College Dems, GOP register student voters

By HELENA RAYAM

In a bipartisan effort to promote voter registration, the College Democrats and Republicans co-sponsored their first voting registration drive this week.

"We want to get more voter awareness," said Lisa Dermidovich, a College Democrat and the drive's co-chair.

The representatives from both clubs passed out flyers informing voters of presidential candidates and also provided registration forms for students.

"We just want to make it more accessible," Dermidovich said.

Students who walked by the booth commented on the convenience that the registration drive provided for them.

"I've been wanting to register at home," said freshman Maureen Jones. "When the opportunity presented itself, I took it."

Jones, along with most Notre Dame students, falls under the age demographic that has historically had the worst voter turnout at elections. Since the 26th Amendment granted 18-year-olds the right to vote in 1971, the voter percentages have remained low among 18- to 24-year-olds. Voter turnout was highest in this age group for the 1972 election, the first congressional election after the amendment passed, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. 58.9 percent of eligible young voters registered and 49.6 percent of those registered voters actually made the trip to the polls.

The trend since the 1970s has been that young voters go to the polls in far greater numbers in presidential election years than in off-years.

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SMC remolds 'plain' Regina, adds doubles, quads

By COURTNEY BOYLE

As Saint Mary's students pack up in May to go home, construction workers will unpack to start the Regina Hall renovation.

After renovations, the rooms consisting primarily of single rooms will be remodeled for doubles, doubles and some quads. When the renovations are complete, the furniture - now attached to the walls - will be movable.

There will be sprinklers and better lighting. All of this should make Regina a more pleasant home.

"I'm very excited, thrilled about it. It has gone very well so far. We're going to have a nice project," said Keith Dennis, vice president of finance and administration.

Renovations were planned to continue over the summer months and will be completed in time for the fall semester.

Built in the 1960s, Regina Hall is unique compared to other residence halls on campus because it served as a convent until the mid-1970s. It was at this time that the college purchased the building for the congregation and made it into a dorm. Because of its original purpose, the rooms have less than 100 square feet of floor space and the furniture, including bookshelves, desks and closets, is built into the walls.

"The driver on the renovations is the room configuration is not desirable to students," Dennis said. "It's unattractive to students and there has been water leaking in through the windows."

Freshman Candice McElligott agreed with Dennis about the dorm's unattractiveness.

"Regina is a very quiet, plain building," she said. "There aren't any pretty aspects of this hall, like there are in Le Mans and Holy Cross. They have the high ceilings and the genuine antique-like there are in Le Mans and Holy Cross. They have the high ceilings and the genuine antique-ness to them. I don't think that Regina fits in with the pretty atmosphere of this campus."

Front desk worker Marg McDonnell, however, has worked in all the residence halls and said she likes Regina the best.

"I absolutely love this dorm. It's cozy and there is a tremendous amount of closeness with the girls," McDonnell said. "Because this is mostly singles, they will come down and congregate in the lobby more - I don't know why anyone wouldn't want to live in this hall."

Students who live in Regina acknowledge the sense of community.

"It is more of a family atmosphere," said Regina resident advisor Abby Stakoviak. "Many more women leave their doors open, which invites others into their room. I find it nice to be welcomed into another person's room."

Stakoviak said the renovations see REGINA/page 4
It's all about soul

I recently found myself in an interesting predicament. "Do you believe in the soul's existence?" he questioned me. My answer was an unqualified "yes."

What followed was a list of questions asked in an attempt to define and give form to the soul. I was asked if I could sense it through the faculties of taste, touch, sight, smell or sound. I was asked if it is tangible, how it can be detected, if it need be detectable in order to exist. I was so confused by the existence of its existence and so on. I was at a loss. My only return was to ask the same questions regarding thought. My logical friend believed that thought exists, but can he prove it? While this served to quiet the interrogator, it did little to truly resolve whether or not the soul exists.

How do you prove such a thing? I feel strongly that the soul exists — that it must. Yet, I cannot give much reason as to why. It is merely a belief, a feeling, a hope that does not suffice. For as resolutely as I "know" it does exist, someone else may feel or hear or see "knows" that it does not. Which is right? To me, the soul is the essence of a person, something separate from their flesh and biological components. It is who and what they are. It is what they feel. It influences how they think and what they believe. I have no doubt that there is more to everyone than solely their biological make up. I think there is something that allows for the connections humans can make among one another and the sense of self and solitude we can find within.

What a sad life one must lead if he or she truly feels there is no soul! To think that something so complex as a human being could be so simply reduced to formulas and elements seems ludicrous. If we were intended to learn why we would have creative thought and emotion? And what has caused us to create this delusion of spirit within ourselves? For surely there are more people who give credence to the soul's existence than those who discount it. Still, though, it troubles me that someone could perceive himself or herself as nothing more than science. Perhaps there is no concrete, tangible evidence to prove the soul's existence. That's not going to keep me from believing, though. I think there is something more than just science. I think the soul exists, and it does not need to be proved. Just because I cannot see it does not mean it does not exist. That does not stop me from believing, though.

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Towson student dies of meningitis

When his friends awoke Sunday morning, Joseph Patrick Kerfeler was asleep in his room, recovering from a long weekend visiting friends and family in southern Maryland. After he had trouble waking up and feeling groggy, they thought he would just sleep it off. But Kerfeler, an 18-year-old freshman from Lexington Park in St. Mary's County, died roughly 10 hours later from bacterial meningitis. Friends said he arrived home in perfect condition after a night out at Casa Mia's, but spent Sunday morning throwing up, sleeping and complaining of flu-like symptoms. "It just looked like a hangover and then even after that it just looked like some flu or some cold," automated James Clay said. "[Doctors] said unless we got him to the hospital around noon, we couldn't have done anything. They said it is the more harsh type of meningitis. Nobody was thinking about taking him there around 1 or 2 o'clock." Kerfeler's condition worsened during the day and friends took him to St. Joseph Medical Center at 7 p.m.

NYU student nominated for Oscar

It's been a good year for the Tisch School of the Arts, with alumni winning 10 of 18 awards at last month's Sundance Film Festival and 2000 could get a whole lot better for the school come March, with a film by two Tisch graduate students having been nominated for an Oscar. "On the Rocks," a documentary produced and directed by Nanette Burstein and Brett Morgen, was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature. The nomination marks the third time in the Tisch history that a student film has been nominated for an Oscar. The film follows three young boxers from the New Bed-Stuy Boxing Center in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, as they train for the Golden Gloves amateur boxing tournament. Although the three face obstacles including drug abuse, poverty and self-doubt, they have allied themselves with a dedicated trainer who helps them fulfill their dreams. Burstein, in her fourth year at the Tisch, came up with the idea for the film in her second year at Tisch. She and Morgen have been working together on the project and Morgen submitted it as his third year thesis film.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

INSIDE COLUMN

Colleen Gaughen
Assistant Scene Editor

American Indians in South America

The Indians of South America are traditionally divided into two main groups: the Andean Indians and the Lowland Indians. The Andean Indians, who occupy the highland areas of the Andes, are adapted to a cold environment while the Lowland Indians, who live in the tropical lowlands of the Amazon basin, are adapted to a warmer climate.

Andean Indians

The Andean Indians are known for their advanced agricultural practices and their development of complex social and political structures. They have adapted to the high altitude environments of the Andes by developing techniques for growing crops in terraced fields and using irrigation systems to increase agricultural productivity.

Lowland Indians

The Lowland Indians of South America, particularly those in the Amazon basin, are known for their hunting and gathering societies and their reliance on a wide variety of plant and animal food sources. They have developed complex social and political structures and are known for their intricate knowledge of the rainforest ecosystem.

The legacy of South American Indians

The legacy of South American Indians can be seen in the present-day agricultural practices and cultural traditions of indigenous peoples throughout the region. Many of these practices and traditions have been transmitted from generation to generation through oral traditions and have been an integral part of the cultural identity of South American peoples for centuries. The contributions of South American Indians have helped shape the region's cuisine, medicine, and artistic traditions. Their knowledge and practices continue to be an important resource for the region's biodiversity and cultural heritage.
SMC fundraises for Plan

Administration lines up early donors, seeks to develop plant fund

By KAREN FINK
News Writer

Hundreds of Saint Mary's students walk from Noble Family Dining Hall in class or their dorms every day, and they will do the same for years to come.

Ten years from now, however, they may be able to stop by the bookstore or post office in the student center before they leave the dining hall.

This new addition will be one of many campus changes to take place under the Master Plan, a decade-long project that will begin this year.

The estimated cost of the plan, including inflation, is almost $100 million. The fundraising committees hope to raise an additional 20 percent of the cost for the creation of a facilities endowment, a fund to focus on the maintenance and upkeep of the new additions.

Presently we are in the early stages of fundraising and our focus is to introduce the project to prospective donors and (show them) what the additions will mean to the college," said Richard Russell, vice president for College Relations. "Already we have had some commitments.

In February, the College hired Bertz, Whaley & Flenious as its fundraising consulting firm based out of Minneapolis. The firm will help the school to develop proposals, confirm donors and decide on the best alternative in fundraising.

"The plan will pick up now with the consulting firm to help make decisions," Russell said.

With the many factors involved in fundraising, students may wonder what role they will have in the process.

"The students play a critical role in helping us get across the message about how and why it will improve the quality of the Saint Mary's experience," Russell said.

"Plus, just having the prospective donors see the impressive women of Saint Mary's helps," Russell added.

Russell added that he wants to quote students about the importance of the Master Plan and their experience at Saint Mary's in the fundraising materials.

The school plans to begin construction on the Welcome Center and Clubhouse later this year, with renovation of Regina Hall to begin this summer and all three projects to be completed by the start of next school year.

The entire cost of the welcome center and half of the cost of the clubhouse were donated by anonymous parents.

The Parent Council is also considering the remaining funds for the clubhouse.

"We are fortunate to have such a strong donor base," said College President Marilou Eldred.

The renovations in Regina will be paid for by a plant fund.

"The plant fund is a collection of funds that the Trustees have set aside each year for the purpose of repairing and renovating the buildings and equipment on campus. It is funded by calculating the useful life of capital items purchased and then dividing that number into the cost," said Keith Dennis, vice president for Finance and Administration.

"This amount is put into a separate account each year. Those funds are then used to replace, repair or renovate the assets."

The Board of Trustees recently approved the use of money from the plant fund for the renovations in Regina.

The next goal in the Master Plan is the building of the student center.

"The student center is priority right now and it is the key to the other projects able to be happening," said Russell.

He went on to explain that the Master Plan works in a domino effect. Once the student center is completed, Haggar will be renovated, followed by LeMieux Hall.

"I am optimistic that we will have the financial backing for the new center when the plans for it are complet ed," he said.

Both Russell and Dennis are pleased with the overall fundraising process so far.

"We certainly have been successful in raising funds for the Welcome Center and Clubhouse in such short time," Dennis said.

"We're pretty much on target," Russell said. "The most encouraging part of the process so far is the overwhelmingly positive feedback from people. To summarize the results of running the Master Plan great, exciting and ambitious. It is what Saint Mary's needs."

The William and Katherine Devers Program in Dante Studies presents:

"Desire and Death or Francesca and Guido Cavalcanti: Inferno 5 in its Lyric Context" by Teodolinda Barolini (Columbia University)

2000 William and Katherine Devers Visiting Professor of Dante Studies

Tuesday, March 21 4:30pm

Department of Special Collections
102 Hesburgh Library

Free and open to the public, this lecture will be followed by a reception to which all are welcome.

This lecture is part of a week-long compact seminar titled "Dante's Rome" taught by Professor Barolini from March 20-24. If you are interested in enrolling in this seminar which will meet from 7-9pm, please contact the Dept. of Romance Languages & Literatures, 631-6886.

Corrections

Two headshots in Thursday's Observer were misidentified. Freshman Tiffany Johnson was identified as freshman April Allen, while Alisa was identified as Johnmon.

A photo caption in Thursday's Observer said that professor Theresa Ghilarducci taught English. Ghilarducci is an associate professor of economics.

The Observer regrets the errors.
ND students volunteer

By KATHIE McVOY

Special to The Observer

Many students will spend the coming spring break earning academic credit by studying and applying the social doctrine of the Catholic Church through volunteer programs across North America.

Administered by the Center for Social Concerns, the unique Social Concerns Seminars program will send 133 students to impoverished regions of Appalachia, migrant worker camps in Florida, a community of developmentally disabled people in Canada, historic sites of the civil rights movement in the southern states, and the centers of public policy in Washington, D.C.

The Appalachian Seminar is the most heavily subscribed in the program. This spring, 94 students will travel to eight sites in Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina to observe and assist in health care, community organizing, education, land use, and housing issues. A special emphasis of this year's seminar will be home repair and rebuilding in the region of Hertie and Hertford Counties in North Carolina, whose communities have not fully recovered from the devastation of Hurricane Floyd and last fall's flooding. Father Steve Worsley, pastor of St. Charles Catholic Church in Ahoskie, N.C., and a 1984 Notre Dame graduate, will assist 19 seminar participants in volunteer service there.

Five students will participate in the Abboats Park Community Seminar. Eleven students will participate in the Migrant Experience seminar, another 11 will participate in the Washington Seminar. Twelve students will participate in the Civil Rights and Social Change seminar.

SMC students serve others over break

By KATIE McVOY

Now Winter

The Saint Mary's Open Unira Resource Center (SURV) office is sponsoring two spring break service trips this year. One group of men will be going to Appalachia and another group will be going to El Salvador.

The students going to El Salvador will be on a pilgrimage. The group is composed of seven Saint Mary's women, one Notre Dame woman and two sisters of the Holy Cross.

The students will meet with El Salvadorans, especially those affected by the war. They will also visit martyr shrines and seek to get a general feel for the culture.

Sister Linda Kors, director of SURV says that the experience is a very positive one for all involved.

"Generally the students say it is a life-changing experience," she said. "Seeing the passion of the people of El Salvador really makes the students ask what their motivations are and how they can be as passionate as the people of El Salvador."

The Appalachian trip will visit the town of Clintwood in Dickenson County, Va. The women will be staying in a house during the course of the week and will take care of their own cooking and cleaning.

The group is composed of women from the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community.

The plan for the week is very flexible. Once the women arrive there are a variety of things they might do for the week. These include organizing porches and roofs, replacing showers and doing general maintenance for the city of Clintwood.

"We will be doing a lot of interacting with the members of the community," said Mary Konig, a junior at Notre Dame. "They told us to bring pictures of our families so we can show them to the people in the community and try to relate to them."

The women involved in the trip are going for various reasons, but all of them are looking forward to the opportunity to help others.

"My sister went on trips like this all four years she was in college," Mary Wald, a junior at Saint Mary's, said. "I thought it would be a great idea to do something like that."

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will change more than the physical structure of the dorm. "I think with the new renovations the entire atmosphere will change. More doors will be closed and it will become more like the other halls on campus," she said.

McElligott agrees with Stahoviak that the renovations will change the sense of community next year.

"I think that the renovations will help a little next year, because they plan on making it all size rooms on every floor, instead of just singles. This will hopefully help with the whole unity factor, because that definitely needs to be worked on in this building," said McElligott. "Also, the furniture will be moveable, and this gives a resident a little more to work with, and to arrange her room the way she wants to."

As of this year Regina Hall houses approximately 150 residents with no current vacancies. However, three of night floors are not open for student residence.

The goal for next year is for Regina to be at its capacity of 245.

Director of Residence Life Dana North said the reason Regina is not full is based solely on student preference and upperclassmen don't choose it because they tend to want doubles. But she has been hearing positive feedback about the renovations, which might bring students back into the dorm.

"We're hoping that students start choosing it," North said. "There have been a lot of positive reactions to the drawings that were posted."

Regina resident Colleen Miles likes living there and said the renovations will add to the experience.

"I chose to live in Regina because I liked the idea of having my own personal space," Miles said. "Also, I would live here next year, with or without the renovations, although the renovations will give Regina more perks."

Mollinda Brown, Regina Hall Director, has received positive feedback from current Regina residents.

"I've heard a lot of students wanting to stay here. I hope so because I think it will be really fun," said Brown.

Class of 2003

There is a group on campus to help students facing disciplinary hearings before the Office of Residence Life. Peer advocates are specially trained to guide students through the disciplinary process. They comprise a division of Judicial Council, a Student Government organization, and are not part of Residence Life.

If you are interested in being a peer advocate pick up an application in the Student Government Office in Lafortune.

Applications are due March 26, 2000.

For additional information contact Angela Galui or Tony Wagner at 1-4556.
**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

Chechen rebels fight to break Russian blockade

KOMSOMOLOKSOEY, Russia

Russian troops encircling a Chechen village fought Thursday to keep rebels from breaking through Russian lines, but the rebels managed to split small groups of soldiers and repulse them.

The battle was the most intense since rebels entered the village on Sunday, underscoring the militants' ability to inflict serious damage on federal forces in guerrilla attacks, even though the Russian troops outnumber them and have superior weapons. Since thou­ sands of rebels abandoned the Chechen capital, Grozny, more than a month ago, Russian forces have focused their offensive on mounting intense assaults in the republic's southern mountains.

But despite winning strategic posi­ tions and capturing a major militant stronghold, the Russians are suffering heavy losses.

Memphis grieves for shooting victims

MEMPHIS, Tenn.

Memphis was a city in mourning Thursday.

Flights were at half-staff, bouquets of flowers were placed on fire hall steps, and firefighters and law officers were black bands across their badges.

All were in memory of two firefighters and a sheriff's deputy who were slain Wednesday - allegedly by one of their com­ rades, firefighter Fred Williams - in a rampage that has angered and saddened this Mississippi River city.

"It's just so shocking," said Pam McFarlin, who took food to firefighters at Fire Station No. 55 and brought a bouquet of flowers to the home where the men were shot.

"We all just feel so bad." Williams, 41, ambushed the firefighters as they arrived to fight a blaze at his home, authorities said. Williams' wife, Stacey, was found shot to death in the garage.

Ukraine police end siege of Communist headquarters

KIEV, Ukraine

Radical nationalists who seized the headquar­ ters of the Ukrainian Communist Party surren­ dered to police early Friday, ending a 13-hour standoff.

Group members said they gave up after government officials and lawmakers agreed to consider their political program. One by one, teen-agers and young men, as well as one young woman, emerged to board waiting police jeeps. About a dozen students took con­ trol of the building in Kiev's old, picturesque Podil district at about noon Thursday, sending communist officials fleeing. They demanded a ban on Communists occupying state posts, a self-styled political reformer against the Texas governor, and his allies in the GOP establishment.

McCain bows out of campaign

SEDONA, Ariz.

John McCain suspended his insurgent presidential campaign today, conceding the Republican presidential nomination to George W. Bush and vowing to remain "a force for change."

After absorbing a Super Tuesday drubbing by Bush, the Arizona senator said GOP voters had spoken, "and I respect their deci­ sion."

McCain pointedly offered Bush his "best wishes" but not his endorsement after a bitter campaign that polarized a self-styled political reformer against the Texas governor and his allies in the GOP establishment.

McCain rode waves of inde­ pendents and Democrats in victories in New Hampshire and Michigan, causing an unexpect­ ed threat to Bush. But several of the senator's states, such as Colorado, have given Bush an unexpected vote, and McCain's base was small.

The senator said he would "continue working toward a peaceful resolution" and would "concentrate on working to make this country the kind of country we can be proud of." McCain's "short" campaign effort, 1996 Republican presidential candidate for his party's nomination for president. McCain bowed out Thursday after Bush's announcement last week that he would suspend his campaign for the White House. Texas governor George Bush scored a number of big victories in Tuesday's series of primaries and took a commanding lead in the contest for Republican delegates.

McCain, who had been the GOP's 2000 front runner, said he would suspend his campaign. He also said he would not endorse Bush and would concentrate on working toward a peaceful resolution to the presidential election crisis.

McCain's campaign has been besieged by internal disputes, including a rift with his running mate, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. McCain's campaign has been marred by reports of infighting and a lack of discipline.

Cohen urges China to cool tensions

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Associated Press

KADENA AIR BASE

Defense Secretary William Cohen appealed Friday for China and Taiwan to halt their war of words and said he hoped to visit Beijing this summer to urge restraint.

"Both sides should lower the rhetoric and lower the tensions and then try to work this out in a peaceful fashion rather than one of intimidation and confronta­ tion," Cohen said en route from Washington to Hong Kong for his first visit to the former British colony since it reverted to Chinese con­ trol in 1997.

Cohen's Air Force plane stopped to refuel at the U.S. military base on the island of Okinawa.

The defense chief said he would use his public appearances and private meetings in Hong Kong to stress the Clinton administra­ tion's view that Taiwan's status must not be settled by military means.

Cohen said he hoped the "rhetorical tensions" will subside once Taiwan holds presidential elections March 18.

China sees Taiwan as a renegade province and has said it cannot rule out using military force if Taiwan tries to gain independence. Washington recognizes Taiwan as part of "one China," but it is committed to providing weaponry for Taiwan to defend itself.

Cohen said he hoped to visit China early this summer. He did not mention a specific date.

On Saturday, Cohen is scheduled to meet with King Chau Hwa, the Hong Kong chief executive, and other government officials.

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Symposium examines role of army chaplains

Special to The Observer

An international brigade of experts will examine the roles and responsibilities of military chaplains in a symposium March 18-19 at Notre Dame.

Titled "Military Chaplains in Their Contexts," the symposium will analyze the 1,600-year history of the military chaplainate — from late antiquity to the present — in an effort to draw conclusions about religion and war in the Western tradition.

Invited guests and Notre Dame faculty will take historical, theological and literary approaches to issues of military morale, fear of death, and belief in the power of God to affect human events.

The symposium will be held March 18-19 at Notre Dame, United States March 18-19 at Notre Dame.

The schedule for Saturday, March 18:

9:00-10:30 a.m. Late antiquity/medieval Europe
Moderator: David Reichach, Notre Dame
Papers: Ralph Mathiesen, University of Illinois, and Hartmut Lehmann, director of the Max Planck Institute for History in Germany, will contribute to the conclusion at 9:30 a.m., March 19 with an address titled "In the Service of Two Kings: Prussian Military Chaplains, 1713-1918.

The symposium will be held March 18 at the University of Illinois, and Hartmut Lehmann, director of the Max Planck Institute for History in Germany, will contribute to the conclusion at 9:30 a.m., March 19 with an address titled "In the Service of Two Kings: Prussian Military Chaplains, 1713-1918."

The symposium will conclude at 12:15 p.m.

Notice: John Lynn, University of Illinois, and Thomas Kosman, Notre Dame

Originally involved in the military, professional chaplains have worked so hard for the翻身 of women and minorities, have a huge constituency, but we don't use it.

It's easy for us to take for granted that we have the right to vote, said Demidovich.

Junior Nathan Blande came to register to vote for the first time after reading an ad in the Observer and because the drive was conducted by the College Democrats.

"In the past two years, I didn't care to vote," he said. "I definitely feel it affects me more right now."

Sophomore Anabel Navarre said that she feels that policies directly affect her and that voting is not only a right, but also a privilege.

"I would vote so many people, especially women and minorities, have worked so hard for me to have the opportunity to vote. I should take that opportunity and put it to use," Navarre said.

The reaction from most of the people that attended the voter registration drive was positive and many students registered. Many of those who did not said that they would try to come later.

One minor point of contention involved the candidate information pamphlets that organizers distributed.

The pamphlet was an 8-by-11 sheet of paper, one side with the two major Republican candidates, George W. Bush and John McCain, and the other with Democrat candidates Al Gore and Bill Bradley.

Organizers were limited on space when making the pamphlet, and so they included only the major candidates, Demidovich said.

"We are just trying to do the frontrunners like the New York Times and Wall Street Journal," she said, noting that Gilson could put together a pamphlet, which organizers would be willing to distribute at future drives.

The College Democrats and Republicans are planning upcoming registration drives, and will invite local and national candidates to speak after they receive their party nominations.

They maintain the belief that the increasing student awareness about politics will aid in better voter turnout for future elections.

"I am surprised at the number of people that came out," said College Democrat Chris White. "It's something that people don't get around to doing."
Sklar: Integrate Catholic experience

By KIFLIN TURNER
News Writer

The integration of Catholic history in American history is essential to understanding American history as a whole, said Kathryn Sklar, from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Her talk leads off a lecture series focusing on Catholicism in America, the culmination of three years of research by more than 40 scholars.

"The study offers a well-developed plan to promote the integration of Catholic history into mainstream society," Sklar said.

She referred to the movement that flows into the mainstream history of Catholicism, which history is written. "The tension mainstream American and other minorities keep Catholicism's identity in the mainstream," she said.

The tension mainstream history offers a fruitful intersection of Catholic history and American history.

The message of Sklar's presentation centered on integrating the Catholic experience into mainstream society. She attributed the clear lack of integration of Catholic history in American history as a result of "Protestant dominant movements," which held the belief that "God's providence is guiding the nation towards providential goals."

Beginning in the 19th century, Sklar said, this prevalent Protestant ethic created an "idealistic version of American history and one of many interpretations." She further declared Protestant domination as "the dancer and dance." Many Democratic reformers and historians alike try to create their own history in which new ways of viewing established history will bring about change and increase Catholic inclusion in society.

Sklar said she regards the mission to widen the scope of knowledge and understanding of the Catholic experience in America as "a project that is making history in the history of writing."

The message of Catholic experience is to give Catholic history a place in the national experience. "Thrice the Catholic experience," she said, "is a main focus of Sklar's project that led into the mainstream history of Catholicism." The tension mainstream involves the Catholic experience into the mainstream history as complete and the Catholic identity as a subvert history. "To refer to Catholicism's identity in the mainstream," she said, "the tension mainstream American and other minorities narrowed the differences in Catholic and American history.

The women's movement, especially among Protestants, is a main focus of Sklar's research. She attributed the source of the "U.S. women's movement by its separateness of its identity." Likewise, Catholicism maintained that the "same inclusion is occurring in the recent integration of Catholic history." She said the women's movement exemplified "a good history," and that "good history is relatively easy to recognize."

Sklar pointed to the outside status of Catholicism in the mainstream history and then challenged modern reformers. "Don't be shy," she said, "Use the perspective of Catholic history to make big claims on American history.

She also said that these reformers should "submit or critique the dominant paradigm of providential history" whenever possible and to write about all angles of our national experience. By redefining the way in which history is written. "Future Catholicism might create new mainstreams" that will gain the whole audience for which it deserves.

Together with the support of the Liddy Endowment and the Notre Dame, the Cushwa project, founded by Charles and Margaret Paul Cushwa, plans to continue its endeavors towards the increased inclusion of Catholic history with the assistance of theologians and scholars.

Sklar received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1969 and has published numerous articles and reviews, earning both Ford and Guggenheim endowments.

Sklar is best known for her scholarly accounts of Kathryn Beecher and Florence Kelley, both of which earned her the Berkshire-Price Award.

Recent trends, however, reveal a growing acceptance and inclusion of Catholic History. Sklar reported, that now runs in "parallel rivers between Catholic and mainstream." "If we could imagine American historians embracing Catholic history, it would be a great change," she said.

There are two major factors behind the growing acceptance of Catholic history, Sklar said. One is "a distinctive tradition and its minority, or our outside status in American history," she said. The other is the history's label of Catholicism as "otherness." "This tension between America and minorities kept Catholicism's identity in the mainstream," she said.

The tension mainstream history of Catholic experience is to give Catholic history a place in the national experience. "Thrice the Catholic experience," she said, "is a main focus of Sklar's project that led into the mainstream history of Catholicism."
Athletes’ actions shape kids’ lives

Winning isn’t everything. It isn’t even the large majority of what it means to be an athlete these days.

What really counts is whether or not you are a role model to the younger generation. Sure, if you can win all of your games, people will call you a great athlete, but in today’s sports world, a lot depends on how you play on the court and how you present yourself off the court.

Whether we like it or not, sports have become a major part of our lives. Sure, the country has been enthralled with baseball, football, basketball and even hockey, but never before this era has the business of sports and the conduct of athletes made the daily headlines on the hard news side of journalism.

It used to be that the worst thing that surfaced in pro football was an occasional cocaine abuse (Lawrence Taylor). But with the advent of players whose criminal record became part of their story, such as Lawrence Phillips, crime has been almost shrugged at in this sport. For extreme examples, three pro football players have been arrested of murder in the last five years.

The notorious O.J. Simpson case was divided in the courts between Simpson being criminally not guilty, yet civilly liable. Rae Carruth was implicated in the drive-by shooting of his pregnant girlfriend. Then, most recently, Ray Lewis was accused and indicted in a club brawl stabbing in Atlanta.

That same criminal attitude has seeped into the college game. Florida State was so beleaguered at one point in the season by criminal accusations that they put their players on guarded curfew during the nights before the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

Basketball has seen its share of problems as well. For example, few players are as good in the paint as Dennis Rodman is. But on Wednesday night, the Dallas Mavericks waived Rodman and ended his stint with his third team in two years. Why can such an excellent player not find a home? Because fans and owners alike cannot put up with the kind of idiotic attitude that a player like Rodman brings to the game.

Players like Latrell Sprewell got away with these disgustingly overt displays of violence because they can play the game. But forever they are branded with the label of "thug" or "just traded around until they are put on a team where the are not the worst kid on the block."

Baseball is not immune to its legal problems either, although most of them are limited to the personally destructive types, such as Darryl Strawberry.

In hockey, perhaps the most brutal of the sports mentioned, two recent events have brought home how wide-spread this culture of violence has become. Marty McSorley’s slash of Donald Brashear caused the latter to be knocked unconscious and bleeding on the ice and the former to be brought up on assault charges in Vancouver. The second instance of violence that has sorely tarnished the sporting world was the recent arrest of Dallas Stars goalie Ed Belfour on charges of assault and resisting arrest.

This, coupled with the internationally embarrassing vandalism of a Japanese hotel room by the U.S. Olympic hockey team in 1998, all of whom were pro hockey players, proves that this phenomenon is not limited to the warmer sports.

With ESPN’s family of networks, Fox Sports Net and all the various sports web sites, news and sports are becoming synonymous like never before. Fewer and fewer of the stories concern the what the players did on the court. More often they are concerned with what the players do off the court. And well they should be. These are men and women who stand up as an example to every little kid who watches the sport, dreaming to have the skills and the chance to play in the arenas that those people play in.

Whether or not you win or lose is secondary. It isn’t how you play the game, either. This attitude of being unaccountable in the face of the law and the standards of society transfers back to those very same kids and creates an entirely new generation of players that just take it a step farther.

Thus, the cycle will never end until some players stand up and say, "I AM a role model."

Matt Loughran is a former news editor and currently attends graduate school at Saint John’s College in Annapolis, Md.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Boycott Denny’s

As an alumnus who occasionally reads The Observer over the Internet, I was horrified by the recent stories of the incident at Denny’s in Roseland.

I was, however, happy to see that University officials took a strong stand behind the students. I suggest that until this situa­tion is resolved, students should boycott Denny’s and all other commercial establishments in Roseland.

Your dollars, or lack thereof, are very important to the sur­vival of the Roseland business community.

B. Michael Nagel, M.D.
Class of 1976
March 9, 2000

Baseball is beautiful

To the Fighting Irish baseball team and the Notre Dame com­munity.

Please know how lucky you are.

As a 1999 graduate of Providence College, I had the opportunity to experience four great years of Big East baseball. Throughout my four years at Providence, the thing I most looked forward to each spring was the crack of the bats heard throughout campus.

That sound not only signaled that winter was coming to an end, but it meant that it was time to saunter over to the field to watch the sport I love most.

And now, more than ever. I am grateful for those days. As the former assistant sports editor of Providence’s school newspaper, I was able to know the ins and outs of the Friar baseball team and was right there in the thick of last year’s Title IX disaster.

In order to comply with the NCAA’s gender equity rules, the team lost its funding and went into the ’98-’99 season knowing it would have to work to save its place in the Providence community.

I am grateful for those days. As the assistant sports editor of the school newspaper, I was able to continue to follow the team’s progress as they continued their march to the end of the season.

To me the question is not, “Why do you feel so much?” but rather, “Why should I have to ask at all?”

Michael C. Murray-Nolan
Executive Board Member and Treasurer, OUTreach ND
Member, Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs
March 8, 2000

Prop. 22 conflicts with natural law

I am not a Catholic. I was baptized into the United Method­ist Church and have lived all my life as a non-Catholic.

As an outsider, I have long admired the willingness of Catholics to make changes in their church in order to maintain the integrity of church and tradition.

More than that, I have respected just about every decision the leadership of the Catholic Church has made in recent years. As a Methodist, I have known that there are two branches of Christianity within a given society, but I have always respected the right of non-Catholics to maintain their traditions.

The Catholic Church, like any other church, has the right to make decisions about its own affairs. As long as those decisions are made within the framework of the Constitution and the law of the land, I will respect them.

However, the revealed law, on the other hand, includes those laws of the universe which are definitively such because of the insistance of the Holy Spirit. Thus, it is not available to non-Catholics, it follows that viewing homosexuality as an objective disorder would not be an appropriate response.

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Prostitution is a sin.
Scene: A look at the history of high stakes game shows, from the scandal in the 1950s to the rapid rise of the Internet and its technology.

The dramatic question:

It's 8 p.m. Tuesday night on ABC. The familiar voice of Regis Philbin invites the audience, both in the studio and watching at home, to another episode of "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?" After showing clips from the previous episode, he welcomes back Patty Mahoney, who will begin at the $4,000 mark.

Centered in the futuristically designed stage area, Regis and Patty sit in two elevated chairs with computer screens attached. With a metallic gray tie to contrast with his black shirt and jacket, Regis fits in with the dramatic environment. On the other hand, Patty looks like she could be anyone's next door neighbor. The camera pans to her boyfriend sitting in the audience. Dressed comfortably, he is a bright-eyed man sitting on the edge of his seat and grinning widely at the audience, both in the studio and those watching at home. While ABC treasures its trend-setting quiz show, Fox took the idea and produced "Winning Lines." And it is smaller than my left."

A calming presence:

"I really like Regis," said American studies professor Susan Ohmer. "He's down to earth. I think, sometimes, the guests seem arrogant. I like the host." A key element in the quiz show phenomenon is the appeal of the host. For that reason, recognizable names such as Chuck Woolery from "The Love Connection," Maury Povich from "The Maury Povich Show" and Dick Clark from "American Bandstand" are used as hosts to draw in an audience for "Greed," "Twenty-One" and "Winning Lines" respectively. Such personalities add a sense of familiarity to the dramatic ups and downs of these games.

The dream:

After a few more correctly answered questions, the help of lifeline or two, Regis poses the game to chat with Patty about her millionaire dreams. "So what do you plan on doing with your money, Patty?" Regis asked. "I'd like to go to Las Vegas and double my money with my winnings," she said, the flush in her cheeks and wide smile giving away the thrill of such a prospect.

Some argue that these shows do not reflect the general public. While the Internet has become a popular ideal, Now it is taking a shortcut to the top of the economic ladder in one swift stroke of luck. And the rapid rise of the Internet and its technology is one of the culprits, critics say. "You see this (especially) with people coming out of college," Ohmer said. "They just want to join a big Internet company and make money. In that sense, it's not good. Their odds aren't great."

Since the Internet has become a staple of work, schools and the home, people feel that they can take part in this strike-it-rich business. The "Who" in "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" means virtually anyone.

The contestants on these quiz shows support this concept; they don't look or act like movie stars. They have

Scene asks:

What would you do if you won $1 million?

"I'd buy an eight-foot long urban-assault-camouflage naughahide couch, a new atomic purple Nintendo controller and an implant for my right pectoral muscle. (It's smaller than my left.)"

Teddy Bolanos

freshman, Keough Hall

"I'd try to pay off my education, then get the Ford Mustang I'd always wanted. I'd go on a tour of Europe and take all my friends out to Reckers." Kristen Moskow

freshman, Lewis Hall

"I'd get rid of my virginity." Dan Fisher
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your quirks and flaws, whether it is an obnoxious laugh or a fashion sense dating back to the 1970s. But that's where the appeal lies; the show's audience can relate to them.

"The key is, the show has heart. You're rooting for the people on the show," said Michael Davies, executive producer of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," in a New York Times interview.

The history
This was the attraction of the quiz shows in the 1950s as well. With only a few exceptions, the contestants on these programs, such as "The $64,000 Question," "Tic-Tac-Dough" and "Twenty-One," were all versions of the working class persona. Herbert Stempel, a veteran from Queens working and attending city college, exemplified this persona.

In 1958, after losing his title as defending champion on "Twenty-One" to Charles Van Doren, a Columbia University professor and member of the esteemed Van Doren family, Stempel revealed that the show was fixed. He claimed that the producers controlled who did or did not continue by giving them answers. Because Stempel continued to win, his "unbeatable" quality had made him unpopular and thus, unprofitable, so the producers brought in the refreshing noble man, Van Doren.

After Stempel's allegations were insufficiently investigated by a New York grand jury, the House of Representatives special subcommittee on legislative oversight confirmed the allegations. Van Doren confessed that he was also provided with the questions before his appearances on each show. He justified his participation in the fraud on the grounds that he believed he was strengthening the value of education and the intellect through his celebrity. By his example, he argued he had made learning fun and accessible to the TV generation. For younger generations who did not witness the "Twenty-One" scandal, Robert Redford's 1994 film, "Quiz Show," recreated that event, as well as some of the ruthless inner workings of the quiz show phenomenon. Ultimately, it demonstrated the quiz show was about ratings and profitability for the sponsors.

The Renaissance
After the height of quiz show popularity in 1958, the genre declined as a consequence of the scandal. Yet, the genre is back in full throttle today, and many wonder, "Why now?"

NBC's rebirth of "Twenty-One" is especially risky. But, according to Ohmer, "They think that people have forgotten. TV tends to recycle, as movies do." This rebirth raises the question of just how much of quiz show history has been recycled. Are the shows as authentic as they seem or are they fixed as well?

"I hope not," said Ohmer. "In the '50s, they were fixed because the sponsors wanted to control the contestants. In some cases, that is still true. Fox's 'Greed: The Series,' recognized as a deliberate imitation of 'Millionaire,' lives up to its name. Reading the fine print of the rules and regulations exposes the immense scope of power possessed by the sponsors. The 'Rules and Regulations' on the 'Greed' Web site states: 'Qualifying entrant will be evaluated by sponsor's representative on the basis of the entrant's answers to these questions and on subjective criteria including charm, communication skills and sense of humor.'"

Official Rules and Regulations "Greed"

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Sponsors reserve the right to select contestants to play 'Greed' via means other than through the sweepstakes.

"Being personally appealing or of entertainment value to the sponsor is a requisite, no matter how smart a person is. Like the 1950s quiz shows, 'Greed' seems to function primarily as a money maker for its sponsors. The difference is, they're not trying to hide it, now." Not all of the current quiz shows appear to maintain the same standards though. Most viewers would place "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" high above the rest. The Nielsen ratings confirm that. The show has consistently been at the top of the polls, and it won November Sweeps month.

Another reason why the networks produce quiz shows to compete with "Millionaire" is their potential to be especially profitable. "They're really cheap to produce: $125,000 per show," said Ohmer. "A primetime drama is $1 million, (so it's really inexpensive. Networks like this and advertisers line up to do them.)"

"Among the benefits of "Millionaire" for ABC is the show's effectiveness in breaking NBC's long reign as the top TV network. As a result, a 30-second commercial spot during "Millionaire" costs $300,000 to $350,000 versus the typical cost of $100,000 to $200,000." Also, the show serves as a lead-in for ABC's entire evening line-up. For President Bill Clinton's State of the Union Address on January 27, which followed its prized quiz show, ABC's ratings were "sky high." The ratings on NBC, CBS and Fox were not.

The end
"Viewers lean in, focusing their eyes on the contestant as she determines her fate. The music intensifies, question by question, consequently raising Patty's anxiety level as well as that of the audience. Each question is a delicate step toward her million. Just one slip-up and she's through. Will it be this time? Is that what's curving the minds of everyone glued to the TV screen."

Once again, Regis proposes a bit of trivia and she gives her "final answer." "With a sudden musical scale rising and falling, it is clear that her answer was truly her "final answer." The studio sighs sympathetically as Patty bids a sad farewell to the path to instant wealth.

"But it's all right, for the game will restart its dramatic course with a story of the younger contestants. "Will I become a millionaire too?"
Beeshoe's seven 3s for Kansas' first round victory

Associated Press

Jeff Boeeshoe hit seven 3-pointers in the first half as No. 24 Kansas routed Tulsa in their first round victory over Associated Press.

Golden Tulsa routed Rice.

romped to its 19th straight victory over Associated Press and out of the game after taking an 85-88 mark and be the first Kansas game as Wildcats' coach.

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Eric Boschee hits seven 3s for Kansas' first round victory.

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Brian Chaise led the Hoyas with 16 points and Dunkel added 12.

The game marked the last time Virginia Tech would compete in the Atlantic 10. The Hoyas will play in the Big East con­

No. 21 Conn., Seton Hall 64

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El-Amin, Connecticut's leading scorer at 19.4 points a game, had 24 points in the first half of 10-12 shooting as the Hoyas made a 43-29 second-half run.

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spected scoring and rebounding leader against Connecticut.

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THIS IS WHERE IT GETS GOOD
HEILMAN ready to heat up in Florida

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

Coming off one of the greatest starts in team history, the Notre Dame baseball team will spend its spring break in sunny Jacksonville, Fla., as they take part in the Kennesaw Club Classic. There is no winner of the tournament, which is comprised mainly of teams from the northern United States.

"The thing that's really nice about the tournament from our standpoint is that it gives the opportunity to go to warm weather in a beautiful field," said head coach Paul Mainieri. "But you're also playing the majority of your games against other schools from the North that are dealing with the same disadvantages of being at the same stage in their season that we are." As opposed to all other tournaments, where players and coaches stay together as a hotel, athletes will live with Notre Dame alumni in the area. This allows the players to enjoy their spring break while still competing.

"Living in hotels every weekend gets real monotonous," he said. "Not only that, but we added the ACC to the schedule so there's no chance of getting tired of each other. Also, we're playing every day and thatACY's helpful. Being away from home helps the coaches be real nice." On Saturday, the Irish participate in two games at Wolfson Park. In the first game, Notre Dame takes on Duquesne. Duquesne comes off of a 32-24 loss to Miami-Ohio and they finished third in the Atlantic-10 West. Starting the game for the Irish is ace Aaron Heilman, who recorded 12 strikeouts in his last start. "I got off to a slow start my first two outings, but I felt a lot better with my control last weekend," Heilman said. "Hopefully things will continue to do well and we'll continue to win." In the second game, the Irish take on the Chipewas of Central Michigan. Starting the game for the Irish is Scott Cavey, who is coming off two dominating wins.

To relieve the stress on the pitching staff, junior Matt Laird will make his second career start behind the plate for the Irish. "I'm glad that Matt can run home in there and catch for us," Mainieri said. "We're going to need to give Paul a real rest now and then.

On Sunday, Notre Dame takes on Midwest rival Illinois. Freshman Matt Laird earns the start after an impressive outing against Minnesota last weekend. Illinois is currently ranked as one of the top 25 teams in the nation.

On Monday, the Irish will face the Ospreys of North Florida before taking a day off on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, Indiana state rival Butler takes on Notre Dame. The starting pitchers in these games are yet to be determined.

On Thursday, Heilman returns to the mound as Iowa presents his latest challenge. The Hawkeyes finished 10th in the Big Ten last season.

Laird starts against Akron on Friday. Akron enters the week as the 15th-best team in the nation. Freshman Natalie Mazur is seeded first in the region in women's sabre and Carianne McCullough or Katie Flanagan need to fence their way into the NCAA's. The women, however, have a fight ahead.

While both Liz Boutsakis and Magda Krol should qualify in women's foil, women's epee and sabre are areas of concern. Freshman Natalia Mazur is seeded first in the region in women's sabre but Carianne McCullough or Katie Flanagan need to fence their way into the NCAA's. The women, however, have a fight ahead.

Both the Notre Dame fencing team and the Wilmington University fencing team are looking promising heading into the NCAA's. Assistant coach Anna Camick said, "When you look at the top eight, you see a lot of Notre Dame people fencing each other. It's a good sign. I think we will do pretty well." The men should have no problem qualifying six fencers.

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The stakes are just a bit higher this weekend as the Irish fencing team travels to Appleton, Wis., for the NCAA Regional qualifier.

If the Irish send 12 fencers to compete for a possible 12 Notre Dame slots in the NCAA's, then the Irish must place at least two fencers from each weapon in the top eight to have any shot at the national title.

If the Irish don't qualify two fencers at each weapon, they won't be able to score enough points to win the title at the NCAA Championship. After placing at least two fencers in the top eight of last weekend's Midwest Championships, the Irish once again take on the NCAA (Regional). The Irish are confident that they will qualify 12 fencers this weekend.

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Throughout the year, the Irish have dominated their local competition and should continue that domination in Appleton.

"I think we are looking pretty good," sophomore sabreman Natalie Laird said. "I think we will qualify everyone. We just need to stay healthy and mentally strong heading into the NCAA's.

The women, however, have a fight ahead. While both Liz Boutsakis and Magda Krol should qualify in women's foil, women's epee and sabre are areas of concern. Freshman Natalie Mazur is seeded first in the region in women's sabre but Carianne McCullough or Katie Flanagan need to fence their way into the NCAA's. The women, however, have a fight ahead.

I think things are looking promising heading into the NCAA's. When you look at the top eight, you see a lot of Notre Dame people fencing each other. It's a good sign."
Martin breaks season

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Kenyon Martin knew his season was over before he hit the floor. Cincinnati's star player, perhaps the best in college basketball, was setting a screen in the opening minutes of Cincinnati's Conference USA tournament opener Thursday when he bumped into Saint Louis' Justin Love.

Martin's ankle turned underneath him as he fell, breaking his right fibula and ripping several ligaments. Gone in that instant — his dreams of leading top-ranked Cincinnati to its first national championship since the 1960s and the days of Oscar Robertson. "I didn't have any control over it," Martin said quietly. "I was just watching the ball and all of a sudden, I was in a wheelchair with his foot in a cast. Martin said he told Dr. Angelo Colosimo that his leg was broken as soon as the doctor came onto the floor.

The 6-foot-9, 240-pound Martin was selected the Conference USA player of the year Wednesday, and is the favorite for national player of the year honors. He led the conference with 19.5 points and 10.6 rebounds per game. He also had the top field-goal percentage (57 percent) and is the career blocked shots leader for both Cincinnati and Conference USA with 292. He set the single-season mark with 107. With Martin, Cincinnati set a regular-season record with 28 victories.

The Bearcats also had the first undefeated record in conference play at 16-0. Martin will play again. Colosimo said doctors will insert a screw into Martin's ankle, and that he should be able to starting running again in eight weeks.

That won't be soon enough for the Bearcats, who were looking for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament. "This was their chance," coach Bob Huggins said. "You just have very few chances I think in life to be special, and we've gone through a lot.

Huggins said his Bearcats will regroup, and other players will have to work to replace Martin. Senior Ryan Fletcher said it won't be easy. "One person isn't going to be able to be Kenyon Martin. But together we can all contribute what he brought to us," Fletcher said.

Martin, who returned to The Pyramid late in the game to cheer his teammates, thinks the Bearcats still have a chance at winning a national title. The forward, who hasn't played since day one, just can't suit up. I can't get on the court. I can still get a ring. I can still get a banner. I just can't play."

Kenyon Martin

Injured Cincinnati forward

"I've been here since day one. I just can't suit up. I can't get on the court. I can still get a ring. I can still get a banner. I just can't play."

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Irish a chance to gain some valuable doubles experience. When junior Kimberly Guy went down with a broken wrist, the entire doubles lineup was thrown out of whack. Head coach Jay Louderback has been forced to play pairs that have little experience playing together. That lack of experience was particularly evident against Iowa and Kentucky, as Notre Dame uncharacteristically dropped two of three doubles matches.

Louderback seems sure that experience will improve the doubles play. "We've had a week to practice and already I think we're more comfortable with the new pairings. I think we'll be OK as we get more matches in." - Kelly Zalisinski senior captain

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Notre Dame would be wise to use the BYU matchup to improve, because it will be given all it can handle when it heads further west to battle No. 6 Pepperdine a week later.

The Wave has been riding high and boasts a strong 8-2 record. Pepperdine also sports an impressive singles squad, with three nationally ranked players. Junior Ipek Senoglu, who should give Michelle Dasso a run for her money in No. 1 singles, anchors the contingent.

Fatigue could play a significant role, however. Pepperdine will take on Loyola Marymount, SMU, UCLA, and Wisconsin prior to playing Notre Dame. The Wave will no doubt be weary after playing such a schedule and will likely be forced to dig deep to hold off an Irish upset bid.

"It (fatigue) could definitely come into play," Zalisinski said. "Tennis is so draining both physically and mentally, and we'll be fresh, so it could be an advantage."

Notre Dame will be out to avenge a 5-4 loss at the hands of Pepperdine last year. The Wave has won three of the last four meetings.

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A Notre Dame tennis player uses her backhand at a match earlier this season. The team looks to extend its winning streak against Tulane during break.

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MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Red Storm blows lead in tournament

Associated Press

Boozer Thornton scored 21 points and third-seeded St. John's, which blew a 15-point second-half lead, scored the game's final six points for a 75-70 victory over Villanova on Thursday night in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

The 19th-ranked Red Storm (22-7) advanced to Friday night's semifinals against second-seeded Miami (21-9), which beat Notre Dame 65-58 in the quarterfinals.

That will be a rematch of last week's regular-season finale, won by Miami 74-70 in overtime, and of last season's semifinal, won 62-59 by St. John's.

St. John's, which had won nine of 10, appeared in control early, building a 41-26 halftime lead on 56 percent shooting (18-for-32). But the sixth-seeded Wildcats (19-12), who trailed 43-28 less than a minute into the second half, used a 13-2 run capped by consecutive 3-pointers by Gary Buchanan and Brian Lynch to get within 44-39 with 6:04 left. They took their first lead of the game at 59-59 on a jumper by Sales with 4:04 to play.

Villanova was up 76-69 with 51 seconds left on two free throws by Buchanan, but those were its last points.

Chris Guthery scored on a drive with 40 seconds left to give the Red Storm the lead for good and, after a missed jumper by Malik Allen of the Wildcats with 24 seconds left, Anthony Glover scored on a breakaway dunk with 16 seconds left. After Villanova turned the ball over as it scrambled to get off a tying 3-pointer, Erick Barkley was fouled with 4.8 seconds left and made two free throws for the final margin.

Lavor Postell had 18 points for St. John's and Barkley had 11 points and 11 assists.

Buchanan led the Wildcats with 19 points and seven assists and Allen had 16 points and 11 rebounds.

This will be St. John's third straight semifinal appearance. The Wildcats have not advanced past the quarterfinals since 1997.

No. 3 Duke 94, Clemson 63

Shane Battier scored 19 points and No. 3 Duke opened its quest for its 11th ACC title by dominating Clemson inside and out in a victory.

The Blue Devils (25-4) shot 56 percent, including making an Atlantic Coast Conference tournament-record 17 of 29 3-point attempts, and had a 38-28 edge on the boards, helping them defeat Clemson for the ninth consecutive tournament game.

Duke used a 31-4 run in the first half to take control of a game that matched the highest-scoring team in the ACC against the league's last-place team in scoring and shooting.

Freshman Mike Dunleavy made a successful return to action and was a dominant force with 17 points and 10 rebounds, advanced to Saturday's semifinals.

Dunleavy played 20 minutes, made six of seven 3-pointers and finished with 16 points.

Nate James added 18 points for Duke, Jason Williams had 14 and Chris Carrawell added 11.

Ninth-seeded Clemson (20-10) shot 37 percent and had 17 turnovers. It has lost three games to Duke this season by a combined 79 points.

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IRISH INSIGHT

NCAA hopes depend not on Irish wins, but others’ losses

The ball rolled out of Notre Dame’s hands Thursday, and into those of the NCAA tournament selection committee. The Irish fell on the outside of the Big East Tournament with their 61-58 neutral-biased loss to the Miami Hurricanes. The defeat leaves the Irish without a chance to impress the selection committee before NCAA tournament seedings are announced Sunday.

“Throughout the week, we always had a chance to play in the tournament, and it was nice,” sophomore forward Troy Murphy said. “And now it’s not in our hands. We have to go back to the hotel and root against certain teams and hope that they don’t do as well. It’s not as comfortable as knowing you can do something yourself,” Murphy said. “It’s tough to think that that shot could either put you in the NCAA or the NIT.”

Now 18-14 on the season, the Irish are teetering in a tenuous bubble, but that was a game we’d like to have,” Murphy said. “At 11-7 in the conference and 5-6 in the regular season, Notre Dame will fulfill a need to take it. And whether it’s in the NIT, we’re going to make a run for it, or whether it’s in the NCAA, we’re going to make a run.”

Jimmy Dillon drives past the Georgetown defender in a recent game. Dillon will be one of the Irish players who will have to wait to find out if their hopes of reaching the NCAA tournament will be realized. Notre Dame dropped Thursday’s Big East game to Miami 63-58.

They’re the 23rd-ranked team in the country. Then we play Syracuse, two-point game. They’re the No. 9 team in the country. Then we beat Georgetown and they beat Syracuse. So we’re a pretty good team.” Notre Dame’s tournament chances probably hinge on the fate of other bubble teams in their conference tournaments this week. The Big East is likely to receive six slots in the NCAA tournament, but could conceivably snag seven if the pieces fall the right way.

Syracuse, Miami, St. John’s, Connecticut and Seton Hall have virtually assured themselves invitations to March Madness by reaching the 20-win plateau.

Villanova and Notre Dame, however, remain very much on the bubble. The Wildcats, like the Irish lost in the quarterfinals last night. The Wildcats fell by five points to third-seeded St. John’s. With a 19-11 record, Villanova has more wins than Notre Dame, but unlike Notre Dame, failed to finish off a single ranked team this season.

Notre Dame also needs to hope for poor performances by teams on the outer edge of NCAA tournament chances. Any unexpected upsets in conference tournaments across the nation could send a Cinderella team to March Madness and send the Irish to the NIT. As upset like St. Louis’ 66-58 win over No. 1 Cincinnati Thursday could haunt it in the tournament.

If Notre Dame winds up on the outside looking in, it won’t be the close losses to tournament-bound teams that come back to haunt it. Instead, the Irish will be wishing they hadn’t blown games against lesser opponents such as Miami (Ohio), Rutgers, Pittsburgh and Providence.

Closing the regular season 6-8 against Top-25 teams is understandable. Dropping a late-season home game to Providence is unacceptable.

“Don’t expect to Providence, but that was a game we’d like to have,” Irish head coach Matt Doherty said. “At Miami, a three-point game.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

ND comes up short in Big East tourney to Miami

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

NEW YORK

The third time wasn't a charm for the Irish Thursday night, as Notre Dame dropped a 61-58 contest to Miami at Madison Square Garden in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

The Hurricanes have now beaten the Irish three times this season and will move on to play St. John's in the semifinals tonight.

With 18.8 seconds left in the game, Notre Dame found itself in a familiar situation, and came away with a similar result. Two weeks ago at Miami, the Irish needed a 3-pointer in the closing seconds to send the game to overtime. Troy Murphy's shot rimmed out. Thursday night, Notre Dame needed a two-point basket for the win. Once again, Murphy's shot rimmed out.

"When Troy goes up, I think it's in," first-year head coach Matt Doherty said. "You've got your best player taking an open shot. Granted it's a 3-point shot, but he is one of our best 3-point shooters. When it misses you think foul. Well that's what I'm thinking at the same time your gut gets ripped out."

But the Irish weren't able to get the foul. Following the miss, Miami point guard Vernon Jennings secured the rebound and fired a quick outlet pass to Elton Tyler who slammed it home with 0.8 seconds left.

"I was trying to finish the play," Tyler said. "We have a great defense, so after that, I knew we were going to get a stop on something like that."

Harold Swanagan's ensuing inbounds pass was batted down by Tyler and the Irish were sent packing.

Miami jumped out to a 23-16 lead with 9:21 left in the first half, but Notre Dame battled back and a thunderous slam dunk by Swanagan tied the game at 28. The Hurricanes clung to a slim three-point margin at the break.

"In the second half we knew we had to come out and play harder because we felt they outplayed us in the first half even though the score didn't indicate that," Jennings said. "In the second half, we came out, stepped up our pressure and tried to

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Troy Murphy scrambles from defenders in a recent game. In Thursday night's 61-58 loss to Miami, Murphy missed a key shot in the remaining seconds. The Big East player of the year scored 15 points in the contest.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish expect to extend four-game win streak over break

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

Spring break for most of us is a time for rest and relaxation. Not for the members of the women's tennis team. It's time to extend a winning streak.

After soundly whipping four ranked opponents last week, the Irish stand at 11-4 on the current campaign.

Their record and four-match win streak will be put on the line with two difficult matches over the spring holiday.

The Irish will head west to take on the Cougars of BYU on Saturday, before doing battle with the sixth ranked Waves of Pepperdine a week later.

Though BYU is unranked, they might still provide Notre Dame with a stern test.

The Cougars boast a solid singles lineup, led by senior Eline Chiew who is ranked 53rd nationally. BYU is 6-4 on the season after losing to Northwestern, a team Notre Dame recently upset.

"We try to go into every match the same way," senior captain Kelly Zalinski said. "We'll be fired up and hopefully we can continue to play well."

The Irish have split six all-time meetings with the Cougars, but trounced them last year 9-0.

Michelle Dasso will be counted upon heavily to fend off a BYU upset bid.

The junior All-American has taken her play to a new level, as she has been virtually unbeatable in singles competition.

A BYU team, weaker than a typical Notre Dame opponent, should give the

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