The second, for one murder and one attempted murder, also resulted in acquittal.

He was convicted in the third trial for two more murders before being tried and convicted of a fourth one for separate murders.

The 10 shootings took place between Halloween and mid-December of 1999, Schutte said.

According to Schutte, an eyewitness in the first trial was able to help police draw up a composite of the suspect, a "shaggy-haired, light-skinned" man. Ben Yisrael, also known as Christopher Peterson, is black.

"At the first trial, the woman said [Peterson] wasn't the guy," Schutte said.

Ben Yisrael was originally arrested for a robbery after his accomplice told police that ben Yisrael was the "Shogun Slayer" that police sought in connection with the 10 shootings.

When a gun was found in ben Yisrael's closet that matched the casings from the crime scenes, ben Yisrael was questioned, arrested and confessed.

At his first two trials, the witnesses assisting police with the composite did not believe that ben Yisrael was the man she saw.

After three days of questioning, ben Yisrael decided to confess to end the interrogation process. Despite his confession, he was acquitted in those trials.

"The state's case [was identical in both trials]," Schutte said. "What he said he did didn't match the statements. It is true that when the police came to question him, ben Yisrael said he had committed crimes, but he was clearly not a 22-year-old kid. The simple fact is people, all the time, for a variety of reasons, say things they didn't do.

Schutte believes that new evidence, overlooked by the public defenders in the second two trials, will help him obtain an acquittal in ben Yisrael's case.

Schutte has found a new witness that places the suspect in the composite sketch at the scene of the last two murders. The suspect, according to the witness, sat in a car outside of the shop where the shootings occurred.

The presentation was sponsored by the Justice Education Program and the Northern Indiana Coalition Against the Death Penalty. [The presentation is part of an overall effort to raise many of the issues about the death penalty through our community," said Schutte.

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In addition, Shappell believes this experience will complement what he has done in the hockey rink and diversify his resume for when he eventually applies to graduate school. He has combined both, and he shows the same dedication and attitude to his hockey career now that he did when he was a high school student.

Anil Cotnoir

"We refer to it as a community on wheels. We'll be working together to make it across the country and to improve the community." Benoit Cotnoir Bike Aid participant

"Every physical and mental challenge the trip provides is worth it in the end." Jill-Anne Fowler former Bike Aid participant

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Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign language study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not exceeding $3,500, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language study. The competition is open to all students with proficiency in the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, University of Florence in Florence, and the University of Rome in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study program relates to their degree program at Notre Dame
2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow
4) a budget indicating the costs involved
5) the names of two references.

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World News Briefs

Iraq spurns new U.N. arms inspector

Associated Press

HAVANA

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Cuba

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U.S. troops headed to Mozambique

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

As many as six U.S. Air Force special operations helicopters will be transported to southern Africa beginning this weekend to attempt to rescue flood victims in Mozambique, the Pentagon announced Thursday.

The Pentagon also will send a team of medical and communications specialists to the area this weekend from Europe aboard C-130 aircraft. They are being diverted from an exercise planned in the central African nation of Cameroon.

Meanwhile, President Clinton authorized up to $37.6 million in emergency military assistance for southern Africa "for the purpose of providing international disaster assistance."

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said two or three MH-53 helicopters will be loaded aboard C-5 transport planes at Mildenhall Air Base in England this weekend for the 20-hour flight to southern Africa. They will have Navy SEAL commandos and others ready to begin operations early next week, he said.

The medical team will include 200 to 400 troops and the helicopter support will total 400 to 600 troops.


The United Nations estimates that between 800,000 and 1 million people have lost their homes in Mozambique and are in urgent need of help following the worst floods in decades to strike the poverty-stricken country.

"Thousands are feared dead. The MH-53 helicopters are specially equipped to extract people. Each can carry 38 passengers and lift up to 20,000 pounds. Some may be used to move inflatable boats for use in rescuing stranded people in the flood areas," Bacon said.

The United States already has pledged $12.8 million in emergency relief and military assistance. President Clinton said Wednesday that one U.S. military plane delivered relief supplies to Mozambique on Tuesday.

"But we can do more to address the needs of the nearly 1 million people who have been displaced," Clinton said.
ND to build new arts center

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

Plans are in progress to foster the University's performers and their audiences in a new performing arts center.

"It's something the University needed to round out its availability of space in the performing arts," said Jim Lyphout, associate vice president of business operations who oversees the planning of the center.

The Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts will house five venues for performances, according to Lyphout.

In addition to some offices and smaller rooms, the building will include a 900-seat concert hall, a 200-seat cinema, a 100-seat student theater, a 350-seat main stage theater and a 100-seat choral hall.

"It's going to be a very sophisticated building," said Lyphout.

The center will incorporate state-of-the-art technology, stadium seating and equipment to handle the sound disruptions that could occur from the various theaters.

The location of the DeBartolo Center and the Performing Arts will be south of the College of Business Administration and the Hesburgh Center at the far end of the DeBartolo quad.

The University recognized the need for a performing arts building several years ago when it reevaluated its facilities. Since then, the University has raised funds and started to plan the construction of the building, a $51 million project.

"It's a very difficult task. We have a wide array of consultants on this project," said Lyphout.

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their numbers are pretty compara­ble to those from earlier in the week," Davido said.

Moscona, however, was discour­aged by his class's turnout.

"It think it was disappointing. The scheduling and location of the vote made it very difficult to turn out," Moscona said.

In a week that saw the voiding of Monday's 2003 primary vote and a subsequent recount on Tuesday, both Davido and Moscona are glad to see the elections end. The elec­tion results were a long, frustrating process, Davido said.

"I think a lot of students are dis­heartened with student government and tired of elections, but I hope they see that this election ended fairly and by the rules," he said.

With the elections finished, the winning ticket plans to increase class unity through a charity golf tournament, a senior week and a senior talent show. Among the tick­et's other goals are to develop a class webpage and a post-graduation webpage.

"Our ticket features a lot of expe­rience, which we will need in coor­dinating all of next year's events. The class of 2003 can count on a very fun year to come," Gernert said.

Moscona's ticket also has fun in mind.

"We want to increase the number of social events. We'd like to plan a class trip to an amusement park," Moscona said.

His other ideas include develop­ing a class webpage and providing more service opportunities for his classmates.

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YEMEN

Polish ambassador kidnapped

Associated Press

The Polish ambassador has been kidnapped in Yemen, the latest act of lawlessness by tribesmen who abduct foreigners in hopes of forcing the government to release detainees or build hospitals and better roads.

Krzyzstup Suprowicz was abducted in San’a on Wednesday morning by a group of (mostly) armed men. The abduction was confirmed by officials of the Yemeni government. They are demanding the release of a fellow tribesman arrested last week.

Suprowicz, the ambassador’s wife, told private Polish Radio BFM that the kidnappers called her Thursday to say that her husband is "OK."

The kidnappers first took Suprowicz to a remote area 30 miles north of San’a and then moved him to a mountainous area of Khawlan, southeast of the capital.

Soldiers on Thursday entered the area while government officials appealed to tribal leaders to mediate a peaceful end to the standoff, the security officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

BRITAIN

Pinochet leaves for Chile a free man

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY - Pinochet was arrested, that four countries sought his extradition and that his claim of immunity was rejected has made the world a smaller place for people who commit atrocities.

Pinochet was arrested under a Spanish warrant Oct. 16, 1998, while recuperating from back surgery in a London hospital. A Spanish judge freed him of orchestrating a systematic campaign of torture against political opponents throughout his 17-year dictatorship.

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Straw briefed Pinochet, who for most of his detention stayed in a rented mansion outside London under 24-hour guard, after an independent medical examination found the former dictator’s diminished mental capacity would make it impossible for him to participate in his own trial.

Straw said he rejected submissions from the four nations that questioned the findings, calling their criticisms "medically unjustified."

"The principle that an accused person should be capable of following the proceedings, instructing his lawyers and giving coherent evidence is fundamental to the idea of a fair trial," the Home Office said in a statement.

The European nations that pursued Pinochet through the British courts expressed disappointment at the outcome but none launched a last-minute appeal in an attempt to prevent the general’s departure.

Belgium pledged to pursue Pinochet through the Chilean courts, while Spain — which kicked off the legal fight with its arrest warrant — called his detention "a warning signal for all those who don’t respect human rights.

Straw acknowledged that he was "all too well aware" that his decision — capping a case that will cost British taxpayers millions of dollars — means Pinochet is unlikely to be tried anywhere in the world.

San’ta

FROM THE OBSERVER

"This was an unprecedented case. Both I and the courts had to navigate in uncharted territory," Home Secretary Jack Straw told the House of Commons after ruling that the 84-year-old general was mentally unfit to be extradited to Spain for trial on torture charges.

Straw also dismissed extradition requests from three other nations that contended their citizens were victims of Pinochet’s regime — Belgium, France and Switzerland.

Pinochet, who doctors say suffered brain damage when he experienced two small strokes last fall, left Britain on Thursday afternoon and was expected to arrive in Santiago on Friday after an undulated supper course en route.

The former dictator’s decision not to comment on his detention in Britain came to an end, but his eldest son, Augusto Marco Antonio, said in the Chilean capital that his father received the news of his freedom "very calmly, the way he usually is, without showing his feelings and emotions."

While human rights groups expressed dismay at Straw’s ruling, they also applauded the British and Spanish courts for decisions that strengthened the reach of an international law against torture that had been little known despite ratification by dozens of countries.

Under the law, which Britain adopted in 1988, torture became an international crime that any nation may prosecute and from which no one enjoys immunity.

Britain’s top court of appeals, the House of Lords, cited the law in issuing its precedent-setting decision to strip Pinochet of his immunity.

This ruling was a landmark judgment in human rights law, whose impact has been felt far beyond our shores," Straw said.

Others took note. Indonesia’s former President Subarto, for example, decided last year not to seek medical care abroad for fear of being arrested.

"It has been a major victory for human rights," said Reed Brody, head of the New York-based Human Rights Watch. "The very fact that Pinochet was arrested, that four countries sought his extradition and that his claim of immunity was rejected has made the world a smaller place for people who commit atrocities."

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Straw said he rejected submissions from the four nations that questioned the findings, calling their criticisms "medically unjustified."

"The principle that an accused person should be capable of following the proceedings, instructing his lawyers and giving coherent evidence is fundamental to the idea of a fair trial," the Home Office said in a statement.

The European nations that pursued Pinochet through the British courts expressed disappointment at the outcome but none launched a last-minute appeal in an attempt to prevent the general’s departure.

Belgium pledged to pursue Pinochet through the Chilean courts, while Spain — which kicked off the legal fight with its arrest warrant — called his detention "a warning signal for all those who don’t respect human rights.

Straw acknowledged that he was "all too well aware" that his decision — capping a case that will cost British taxpayers millions of dollars — means Pinochet is unlikely to be tried anywhere in the world.
FBI seizes computer after internet attacks

Associated Press

Federal agents investigating last month’s Internet attacks that shut down Yahoo!, eBay and other Web sites, including America. There, a nearly immortal activist declared himself “coolio” as a screen name.

The charges that federal prosecutors are weighing do not stem from the so-called denial-of-service attacks that shut down Yahoo!, eBay, Amazon.com and other Internet sites for hours at a time, but rather from evidence found on the seized computer, officials said.

Buscaino said Thursday.

The charges, which federal prosecutors usually defer to state prosecutors and only prosecute when a federal agent had hacked a computer at a university in South Carolina. It was searched Wednesday, he said. With computer crimes unrelated, requesting anonymity, an FBI official said the boy or his name was not specified.

A federal official said he would not identify the boy or his state, nor would he identify the FBI suspects may have been involved in last month’s sensational attacks against popular Web sites, including Yahoo!, eBay, Amazon.com and other Internet sites for hours at a time, but rather from evidence of other, unrelated hacking found on the seized computer, this official said.

The FBI agents that he had hacked on Feb. 13, a hacker calling himself “coolio” reported seeing, more than 2,000 demonstrator.

Last month, Justice Department officials identified “coolio” as one of three hackers, known only by their screen names, for questioning in the string of attacks on popular Web sites.

The federal law enforcement official said the youth has not been arrested by federal agents and no arrest of him is imminent.

Federal prosecutors planned to meet with New Hampshire prosecutors Friday to discuss charges, Buscaino said.

In computer crime cases involving juveniles, federal prosecutors usually defer to state prosecutors and only bring federal charges if the state declines.


The 17-year-old, who lives in New Hampshire, claimed to FBI agents that he had hacked on 100 Web sites, including one based in Los Angeles, Officer Joe Buscaino of the Los Angeles Police Department said Tuesday.

Los Angeles police became involved while investigating an attack on a computer virus site they founded. The Los Angeles police computer crime unit traced that attack to the youth, Buscaino said.

WMUR-TV in Manchester, N.H., said the suspect was a dropout of Kingswood Regional High School in Wolfeboro, N.H. A federal official said he could not confirm the report.

After the youth’s residence was searched Wednesday, he told investigators he had been using computers since he was 3 years old, and spends about 16 hours a day on the Internet, Buscaino said.

The boy claimed he had attacked a Commerce Department site that outlines rules for exporting chemicals that could be used to produce chemical weapons, Buscaino said.

The teen also acknowledged disrupting Rsa.com, operated by RSA Security Inc., one of the nation’s most prominent Internet security companies, Buscaino said.

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Diallo’s parents, along with the Rev. Al Sharpton, former New York City Mayor David Dinkens, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People leader Kwesi Mume and others, expressed optimism following the two-hour meeting with Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder.

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The meeting was very great and fruitful and we have very high hopes,” said Saki Diallo, the victim’s father.

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Buchanan seeks Reform Party bid

WASHINGTON
Pat Buchanan says he is ready to catch the "reform candidate" banner on campaign finance and other issues if the White House bids of John McCain and Bill Bradley fail in Tuesday's primaries.

"There's only one Reform Party," Buchanan said Thursday. "We will have an agenda of reform that is broader and deeper than any we've seen this year."

"I think when Bradley and McCain fade away, there's only one reform candidate in the race," said Buchanan, who switched from the GOP in October and has campaigned cross-country in pursuit of the third party's nomination.

McCain criticizes Bush's ads

LOS ANGELES
Fighting anew over negative ads, Republicans George W. Bush and John McCain struggled Thursday heading into their first debate before next week's multi-state "Super Tuesday" presidential primaries.

McCain protested an ad suggesting he opposes breast cancer research and called on Bush to "get out of the gutter." Bush said the ad only described a proposal on McCain's own Web page, and he said, "It sounds like Senator McCain is becoming increasingly angry as the campaign goes on."

Joined by conservative commentator Alan Keyes, the two presidential contenders were meeting for an hourlong debate sponsored by CNN and the Los Angeles Times. It was being broadcast nationally by the cable network.

For the second time this primary season, McCain was appearing by satellite, this time from St. Louis as he headed east from California for campaign stops in New York.

He made a similar remote appearance in a December debate in Phoenix, each time blaming Bush for accepting a debate invitation after McCain had already made other campaign plans.

With Bush sweeping "Super Tuesday" voting when 613 delegates — almost 60 percent of those needed for the Republican presidential nomination — will be awarded.

The debate was perhaps most important for McCain, who was hailing back from the criticism that followed his denunciation of two conservative religious leaders in Virginia.

While the senator said he stood by that speech, he expressed regret Wednesday for a "flip remark" on his campaign bus that suggested Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson were among "the forces of evil." He said it was a misguided attempt at humor.

On Thursday, it was his turn to criticize Bush for the negative ads that are showing up, including one in which a breast cancer survivor says McCain opposed funding for "vital breast cancer programs" in New York.

"My message is 'Governor Bush get out of the gutter,'" McCain said. "I have strongly supported breast cancer research."

In response, Bush said that McCain's own Web site includes the programs in question on a list of "everyday, garden-variety pork."

McCain also complained about ads in New York, Ohio and California that portray him as opposed to environmental cleanup. They were aired by a group identified only as Republicans for Clean Air, and McCain suggested the ads were coordinated with the Bush campaign, although he had no evidence.

McCain said he was worried about the negative tenor of the campaign because "there is the potential of hurting the Republican party.

Despite the tone, McCain said he would support Bush in the fall if he were the nominee.

"I've been saying all along I will," McCain said, arriving in St. Louis. "He's a good man, from a good family. I'll support him in the fall if he's the nominee and do everything I can to help him be the next president of the United States."

In the run-up to the debate, the Texas governor said Thursday that McCain had only vague education ideas while Bush was "the real thing." McCain is the son of the late Arizona senator.

"I'm concerned about the contrast," Bush said with reporters after reading to students at the Clearview Elementary School in Chula Vista, Calif.

McCain criticized Bush for advocating a $483 billion tax cut that he said would leave the Social Security system in jeopardy.

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For only $2 you can enjoy this hilarious interactive murder mystery.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

B-ball ‘waterboy’ angers community

School still a ‘cut above’?

Since graduating from Notre Dame 38 years ago, I have always been proud to have been associated with the University. Throughout the years it always seemed a “cut above” the others. It has been a shining light in the great moral wasteland we live in today.

I never had to apologize for my school. That is, not until last night. What is wrong here? Is the mantle too much to bear? Yes, I know it was only one or two individuals who caused the problem, but what about those around them? Why this year? This incident only served to highlight and confirm the overall decline symbolized in the NCAA probation.

Yes, mediocrity is always easier than excellence. Yes, we can say we are like everybody else and we can even blame someone else.

If you think I am out of touch, you are wrong. I sent two children through Notre Dame in ’87 and ’93. It has changed since then. Wake up and take responsibility. This was a special institution. Don’t let it be ruined!

Lee Taddiono, ’62
Murrysville, Pa.
March 2, 2000

Classy sportsmanship needed

In March 1977, in a televised basketball game between Notre Dame and San Francisco, NBC selected the Notre Dame student body as the game’s MVP. How times have changed.

Win or lose, Notre Dame has always been synonymous with class and sportsmanship.

Based on the actions demonstrated at the UConn and Syracuse basketball games, the University should be embarrassed. The alumni are.

Paul McDonnell
Class of 1977
March 2, 2000

Students’ behavior televised

What has happened to the Notre Dame student body? After being known for decades as an intelligent, classy group of individuals, the norm seems to have turned to entirely classless behavior whenever sports are involved.

Last fall, we witnessed the pelting of the UConn band after the half-time show of a football game. A few weeks ago, we had the UConn taunting incident and now our NCAA bid may have been destroyed by some idiots throwing things on the court.

The fact that all of these events have happened on national TV certainly does little to help the image of the University.

Please put a little thought into your future actions and stop tarnishing the reputation of the entire University.

Sheila O’Connor
Class of 1987
March 2, 2000

Alumnus sees ‘idiocy’

To the student who threw the object onto the floor of the Joyce Center causing a technical foul and costing Notre Dame the basketball game last night and very likely an NCAA berth:

On behalf of all Notre Dame alumni, I would like to thank you so much for your idiocy and immaturity. As a young alum law school Class of 1994, I, as many of my fellow alumni from the early to mid-1990s, have seen Notre Dame athletics (with certain notable exceptions) go from top-caliber to the laughingstock of the college sports world. From the so-called “resignation” of Coach Holtz, to the dumb episode, to the NCAA inquiry and probation, to the absolute lack of intelligent decision-making on and off the football field by coaches and players alike, to persistent mediocrity in the men’s basketball program, we have endured the march from first to worst in fiascologizing fashion. We have handled the perpetual barbs and abuses heaped upon us by the many non-alums and Notre Dame-baiters of the world. And now this.

Just when the athletic department delivers to us a dearer alma mater a true treat — a winning men’s basketball program and a coach with real fire and personality, top-notch players with high levels of talent — Mr. Waterboy (and I really want to emphasize the word BLOW) decides he is not happy with the calls of the officials after having been warned by the coach and those same officials on two prior occasions, and throws his “wittle water bottle onto the floor in footstool.” Big move, little man, make a statement! You da man!

So today, when you get up in your paid-for living accommodations at one of the most prestigious universities in the world, put on your little Abercrombie & Fitch outfit that Mommy and Daddy in Wilmette bought for you last Christmas and walk to class, think about this — think about all the alums who had to put on a suit and tie and walk into their less firms, brokerage houses, medical offices and accounting firms and bear the jeers from the Michigan, Northwesternes and Purdue alums who live and die for moments like this when the Irish really blow it.

Because you blew it for all of us. You blew it for the seniors on Senior Night, you blew it for Matt Dickey, you blew it for the entire men’s basketball program, you blew it for all of your fellow students and you blew it for all us alumni who sat at home last night with the fight song CD in our CD players, waiting, hoping and praying for an upset victory and an improbable NCAA berth.

Thanks again, Waterboy!

Mark Laughman
Chicago, Ill.
March 2, 2000

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I hate sports as rabidly as a person who likes sports hates common sense."

H.L. Mencken
author
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Students' behavior unacceptable**

When Notre Dame's men's basketball team recorded a homecourt win over top-ranked San Francisco in 1977, NBC Sports named the Notre Dame student body as the MVP of the game. That's the sort of positive reputation our students have earned over the years.

Unfortunately, the actions of a small number of students in recent home basketball games has tainted that reputation. These incidents have been embarrassing for the University and have received extensive national media exposure.

There's a fine line between what's appropriate and what's not appropriate when it comes to fans supporting their team. In these instances, a few Notre Dame students have crossed the line and conducted themselves in a manner that can and will not be tolerated.

The Office of Student Conduct and everyone associated with the men's basketball program have worked to encourage attendance and interest from students, who can play a key role in helping to create the kind of atmosphere everyone wants to see in the Joyce Center. But there are standards of behavior that must be adhered to, and the behavior of this small number of students is simply unacceptable.

As the season winds down and we hope our team qualifies for postseason play, please help us encourage the sort of behavior that we must come to expect from our students and fans. There's no reason that those in attendance at games cannot enjoy themselves, make noise and support their team without engaging in the sort of conduct that gives all of us a black eye and can even penalize our team.

We must insist on nothing less.

Father Mark Poorman

*President for Student Affairs*

March 2, 2000

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**Health conversations must continue on campus**

In response to an anonymous letter to the editor, entitled "Get with it, Health Services" (Feb. 28), addressing a lost lab sample, I'd like to say a little something "for you" to the writer. This person has given me the opportunity to respond to an unfortunate incident and to invite students to be more involved with their health care and issues of wellness on campus.

As he pulled out of the parking lot, he forgot that Americans drive on the right side of the road and had to guide the car along the side of the street between Meijer and the restaurants. Those of us in the cab were unable to see the following vehicles while our driver recognized his error as we turned left onto Grape Road. He redeemed himself by returning us safely to campus with his eyes and his cab on the right side of the road.

My Friday night experience may have marked an extreme encounter with the incompetence of the local cab companies. But travel in taxis usually leaves me with an increased pulse and a greater appreciation for the green mini-van that I drove at home. I may not have had air-conditioning or properly working windshield wipers, but at least I couldn't be fined to New York.

Health conversations must continue on campus.

**write to us,**

(viewpoint.1@nd.edu)

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**Beware of scary taxi adventures**

Last Friday, my friend Mary Anne had her 109th birthday. To celebrate, her friends and I decided to have dinner with her in a restaurant where klutzes bearing trays of food frequently appear. Overheard by the prospect of having dinner with four first-timers was a gauntlet for food, an experience that made the mode of off-campus transportation most readily available to freshmen: a cab.

At 7 p.m., the familiar yellow mini-vans arrived. I picked into the first one with seven of my friends. Our friendly but mathematically challenged driver insisted that he could control time of our group, despite the conspicuous presence of only seven seats. As other members of our group expressed their desire not to sit on their friends' laps while noticing the presence of two more vans, our driver grew visibly annoyed. I thought that he might physically grasp at the van. A moment later, he seized two wheels per minute in front of us but seized the necessary opportunity to impart a sincere thank you.

As we turned left onto Angola Ave., we left the slow Bulick behind. Inspired by an apprehensive but enthusiastic wish to be Mario Andretti, our driver slammed on the gas pedal and flew through the light at Juniper. "That light must have been orange or pink," I thought, as we raced along Edison. Both, who sat directly in front of me, turned around wide-eyed and pale-faced.

"Let's see if I can get in front of these people," our driver exclaimed as he crossed two lanes of traffic and left four enraged drivers in his wake. "Has he ever watched '2001'?" Road rage is real today.

Refuge, disguising as T.G.I. Friday's, appeared on our right. At the door to the restaurant, we each paid our $2 fee and vowed to call another company for the ride back to campus. Dinner passed enjoyable buteventually in our conversation a day to enjoy our journey there. After paying the bill, we searched the phone book for another taxi company, called in our request and waited outside. A half-hour later, an eerily similar van appeared. We loaded in. Our new driver greeted us and asked where we were going. "McGlinn Hall," Beth answered.

As we turned left onto Juniper, I thought that he might physically grasp at the van. Obviously annoyed that his speedometer read only 40 miles per hour, he lamented the grandpa-like pace at which we were driving. Our driver grew increasingly frustrated as we approached our destination. "McGlinn Hall," I thought. As he pulled out of the parking lot, he forgot that Americans drive on the right side of the road and had to guide the car along the side of the street between Meijer and the restaurants. Those of us in the cab were unable to see the following vehicles while our driver recognized his error as we turned left onto Grape Road. He redeemed himself by returning us safely to campus with his eyes and his cab on the right side of the road.

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You asked the question, "Am I just overreacting?" No one would ever judge your feelings or reactions in this disturbing and anxiety-producing situation. However, one should acknowledge that hormones and stress can cloud your judgment. Aside from the little blip in your hormone levels, all seems perfect, and one will be involved in situations or circumstances out of one's control. How one addresses and handles these times will either cause an inappropriate response or further frustration and inner turmoil or allow for the opportunity for reflection—"There must be a lesson in here somewhere?"

I invite all students on campus to become involved in health care and wellness issues. Open communication allows for active dialogue that further educates and construc-
Sex, murder and the ol’ song and dance

Scene takes a look at ‘Chicago — the Razzle Dazzle Broadway Musical,’ playing in downtown South Bend this weekend

By BRIAN SEAMAN
Scene Theater Writer

It's got the makings of an evening the Catholic Church would condemn. It's got voluptuous women in costumes akin to late-night lingerie. It's got a simulated orgy combining these women and ultra-muscular men. It's got seven murders, an execution and a ton of sex.

Oh, yeah, and it's a musical.

Combining all the elements of pure show biz flash, “Chicago — the Razzle Dazzle Broadway Musical” slinks its way onto the stage of the Morris Civic Auditorium in South Bend for three performances this weekend.

Originally written in 1975 by the master Broadway songwriting team of John Kander and Fred Ebb, “Chicago” tells the cynical tale of Roxie Hart, a nightclub dancer who kills her lover in a jealous rage. She then dupes the public and media by hiring Chicago’s shrewdest lawyer, who ultimately turns her crime into celebrity headlines and gains her acquittal.

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Even though the concert was conceived to run for only a weekend, the response was so tremendous that the musical transferred to Broadway for an extended run in nearly the exact form as the concert version.

The touring company of “Chicago,” arriving in South Bend this weekend, is fundamentally identical to its Broadway sister yet with several unique elements added for this production.

Shayne, who plays Roxie Hart, the murderous main character, suggests this uniqueness is what makes “Chicago” so engrossing.

“This company is truly a big family, and with us traveling around and living together everywhere we go, that comes out on stage,” she said. “We are all playing pumped up versions of ourselves. Relatively new to the show, after playing leading roles in ‘Les Miserables,’ ‘The Phantom of the Opera’ and ‘A Chorus Line,’ Shayne speaks of the electric camaraderie between her and co-star Carrasco, despite the warring and conniving ways of the characters they play.

“It is like we are sisters; we call each other ‘sister girl­friend’ and have the times of our lives out there on stage,” she said. “Acting with great friends while playing a mean role... what more could you ask for?”

Besides the extremely tight-fitting and revealing costumes, the actresses recommend college students to attend for many other reasons.

“College students who have come to ‘Chicago’ before can tell you that this show is fun, fast paced and very hot,” said Shayne. “This musical involves the audience the whole way through and is filled with that sexy Fosse choreography which is so hot today.”

Hot is definitely one way to describe “Chicago,” and it is a rare opportunity that South Bend receives a production of this caliber and popularity. Tickets are as cheap as $20 (before student discount) and the show promises to provide the same evening of drop-dead entertainment as the Broadway production.

The leading actresses recommend the show using a scene from the opening number. The stage is filled with a very sexy chorus of dancers inviting the audience to listen up, singing “Come on, babe, why don't we paint the town...” (and all that jazz.)

Following that opening number and the evening of high gloss and adult entertainment that follows, it seems the question should rather be “Why not?” “Chicago — the Musical” is a rare theater treat for South Bend, and if its worldwide sensation is any judge for this town, the show is sure to be an evening well spent.

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The six-time Tony award winning Broadway smash “Chicago — the Razzle Dazzle Broadway Musical” is packed with sex appeal, humor and murders. Guaranteed to thrill and enrapt all audiences, the show can be seen this weekend at The Morris Performing Arts Center in South Bend.

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<td>In what should be one of the night's best bouts Paul &quot;He-Man&quot; Mehan has the slightest of edges over Jeff &quot;The Pittsburgh Kid&quot; Dobosh. Mehan's advantage lies in his power. The bruiser advanced to tonight's final by way of a spectacular TKO of Robert &quot;The Skinny Ginnie&quot; Vuelo. Mehan will come out firing just as he has in earlier rounds. His offensive charges will be met head on by a feisty Dobosh. Dobosh gained a finals bid on the strength of a hard-fought split decision over Tom &quot;The Pretender&quot; Pierce. Both fighters will make this one a slugfest. -Kevin Berchou</td>
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<td>The two-time champ takes to the finals again, this time sporting an assaulting boxing style that has earned him two lopsided victories this year. Whether Bialchini gets a third title depends on his ability to keep his opponent off guard with the same steady deluge of combinations. Josh Thompson's caution in the semifinals belies a certain degree of calmness, but he can not afford to stay on the defensive for too long against Bialchini's aggressive style. If Thompson stays with the flurry of combinations he used throughout the third round, it could mean curtains for the top seed. -Bill Hart</td>
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<td>Mark Criniti earned respect by upsetting the second seed in a unanimous decision on Tuesday. His deftly timed punches showed patience and composure against one of the most heavily respected fighters in the competition. Even more impressive, though, was his use of combinations to score a knockout against his quarterfinal opponent. Joey Leniski faced two difficult opponents with varied fighting styles, but his reactions proved why experience can be such a critical factor in the later bouts. While a heavy dependence on his hook might be his weakness, his opponents have yet to find a way to beat it. -Bill Hart</td>
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**140 LB.**

**MICHAEL WALDO**

PICKS

KEVIN BERCHEOU

Waldo

BRIAN BURKE

Wilson

BILL HART

Wilson

KERRY SMITH

Waldo

**KURT WILSON**

Kurt Wilson against Mike "The Motor City Madman" Waldo is power against power. Wilson has been especially effective when he gets his opponent backed into the ropes and uses a good jab and tough uppercut. In prior contests he had to worry about getting after fighters that danced in and out.

That will not be the case in the finals, as Waldo will let the fists fly early and often. He has made a surprising run to the championship bout with the simple strategy of fighting rather than boxing.

This should be one of the night's most exciting fights. Expect plenty of fireworks, and the man who his harder will win.

- Brian Burke

**150 LB.**

**DENNIS ABDELNOUR**

PICKS

KEVIN BERCHEOU

Mellin

BRIAN BURKE

Mellin

BILL HART

Mellin

KERRY SMITH

Mellin

**J.R. MELLIN**

J.R. "Maddog" Mellin and Dennis "The Natural Disaster" Abdelnour both advanced with relative ease into the finals, yet in very different ways. Mellin has relied on sound technique, landing effective combinations and never getting into trouble en route to the title bout. The senior captain goes for his second championship tonight, and his experience will be a significant factor.

Abdelnour is a pure puncher, and he has the knockouts to prove it. Being such a hard hitter, he has a great shot to at the title if he can land enough hooks. Also, as a left-handed fighter, Abdelnour gives Mellin an added dimension to prepare for.

**165 LB.**

**DON PENN**

PICKS

KEVIN BERCHEOU

Nowak

BRIAN BURKE

Penn

BILL HART

Nowak

KERRY SMITH

Penn

**SEAN NOWAK**

Many believe the 165-pound division is the Bouts' deepest, making this clash one of the night's most anticipated fights. Sean "The Erie Kid" Nowak demonstrated himself as perhaps the favorite with an emotional decision over Tim "Rock" O'Rourke. With the outcome in doubt heading into the final round, Nowak mounted a charge that proved just enough to turn the bout in his favor. "The Erie Kid," however, will face the toughest of tests when he meets Don "The Destroyer" Penn tonight.

"The Destroyer" has lived up to his monicker, quickly dispatching his opponents, but the pick here is Nowak, who seems to get stronger as the fight goes on.

- Kevin Berchou

**170 LB.**

**ROB JOYCE**

PICKS

KEVIN BERCHEOU

Hobbins

BRIAN BURKE

Hobbins

BILL HART

Joyce

KERRY SMITH

Hobbins

**BRIAN HOBBSINS**

Something will have to give when Brian "Hoppe" Hobbins meets Rob "Golden Schlager" Joyce. Both fighters have rolled through their respective halves of the brackets with brutal efficiency, making this bout the first real test for both fighters.

Though both fighters are of comparable ability, Hobbins gets the edge on the basis of heart. "Hoppe" has shown the ability to dig deep and pull out all the stops late in his fights for convincing victories.

Joyce is a dazzling inside fighter, and his uppercuts connect with brutal force. Still, it's Hobbins in a close one.

- Kevin Berchou

**190 LB.**

**MIKE HAMMES**

PICKS

KEVIN BERCHEOU

Hammes

BRIAN BURKE

Brandl

BILL HART

Hammes

KERRY SMITH

Hammes

**KEVIN BRANDL**

Hammes looked a little shaky in the semifinals, but he still managed to get the "W" and move on. With the butterflies quenched, he should look much more confident and prepared. While he may not have the reach, Hammes' varied offensive weapons and tactics will keep his opponent guessing.

Brandl's defeat of Jason Rodriguez on Tuesday was one of the most shocking upsets of the night. His strategy has been simple: be aggressive early and prevent movement. In order to win, the Dillon sophomore must be able to effectively contain his opponent to one corner like he has in the last two fights. At the same time, he can't let Hammes to mount a late-round comeback.

- Bill Hart

**HEAVY WEIGHT**

**DAN ADAM**

PICKS

KEVIN BERCHEOU

Adam

BRIAN BURKE

Ryan

BILL HART

Ryan

KERRY SMITH

Ryan

**PETER RYAN**

With only two fights between them in this year's tourney, both fighters should be well-rested and composed heading into tonight. Ryan's experience as a captain gives him a bit of an advantage in the later bouts, but his agility and reach have proved to be his best assets. The lack of fighting hasn't made Ryan complacent; in Tuesday's semifinal, his opponent hit the canvas twice in the third round.

No one should dismiss Adam's power, however, as it was shown when he knocked down his semifinal opponent twice within a 30-second span. If Ryan lets his guard down for even a moment, it could be the opportunity Adam needs.

- Bill Hart
Biolchini carries on family tradition

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

Gloving broken furniture together has been a part of Fran Biolchini's life for more than two decades. When her four boys sparred in the living room, the mother of six figured finding a collapsed end table was better than fixing a son's cracked nose.

Bob and Fran have sent four sons and one daughter, Frannie, to Notre Dame. Not surprisingly, the youngest Biolchini and a high school freshman, has expressed interest in attending Notre Dame.

Since Bob's days in the Bouts, every Biolchini son has jumped ropes in the JACC's training room. "I'd have to go to the Cross Missions in Bangladesh and grab a rope in the ring. They have served as club presidents, captains, undefeated champs and coaches. The family is even planning a summer trip to Bangladesh.

On Friday night, the final chapter of the Biolchini boxing story, which spans four decades, will end as the youngest Biolchini son fights in the finals.

Tom, a senior captain, fourth-year veteran and youngest male Biolchini, will face junior Josh Thompson for his third straight title. Bumped up 10 pounds into the 175-pound class to spread the competition, "The Tulsa Bomber" successfully challenged fighters who outweighed him by nearly 20 pounds.

After being a freshman in the semifinals to an experienced graduate student, Rich Malloy, Tom fought his next two championship bouts as a sophomore. As a sophomore, he defeated Chip Farrell in a split decision for the 160-pound title. In his junior year, Tom was a "Prissy Pinto," Tom beat Don Finn in a 160-pound class, which was three brothers coaching and cheering from his corner.

"It's my senior year, so this is huge," Tom said after Tuesday's semifinal win over senior Tom Dietrich. "It's my last time so I hope this last fight's going to be a good one. I used to think about my fights. Now, I think about the end of the season. Now, I think, "God, this is it for me."

"Baby Tommy," as his family called him, became the Biolchini main attraction when he dared to go up against his big brother. As young as 5, Tom practiced on Toby, who is three years older and loomed at what seemed a foot taller.

"My dad always sided with him," said Toby, now a Bengal Bouts' coach. "He thought he'd have to protect him ... I think now my dad would have to be protecting me."

Sometimes, the family still can't get over the shock of Tom on the attack.

The family perenniaaker. He was the boy who went to bed on time whereas most kids were juggling, earning him the nickname "Farmer."

"The surprising part is how aggressive Tom can be for being as gentle as he is," his mom Fran said. "He was just a big, gentle, caring person."

A teddy bear with the instincts of a grizzly.

Tom was the leading high school tackler in Oklahoma as a senior. He was the main attraction when he dared to go up against the football team's star.

"I knew that if I came here, I'd box," Tom said. "That wasn't even really a question. For like two seconds, I was like, 'Oh, I'm going to try other schools.' But deep down, I knew I had always wanted to come here. Not that I felt pressure by any means, but I knew I'd have such an great experience here."

Even though winning isn't guaranteed, Biolchini likes the chances.

"If I lose on Friday, that won't take away a single thing," he said. "I'm going out there with the attitude to win."

One of the many lessons he learned from his dad, who lost his final fight as a senior. "I came up under [Dominic] Napolitano," said Bob, referring to the former boxing coach of 55 years, who revitalized the program. "He made sure to teach you lessons in life along with coaching you in boxing."

Tom and his brothers gave up listening to stories of Bob's Bengal Bouts' battles.

"No matter how hard-ass someone is, everyone is scared to really get in there," Tom continued. "I have butterflies before every fight because I know anything can happen. ... I could go against the worst boxer in the world and he could get one lucky punch and I'm done."

But not before Friday when his family flies into South Bend to sit in his corner.

For the first time, Fran will watch her youngest son fight — a tradition in the Biolchini family. She is that watches each son fight once. During preliminaries and semifinals, the sit by the phone and pray. "At one point I'm there I get caught up in the spirit of this," she said. "But it's my job to stay here in Tulsa and say the rosary until I hear they're OK."

"It's hard to care for someone and see them box," she added. If Tom wins the final Biolchini bout of this generation, he, his brothers and dad will celebrate with victory cigars.

His mom said she can be found at the Grotto, thanking Mary for giving her sons who break furniture but keep their bones intact.

See page 16 in the sports section for a feature on Bengals senior captain J.R. Mellin.
HA’s show is weird, funny and all for you

By MARY ANNE LEWIS

“HA’s show is weird, funny and all for you. I guess I’ll just throw in the towel. Stop sending choco-lates and candy And we’ll never again
At 3 a.m.
Get phone calls when I’m feeling randy.”

This is the group that calls itself HA. And this is what they’re doing on Sundays and Thursdays during their practices. They do sketch comedy as well as improvisational work, and you can see it all on Friday or Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. The group has approximately 25 members, both men and women, who range from bio-chem to English majors. Andrew McDonnell, known as the “King,” and Holly Hoffman, the “Queen,” organize and direct the meetings and try to keep the chaos somewhat manageable. It never seems to work, though. “It’s a pretty chaotic group, really,” McDonnell said, laughing.

When asked to state his favorite thing about HA, McDonnell answered, “Hmm... The free drugs... NO, no! The people are amazing. You grow to love them.”

McDonnell has spent three and a half years with HA, and has loved his experiences with the group. He has a great deal of respect for the group’s nickname, “King.” Dennis Hurley, McDonnell calls Hurley the driving force behind HA, because Hurley kept the group together during a very dry period. McDonnell calls Hurley’s nickname, a certain anatomical feature exclusively male, also a word that happens to be one letter away from his first name.

Someone else affirms the modification.

McDonnell has managed to pull together an incredible show brought to you for only $1.

Hours of practice, months of editing and rewriting and endless jokes are what this group does. It’s a group with spunk, personality and charm. Individual HA members bring a mixture of interests and ideas to the spirit of the group. Some members may become doctors, others actors in L.A., others writers. But for now, they’ll stick with helping you hilarious scenarios for your laughing pleasures.

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The “Humor Artists” go over ideas for their improvisational skits. After months of practice, they’re ready to make you laugh.

While each woman copes differently with her desires and frustrations, the three are ultimately brought together by a mining accident that irrevocably changes their lives.

Directed by senior Christina Kolski, a psychology and film, television and theater (FTT) major, “Between Daylight and Boonville” is one of the earliest and most successful plays by Matt Williams, the creator of TV shows “Roseanne” and “Home Improvement.” In keeping with Williams’s comic traditions, the show’s irrepressible humor found in dark moments is one of its highlights.

“When a play makes you laugh and cry at the same time,” Kolski said.

The laughing games of Marlene’s and Carla’s children and the antics of Cyril (John Schmideler), a lovable prankster, add much comic relief and keep the action flowing. Another source of dark humor is the spiteful feuding between hot-tempered, town flirt, Wanda (Colleen Slusser). The laughing games of Marlene’s and Carla’s children and the antics of Cyril (John Schmideler), a lovable prankster, add much comic relief and keep the action flowing. Another source of dark humor is the spiteful feuding between hot-tempered, town flirt, Wanda (Colleen Slusser).
Men's Tennis

Irish head to sunny California

By RACHEL BIBER
Speirs Writer

The Irish hope to get more than a nice tan when they travel to California this weekend. Notre Dame's men's tennis squad is headed to La Jolla, California, for the 104th Pacific Coast Doubles Championships which will be played from Friday to Sunday. The Irish will be represented by five doubles teams, who will enter the draw against professional, collegiate, and top junior players from all over the world. "We're really excited," Irish coach Bob Bayliss said. "It's a prestigious event. We'll be very challenged and it will be great for our players.

Sophomores Aaron Talarico and Andrew Sullivan will be facing number one in the nation, a double team from the University of Pacific which has won their last six matches.

"We've had a great couple of weeks," Bayliss said. "We've played some very good teams and now we face number one in the nation. It's great to compete against the best in the country and I think our guys will do well.

The Irish have a strong lineup, with several players ranked in the top 100. "We have a lot of depth and strength," Bayliss said. "Our guys are excited to play and I think we have a good chance of doing well.

"We'll take it one match at a time," Bayliss added. "We'll focus on our performance and try to make the most of the opportunity.

The Irish will face tough competition, but Bayliss believes his team can succeed. "We have a lot of talent and we're looking forward to the challenge," he said. "I think we have the ability to compete at a high level and I'm excited to see how our guys perform.

Bayliss expects the competition to be tough and he's encouraged by his team's preparation. "Our guys have been working hard and I think they're ready to compete," he said. "I'm confident in our team and I think we have a good chance of doing well.

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Senior captain Mellin completes stellar career

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

She's sitting in Section 107, row five of a nearly empty Joyce Center on Wednesday afternoon, talking about her upcoming final match. Mellin was named the senior captain J.R. Mellin.

Down below on the court several members of the women's basketball team are running wind sprints, preparing for this weekend's game against the University of Chicago.

The conversation shifts to his freshman year, when he fought then-senior captain Doug Pallas in Mellin's first Bengal Bouts.

When asked about that fight, Mellin's eyes briefly look away and stare down at the court, the same place where he fought Pallas. Then, seemingly ignoring the women's practice, an image suddenly appears in his mind.

"I remember sitting in the ring between the second and third round of that fight. Mellin said and looked down at Pallas. My nose was broke at that point — it was bleeding but wasn't too bad. I remember looking up at those lights above the ring. I was thinking about my family." Mellin said.

"I was watching the tape of the fight afterwards and it's hilarious. The boxing may be swinging around in the third round and I'm thinking, 'I can't believe this huge grin on my face. I have my mouthpiece in but there's nothing in my mouth because I forgot right after that. I was a freshman and didn't know what was going on. But just to be a part of that with all those guys that I really looked up too was pretty neat."

One thing in the past three years that hasn't changed with Mellin is that grin. Mention anything about boxing program and he'll be sure to use the word "great." Mellin added.

Whether it be reflecting on a previous fight or the charitable aspect of the boxing program, on his growth as a person in his four years here or talking about the friendships he's made through the sport, Mellin is a natural. That's what I tell a lot of people. Mellin said.

He came out in the second round left-handed. Mellin said. "Midway through the round I was thinking, 'what the hell is going on here.' He sparred me both times as a right-hander and he fought the first round as a right-hander. But he's ambidextrous. Finally, I'm like, 'he's left-handed. He wasn't left-handed before.'"

The thing about Edward is that he makes you fight that much better of a fight because he's so well protected," Mellin said. "Every fight that he's been in, he's never been out because we're thinking about him as a champion and he's a champion. For me, I always like to say put your pride in the process and not in the product. That's what I tell a lot of the freshmen. If you do that, 110 guys walk away with a great experience with or without a loss. Even if you're the worse boxer in the world, you know you've done something bigger. I think a lot of guys really feel like they left with something special."

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And he's even changed his name. Sort of.

All throughout his childhood and continuing through high school, Mellin was referred to as Jeff. His real first name. But on his first weekend here at Notre Dame, Mellin learned about his Orientation. Mellin reinvented himself.

In one of the dorm activities that weekend, all the freshmen in Keenan were asked to tell their names. As a joke, Mellin's name was J.R., his initials. Little did he know at the time, but four years later that name has stuck.

"I thought it would be funny because those were my initials," Mellin said. "About a day later I realized that I wasn't going back from this. Forty people thought I was J.R. now." Tonight, Mellin will head to the ring for the last time. His parents (who still refer to him as Jeff) will be in town from California, his sister is flying in from Philadelphia. Even Subbiah, his mentor, and still one of his best friends will be coming back to see Mellin's final fight.

In Mellin's corner will be his old friend Christoforetti and Mike Maguire, his roommate and fellow boxing captain, known to Mellin as "the team motivator."

Immediately prior to his bout with Abdelnour, Mellin plans on following the same routine he's been using for the past three years. He'll put on his blue trunks, listen to Pearl Jam's "Alive," then walk down the aisle, his final march into the ring.

"It's a blast coming in and helping those guys (the underclassmen) out," Mellin said. "For me, I always like to say put your pride in the process and not in the product. That's what I tell a lot of the freshmen. If you do that, 110 guys walk away with a great experience with or without a loss. Even if you're the worse boxer in the world, you know you've done something bigger. I think a lot of guys really feel like they left with something special."

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Jackson’s Lakers prove defense makes difference

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

While they’re not yet into Eastern mysticism, the Los Angeles Lakers are beginning to look like Phil Jackson’s team.

Kobe Bryant, a natural on offense, is playing tenacious defense. Shaquille O’Neal, who in the past tried to do most everything himself, is kicking the ball back out to the open man. All the role players, including the reserves, are fitting seamlessly into the flow of games.

In their first season under Jackson, the Lakers are playing with a sort of confident harmony, something their coach — a bit of a guru — can appreciate. "We’ve really taken on this personality of composure and calm and being poised regardless of the situation," guard Derek Fisher said.

The Lakers also happen to be playing the best basketball in the NBA with a record of 47-11 and are on a 13-game winning streak after an earlier run of 16 in a row.

Bryant believes the team is beginning to reflect Jackson’s personality, "as far as being real cerebral and being very mindful of the game." "That’s the type of personality that Phil has brought to the team and we kind of bought into it. We have belief in the system," Bryant said. "Said Jackson: "They are really growing and learning."

The Lakers’ most significant progress this season is on defense, where they rank fourth in the league, holding opponents to 99.6 points a game. Last season, they ranked 25th, allowing 106 points a game.

"I think a lot of our improvement is just getting a better understanding that it takes defense to win, and not just our skills," Fisher said. "I think some of it is the respect that we all have for Phil, coming in here and taking this job. At the same time, it’s growth and maturity by us."

The Lakers also are playing better offense than they were in the early days of Jackson’s tenure.

O’Neal, averaging 27.7 points and 14.2 rebounds, and Bryant, averaging 22.3 points and six rebounds, are still the go-to guys. But both have averaged about six assists each during the current winning streak, and their unselfishness seems to be rubbing off on their teammates.

In a recent 109-96 win over Boston, the Lakers had 41 baskets — and 35 assists, topped by Ron Harper with seven.

While the Lakers have the league’s best record, they believe they still have a way to go.

"Back then, we felt confident we were going to win every night and that was how it was," Green recalled, talking of his championship Lakers teams in the "80s. "Hopefully this team will get to that point, it’s what we’re trying to do."

Jackson feels that, rather than taking on his personality, the Lakers are developing their own.

"A team has to have their own heads, so to speak, in many ways," he said. "A coach needs to monitor until they find their own way together as a unit. Until they do, they’re not going to be that championship-caliber team they want to be."

Los Angeles, which had its 16-game winning streak end in a 111-102 loss at Indiana, tries to extend its current string to 14 against the Pacers on Friday night at Staples Center.

"I look forward to Indiana, they’re a very deep team," Jackson said. "We’re going to need our bench."

Los Angeles faces another good team after the Pacers, meeting the Miami Heat on Sunday at home.

If the Lakers win those two, they’ll try to equal their 16-game streak, the league’s longest this year and second-longest in team history, against the lowly Clippers on Tuesday night. After the Clippers, the Lakers have a run of five games in which they also will be heavily favored.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Coyne raises standards in 2000

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

After three winning seasons in three years of existence, one might believe women's lacrosse head coach Tracey Coyne would be satisfied with the progress her team has made.

She's not.

Following a 9-6 '99 campaign, Coyne is ready for the Irish to transform themselves from a solid Midwest lacrosse program into a competitive national program.

"We want to peak this year," she said. "We are not waiting around. Last year we talked about things we wanted to accomplish and they didn't happen. Not to take anything away from the 9-6 season but we have higher expectations this year.

The Irish get their first chance to live up to those expectations Sunday when they travel to Colorado to take on the University of Denver Pioneers.

The Irish showed that this might be the year that they live up to Coyne's expectations last weekend when they traveled to Columbus (Ohio) and defeated No. 3 Virginia in an exhibition game.

The 2000 Irish squad is the most experienced and talented team that Coyne has ever had. Led by 50-goal scorer Lael O'Shaughnessey, the young Irish team returns nine starters – none of which are seniors.

"We are another year older," Coyne said. "We just have so many more people with experience in big games.

Winning the big games is the primary goal of this year's team, according to Coyne. Last year's team picked up nine wins, but never upset a top team. With a tough schedule this year, Coyne expects the Irish to surprise some of the top teams in the country.

"We have a much more competitive schedule but I think we are more prepared," Coyne said. "Last year was kind of disappointing because we only beat the teams that we should beat. We had some big wins but we really didn't knock anyone off. I think we have learned a lot about ourselves as a team.

The Irish face stiff tests from nation powers Duke, ranked second in the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association preseason poll and Georgetown, ranked sixth in the IWLCA preseason poll.

In addition the Irish face four other preseason top 25 teams in Vanderbilt, Rutgers, Syracuse and Rutgers.

Last season, the Irish goal-tending concerned Coyne. To strengthen her team between the pipes, Coyne recruited freshman Jen White and accepted transfer Tara Durkin from the University of Massachusetts.

Durkin impressed Coyne in the win over Virginia and earned the starting nod against Denver. The competition for the starting goalkeeper is far from over, however.

"Obviously strength in the goal is a key component to winning," Coyne said. "There is a lot of competition at that position. But we are expecting Carrie Marushal and Jen White to push her in practice and play a role in the rest of the season.

Coyne believes that with Durkin in net, the Irish can compete with any program.

Without any senior starters, the Irish will rely on a core of juniors for leadership. The juniors, who were the first class recruited by Coyne, have always been leaders.

"I think the juniors have done a great job," Coyne said. "Last year, when they were sophomores, they had to step up. So they've always had to step up. They are a determined group and they understand what the goals of the program are.

Those goals are just a little bit higher this year.

NBA

Starks looks for a release

Associated Press

NEW YORK

John Starks to the Knicks? John Starks to the Heat? Either could happen by the end of the weekend.

An arbitrator will hear arguments Friday on whether Starks can forfeit the remainder of his salary and be released by the Chicago Bulls so he can become a free agent and join a playoff contender for the rest of the season.

"If this team was in the playoff race, I'd love to be here. No question," Starks said. "But that's not the case. Every player that plays the game wants to win a championship. I'm no different.

Starks, who was traded from Golden State to Chicago last month, has offered to give up the remainder of his $4 million salary for this season if the Bulls agree to release him. He then would be free to sign with any team.

"I'm taking a big chance," Starks said. "I'm not sure if another team is going to want to pick me up."

Player releases after 11:59 p.m. on March 1 then sign with another team are not eligible to compete in the playoffs, but Starks is seeking to have his release made retroactive to Wednesday night so he can compete in the postseason.

 Arbitrator Kenneth Dam will hear the case by conference call Friday afternoon. A decision is expected no later than Saturday.

If Starks wins, both the New York Knicks and Miami Heat would be interested in adding him, several league sources said.

"It would be interesting to see which one he'd pick," said Allan Huxton of the Knicks, who remains friends with Starks. "He'd have to choose which one he thought had a better chance of winning a championship. He wants a ring.

Starks spent eight seasons with the Knicks until being traded to the Warriors before last season as part of the Latrell Sprewell deal.

Starks also remains fond of Miami coach Pat Riley, who coached him in New York from 1991-95. The players' union will argue on Starks' behalf that, if he is willing to forfeit roughly $1 million in salary, no one should stand in the way of him joining another team with a shot at winning a championship.

The league will argue that because Starks was not released prior to Jan. 19, his salary is fully guaranteed for the entire season. And since there is no provision in the collective bargaining agreement that allows for this kind of move — even when a player and a team have agreed to amend a contract — it should not be allowed.

"I have to be optimistic. You never know what happens in this league," Starks said. "None of you guys ever thought I'd be a Bull."
Seniors prepare for final career home meet

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Senior foil captain Jim Harris can vividly recall his first fencing match at Notre Dame. Just two prior years of training, he said, were enough for him to win his first match as an Irish fencer.

"I felt a little bit like Rudy with everybody cheering," Harris said about his first meet.

This weekend, Harris, along with the Irish seniors will take the home strips for the last time as Notre Dame champions.

"For the first time all the girls are seeded second as opposed to first but that is because of our loss to Northwestern," epee captain Kim DeMaio said. "But I think we are ready for the challenge. We are not concerned with that happening again." When the Irish upset the Wildcats and win the Midwest Championship, DeMaio moved into a starting role.

"Northwestern should be the only test for the women as a team, although there are several individuals who can challenge the Irish," DeMaio said. "There are a couple of schools with one really good fencer," DeMaio said. "There will be some tough competitors in the individual events but it is good to fence tough competition before the qualifier. There are a couple of stands that are going to be difficult.

"The best part has been the team bonding that has gone on." Dominic Guarnaschelli senior epeeist

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Michigan State series to decide home ice for Irish

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Irish head into the final weekend of the regular season looking to secure the fifth and final home playoff spot.

"It's essential for us to get four points this weekend," senior defenseman Tyson Frazer said. "We want momentum heading into the playoffs and playing at home eliminates the need for travel."

The home and away series against Michigan State could determine whether or not the Irish (11-9-6 in the CCHA) maintain their two-point lead over Ferris State for the fifth spot. No matter the outcome, the Irish can finish no lower than sixth place overall in the standings.

"Home ice is so important and we want to play as many more games in the JACC as we can," said defender Sean Molina. "It's just a matter of going out and getting on a roll."

We need to establish ourselves as a team that no one wants to face. Right now in college hockey if you get on a hot streak anything is possible. There are going to be a lot of upsets and we want to continue to do well."

The second meeting between the Irish and Spartans comes at a crucial point in the Notre Dame schedule. Michigan State leads the overall series 44-28-3, and has gone 17-2-3 against Notre Dame since the Irish rejoined the CCHA in 1992.

The Irish offense has suffered against the Spartans scoring only six goals in their last six games. The home team, however, has not lost during this stretch, going 5-0-1. Home ice advantage will come into play, as each team will have a home game this weekend.

In the first meeting between the two teams the Irish prevailed with a 1-0 victory. Junior Ryan Dolder put back a rebound to beat the Tender for the game-winner with less than five minutes remaining.

Irish goaltender Tony Zasowski recorded 15 of his 24 saves in the third period to post Notre Dame's first shutout of the Spartans since 1978, a span of 41 games.

In the second game of the series the Irish were not as fortunate, dropping the road game to MSU 4-1. The Spartans scored in every period and benefited from strong goaltending by Joe Blackburn.

Junior Chippewas-scored the lone Irish goal, but it came after the Spartans had already built a 3-0 lead. The Irish are wracked with injuries going into the weekend. Sophomore David Inman will miss the entire series with mononucleosis and might not be cleared before the end of the season. Inman is Notre Dame's fifth leading scorer, with 15 goals and seven assists in 32 games this season.

Junior Jeffroy Chad Kopischke will also miss the remainder of the season after undergoing reconstructive knee surgery in mid-February. He is expected to make a full recovery for his senior season.

The key to the series for the Irish will be their offense. Notre Dame holds a 12-4-4 record when scoring at least one powerplay goal, and a 8-1-1 record when scoring two or more powerplay goals.

In addition, the Irish have not lost in their last 39 games when holding a lead heading into the 2nd intermission. During this span, Notre Dame has posted a 33-0-6 record, including 10 wins and three ties this season.

Top Irish scorer Dan Carlson has benefited tremendously from the powerplay. Nine of his team leading 15 goals have come with the man advantage. He has found the net five times in the last six games and eight times in the last 10 games.

The junior also leads the team in game-winning goals, shots on goal, and has either scored or assisted on five of Notre Dame's game-winning goals this season.

The Irish will host the first game of the series tonight at 7:05 p.m. in the Joyce Center. Following the game the two teams will head to East Lansing where they will conclude the series and season at Michigan State's Munn Ice Arena on Saturday.
BASEBALL

Domers compete in Metrodome tournament

By NOAH AMSTADER
Sports Writer

After winning two of three games in last weekend, the Irish baseball team heads into the Hormel Foods Classic hum­gry for another opportunity to prove themselves as one of the top teams in the country.

The four-team tournament at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, pits Notre Dame against three challenging ballclubs: host Minnesota, Wake Forest and Georgia.

Today, the Irish take on an 8-2 Wake Forest team that hasn’t lost since its opening two games. Irish head coach Paul Mainieri looks forward to the challenge.

“This game is a tremendous opportunity for our team,” Mainieri said. “You look at all the great schools in the ACC, and Wake Forest is the two­time defending champions.”

Senior Scott Cavey gets the start for the Irish. Cavey is coming off a dominating performance against Air Force that earned him co-Big East pitcher of the week honors. In that game Cavey allowed just one hit to go along with six strikeouts.

“It was a very dominating performance, which was something we needed in our first game,” Mainieri said. “We were a little uptight. He kept us in the game and let us improve on offense as the game went on.”

One of the surprise contribu­tors last weekend was fresh­man Brian Stavisky. In the tournament, the right fielder went three for 10 with a home run, a triple, a double and three runs scored. After starting lower in the lineup, Mainieri has moved Stavisky up to the cleanup spot.

“My intention was not to put too much pressure on him,” Mainieri said. “The last game we thought we’d juggle the lineup, and he played well.”

On Saturday, Notre Dame takes on 3-6 Minnesota. The two teams have not met since 1991, when the Irish won 9-5 at the Metrodome. Notre Dame has yet to decide on a pitcher for this game.

In Sunday, preseason All­American pitcher Aaron Heilman goes for his first win of the season against Georgia. Heilman was a tough luck loser last Saturday when the Irish fell to the Buckeyes of Ohio State.

Heilman allowed just two hits over the first four innings, but committed a costly throwing error in the fifth that allowed Ohio State to tie the game at four.

In the sixth, the Buckeyes’ Trent McWain hit a game-win­ning blast over the fence to send Heilman and the Irish to the showers.

Georgia, 8-0 this season, come off an exhibition game against the Atlanta Braves. The Bullfogs are annually one of the top teams in the South.

Sophomore catcher Paul O’Toole also exceeded Irish expectations last weekend.

O’Toole, who recently moved to the leadoff spot, went 5-11 in the series, driving in five while adding a triple. Shortstop Alec Porzel hit the game-winning homer against Memphis on Sunday.

All games this weekend can be heard on WVA 1580 AM as well as on the Internet at www.und.com.

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All major activities, number of years involved, and leadership positions held while at Notre Dame, and the year of participation.

Expound on the leadership positions held and the student’s quality of involvement. Be explicit in explaining.

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Athletes prepare for NCAAs at Alex Wilson Invite

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN Assistant Sports Editor

Leading members of the Irish track and field squad look to the home crowd at this weekend's Alex Wilson Invitational to propel them in their efforts to qualify for the NCAA Championships.

High jumpers and long jumpers Marshawn West and Tameisha King have put themselves into strong position to earn NCAA berths, but will need slight improvements to make it into the top echelon of the nation's athletes.

West, a senior All-American, has leapt 25-foot-4 this season, but likely needs a jump of at least 25-foot-6 to send him to nationals in Fayetteville, Ark., next week.

"I'm not going to try to barely sneak in," West said. "I want to jump over 26 feet this weekend. I've been working really hard in practice trying to make sure I have enough practice time because I've been hurt. I believe I'm back at 100 percent, and I'm ready to go full-speed."

King is a freshman who has hit marks of 20-foot-4 1/2 this season. A three-inch improvement will probably be enough to secure her a spot at the NCAA Championships.

"Considering that I'm No. 19 nationally and I'm trying to qualify for nationals, and they take the top 15, I have to improve my jump right now," King said. "My goal is 23 feet. I believe I was capable of it last week, but there were a couple of things I needed to correct technically."

King, also a senior All-American, finished second at the Big East indoors Championships for the third straight season.

"We're sitting at seventh or eighth in the country right now, and they're going to take 10 teams into nationals," Mishka said, who will run the leadoff 1,600-meter leg. "We want to make sure that we're still in the top 10 after this weekend. If we all improved as much as we're capable of, we'd probably be leading the country."

Following Mishka will be Cochran on the 400-meter leg, who won that event at the Big East Championships. Kober will run the 800-meter leg, while Watson will close out the relay with a mile run.

"Our primary goal is basically to get into nationals," Watson said. "To do that we'll need to win and we'll need to probably run a faster time than we've ever run before. That's not being too ambitious."

Junior Ryan Shay will take his aim at a nationals berth with a race in the 5,000-meter run, as will senior Sean McManus and sophomore Marc Sroinski.

"I'd like to think so, but I have my doubts," Shay said on his chances of qualifying. "I still haven't been training that much since coming off my injuries. It's going to take tolerating a lot of pain for me, because my body's just not used to running that hard. We have a really good field coming in for the Alex Wilson, as far as the 5,000 goes."

In the women's 5,000-meter run, senior Allison Klemmer hopes to hold court.

"I just want to get out there and really enjoy myself and enjoy the last home meet," Klemmer said. "I think that's going to lead to a really good race."

In other distance events for the Irish are Bridget O'Brien in the 3,000-meter run, Patty Rice, Jen Handley and Erin Olson in the mile, and Leanne Brady and Cara Motier in the 800-meter run. Antonio Arce will take the line for the men in the mile.

Sprinters coach John Millar is focusing in on a few events with shots at NCAA berths — Cochran in the 200-meter run, junior Terry Wray, Liz Grow and Kymia Love in the 400-meter run.

"We're trying to get her qualified for the NCAAs as well," Millar said of Grow. "She's met the standard, but she needs to improve her time if she wants to get into the top 16."

The meet begins on the Loftus track and field this evening, and continues tomorrow.

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**SPORTS**

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Big East tourney provides test for McGraw's squad**

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

After Notre Dame's regular season loss to top-ranked Connecticut, college basketball analysts remarked that the No. 6 squad in the nation had stumbled its toe. But any Irish player and the Keys could tell you it hurt more than that.

That loss will be on the minds of every Irish player as they step on the court at Gampel Pavilion during the Big East tournament in Storrs, Conn. this weekend.

With Connecticut occupying the top spot in the bracket and Notre Dame seeded second, the two teams are destined to meet in the finals.

While the Huskies walked away with the regular season Big East title, the Keys aren't about to let them take the tournament crown as well. "We're excited for the tournament and this team has got a lot of heart," senior guard Danielle Green said. "We know we can make it to the finals and can compete with Connecticut."

The Irish, who finished with only one conference loss during a 24-3 regular season, matched Connecticut for the better part of the game, but stumbled in the opening and closing minutes, dropping an 18-point decision to the Huskies.

That loss didn't make the Keys plan to make the same mistakes twice.

"That is the sort of game where you can't spot them eight points like we did," Green said. "We played well in the middle, but we know the beginning and end will be key for us."

As much as they are anticipating a rematch with the regular-season Irish have learned the importance of not looking past the next game on their schedule. With near losses to cellar-dwelling teams in the Big East during the regular season because of looking forward to the schedule, the Irish aren't focusing on the Huskies until they make it to the finals Tuesday night.

"We have to have the one-game-at-a-time mentality," said Green. "We can't just look forward to Connecticut and forget about the other rounds of the tournament."

The road to meet the Huskies in the finals, while short, is not easy.

The Irish earned a bye in the tournament's first round on Saturday and will take to the court Sunday to face off against the winner of the Miami-Seton Hall opening-round game.

The Irish met both teams in the regular season and know what to expect. The Keys downed Miami twice in the regular season.

Playing in Coral Gables, Fla., the Irish took home a 76-62 win in the regular season game.

"That was a huge win," sophomore guard Kevin Braswell, who averaged 14.5 points per game, and earned 10 points on Saturday. "Seeing something that offensive." (see WOMEN/page 14)

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Irish look to stop the bleeding at Georgetown**

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Head coach Matt Doherty isn't into trends, especially when it comes to losing.

But the first-year coach finds himself in exactly that situation as Notre Dame (16-13, 7-9) travels to Washington D.C. to take on Georgetown (15-12, 5-9) at the MCI Center Saturday.

"Two is a trend," Doherty said. "Green is unacceptable." The Irish have dropped three straight and six of their last 10 games heading into Saturday's season finale.

"You talk about our backs being against the wall," Doherty said. "Our backs are against the wall right now. We have no time to feel sorry for ourselves."

Notre Dame has played its way out of the NCAA Tournament and looks to get back on track before heading to New York for the Big East Tournament.

"Georgetown is a tough team," senior point guard Jimmy Dillon said. "We need to take care of business there and see where we get seeded in the Big East Tournament and make some noise there. Hopefully we can get into a rhythm and get something going."

We have no choice," Doherty said following Wednesday's 73-71 loss to Syracuse. "We need to be thinking positive thoughts."

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The Irish, who sport just a 3-9 road record, will be sure to lay it all on the line Saturday.

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"We need to stop taking baskets for granted and come out and play," Dillon said. "We aren't good enough to just play one half of basketball. We need to leave it all out on the floor Saturday." Doherty hopes his team, who have struggled without a true center, will be fresh as the Irish close out the regular season on the road.

"I've been trying to save their legs, but maybe I've saved them too much," Doherty said. "There is no manual that tells you to go hard one day and light the next day."

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**Baseball**

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at Minneapolis, Minn.
Monday, 12:15 p.m.

vs. Georgetown
Saturday, Noon

vs. Iowa
Today, 1 p.m.

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Today-Sunday

vs. Michigan State
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Saturday, noon

**at Pennsylvania**

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