Nobel laureate discusses experiences in Northern Ireland

By TOM ENRIGHT
News Writer

Children need a greater voice in world affairs, according to Nobel laureate Betty Williams, who spoke at Notre Dame on Friday.
Co-winner of the 1976 Nobel Peace Prize, Williams gave a lecture highlighting her personal experiences working for peace and the protection of children. She received her Nobel Prize for her work in Northern Ireland. Co-founder of the Peace People Organization, Williams became involved in the peace movement after witnessing the death of three children killed by the driver of an IRA get-away car. To this day Williams refers to them as her “three angels.”

“When you work to effect change, you become a target for those who are against what you are doing,” said Williams.

Williams spoke from a Catholic point of view about conditions in Northern Ireland that contributed to the violence between its Catholic and Protestant residents. Saying that she saw the opportunity for peace in the region, Williams praised John Hume and David Trimble, co-recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998, for their work in advancing peace in Northern Ireland.

Williams also spoke about her feelings on war and violence and how her work has changed her. “When a child dies in war by force it is an affront to...a mother,” she said.

Admitting that she had to learn the art of non-violence, Williams said that it was a gradual transformation that led her to condemn physical aggression. She challenged the view that accidental deaths are an unavoidable part of fighting.

“Have you ever heard of an accidental war?” asked Williams. “The only thing changing is that it’s getting smarter.”

The Nobel laureate also criticized those who interweave religion with war.

“God has nothing to do with war. You shouldn’t bless men to kill,” she said.

“The peace movement was born out of the suffering of children,” said Williams.

A mother of two, Williams believed that she had her experience in Belfast for a purpose. She related a story of a starving mother that she met in Somalia who had been forced to choose which of her two children to feed since she didn’t have enough milk for both. Both children ended up dying. The mother herself then died while Williams was visiting the area.

“Religion should be acts and reflections,” said Williams. “Real patriots don’t just wave flags. They help their neighbors.”

Williams also pointed out other leaders in the world that have turned to peaceful means rather than violence to combat social wrongs. Lech Walesa of Poland and Bishop Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela of South Africa are examples of leaders who chose relatively peaceful change over violence.

Addressing problems of violence and children in the United States, Williams stated her concern that children see too much violence on television. The newspapers, she said, are also filled with bad news.

Presently a professor in Women’s Studies and Peace Studies at Florida Atlantic University, Williams also directs the World Centers of Compassion for Children. She is currently lobbying to have the United Nations pass a Universal Declaration of the Rights of Children.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Learning to roll**

Sometimes it's good to come tumbling down. I'm not the most coordinated person you'll meet. It took me three months to learn to ride a two-wheeler in the second grade. I spent the majority of grade school with bandages across my knees, and in latter years, have developed an un­mous knock for falling down the stairs. So imagine me on rollerblades.

As dumb as it may sound, the idea of gliding along on shoes with little wheels was incredibly intriguing to me. It looked so easy—all these people gliding around with the ground in the process (or a klutz can do it, right?)

Uh, wrong. After about five seconds, I couldn't take any chances. I strapped on my skating gear—kneepads, wrist guards and elbow pads — and attempted to get up. Within five seconds, I realized I would not be one of those graceful gliding bodies. Instead of flying over the concrete with the greatest of ease, I tumbled to the ground in a startling slump. There was nothing graceful in sight.

Great, just great. I'd only been on these things for five seconds, and already had taken a face plant into the cement. I knew if I was going to complete this mission successfully, I had to grab my friend's hand, shakily rolled back up to a standing position (without tearing her down to the ground in the process) and tentatively was on my way again.

And slowly, but surely, I was rolling. Slowly, but I was going somewhere. Finally! I was navigating my way through the grotto, bumps and small inclines, and by the time I reached the end of the avenue, I considered myself a pro.

Ivy Leaguers refuse employment for environmental reasons

NEW YORK

Students from Princeton, Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Cornell, Carnegie and the University of Pennsylvania pledged Thursday not to accept jobs with several corporations until they meet certain environmental standards.

"Students have always been idealistic, campaigning to save the world. The difference is that today we are organized and educated in the rules (of corporate game)," Columbia senior Andrea Avolio said. "We are the first wave of university student consumer advocates" in the corporate culture. Avolio hopes to create a variety of 'teach-ins' at schools across the country. She plans to call the campaign for Mar­keting and Advertising at New York University.

"Coke, GM, and BP-Amoco are just three of the many companies not meeting green-washing the public," Avolio said. "They are telling us that they are environmental and at the same time they are destroying our natural resources and contributing to global climate change."

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- **Meeting, in the Center for Social Concerns, 5:30 p.m.**

- **Murder Mystery Theatre**: "Rubba's Killer Sauce" in Lafortune Ballroom, 8 p.m.

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- **Voter Registration Drive**: At Lafortune, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

- **Film**: South African Film, "Mponalula" at Montgomery Theatre, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday**

- **Reading**: By Rickey Durorant at Hesburgh Library Auditorium, 7 p.m.

**Thursday**

- **Seminar**: Medieval Urban Culture Seminar at the Hesburgh Library, Room 614, 3:30 p.m.

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SMC lecture series to focus on martyrs

By KATIE MCVOY
Newes

Last night began a series of Lenten lectures at Saint Mary's on the martyrs of El Salvador. Marie Dennis, director of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, will be giving the lectures in Stapleton Lounge Monday and Tuesday nights as well.

The lectures will focus on the men and women martyred in El Salvador during the 17-year civil war. Sunday's lecture focused on Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was assassinated in the diocese of San Salvador in 1980. Dennis used Romero's story to illustrate the importance of finding life in the resurrection.

From 1975 to 1992, approximately 75,000 people were killed in the Salvadoran civil war. Although geo-political interests, and not religious motivations, fueled the war, many of those who died were church workers who were martyred for their faith. Ninety-two percent of the killings were committed by the army or army groups, said Dennis.

At that time the Catholic Church in El Salvador underwent a change. Religious workers were invited to accompany the poor.

"The church moved from traditional church work to the reality of poverty," Dennis said. "The theology of liberation began to emerge, and this theology intersected with political and ideological ideas."

Romero was the Archbishop of the diocese of San Salvador. Early in his career he was very conservative, but following the death of his close friend Bottino Grande, he underwent a transformation. According to Ernestino Rivera, a close friend of Romero's, Grande's words passed into Romero. Romero became a servant of the people. As his vision of how life in El Salvador became sharper, he was pulled more and more by opposing forces. On one side he was urged by revolutionaries to confront the government. On the other hand, he was encouraged by wealthy citizens and other bishops of the church to settle down. He would often "pull away to pray, almost expecting an answer. It seems he often got them," Dennis said.

Romero was assassinated at the Chapel of Divine Providence on March 24, 1980. Moments before his death he said, "As a Christian, I don't believe in death without resurrection. If I am killed, I will rise again in the people of El Salvador."

Dennis said that the challenge for today's Catholic is to look at the story as we journey to new creation in the Lenten season.

"We too are invited to allow the blood nourished seeds of liberation to grow in our souls to move with [Romero] in the current of history that knows death is not the end."

When asked what was especially poignant about this story for today's college student, Dennis said that the oppression happened to students.

"Some of the worst repression occurred in the universities because the students were organizing for a social change. Many fled the country and didn't return to their lives until they were in their thirties. You are living the years that were stolen away."

The lectures will continue this week. Monday night's lecture will focus on four women missionaries martyred in El Salvador and Tuesday night's lecture will focus on Jesus martyrs.

ND to hold memorial Mass

Special to The Observer

A memorial Mass for the late Father Richard McCormick, professor emeritus of Christian ethics, will be celebrated Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Father Theodore Homero, University president emeritus, will preside and Father Richard McFrien, theology professor, will give the homily.

McCormick, who died Feb. 12 at I.H. White Conference Center in Clarkston, Mich., was an internationally renowned moral theologian who specialized in medical ethics. He had taught at Notre Dame since 1946. He previously was the Rose F. Kennedy Professor of Christian Ethics in Georgetown University's Kennedy Institute for Ethics from 1973-86 and a professor of moral theology at the Jesuit School of Theology in Chicago from 1957-73.

Born Oct. 3, 1922 in Toledo, Ohio, McCormick entered the Society of Jesus in 1940 and graduated from Loyola University in Chicago five years later. He obtained his master's degree from Loyola in 1950 and in 1953 was ordained to the priesthood.

In 1957 he obtained his doctoral degree in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome.
Debate team competes on national level

By STACEY KAPLAN

The debate team will cap off their season this weekend at the National Parliamentary Debate Association's (NPDA) National Tournament at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. Currently ranked 15th in the nation, the team is a mere three points away from the top five, and is hoping to perform well enough at nationals to secure a spot in the top 20.

"It's like the NCAA basketball tournament. We could start winning and end up in the Final Four," said sophomore team member and co-treasurer Will McDonald. "A top-10 finish is within reach. It's very tangible for our team."

A debate powerhouse in the 1970s and 1980s, Notre Dame had a disappointing show in the early 1990s, and only in the past few years has the team begun to compete on a national level once again.

"We've had good coaching and a lot of talented people," Chris Huck has said of the team. "But the speaking dates have been intimidating. It's strange to have a rival idea of what your duties are one day, and to be considered somewhat of an expert the next."

Finch said he is taking success one step at a time. In terms of the immediate future, he plans to relocate.

"I'm going to work at The Oregonian," he said.

No stranger to recognition, Finch has attained various commendations for his work over the past year from the Midwestern journalism community.

"It's easy to get a big head about this sort of thing," he said.

"It's a much harder job. I mean, I don't know any more than I did before the award."
A retired cycling star was freed Sunday, one day after suspected left-wing rebels kidnapped him from his family’s farm. The 1987 Tour de France champion, Luis Alberto Herrera, was released in the mountains south of Bogota. Near the farm where he was snatched by gunmen Sunday, Herrera told RSN radio that his kidnappers decided to free him after seeing television reports showing the massive military search-and-rescue operation launched in response to the abduction.

No group claimed responsibility for the kidnapping, which provoked national outrage. But police officials said the region is a stronghold of Colombia’s largest guerrilla faction, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. Colombia’s left-wing rebels increasingly depend on extortion and kidnapping for ransom to fund their nearly 40-year campaign against the government. Herrera, 38, said he was treated well, but he was forced to hike for seven hours through the mountains to return home.

CDC says more handwashing could cut infection rates

ATLANTA

Infections contracted in hospitals kill as many as 95,000 people each year, a number that could be reduced with increased use of technology and simple measures such as more frequent hand washing, a researcher said Sunday at a conference on the problem. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control spent a five-day conference promoting and reducing healthcare-associated infections in Atlanta. Dr. Richard P. Wenzel, chairman of the internal medicine department at the Medical College of Virginia said new devices such as faucet-mounted clamps with antibodies have proven effective against infection spread at health facilities.

Seaweed trade benefits town

CORRAL, Chile

A diver tethered in a rowboat descends into the calm bay and resurfaces moments later with a bag full of the tangled seaweed known locally as “pilillo,” or little hair. This harvest is an important one for the people who live simply in this remote town on Chile’s southern coast. They don’t eat the seaweed—but it helps their skin. The pilillo is converted into the fine, cream-colored powder of pure agar—most of which is shipped more than 10,000 miles across the Pacific to Japan, where it is used in noddles, randies, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and other products.

US soldiers pitch tents for evacuees

ANISLAG, Philippines

U.S. soldiers pitched tent shelters Sunday to relieve overcrowding at evacuation centers where tens of thousands of people have been living to escape a volcano that began erupting last month.

Disaster relief officials have been busy feeding more than 60,000 people and preventing diseases from spreading at the centers in the wake of a series of powerful eruptions by Mayon, which remain relatively quiet for a fourth day Sunday. Working side by side with Filipino troops, about 30 U.S. soldiers hammered tents into place while throngs of evacuees watched in a clearing in Anislag village in Albay province.

The U.S. military contingent, led by Navy Capt. Bob Howard, brought the tents, bottled water, mats and 20,000 gas masks, funded by a $418,000 government grant from the U.S. government.

The American soldiers were among more than 2,000 U.S. troops who had joined the multinational joint military exercises — called Balaikatan, or “showering the head together” — in the Philippines that ended Friday.

“It’s tied in with the Balaikatan because we have been training with the same counterparts we have been training with, learning how to fight, can show their flexibility in quickly transitioning into humanitarian operations,” Howard said.

A convoy of army trucks brought the relief cargo from two U.S. C-130 planes to Anislag. There, U.S. troops, Philippine soldiers and police, some wearing yellow hard hats and orange vests, unloaded the relief goods as smiling evacuees milled around.

Officials said up to 3,000 people could be accommodated in the tents.

Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado said they would transfer some of the evacuees sheltered in grade school buildings to the tents to allow classes to resume.

Mercado denied newspaper reports that food supplies were running low in the evacuation centers, citing as an example rice stocks in Albay, which he said are good for another six months.
Pontiff beatifies 44 martyrs at ceremony

Associated Press

From Polish nuns executed by Nazis to victims of 17th-century religion warfare in Brazil, Pope John Paul II honored 44 martyrs Sunday, holding up their lives as profiles in courage for today's Boman Catholics.

The honor, called beatification, is the last formal step before the process of sainthood can begin.

Among those declared blessed during the ceremony on a spring-like day in St. Peter's Square was Vietnam's first martyr, Andre de Phu Yen. He was baptized at age 15 and beheaded three years later in 1672, when he refused to renounce Christianity.

"May all the disciples of Christ find in him the strength and support in trial," John Paul said in French.

Vietnam's people are predominately Buddhist, but the country has the largest Catholic community in Southeast Asia outside of the Philippines. Many Vietnamese attend the beatification in traditional silk costumes. Appearing to tire during the 12-hour-long ceremony, the pope used the various languages of the martyrs' homelands as he offered encouragement to Catho­lics worldwide. Shorting up faith of those who have trouble with church teachings, such as bans on birth control and premarital sex, is a key goal of John Paul's papa­cy.

"Although they lived in historic moments far apart and in very different cultural contexts," the pope said of the 44 martyrs, "they are brought together by an identical experience of loyalty to Christ and to the church."

Many from Rome's large Filipino community were among the tens of thousands of faithful at the ceremony. They cheered loud­ly when the pope proclaimed the beatification of Pedro Calungsod, a Filipino killed at age 17 during a 1672 expedition by Spanish Jesuit missionaries to the Marianas.

The pope also beatified Maria Stella Adela Mardosewicz and 18 fellow Polish nuns who offered their lives to the Nazis in exchange for those of families of 44 in 1943.

The women were executed by the Nazis, who killed thousands of Polish and Belarusian Poles. The families were executed, although many were deported to work camps.

John Paul II

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Associated Press

MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin set off a wave of criti­cism Sunday from his rivals in the presidential race by telling a British television network that Russia could join NATO.

Some critics called Putin's comments a betrayal of Russia's interests. Others called them a bid for votes from Western-minded Russians in the March 26 election, or an effort to soften his hard-line image abroad.

Asked whether Russia could join NATO, Putin told British Broadcasting Corp. interview­er Sir David Frost: "I don't see why not. I wouldn't rule out such a possibility. But I repeat — if and when Russia's views are taken into account as an equal partner." The interview was broadcast Sunday and picked up by Russia's main networks.

NATO has been keen to cooperate with the Kremlin since the 1991 Soviet collapse, but has not shown any sign it is inviting Russia to join. U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has said NATO could expand to include Russia, but other U.S. politicians strongly resist the idea.

Despite cooperation on some projects, relations between Russia and NATO — formed during the Cold War to deter Soviet troops from moving westward — remain shaky. Most Russians see NATO expansion into Eastern Europe as a threat.

Moscow virtually severed all response to the alliance's bomb­ing campaign in Yugoslavia. Russia, meanwhile, condemned Russia for using excessive force in Chechnya.

But an agreement to restore ties was announced last month when NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson visit­ed Moscow. Still, it appeared unlikely that Putin would press soon for membership in the U.S.-led alliance. Putin has made restoring Russia's global elitu a key campaign slogan, and has brushed off months of Western criticism of the war in Chechnya.

Russian television commen­tators Sunday pointed out that Putin usually tailors his remarks to his audience, and keeps many promises vague.

Reformist lawmaker Grigory Yavlinsky dismissed the com­ments on NATO, saying Putin was unlikely to follow through with action.

"They are politically absolutely don't correspond to his statements," Yavlinsky said on the Kultura television program.

Yavlinsky is also running for president.

Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, who polls at a distant sec­ond behind Putin in the presidential race, said Sunday that joining NATO would further weaken Russia.

Putin's "statement is naive and unprofitable for a politi­cian of his level," Zyuganov told Interfax. "He should at least hire knowledgeable for­eign policy advisors.

Konstantin Titov, a presi­dential candidate and the reformist governor of the Russian region of Samara, welcomed the idea of joining NATO. But Titov said Putin's statement was little more than a campaign stunt for attracting reformist voters, according to Interfax.

Deputy Parliament Speaker Vladimir Lukin said that Russia could join if it trans­formed from a military to a political alliance and Russia was offered equal terms.

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**Mozambique**

**Flood survivors return to devastation**

Associated Press

CHOKWE
With floodwaters subsiding under a baking sun, hundreds of stranded people struggled home to the southern town of Chokwe on Sunday, searching for homes and belongings amid collapsed buildings, ruined crops and bodies buried in dried earth.

The returning residents of Chokwe were among the thousands of Mozambicans who were trying to fathom what remained of their hard-earned livings made all the worse by devastating floods.

United Nations and aid agency officials said Sunday the international relief effort operation in the southeast African nation was shifting from those threatened with drowning to distributing food and water to desperate survivors. Between 800,000 and 1 million people lost their homes in the deluge and were in urgent need of help, they said.

President Joaquim Chissano said in the capital, Maputo, that flood victims would need outside food aid for at least 10 months.

Joanina Macha, a more fortunate than many in Chokwe, 126 miles north of Maputo. She recovered hundreds of ears of corn, which she'll use for seed when he plants again. On Sunday, the ears were laid out to dry on a sheet of plastic.

"It's not so bad. I think we'll be OK," she said as a pot on a cooking fire boiled nearby.

Others were not so fortunate. Along a path, Palista Khaza lay still under a blanket, then stirred and pulled back the cover, revealing a drawn, emaciated face.

"I'm dying," she whispered. "I haven't eaten since last Sunday." When the floodwaters hit Chokwe on Feb. 27, Khaza was hospitalized with tuberculosis. Flooding medical workers placed her atop a junked pickup truck as the water quickly rose.

There she laid alone for six days until the waters receded. Someone returning to town put her on the ground, where she remained unattended until two workers from the aid group Doctors Without Borders brought her to their medical station.

Aid workers found the bodies of 11 flood victims on Sunday. One of them was a mentally ill man, whose family had chained him to a metal beam outside their house, then fled when the water rushed in, said Chris Horta, one of the workers.

"I don't mind picking up dead bodies, but the fact that more people are going to die because no other aid has arrived here really bothers me."

Chris Horta
aid worker

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**Country awaits more rain**

Associated Press

MAPUTO
With fears of heavy rain again looming, authorities warned thousands of displaced Mozambicans on Sunday against returning to low-lying areas to search for what remains of their homes and belongings.

As the swollen Limpopo and Save rivers rose, rescue workers and aid officials said the risk of drowning loomed.

What now faced flood survivors was the scramble for food and clean water.

"The rescue phase is coming to a close," said Ross Mountain, a United Nations special envoy who spent two days flying over still submerged areas of the southeast African nation.

Relief efforts focused instead on distributing aid to desperate survivors, many of whom were still only accessible by air, said Brenda Barton, a spokeswoman for the United Nations World Food Program.

Fights broke out in camps as survivors, ravenous and thirsty after being stranded in trees and on rooftops for up to a week, clambered for food.

A total of 37 helicopters and 15 planes delivered aid on Sunday, mostly in the Limpopo river valley, 125 miles northeast of the capital, Maputo, Barton said.

Another two helicopters were ferrying stranded people to locations where relief groups were attempting to distribute the emergency supplies, she said.

In neighboring South Africa, 32 airmen from McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey and Dover Air Force Base in Delaware arrived at Hodespruit airbase on Sunday to set up aid operations for up to 600 American troops.

Mountain said many survivors were ignoring the pleas of aid workers and government officials and returning to flood-battered areas, raising the possibility they may need to be rescued again if heavy rains and flooding resume.

The remnants of Cyclone Gloria, which together with a steady, two-week downpour caused the deluge, has been downgraded to a tropical storm. The storm hovered over the Indian Ocean off the coast of Mozambique on Sunday, and was expected to bring more rain. Mozambican weather forecasters said.

Although the relief effort was gaining momentum, President Joachim Chissano said the international community had been slow to respond to the catastrophe, an allegation the U.N. envoy denied.

"It does take time to get helicopters from Europe. We need to be realistic," Mountain said. More than $40 million had already been pledged for emergency relief and reconstruction, he said.

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Californians to vote on gay marriage

Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. The pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church told his congregation Sunday that he welcomes gay people into his church. But he doesn't want them marrying.

Dr. John Huffman said he supports Proposition 22, the controversial measure on Tuesday's ballot that would ban gay marriages from official recognition in California.

"Love the sinner, hate the sin," Huffman said. "I am not prepared to declare that what the Bible says is sin is no longer sin."

With the election just two days away, churchgoers around California struggled with how to vote on a measure that has galvanized and divided the religious community.

Leaders of Mormon, Roman Catholic and evangelical Christian churches support Proposition 22. Three Southern California bishops — Episcopal, Lutheran and Methodist — issued a joint statement opposing it, saying it could lead to discrimination. On Friday, the Roman Catholic priest who heads the Los Angeles Archdiocese's ministry to gays and lesbians also publicly supported it.

Huffman titled his sermon "The Bible, Homosexuality and Proposition 22."
"God called his people to sexu-

Study: Hand-washing stops infection

ATLANTA Infections contracted in hospitals kill as many as 88,000 people each year, a number that could be reduced with increased use of technology and simple measures such as more frequent hand washing, a researcher said Sunday at a conference on the problem.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control opened a five-day conference on preventing and reducing healthcare-associated infections in Atlanta.

Dr. Richard Wenzel, chairman of the internal medicine department at the Medical College of Virginia said new devices such as catheters coated with antibiotics have proven effective against infection spread at health facilities. But those are still far cost-

lier than simple but equally necessary steps as getting doctors and nurses to wash their hands after each patient contact, he said.

"Hand-washing is cheap, but the impact from it is great," Wenzel said using what he called conservative estimates.

Wenzel calculated that bloodstream infections contracted at health care facilities could be the nation's eighth leading cause of death, claiming more than 25,000 people each year.

On Thursday, the CDC reported that the rate of such infections fell by about 44 percent in the 1990s in medical intensive care units at 300 facilities that report to the government.

The infections typically are caused by catheters, intravenous lines and breathing tubes common to most hospital stays. Such devices allow bacteria easy entry into the body.

Wenzel said simply placing an alcohol dispenser at each patient bed cut blood infection rates by 40 percent in one hospital because workers disinfected their hands more often.

Another effective method is for doctors to model good habits in front of colleagues and medical students.

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"Hand-washing is cheap, but the impact from it is great."

Richard Wenzel
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"It's a completely bogus argument," he said.

California does not allow same-sex marriages, and that won't change whether Proposition 22 passes or fails. The measure would keep California from recognizing same-sex marriages allowed elsewhere.

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WASHINGTON

Fighting to stay alive, Republican John McCain on Sunday questioned whether George W. Bush is "ready for prime time" and Democrat Bill Bradley suggested that voters run "barely tolerable" at Gore, as the presidential nomination races head for a climactic multistate showdown Tuesday.

"A happy life," McCain replied, when asked what he was in store if he fared poorly.

The two underdogs expressed confidence as they made the TV talk show rounds, even as aides braced for the worst by quietly making plans for dignified exits. Bradley advisers acknowledged he has little chance of loosening the vice president's grip on every "Super Tuesday" state. The McCain team held out hope for an election night surprise.

Despite months of ambivalence, McCain ran not running as a third-party candidate, and both underdogs said they could support their rivals in defeat. McCain, stung by negative ads, qualified his pledge to back the GOP nominee if it is Bush. "I expect Governor Bush to change," he said, "I expect him to run an entirely different campaign than the kind that he's run in this primary." McCain said he runs "barely tolerable" at Gore, as the presidential nomination races head for a climactic multistate showdown Tuesday.

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Don’t blame guns or water bottles

Last Wednesday, a Notre Dame student chucked an empty water bottle onto the court in the closing seconds of the men’s basketball game against Syracuse, which prompted the referees to whistle a technical foul on the Irish and potentially cost them the match and a berth in the NCAA tournament. I personally believe that whoever or supplying a particular person with the water bottle should be punished. After all, if it can happen at Notre Dame, it can happen anywhere. That’s about the silliest thing you’ve ever heard, right? Now, read that last paragraph again and replace “water bottle” with “gun” and “Notre Dame” with “Syracuse,” or “Mount Morris Township, Mich.” Odds are many of you would believe that statement then. By no means am I equating the tragedies of school violence with the travesty of the Syracuse game. I’m sure I speak for the team when I say that we were embarrassed to Columbia or Mount Morris Township, where a six-year-old boy shot a classmate last week), the events mentioned over the last week or its implications — or even the game in question — shouldn’t be punished.

Mike Marchand

Questionable Freedoms

The Observer is the independent, daily newspaper published in print and online by the students of the University of Notre Dame. The Observer reserves the right to refuse editorial content, including advertisements, is not governed by policies of the administration of either the Notre Dame, Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. Forty-four percent of America’s murders occur in those havens of gun-control legislation. Why is that? Well, the phrase may be trite or stale, but when guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns.” Common criminals can get weapons as easily as fans can get water bottles — legislation or no legislation. In areas where it is next to impossible for law-abiding citizens to exercise their Second Amendment rights, the criminals have the market cornered.

Marchand is an off-campus junior English major who believes we should find the guy who threw the water bottle on Wednesday night. When was a kid, I was always told that “when you point your finger at someone, you have three fingers pointing back at you.” Gun-control activists should heed this advice instead of continuing to push worthless legislation while blaming everything else for today’s gun problems.
We all have crossed the line

It seems we are all agreed that the "waterboy" crossed the line. That line is one we all walk every day and sometimes cross ourselves. To just do it in a very public and juvenile way. There is no excuse for what he did.

Despite my warnings, including a direct appeal from the head coach, he could not overcome the childish impulse to cross the line. Powerade is on trial the way our student body is its reaction to the student athlete's rash act of civil disobedience.

But to pin this reaction to the thrower's rash act of civil disobedience is to misplace the blame. We are personally ashamed of the recent behavior exhibited by the students of this wonderful university. Never before have we been so appalled by the actions and words. The list goes on and on. It's disgusting.

The Court of Human Rights is the place to which the students have responded. It is quite honestly sickening to watch how quickly the students can turn on one of their own. Have a little class.

And a word to the "outraged" alumni. Get off your high horse already. Notre Dame isn't the place where you went to school, it has changed. Get over it. It will never be exactly as you remember it. Just because the face of the University changes that doesn't mean we are no longer "a cut above" or "the standard" or "the best fans" — we just have a few "Leave-it-Ohes".

The thrower is not a bad person. The students have not done anything on the court that deserves the scrutiny that they have received recently. Just remember to act with a little more class after the game has ended. It is all after, just a game.

Ryan Moodie
Sophomore
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March 3, 2000

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There are very few times in my life when I have felt so out of place as I did Saturday at the 5 p.m. mass at the Basilica. I felt more ostracized than when I went to mass in the crypt church covered in paint from Christmas in April last year. This time I was not covered in paint, but when I walked into the Basilica there were many people in tuxedos and fur coats. This was the weekend to recognize scholarship donors.

Now, I don't have anything against this group of people. In fact if it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be at Notre Dame today. What I am against is the ushers asking everyone who was not in normal attire, "Could you please sit in the side aisle today, the center section is reserved?"

I cringed in disgust every time one of the ushers had to say this, so did the ushers. This was not planned by the ushers, or by the donors. In fact, all the donors were sitting next to me we were extremely nice. I kept thinking about the Dark Ages when the peasants had to stand way at the back of the church and were not allowed to participate of communion, especially of the blood of Christ.

The Basilica is a small church. How important is it that someone sits in the center aisle, or five feet away in the side aisle? Generally, I am proud to be a Domer. I like telling people how great Notre Dame is and what wonderful people live, work and study here. As I spend more and more time here, there are many instances that make us ashamed to be a Domer. These include tossing an octopus, a fish and a frog (who almost caused a little girl to lose an eye) at football games, insults towards our athletic classmates, derogatory comments aimed at players from other schools in basketball and hockey games and tossing water bottles on the court at basketball games. I realize that this is the minority of the student body, but they are still representatives of our University. They are the rotten apples that give everyone here, and the University of Our Lady, a bad image. Saturday I had to watch as people who wanted to get to mass early and get a good seat were asked to leave their seats to make room for the donors. Is there something wrong with this? While I realize that the generosity of the scholarship and fellowship donors should be recognized, and that these wonderful people deserve respect and admiration, this should not be done by making members of the Notre Dame and South Bend community who do not have the resources to be so generous feel inferior.

Salvadora Hernandez
Lew Hall
March 5, 2000

Reaction to "Waterboy" is shameful

Never before have we been so appalled by the actions and words. The list goes on and on. It's disgusting.

Everyone seems to be overlooking the fact that the thrower is a person and he didn't intend to cause such a ruckus. He made a simple mistake, he didn't understand the consequences of his action. Sure, he deserves some verbal berating in jest and perhaps a few earned rebukes, but certainly not the judgmental stare of the student body, but he didn't intend to cause such a ruckus. He made a simple mistake, he didn't understand the consequences of his action. Sure, he deserves some verbal berating in jest and perhaps a few earned rebukes, but certainly not the judgmental stare of the student body.

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Farley boasts history of cherry bombs and smokers

Now out of 10 Notre Dame students associate the word “smokers” with Farley Hall, located on North Quad, next to the North Dining Hall. “I think it’s an old stereotype to develop,” says Farley resident Amanda Baker. “I have smoked before, or at times. Okay, it was more like four or five. Well, I guess I smoke occasionally. Only about one cigarette a day, except for when I’m stressed, then it’s a few more. But I would not call myself a smoker.”

Other Farley residents echo this fear of being typecast. “It’s not as if every person in this dorm smokes,” says sophomore Susan Winder. “This girl in my section doesn’t.” Hall re­president Jenny Garaci notes that the little­front porch­sheltering nicotine addicts is not the only remarkable thing about Farley Hall.

“We are a close­dorm with many great activities and a rich history,” she says.

Farley Hall, after its opening in 1942, housed 200 freshmen men. In the pre­mod­quad days, it was thought to be almost off­campus. The male residents were not known as smokers, but instead got the reputation for having the healthiest legs on campus because of the long walk to South Dining Hall, a full 965 steps by one resident’s count.

Father Theodore Hesburgh, among other anecdotes, was the first rector of Farley. At the time, Father Hesburgh divided his time between writing a book, teaching four classes, heading the Theology department and taming the freshmen men — the last perhaps the most daunting of the tasks. This year at a Farley Mass, Father Hesburgh related the story of a hall resident from the early days. Some unknown perpetrator set off a cherry bomb in the stairwell. Father Hesburgh gathered all of the boys in the hall together for a meet­

ing, explained his intolerance for this type of behavior and pulled out his own supply of cherry bombs, a rather large box. He threatened to set off one cherry bomb every hour on the hour until the guilty party came forward. It seems that the Farley man valued their sleep because the cherry bomb problem promptly ended.

No cherry bomb problems have plagued the current rector, Sister Carrie Etheridge, but she spends her time keeping the women busy. Like most dorms on campus, Farley can boast a number of inter­hall sports teams, Sunday and weekly Masses and various service activities. Besides the smoker stereotype, the rest of campus knows Farley best for Pop Farley Week. This week, named in honor of Reverend Farley, consists of Mass and activities, culminating in a very mysteriously decorated dance on Saturday. The decorating is a contest that the sections like very seriously, most section members staying in on Friday night to help.

Farley residents feel very centrally located on campus, with short walks to LaFortune, the library, Hols and the North Dining Hall (although on nice days many girls still make the 965 steps trek to South for the arguably better food).

Although Farley residents may or may not fit the smoker stereotype, the majority of girls are ready to praise their residence hall. Perhaps their love grows from the little porch where they can find smoking camaraderie, but more likely, they love Farley for one of the other aforementioned reasons.

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Carroll is hotbed of politics, service and unity

This time of year is particularly difficult for the residents of Carroll Hall. The early morning walk across the frozen quad, otherwise known as South Quad, can be dreadful. While most dorms’ entrances open directly onto campus, the Vermin’s walk to O’Hag or Debruits can take up to 15 minutes. That student in your 8:30 a.m. class who always walks in five minutes late with frostbite on his face is probably from Carroll. And the long walk from Carroll in the South Dining Hall has led to a close relationship between Carroll residents and the Pizza Man.

However, the Vermin take their unique position in stride and with a sense of humor. During the Super Bowl, one group of second floor residents actually invited the delivery man from Wolff’s to their room to watch the second quarter of the game.

Carroll Hall also wants to give everyone on campus a chance to see what it is like to be a Vermin for a day. In the works are plans for a major dorm event called “The Carroll Hall Music Festival.” A celebration of food and music,” Food will be provided by Carroll’s favorite order­out businesses, Wolff’s, Dominos and Papa John’s will all be on the menu.

The date of the event is set for April 6. Although a music act has not been secured, the event coordinators have contacted Tish Day and the Knights eyes, the same guys from “Animal House” and are confident that they will perform on the Carroll lawn. All proceeds go to the Make A­Wish­Foundation.

Besides being the most isolated dorm on campus, Carroll is also the smallest dorm with 104 residents. This small population has led to an unparalleled sense of brotherhood. Most residents know each other by name and always extend a helping hand. Brian Coghlin, Carroll’s rector of two years, lived in Grace Hall during his undergraduate years and remarks, “Carroll is on the opposite end of the spectrum in relation to the bigger dorms. The students here are very close and committed to each other.”

This closeness and unity has led to a devotion and commitment to Notre Dame and the community. Carroll Hall donated more coats and jackets for Project Warmth than any other dorm on campus. Many Vermin also spend their weekends volunteering at the confidently handicapped Logan Center residences. Sophomore Pat Brennan, who leads many of the projects, states, “The turnout has been great. The residents of the Logan Center have enjoyed talking with the guys as well as coming to Carroll in play pool and watch movies.” The Vermin have also provided activities such as bingo nights and basketball nights for guests at the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

Carroll Hall has also been a hotbed of political activity lately. Sophomores Bob Lesbiene and Dominique Angulo were elected dorm co­presidents by one vote in a heated election. Junior Ellen Nelson’s ticket for president of the class of 2001 fell short but managed to garner over 40 percent of the run­off vote. Carroll’s own Jonathan Dorman was elected president of the class of 2002 by gathering 67 percent of the vote in a landslide victory. The Hes­in Carroll is a unique experience. The unity and brotherhood of the dorm promotes the growth of leaders and service­minded individuals. However, because of its locality, not many Notre Dame students have ventured out to the home of the Vermin. Everyone at some point should experience a taste of Carroll life. Hopefully, everyone can make it out to the Carroll lawn on the 8th of April to experience the Food and Music of the Vermin.

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Acknowledging good-byes: a tip to graduating seniors

University Counseling Center

Health column

Many times, instead of doing the hard work of talking about and inviting people to share their perspectives, grieving and friendships that once meant so much start to feel strained. Individuals can also err in the opposite direction and feel like every minute should be spent processing the status of the relationship and what will happen next. This was not the way anyone thought that second semester of senior year was going to be. After many memories of the course of these years, surely awkwardness will not prevail. However, it does seem that people may feel differently about this semester, graduation and life after graduation.

Why is it so hard to talk about these differences? We do not want to appear anxious, inadequate, unfeeling or unsure so we do not talk. We avoid talking or we pretend that everything is fine. Most people are too smart to buy this, no matter how by not pointing out that there is discomfort. We should accept it and realize it is fine. It bears repeating: Transitions naturally bring up many endings and new beginnings. You are all trying to respect the present and new relationships with your friends, and listen without judging how your own or your friends' transition to graduation "should" be. Accept that you and your friends share this common experience, and you are all trying to do it in your own ways. You are all trying to do it in your own ways. Many endings and beginnings, which naturally brings up feelings of loss, uncertainty, excitement, regret, anxiety and anticipation. Even your perception of time changes as you go through a transition. Whereas you used to primarily focus on the day-to-day realities of college life, now your awareness of time expands to include the past, the present and the future. Give yourself and your friends permission to express all that you are going through. Try not to let your discomfort with acknowledging good-byes get in the way of remaining connected. You may be going through this transition in your own unique ways, but your emotional and spiritual connection with your friends will transcend these differences. You may move on to toward your journeys ahead.

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AP ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

As he did in "Philadelphia," Hanks undergoes physical transfor- mations to play a plane crash survivor in "Cast Away.

Tom Hanks plays gaunt castaway

MEMPHIS, Tenn.

A slimmer Tom Hanks is due in Memphis next month to film parts of a movie in which he plays an island castaway, a spokes-

woman says.

Hanks plays a workaholic Federal Express executive who sur-

vives a plane crash and is stranded alone on a small island in the film "Cast Away." A 20th Century Fox and DreamWorks studios production with Robert Zemeckis directing.

While on the remote island, Hanks has to "completely transform himself both physically and emotionally in order to survive his cir-

cumstance," Russell said.

The film began production in early 1999 with scenes in Los Angeles and Moscow, but it had to take an eight-month break while Hanks lost more than 40 pounds to give his character a gaunt look when he returned to civilization.

Julia Roberts takes pride in Southern roots

Julia Roberts is proud to be a Southern girl.

"I think I'm a Southerner. I love to cook dinner and I keep the toi-

let scrubbed," Roberts said.

Hanks' new movie, "Erin Brockovich," opens in theaters Friday. It's based on the真实 story of a single mother who comes across a case involving a high incidence of cancer in a small town while working as a clerk in a Southern California law office.

"Erin is tenacious and completely believes in the idea of justice, that good will always prevail," Roberts said.

Katie Couric's cancer test to be televised

PHILADELPHIA

"Today" show host Katie Couric took a cancer crew along as she underwent a recent colonoscopy, a screening test for cancer.

The procedure will be shown Monday and Tuesday on the NBC morning show as part of a weeklong series on colon cancer.

Couric, 43, who was given a mild sedative for the test, discusses what is happening throughout.

We're showing it to demonstrate that there's no reason people should be scared," executive producer Jeff Zucker told The Philadelphia Inquirer for Sunday's editions. "We try to do it with tremendous sensitivity. We don't show a lot of her colon. We're not going to gross anybody out."

Couric's husband, NBC legal commentator Jay Monahan, died of colon cancer two years ago.

Heston cancels anti-gun rally appearance

DENVER

Charlton Heston has canceled a planned appearance at the kick-

off of a campaign for a crackdown on gun crime.

The actor and leader of the National Rifle Association had agreed to share the stage with James Brady of Handgun Control at Monday's public-awareness kickoff for Colorado Project Exile, a federal-state crackdown on gun-related crime.

"We were trying to get his schedule cleared up and it looked like that goal had been accomplished a couple of days ago, and other commitments overtook us," National Rifle Association spokesman Bill Powars said late Friday.

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No. 6 Irish struggle in quarterfinal victory over Hurricanes

By KERRY SMITH  Assistant Sports Editor

STORRS, Conn. -- They say the third time’s a charm. But don’t tell the Miami Hurricanes.

Following their third win against Miami this season, the Hurricanes knocked the Irish out of the Big East tournament Sunday at Gampel Pavilion at the University of Connecticut with a 76-72 quarterfinals win.

But the Hurricanes didn’t go out without a fight. With nothing to lose against the sixth-ranked team in the nation and the second seed in the tournament, the Hurricanes played out all the stops and made the Irish earn their spot in the semifinals.

And any Irish player who was there wouldn’t tell you it wasn’t easy.

“We were down 18 to 0, anyone to out-hustle us,” said Hurricanes guard Sheila James. “Because we know, we were the underdog, we had nothing to lose tonight. We left everything on the floor.”

That was an aggressive mentality that the Irish weren’t ready for. And they stepped on the court.

The old standbys were there — center Ruth Riley scored 18 and looked like an All-American in the process. She told the Irish defensive players how to handle it.

“Niele Ivey scored 13 and made three three-pointers while directing the squad on the floor and guards Danielle Green and Ericka Haney hit some big buckets when it counted.

But the Irish played more mental mistakes than they had planned on.

The Irish didn’t play their trademark basketball. There weren’t many big defensive stands and no huge lead.

The Irish played well enough to win, but not well enough to blow big teams like UConn and Rutgers that they are in it for the long haul.

“I wanted to see us up big early and clear the bench but I knew that wasn’t going to happen,” said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. “We needed to get our timing back.”

With 14 turnovers in the first half and 23 on the night, the Irish gave the ball up too many times and let the Hurricanes hang closer than they should have.

And that was just what the Hurricanes wanted. Trailing by less than 10 points for most of the game, the Hurricanes believed they had a shot to pull off a huge upset and that mentality turned up their intensity.

“I want us to be on the floor — when Miami stepped on the court after every break, they looked like they wanted it more. They’re aggressive and never give up,” said Riley. “They always give a 110 percent effort when they play us.”

While the Irish stepped up when it counted, it was the smaller points of their game that needed attention.

Sluggish passes around the perimeter and careless dribbling that cost the Irish the ball are mental mistakes that they can’t afford to make at this point in the season. Every time Notre Dame steps on the court from here on out is a must-win situation.

Green’s turnover was the kick she kicked off her dribble with no defender pressing her that turned into a Miami foul and forward Kimberly Syamon’s air-balled foul shot in the second half typify the mental mistakes that could cost Notre Dame the Big East championship in a bid in the NCAA Final Four this month.

The Irish, playing like a top-10 team against Rutgers in the regular season, came out on top only with a clutch basket from behind the arc by guard Alicia Ratay to send the game into overtime. If the Scarlet Knights can knock the game down to when the Irish aren’t on top of their game, then the Hurricanes could easily advance past clumpy Notre Dame squad.

And that was another thing — a lot of basket ball left to play and under different circumstances. They aren’t coming into tonight’s game with eight days off and in a foreign arena. They have one game under their belt and are comfortable with the setting.

And that’s something the Irish know.

The Irish had their ups and downs during the regular season, but they didn’t earn a 25-3 record with sloppy play. They have at times played like the top-10 teams in their competition, but have always stepped up for big games against ranked teams. After the game, the Irish made it known that they are focused on the task at hand and plan on stepping on the court tonight.

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The Notre Dame basketball team will not be the only team nervously awaiting the NCAA's decision as to who advances to the championships. Many members of the Irish track and field squad, a week after Monday's announcement by the NCAA about who will advance to next weekend's indoor championships. Going into the Alex Wilson Invitational, several of Notre Dame's top athletes were hoping to get the extra inch on their jumps or the few seconds off their times to make it to the national championships at the University of Arkansas next weekend.

After Saturday's meet, the only sure spot is held by the men's distance medley. The team broke the meet record of 9 minutes, 43.18 seconds with a time of 9:39.40, with competition. With Friday's performance, the team wanted to take a couple of seconds off its time to secure its spot in nationals. "I think the main difference with Friday's performance was that we all knew we had to run a little better than last time to ensure getting in the national meet," Cochran said. "And we all had experience in the event."

Last time it was Watson's first time in his leg of the race and I'm sure the 1200 was new for Mishka.

Marsha West was one of the long jumpers hoping to qualify on Saturday. He needed a jump of at least 23-foot-5 to ensure the championships, but only jumped 23-foot-4.99 on Saturday. "I had to do with the level of competition and also my health wasn't 100 percent," West said. "I'm just going to concentrate on outdoors. I'm going to try and stay healthy and work on my technique and not get hurt."

He has a provisional qualifying mark in the long jump, but will have to be in the top 15 in the nation to go. It will be announced Monday evening who will advance.

Along with West, high jumper Jen Engelhardt and long jumper Tameisha King were hoping to get the distance needed to get into nationals.

Although Engelhardt's jump of 5-foot-9 and 3/4 was a provisional qualifying mark for the championships, it may not give her the necessary edge. "I don't think Tameisha and Jenny will get in," fields coach Scott Winsor said. Winsor believed that the event is pretty competitive. "This is pretty competitive," Winsor said. "It's an unusual year, I would say. Usually it takes 180 inches in high jump to get in, but this year it took 182."

Head coach Joe Plane refuses to throw in the towel, however. Along with the jumpers, Ryan Shay qualified for the 5000, Phil Mishka and Tim Cover have marks in the 800, and Liz Grow may go in the 400. Patty Rice also has a qualifying time in the mile, and Alison Klemmer in the 3000.

"I hope they all go," he said. "Monday's announcement will tell if they'll be packing their bags for Kansas next weekend."

Piane believes the athletes have proven their abilities regardless of the outcome for nationals.

There are 308 Division I schools, each with around five jumpers. That's over 1500 competitors," he said. "If you get a qualifying mark, you're in the top 20 in the nation. That's pretty good."

Aside from the men's distance medley that won their event, the Irish took the number nine spot in many other events at Saturday's contest. Matt Thompson won the 35 lbs. throw with a distance of 24-foot-1 and Quill Redwine took the triple jump with a distance of 46-foot-8.

King, West and Engelhardt all won their respective events as well. Mishka won the 800m race with a time of 1:48.44 and Grow won the 400 at 54.16s. Cochran took the 200m dash with a time of 21.37s.

Regardless of who advances to nationals, the team will now shift its focus to the outdoor season, and the competition that lies ahead.

"We just have to get focused on the outdoor season," Winsor said. "These people that don't get in, just have to regroup and make the outdoors a priority."
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assists in 21 minutes. "That was the game right there." He hit some open jumpers," Doherty said of Carroll. "He's a shooter and when he's open I want him to shoot it. It's dangerous. If you leave him open, I feel every time he shoots, it's going in." Carroll, who made 4-of-5 three-pointers, wasn't the only who saw his shots go down. The rest of the Irish also got in on the action.

"The shots went down," said Doherty who watched his team jump out to a 27-point lead with 2 minutes, 10 seconds left to play in the first half. "We took a lot of good shots and we made them.

The Hoyas were unable to get any closer than 17 points in the second half and Notre Dame cruised to its largest margin of victory in a conference game since the 1990-91 season.

"We got thoroughly outplayed in every phase of the game - defense, rebounding, shooting," Georgetown head coach Craig Esherick said. "I thought we got outplayed in every phase of the game.

The Hoyas shooting woes were apparent early on. Kevin Bravard and Lee Scruggs, two of Georgetown's leading scorers, were held in check from the field and combined for just 11 points. The Hoyas shot just 34 percent for the game and only knocked down 5-of-26 shots (19 percent) from behind the arc. They also struggled from the foul line, making just 9 of their 17 attempts.

Demetrious Hunter had a team-high 14 points, while Ruben Boumtje Boumtje grabbed 11 rebounds.

With the win, the Irish close out the regular season with a 17-3 record and an 8-8 mark in the conference. Notre Dame locked up the No. 7 seed in the Big East Tournament - its highest seed ever - and will play No. 10 seed Rutgers on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Madison Square Garden.

FENCING
Men defend title at Midlands

- Women fall to Northwestern, take second

By MIKE CONNOLLY Sports Writer

Jan Viviani was in trouble in the deciding bout of the 2000 Midwest Conference team championships.

With the score tied 2-2 in his bout with 0-1, the Irish's Geof Kane, the freshman seemed to lose his balance and fall off the edge of the mat. He quickly recovered and stabbed the Buckeyes to score a touch and take a 3-2 lead. Viviani went on to score the next three touches and win the championship for the Irish.

"I think it was when I almost fell off the stripe and still got a touch - that was the deciding factor in the bout," Viviani said with a smile.

The men's fencing team was all smiles Saturday as the Irish won each weapon class. The Buckeyes cruised through the quarterfinals and semifinals relying mostly on reserve fencers. In the finals, however, the Irish dominated as they opened up a 5-0 lead through three weapon matches.

"Megan Call

In foil, the Irish fell behind early but are on course to score the next three.

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"The first two bouts that we lost kind of surprised me," said Viviani. "Our girls are definitely good enough to come back."

The Irish quickly recovered to win the next four bouts to take a 4-2 lead. The Buckeyes, however, would not go down easily - winning two bouts over Cassas and Guider.

With the title on the line, Viviani, who finished second in epee for the Irish this season, wrapped up the bout despite his near slip.

Ruben Boumtje Boumtje, two of

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On the women's side, the Irish failed to defend their 1999 Midwest Championship as Northwestern won the title and sabre titles along with a second place finish in four of the five event championships.

Although Irish managed to top the Wildcats in foil, the Ohio State Buckeyes won the finals while the epee team lost to Cleveland State in the semifinals.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 2-0 lead but lost the deciding bout as both Kim DeMaio and Ana Carrick lost consecutive 5-4 bouts.

"We had some equipment problems early but it was no excuse," DeMaio said. "There was zero leadership on my part as a captain and it came down to the last bout which it never should have come down to. All excuses aside, we just didn't fence the way we should have.

Although DeMaio went 0-3 and Carrick went 1-2 against Cleveland State, freshman Megan Call led with wins over Viviani and Steve Mautone led the Irish in the finals.

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Penn upsets top-seeded Nowak in title fight

By BILL HART
Senior Sports Writer

Fans got their money's worth in one of the most anticipated fights at the Joyce Center on Friday evening, when Sean "The Fri Kid" Nowak faced off against "The Destroyer" Penn for the 175 lb. division title. In likely the most balanced bout of the night, Penn came from behind to take a split decision and shock the top seed.

Both fighters came out aggressively in the early rounds, each depending on the same styles that had gotten them through the semifinals on Tuesday. Penn relied on the left jab and hard right, while Nowak used high combinations and boxed his opponent within the ropes.

"I had to be aggressive, because I knew he was a strong boxer," Penn said about his strategy, "I needed to be aggressive continuously throughout the course of the fight."

After trading blows through the first two rounds, Penn connected with a strong right hook that sent Nowak staggering. But Penn couldn't follow up, and Nowak recovered, responding with a hook of his own that set him up to the mat midway through the round.

"I was surprised," Penn said about the blow. "He took a lot of punches, and yet he was able to come back like that, and to the second round.

By the time Penn brushed himself off with a standing eight count, both fighters were so tired that neither could land another solid blow. The crowd came to its feet for the fight's conclusion, dousing out the final bell.

170 lb. division

Seffied sophomore Bob "The Golden Glider" Joyce scored one of the biggest upsets of the night, knocking out the top seed Brian "Hoppe" Hopkins in the second round. Joyce looked confident from the opening bell, putting Hopkins on the defensive early. In the latter half of the first round, Joyce landed several combs that left Hopkins staggering.

"I knew he had a better reach," Joyce said. "That made it pretty hard for me to get inside on him. He tried to prevent me from staying inside for most of the fight.

Hopkins seemed to be unable to recover from those early blows. With Joyce's endless assault, the Kenan junior was unable to keep himself inside and time his punches effectively. A big right hook in the second round by Joyce gave him a commanding lead, but he had to also stop one of Hopkins' patented round-three comebacks to preserve the victory.

"I knew I had a slight lead in the third," Joyce said. "But I also knew I had to keep things up a little. I was a pretty tough fighter, and he really came at me in the third. I didn't fake in my other two fights.

175 lb. division

With his family in attendance, Tom "The Tulsa Bomber" Biolchini continued his family's 40-year commitment to the Bengal Bruins, earning his third straight title through an unanimous decision over Josh "The Sandman" Thompson.

Biolchini came out ready to fight, using a strong right hook to keep Thompson on his defense. By controlling the center of the ring, Biolchini was able to dictate the tone of the fight and move away from Thompson's blows.

Thompson looked better in the second round, but he wasn't able to land enough blows to come away with the victory. While Thompson held a slight advantage in reach, Biolchini used his agility and patience to wear down his opponent until the final bell.

180 lb. division

Kroug sophomore Marc Creti scored a few fast knocks fighters can claim when he beat out both the first and second seeds to earn a division title.

After defeating Tom DeSplinter in the semifinals on Tuesday, he completed his improbable road to a championship win the "Poda Pop" Leniski in the championship bout.

With two left-handed fighters, this bout proved to be different for Creti than his previous three matches. "For the whole time this year, he and I were sparring against right-handers, preparing for fights against them," he said. "We really didn't have any experience against left-handed opponents; it was pretty awkward."

The contender came out early with left-right combs in the center of the ring, and came back from an early deficit in the first round. Leniski seemed unable to connect with the jabs he used so frequently in the earlier bout, and Creti used that to press his advantage even more. After a vicious flurry in the second round, Leniski lost his balance and stumbled to the canvas. While Creti's strategy kept Leniski on the defensive early, he needed a strong defensive stand to hold off the top seed.

"I was trying to get a little more tired in the third round," Creti remarked on the comeback. "I was really starting to come after me at that point, and just tried to stay away from his punches.

190 lb. division

After defending his top seed from freshman Chris Pearse in the semifinals, junior Mike "Hardcore" Brandl is a pretty tough fighter, and he really came at me in the third. I didn't fake in my other two fights.

"The Destroyer" Thompson. Biolchini won his third straight title by unanimous decision.

Tom "The Tulsa Bomber" Biolchini lands a punch in his 175 lb. title fight against Josh "The Sandman" Thompson. Biolchini won his third straight title by unanimous decision.

Heavyweight division

Using a combination of agility and caution, Kenan junior Peter "Beaz the Raa" Ryan ended the night with a textbook display of boxing tact, beating graduate student Dan "Let Me" Brandl by unanimous decision.

Adam came out strong, looking for a heavy hit to knock the top seed out. His aggressiveness paid off early on, with a set of punches putting Ryan on the ropes.

But after the initial fireworks ended, the junior captain settled into this game plan: after waiting for Adam to make his move, Ryan would wait for the threat to pass and pummel his opponent before he had a chance to put his guard back up.

"I played a little conservative because he's such a big, strong boxer," Ryan said. "I wanted to stay away from his punches and just play off his mistakes."

In that style, the champ got many shots in early on, prompting the ref to stop the fight early in the second round when Adam's face was dripping blood. Ryan eventually wore Adam out, prompting some wild round-abouts from the challenger throughout most of the third round.

"I don't think it was frustration more than it was exhaustion," Ryan said about Adam's movements. "We were both pretty tired by the third round. The guys in my corner were yelling at me to stay away, and he still had a powerful blow at that point."

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Molina and Nathan Boraga.
The Irish held the lead going into the locker room, but it
didn't take long for the Spartans
to answer. At the 0:45 mark of
the second period, sophomore
right wing Adam Hall sent in a
shot from the circles off a rebound from sophomore
Andrew Hutchinson.
After tying the game, numer­
oius Irish penalties kept the
home team on the defensive.
Midway through the second
period, the Spartans held a 3-1
advantage for just under 30
seconds. While the Irish
were able to kill three penalties
early in the second period, an
interference penalty at the
13:45 mark proved to be just
the edge the Spartans needed.
One minute later, Zasowski was
unable to counter a 2-on-1
advantage, as Hall scored his
second goal of the night off a
pass from freshman left wing
Brian Maloney.
"It seemed like it was an
unscored game with all the penal­
ties," senior captain Ben Simon
said. "It's kind of ironic how
we're the least penalized team
in the league, and we always
seem to have more penalties
than the other team."
The Irish missed a huge
opportunity late in the second,
when goalie Ryan Miller fell
down to leave an empty net. But
a stabbing glove save prevented
the team from taking
advantage.
In the third, the Irish
found themselves in danger of
being scored on again. Hall
tried to get the hat trick,
but Zasowski covered up the
puck for one of his 32 saves on
the night.
At the 5:53 mark in the third,
the PA announcer informed the
crowd that Ferris State was los­
ing to WMU 4-2 late in the
game. The reaction by the team
was almost instantaneous.
"They felt it on our bench," Poulin
recalled. "After hearing the
score, they really picked it
up. Dan Carlsson was the first to
jump up and he said, 'It's in our
hands, let's go get it.' There was
a definite surge."
After sinking off another
penalty, the Irish earned their
second power play opportunity
of the night at the 13:42 mark,
off a hooking penalty from
Spartan center Shawn
Harcourt. Simon won a right­
side faceoff in the Spartan
zone and passed the puck to
senior Tyson Fraser. After a
shot by senior Joe Dusbabek
was blocked by Miller, Simon
rebounded the puck at the inside edge of the right
circle and hit a low shot past
Miller's right leg at the 14:23
mark.
A shot from the high slot was deflected near the
goal as Hall scored his
third goal of the night.
Both sides fed off last­
minute shots to force overtime,
which saw numerous chances
for the Irish fall short.
"We have never been happier
with a tie," Poulin said about
the game. "And the way it hap­
pened, coming back to get it.
Every time we have tied this
year, it was really a tie. Tonight,
we came back and got this
one."
The Irish started off strong in
Saturday's game at the Munn
Ice Arena, as Simon scored on a
forehand shot inside the far left
post at the 8:20 mark of the
first. But the Spartans rallied
back with five unanswered
goals, ending with a power-play
shot by Hall at the 15:27 mark
of the second.
Despite the loss, Notre Dame
will face Ferris State in the first
round of the playoffs, in a best­
of-three series at the Joyce
Center starting on Friday. The
Bulldogs swept the Irish earlier
in the year, winning two games
in mid-October at Big Rapids,
Michigan. But with the two
teams playing on the Irish home
ice, the outcome could be decid­
edly different.
"Ultimately, we didn't really
need Ferris if we took care of
our own end," Simon remarked.
"But we capitalized on the
chances we did get, and we're
going to roll from there."
By MIKE CONNOLLY  
Sports Writer

Northwestern head fencing coach Laserie Schiller could taste victory.

There was no way his fencer Kellee Macdonald could lose. She had an 8-5 lead over Notre Dame freshman Anna Carnick with just 12 seconds remaining in the bout. With his entire team gathered around him cheering, Schiller counted down the seconds until he could celebrate MacDonald’s Midwest Conference epee championship.

But nobody told Carnick that the match was already over.

The freshman from Mishawaka won an unbelievable three touches in the next 12 seconds to send the bout into overtime.

Schiller could only watch in stunned silence as Carnick scored a touch in sudden death overtime to keep the individual epee crown in Irish hands.

“Just minutes before stronger but I was quicker so I action. I knew that she was needed to concentrated on the score a touch over.”

Carnick’s defensive style and started her come back and score three touches.

Yves Auriol
Notre Dame fencing coach

“Carnick’s defense is very unusual to come back and score three touches.”

Viviani scored a touch on Crompton in the epee semifinal, 15-11.

With just 12 seconds remaining in the bout, Viviani rallied to tied the match at 13.

“Coach gave me some advice and I took that advice.” Viviani said about his change in strategy after the first two rounds.

Viviani, however, did not stick to his new strategy in the closing minutes and lost the bout 15-13.

“I changed up and started acting like an idiot,” Viviani said. “I just relaxed and I thought I was going to win.”

As victory slipped away from Viviani in the epee finals, senior Magda Kroh and freshman Izzi Boutsikaris each dropped their bouts in the women’s foil semifinals.

Boutsikaris fell to eventual champion Faen Groes while Kroh dropped a heart-breaker in Northwestern’s Kristian Dorf, 15-11.

Krol fell behind early, 13-5 before she rallied back to close the gap to three, 14-11. Dorf, however, regrouped after Krol’s come back to win the bout, 15-11.

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Ali in attendance at hard-hitting title bouts

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

As if the finalists in the 70th Annual Bengal Bouts needed any added motivation, they received an extra jolt of adrenaline Friday night upon learning they would be going for a title in the presence of the greatest fighter of all time. With Muhammad Ali in attendance, the boxers lived up to the hype, providing several hard hitting contests in search of a championship.

120 Pounds

In a minor upset, Shawn "Knockout The Old And Bring In The" Newberg took the first title of the night, earning the split decision over top seeded James "Pirahna" Fishburne. Although both fighters started tentatively, Newberg settled in and employed the same effective strategy he used in the semifinals.

As in his previous fight, Newberg allowed his opponent to chase him around the ring and swing at him, then countered with combinations when Fishburne was off. The tactic appeared to frustrate Fishburne as he was unable to land open shots while scrambling after Newberg.

"That's the strategy I use," Newberg said. "Get out, block and go, block and go." Newberg said. "I think I was able to get up early and sustain [the lead]."

Newberg plans to move up a weight class for next year.

130 Pounds

In 130 pounds Matt "The Don" Fumagalli knocked off another high seed to secure the title. Having already defeated the No. 1-ranked fighter, Fumagalli took a split decision over second-seeded Camilo "Bolin" Rueda.

Overall it was a sloppy contest with plenty of holding and errant elbows, but Fumagalli was most successful when he backed Rueda into the ropes and traded punches. Rueda tried to stick and move, which worked at times, but both fighters tired by the third round, and Fumagalli was able to grind out the win.

"I had to keep him in. I just knew when he came in, I had to get my hits," Fumagalli said.

The championship was especially satisfying for Fumagalli considering the competition he faced on the way.

"Jason [McMahal] was the man to beat in my bracket, and Camilo in the other," Fumagalli said. "It was a real accomplishment to fight such good boxers as those guys."

140 Pounds

As expected, both top ranked Kurt Wilson and Mike "The Logo" City Madman Waldo came out swinging away in the finals of the 140-pound card. While they stood toe-to-toe for much of the opening round, Waldo was able to land a good straight right that gave him an early lead. Wilson came back as the pace slowed in the second, staying low and landing jabs to the body.

What made the difference was the third round, where Waldo simply outlasted Wilson. Waldo managed to get Wilson against the ropes where he connected on enough hooks and straight rights for Wilson to be assessed a standing-eight. In the end, it was Waldo coming away with a unanimous decision.

"Kurt was the first guy I sparred with, and he killed me, so I knew what he was like coming in," Waldo said. "I knew whoever won that third round would win it."

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Graves' play opens door to Notre Dame's success

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Notre Dame men's basketball coach Matt Doherty said Saturday that sophomore David Graves' play in the paint is a key ingredient in the recipe for Notre Dame success.

"You know Troy [Murphy] is going to compete," Doherty said. "You know Harold [Wilcox] is going to compete. David's the key. I think, to our front-line, and he really came out and battled and boxed out." If Graves is the key, the door to victory is wide-open for the second and third teams going to March Madness for the first time in 10 years.

"To get 13 rebounds — you know, the whole team competed," Doherty said. "But he [Graves] was very impressive." Graves added 14 points on the effective end, one more than his season average. As in rebounding, Graves has had his ups and downs in scoring, ranging from a rock bottom of three points in a loss to Maryland to a high of 33 in Notre Dame's overtime loss to Vanderbilt.

Graves was six for 10 from the field against the Hoyas, hitting shots from all over the floor. He muscled his way inside for three lay-in shots in the paint. He hit two short jumpers from opposite views of the hoop. And he nabbed his 66th 3-point field goal of the season, the third highest total in school history.

"We had seen what the teams have done to us," Graves said. "They've really jumped on us and got in the lead. We just wanted to come out tonight and just jump on them, so I think we did a good job today. We played the best basketball we've played all year."

Graves' line of statistics in Saturday's box score didn't show a single goose egg. He recorded two steals, two blocks and one assist. On the down side, he also gave the ball away three times. The most telling statistic, however, is that Doherty was pleased enough with Graves' play to keep him on the court for the entire 40 minutes of the game. Graves didn't get a rest from the opening tip-off until the final buzzer.

"This one's just rewarding," Graves said. "It's rewarding to get a win like this and in the fashion that we did."

Notre Dame's second-leading scorer behind Troy Murphy, Graves is a guy who builds on momentum and, unfortunately, slides into rut. "Every game he scored in double digits has led to a string of high-scoring games. Likewise, each game he has been held to single-digit scoring, with the lane exception of last week's nine-point outing against Syracuse, has been followed by another."

The 14-point performance at Georgetown followed nine points versus Syracuse, so it should be the first of several double-digit games. With Graves in a rhythm, the Irish ran count on solid shooting and rebounding.

When he gets into a groove, Graves is the go-to guy for the Irish.

In the pre-season NIT, he hit a jump shot at the buzzer to hand Notre Dame the victory over returning Final Four team Ohio State. Last month, Graves knocked down a jumper with 3 seconds remaining to give Notre Dame a 76-74 win over Seton Hall on the road.

Although just a sophomore, Graves plays a commanding role for the Irish. After Notre Dame's two-point loss to No. 9 Syracuse Wednesday, a determined David Graves promised that his team would not give up on the rest of the season.

"This team has a lot of character," Graves said. "We're not going to quit."

One of Graves' primary goals in coming to Notre Dame was to bring Notre Dame back to its glory days — the days of sold-out crowds, excitement on campus and regular trips to the NCAA tournament. He's been helping the Irish to deliver, as fans have returned to the Joyce Center in droves and the Irish have beaten five top-25 ranked teams.

With the Big East Tournament beginning Wednesday, the Irish need a tournament title or at least a strong run to stand a chance of going to March Madness for the first time in 10 years.

"We still have chances for the NCAA tournament," Graves said. "We're going to keep working hard. We're going to come out with a lot of intensity."
Fourth and Inches

Tom Keeley

You know what I miss most about being away from home? The mail.

Opening the mailbox and sensing a white envelope specifically addressed to me, one of the great pleasures in the world.

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Fox Trot

Bill Amend

Holy cow! Take a look at this weather forecast!

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You might have told me you read old newspapers and dampen your excitement.

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Crossword

Across
1 False witnesses
6 Vocalizes like the Beastray Boys
10 Parks in 1955 News
14 Venezuela's city Falls
15 Clairvoyant's center
16 Has a tab
20 
22 Trait
46 "Holy moly!"
23 Pirouette point

Down
1 Battle site of 1916
6 Blasted down
8 Misdemeanor, before the Civil War
3 Mission
23 Clairvoyant's center
12 Third-stringer
41 Sharpshooter's
43 Certificate
55 Mideast bigwig
37 Warm, so to
21 Hoodlum speak
48 Like some

Horoscope

Eugenia Last

Monday, March 6, 2000

Celebrities born on this day:

Sub-Reds: Ed McMahon, Tom Arnold, Hedren Graham, Alfi Di, Shaqueel O'Neal

Happy Birthday: You will have to be quick to arrive and arrange it. are likely to regret that you want to catch them before one. Your sensitivity might need in your way if you take things too seriously. Lights up and stay positive. It's time to open your eyes to unique liberation. By patient and persistence, and you will get ahead. Your numbers are 13, 19, 29, 30, 36

Aries (March 21-April 19): You may find it difficult to concentrate on your work. Emotional problems at home may be sending you to your doctor. Take a mental health day rather than do a bad job. You are being clear of people whom you just can't catch on. The stakes are high, and there will be no room for errors. You may feel lonely if you have to go out of town on business.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Problems with joint financial ventures may lead to discord. Someone you thought you could trust may be doing you out of what's rightfully yours. You may feel that you have to go out of town on business.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Someone may be trying to undermine you. Be clear of erroneous legalities or financial investments. Lying isn't cool, but don't put your rank on the table.

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Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Changes are you're getting paid for a job well-done. Janitor co-workers may try to get your dander up. Focus on your goals and return to get involved in every argument.

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Birthday Baby: Inquisitive best describes you. You're always looking for something new to do and curious about everything that you come across. You will be examining and therefore very popular in high school.

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Notre Dame advances to semis with victory over Miami

By TIM CASEY  
Sports Writer

The preparation for the 2000 Big East tournament began eight days ago, following a 77-59 loss to top-ranked Connecticut. The Irish had more than a week to get ready for the stretch run of the season, one they hope leads deep into March.

And they knew it began Sunday, with a first-round Big East tournament game against Miami.

The Irish overcame their own poor shooting early on and a tough Miami defense throughout to emerge with a 67-52 victory. But by the way they played against the Hurricanes you could have sworn their focus was elsewhere, presumably on a rematch with the Huskies in the Final on Sunday night.

“We had a week to prepare but we didn’t have a week to prepare for Miami — we just had a day to do that,” head coach Muffet McGraw said. “I think it was hard to focus on just one team.”

That lack of focus almost hurt the Irish.

“We took a couple days off of practice this week,” McGraw said. “But I think it looked like we took the week off.”

Miami, which had lost twice earlier in the season to Notre Dame, played aggressively the entire game. Their full-court pressure and trapping half-court defense forced the Irish to turn the ball over uncharacteristically 23 times.

“We didn’t want anybody to out hustle us,” Miami guard Shella James said.

“Because we knew we were the underdogs we had nothing to lose tonight. We played like it was our last game. We left everything out on the floor.”

McGraw credited the Hurricanes for their hustle.

“I thought their press really slowed us down,” she said. “They did a great job controlling the tempo of the game for the first 30 minutes. We weren’t ever really able to get that spurt.”

The teams traded baskets for much of the first half. But Notre Dame had a 32-25 lead into the locker room at halftime despite shooting 37.9 percent from the floor. The Irish also had 14 turnovers.

**STORRS, Conn.**

*By BRIAN KESSLER  
Senior Sports Writer*

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Irish answer wake up call

By BRIAN KESSLER  
Sports Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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**HOCKEY**

Irish skate to 2-2 tie on senior night

By BILL HART  
Senior Sports Writer

Looking at the crowd on Senior Night at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse, one might have seen a few fans crossing their fingers. But with the events of the last week, Irish hockey fans had many reasons to be nervous.

While Notre Dame did hold a two-point lead on fifth place in the CCHA and the last playoff spot played on their home ice, sixth-place Ferris State had two games of its own against 10th-seeded Western Michigan.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame was taking on Michigan State, which holds the top penalty killing and power play units in the conference. Even worse, the Irish only had 16 healthy skaters to put on the ice against the Spartans, after sophomore forward David Homan was declared likely to miss the rest of the season due to illness.

But through the emotions of the eight seniors, possibly playing their last home games at Notre Dame, the Irish earned a 2-2 tie against the Spartans, good enough to secure home ice for the first round of the CCHA playoffs when combined with a loss by the Bulldogs on Friday.

“You don’t like to have things out of your control,” Poulin said about the playoff picture. “The ideal situation would have been for us to win tonight and tomorrow night, but you take all the help you can get in this league. Home ice is a big advantage for us. We like this building and we play well at home.”

The Irish dodged a few bullets early in the first period, including a Spartan pass which slid through the blue circle, after freshman goalie Tony Zasowski was pushed away from the net. Both teams traded shots until the 14 minute. 50 second mark of the first, when left wing Dan Carlson went coast-to-coast, evading two defenders, en route to a score.

“Carlson’s goal was obviously highly significant material,” Poulin remarked. “I remember seeing him do stuff like that in high school.”

It was the junior’s 16th goal on the season, with assists by senior defensemen Sean

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**AT A GLANCE**

- at Big East Tournament vs. Rutgers at New York Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
- at No. 8 Illinois Thursday, 3 p.m.
- CCHA Quarterfinals vs. Ferris State Friday-Saturday, TBA
- Track at NCAA Championships Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m.
- Swimming at NCAA Zone Diving Friday-Saturday, TBA
- at BYU Saturday, 3 p.m.
- at Denver Saturday, 1 p.m.