Moving
Toward
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Dream
Part IV:
Spring
Visitation

Although the Spring Visitation Weekend convinces numerous minority applicants to enroll at Notre Dame, some believe the University engages in ... Deceptive Diversity

By CHRISTINE KRALY
News Writer

Some people might consider the Spring Visitation Weekend an event held annually to allow high-talent minority students to visit campus — to be a success primarily because 60 percent of the weekend's attendees enroll at the University and therefore increase its diversity.

But some students and administrators believe that the Spring Visitation Weekend, with its emphasis on multicultural students and activities paints a false picture of Notre Dame.

"I have some problems with it," said Kevin Huie, assistant director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS). "Because some students have told me 'ah, they fooled me with that weekend.' And although it's not the intention of the weekend, he said, some participating students are negatively affected when they return in the fall. "It gives them a false sense that stuff that happens all the time..."

Iris Outlaw, director of MSPS, said, "But the hosts try to be very frank with them. "Hosts are expected to definitely give the students an accurate expectation of what college life is like at Notre Dame and not to be hesitant to share," Outlaw continued. "You have to give them..." (prospective students) a real picture." Huie added. "Everyone involved is encouraged to say 'Hey, this is how it is.'" Huie tries to make students understand that Notre Dame isn't for everyone. When he meets students that weekend he tells them, "This may not be for you. What are you looking for?" Despite the warning, a majority of the visiting students enroll.

Police anticipate more bar busts

By MIKE CONNOLLY
News Writer

Benchwarmer's and Finnigan's may not be the only bars raided this school year. In a release about the raid at Benchwarmer's Wednesday night South Bend Police said they will continue to look for underage patrons in taverns.

"The South Bend Police Department has been monitoring the underage patrons throughout the city in different bars and taverns in the past and will continue to do so in the future," Captain John Williams said in a prepared statement.

Kim Fenzel, a junior science major, thinks Notre Dame is somehow more involved with the police this year in arresting underage patrons at local bars.

"I just think Notre Dame is taking more action this year, especially since last year it seemed like nobody got busted. This year even parties are getting busted and people are getting carded at parties," said Fenzel who was at Benchwarmer's Wednesday night but is 21. "I just think [Notre Dame and the South Bend Police] think the problem is getting out of hand. But I don't know why this year is any different from last year." Bill Kirk, assistant vice president of Residence Life, said the University is not pushing the South Bend Police to bust more bars this year.

"I don't know why people would think that," Kirk said. "South Bend Police and the City have the same interests that we do. We regularly speak with South Bend Police and the City but we don't discuss any specific things related to drinking." Kirk also denied having prior knowledge of the Finnigan's or Benchwarmer's busts.

"I learned about it in [The Observer] today," Kirk said. "I am not trying to evade anything. I didn't know anything in advance." South Bend Police do not return phone calls requesting comment on the apparent increased number of citations this school year.

Although cited students outside Benchwarmer's Wednesday Night said more than 50 students were cited, the Police reported only 18 underage citations. All 18 underage patrons were Notre Dame students.

According to a police press release, officers "have responded to Benchwarmer's for numerous complaints about disturbances inside and outside the establishment..." in recent weeks. At 10:45 p.m. officers entered Benchwarmer's to observe underage patrons, police said. When they noticed numerous patrons who appeared to be underage, they called in several other officers and began checking I.D.s according to police reports.

Police said several fake I.D.s were confiscated.

Both the St. Joseph County Prosecutors Office and the University were notified of the citations. Kirk could not comment on possible punishments for the students cited. "The process is like it's always been," he said. "I don't know what will happen until we examine the case more closely."

Most of the 147 students cited at Finnigan's Irish Pub on Oct. 2 received a $100 fine from the University in addition to a $220 fine and 40 hours of community service from St. Joseph's County. A manager at Benchwarmer's had no comment on possible legal consequences for the bar.

Two members of the men's basketball team and one football player were cited at Finnigan's. None of the 18 people cited at Benchwarmer's were football or men's basketball players, according to police records.
INSIDE COLUMN

A few of my favorite things

I'm too sentimental. I admit it. (I've been known to cry while watching the news.) And so I like to retreat to my room with a good book for a few months at the time that I dreamed of all my life about attending. So I have a feeling that next year when I'm at a place where one's heard of quarter dogs or SYBs I might be a bit lonely. And maybe it's the result of watching "The Sound of Music" one too many times when I was little, but I'm guessing that I'm going to be looking back and remembering all my favorite things about Notre Dame for the rest of my life. Here are just a few.

1) Watching Rudy close to a million times and still getting chills from the music.
2) Going to Mass in pajamas.
3) An amazing women's basketball team that's finally getting the credit they deserve.
4) Being woken up to run around campus on the morning of the first football game.
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INSIDE DOME

Gore to teach journalism at Columbia

NEW YORK

Columbia University will soon be home to Professor Al Gore.

The former vice president will be taking a position as a visiting professor at the Columbia School of Journalism, where he will teach a seminar called "Covering National Affairs in the Information Age with the Fred Friendly Professor of Media and Society." Richard Wald and Assistant Professor and former New York Times staff writer Craig Wolff.

Gore, who worked as a reporter for the Tennesseean from 1973 to 1976 before entering politics, will teach his first class on Feb. 6. According to the Associated Press, he will lecture between six to eight times this semester and may return for a second semester.

"It's a wonderful thing and a wondrous opportunity for Columbia," said Associate Dean of the Journalism School Evan Cornog on Wednesday. "Efforts to reach the Dean of the Journalism School Wednesday night were unsuccessful."

Gore will also teach classes at Middle Tennessee State and Fisk University while working on a book, according to Thursday's New York Times. Columbia did not officially announce Gore's plans Wednesday but he had planned to make the announcement himself in Tennessee Thursday.

Neither Wolf nor Wald, who is also the Chairman of the Spectator's Board of Trustees, had been told about Gore's plans until late Wednesday. After the news was announced on ABC News and other national press sources, the Journalism school sent its students an announcement via e-mail.

Wald said he was "just happy" to hear the news "I'm just ecstatic for the students," Wald said.

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5 Day South Bend Forecast

The National Weather Service predicts mostly clear skies and high temperatures in the 30s.

Local Weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Friday, Jan. 26:

- Most areas will experience high temperatures in the 30s.
- Lower elevation high temperatures are expected.

National Weather

The AccuWeather forecast map shows:

- Cold temperatures in the 20s in the Northeast.
- Warmer temperatures in the 60s in the Southeast.

Map:

- Notable areas include:
  - Boston: 39°F
  - Atlanta: 30°F
  - Chicago: 41°F

Map:

- Regional temperature map:
  - Northeast: Cold
  - Midwest: Cold
  - South: Warmer

Map:

- Weather conditions:
  - Cloudy in the Northeast.
  - Sunny in the South.

Map:

- Temperature distribution:
  - Lower temperatures in the 20s.
  - Higher temperatures in the 60s.

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- Temperature range:
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WORTH THE WAIT

Notre Dame students rested in the Joyce Center hallway as they waited in line for tickets to the Keenan Revue. All three of next weekend’s shows sold out as 1,365 tickets were distributed at Notre Dame and 500 at Saint Mary’s. The contents of this year’s Revue are still unknown because eight auditions will take place today and Saturday. However, the opening act promises to feature a slide show of memorable moments from past Revues in honor of the show’s 25th anniversary.

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- Sundays 4:00-4:45pm
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Faculty Senate

Senate proposes du Lac policy changes

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

In a move that may translate into unprecedented change for the University handbook, the Faculty Senate on Wednesday took aim at du Lac, Notre Dame’s guide to student life.

At its regular meeting, the senate unanimously passed three resolutions concerning the handbook, and members will now direct the proposed shifts to the new Advisory Council on Academic and Student Life (ACASL).

Today members expect faculty senate chair Jean Porter to email the approved resolutions to University provost Nathan Hatch and vice president for student affairs Mark Poormann, ACASL chairs.

“I hope administrators will be receptive to the resolutions, but it only seems logical that they would be,” said philosophy professor Ed Manier, chairman of the senate’s student affairs committee.

The resolutions, approved by each of 19 senators, center around the du Lac introduction, which indicates a process by which students and clubs may propose changes to the handbook. In particular, the measures deal with the University’s unofficial policy of drafting major changes to du Lac every two years.

Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for residence life, acknowledged that the University makes annual changes to the handbook and every other year “opens ourselves up to the possibility of more change.”

The senate proposals highlight three areas of concern in du Lac:

- A discrepancy between the academic freedom granted to professors by the faculty handbook and that granted to students in du Lac
- Hearing procedures for disciplining student organizations
- Faculty participation in major revisions of du Lac

Manier said the same freedom guaranteed in the faculty handbook and the University’s “Academic Articles” is not granted to students in du Lac.

“Those freedoms should be spelled out, especially in connection with student organizations,” Manier said. “Students shouldn’t have to sacrifice their academic freedom simply because they form a club.”

Manier also took issue with how matters concerning student clubs are addressed.

The senate’s proposed change suggests an alternative to the way student organizations’ cases of alleged wrongdoing are handled. The shift would effectively allow more faculty and student representatives in the hearing and judicial processes, Manier said.

Another senate resolution calls for additional faculty involvement in major changes of the student handbook. While du Lac currently details a procedure for individual students or student groups to recommend changes to the handbook, it denies faculty participation in the revision process.

“We want to establish the fact that the Office of Residence Life isn’t the end-all be-all of du Lac revisions,” Manier said.

Thursday, Kirk said he does not envision any major changes to du Lac.

“At the moment, we don’t have any big plans in mind. I don’t think we will undergo many changes,” he said.

However, Kirk said before the Campus Life Council’s first March meeting, he will meet with the group to identify any areas under consideration for revision in the next edition of du Lac.
Race
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with the University after the weekend and return in the fall to a different picture. “We get the backlash about it,” said Outlaw. “And we do worry, but we try to inform the students that this is not what happens all the time, the visual supersedes or overrides the auditory. So in essence they still believe this is what goes on all the time.

The visual presented to minorities entering is a Notre Dame filled with multicultural activities and leaders. The Hispanic student-sponsored Latin Expressions is Friday night. Saturday brings several alumni to campus for a luncheon with minority alumni boards for an opportunity to meet with alumni on board” who have received the prospective students’ names in advance to better facilitate their meeting, said Outlaw.

There is also an organization fair through which students can learn about the clubs and groups on campus they may have an interest in joining. The ROTC program and all the ethnic groups are usually the most popular draws of the day, according to organizers.

There is a closing dinner that evening, usually with a guest speaker who is generally a successful minority alumus from around the country.

“One is a very heavy weekend for multicultural events,” said Jesse Dang, a senior who has been involved with the Spring Visitation project for the past three years. Organizers don’t want to overwhelm the students, but do want to do what it takes to encourage them to attend Notre Dame.

Not everyone thinks this deluge of multicultural activities is a good thing, however.

“These are the minorities from campus,” Santana said. “The University does not bring in minority students from outside the campus. This is just a time when they come together. We don’t want to try to fool the students.”

Santana noted that the weekend visitors stay in dorms housing all races and sit in Friday classes with students of all backgrounds.

“This is something minority (on campus) looks forward to each year,” she said.

“We don’t try to foster a false image,” said Belinda Bryant, the African-American student coordinator for the weekend. “Some people have said you’re trying to brainwash people. That’s not true.”

Bryant, though, who was a Spring Visitation attendee, admits to initially having trouble adjusting to Notre Dame. “I was an adjustment,” she said. “I’ve been a Catholic, I come from a majority black high school.”

The transition to Notre Dame’s predominantly white, male-dominated campus was a difficult one. And the warnings she said she heard all weekend did little to help when she enrolled in the fall. “Even if the (host) tells you, you’re not used to it until you see it.”

“And what could make it a problem are the hosts,” said Gina Corpus, a senior who has participated in the weekend’s events for three years. “It’s very important that the hosts are honest,” she said. “If they don’t let the prospects know that ‘no’ it’s not always like this.”

The success of the weekend, she said, depends on how well they inform students about Notre Dame minority life.

Not everyone can be a Spring Visitation host. What it takes is a good mix of openness, responsibility, experience and — according to many involved in the weekend — a minority background.

“It was something I always looked forward to,” said Santana, who was a host all four years of her undergraduate studies at Notre Dame.

The Office of Admissions sends host information cards and letters to be competed to be hosts in the fall to all minorities on campus. And though the invitation is open to many, the hosts generally tend to be students who have participated in Spring Visitation and who attended the weekend when he was in high school. “I wanted to be able to show them the campus like my host did.”

When matching a host with a prospective student, admissions considers many things including the students’ home region, major and ethnic background.

Ethnic background, said Santana, is the first criterion when making matches.

Huie helps in finding hosts by suggesting students who draws from the pool of those involved with ethnic groups on campus.

You don’t want to students to come and feel so disconnected,” said Outlaw. There have been white student hosts in the past, she added, but generally they are students who have had experience volunteering or working in the South Bend community.

The Spring Visitation staff tries to reassure prospective students that there is help with adjusting to life at Notre Dame.

“They see that there’s a lot of support on campus, even though they don’t see a lot of color on campus,” Santana said.

It’s not intention of the University to “trick them,” said Huie. Organizers let them know that it’s “not going to be sunny all the time. A lot of people accept it for what it is.”

“But some don’t.”

“They don’t realize how different Notre Dame can be from their lives at home,” he added.

We let students know that it’s important that when you go to an institution of higher education that you find the office of multicultural affairs ... and utilize the services there,” said Outlaw. “That helps you get into the inner workings of the institution so that you don’t feel isolated.”

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions distributes surveys after the weekend to gauge what went well and what didn’t. Results usually vary from year to year.

“We always have those students who didn’t have a good time, who see the real Notre Dame,” Santana said.

Some students are looking for a place more diverse, “more multicultural, and to be them, [Notre Dame] may not be home,” she added.

Lecture

Monday, January 29, 2001
6 p.m. Notre Dame Room
LaFortune Student Center

Dr. Peter Meade, ND ’74
member of
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Dr. Meade will speak on his medical work in Sri Lanka treating victims of land mines and his medical work in inner city Los Angeles treating victims of drug and gang wars. Dr. Meade will also give hints on getting into medical school.

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Venezuela plane crash kills 24: An airplane carrying 24 people, including 20 European tourists, crashed Thursday in southern Venezuela, an airline spokesman said. All on board were killed, he said. Rutaca Flight 224 crashed in the evening near the southern city of Ciudad Bolivar, said Victor Arauja, a pilot for Rutaca. The cause of the crash of the DC-3 aircraft wasn't immediately known.

Britain HIV diagnosis reaches high: The number of people in Britain diagnosed last year with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is expected to be the highest ever, public health officials said Thursday. The Public Health Laboratory Service said 2,868 new cases of HIV were reported last year, a 7 percent increase from 1999.

Former nun banned from teaching: A former Roman Catholic nun has been banned from teaching Catholic theology at Duquesne University after being ordained as an Episcopalian priest. John Murray Jr., president of the Roman Catholic university, said Thursday that Moni McIntyre was removed from the classroom because of "her public repudiation of Catholic doctrine." No longer a nun, Murray said she may be offered a different position in the university.

White House vandalism probe: The Bush administration is asking staff to report any suspected vandalism found when they took over the White House complex, though a spokesman said he doubts anything or even why the review was being conducted. Some incoming Bush staffers have grumbled that they found glass desk tops broken, keyboards doused with fluids and stripped of "W" keys and tags identifying phones' numbers switched.

Mohammed Abu Yussel al-Attendi, a 67-year-old Palestinian refugee in the Dehaishe Refugee Camp, and Mustafa look at the original key to the home his family abandoned when they fled their village of Deir Elan during the 1948 Israeli War of Independence. Like al-Attendi, the thousands of Palestinians who fled during the war and who have been in camps ever since are opposed to a peace agreement with the Israelis which would deny the refugees the Right of Return to their homes in what is now the Jewish State.

Palestinian borders progress made

Associated Press
TABA

Israel and Palestinian negotiators made progress on defining the borders of a Palestinian state Thursday, as peace activists and supporters of hard-line leader Ariel Sharon yelled at each other from boats sailing off the coast of this Red Sea resort.

The negotiators resumed their peace talks after a two-day suspension that followed the killing of two Israelis in the West Bank, and they kept pushing forward despite the killing of another Israeli, a motorist. The motorist was shot and killed in an ambush outside Jerusalem in the West Bank a few hours after the talks had resumed. Israeli negotiators broke off a session with Palestinians and went into a side room, where Prime Minister Ehud Barak instructed them by telephone to continue, his office said.

Barak denounced the killing as "a despicable murder." In a leaflet circulated in the West Bank, a branch of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah group took responsibility for the ambush. The group named itself the "Thabet Thabet Brigade," after a Fatah leader killed Dec. 31 in an apparent Israeli assassination operation. The leaflet said the shooting was revenge for Thabet's death.

Two Palestinians were killed in an overnight gun battle with Israeli soldiers in the West Bank. Since violence erupted on Sept. 28, 375 people have been killed, including 318 Palestinians, 13 Israeli soldiers, 43 Israeli Jews and one German doctor.

In an interlude in the talks, the Israelis and Palestinian negotiators watched a green ship with a banner reading "Yes to Peace" sail down the coast from the neighboring Israeli city of Eilat. Dozens of Israelis on the vessel, sailed by the dovish Israeli Peace Now group, shouted "We want peace!" in Hebrew and Arabic toward the shore of Taba.

"People are coming here to tell us we need to finish the job," said Palestinian negotiator Yasser Abed Rabbo as he stood alongside his Israeli negotiator Yossi Beilin on a dock. The two laughed and waved at the ship.

California crafting power plan

Associated Press
SACRAMENTO, Calif.

Lawmakers are considering a plan under which California would issue bonds to cover the multibillion-dollar debt of its two biggest electric utilities and make customers pay the money back over a decade. A consumer advocate immediately called the proposal a "bailout" and promised to fight it with a voter initiative campaign.

"If that's what they plan to do, they'll have to contend with a ratepayer revolt at the ballot box in 2002," said Harvey Rosenfield of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights.

Lawmakers began fashioning the plan after the state received dozens of bids Wednesday from suppliers willing to sign long-term contracts to sell power to energy-starved California.

The offers bought the Legislature some time to work on a long-term solution to a crisis that resulted in rolling blackouts last week and has left the two utilities some $12 billion in debt. The state is buying power on the utilities' behalf because their credit is practically worthless.

Under the proposal discussed Thursday, the state would issue revenue bonds that Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric Co. customers would pay back over several years, said Assemblyman Bill Campbell, the Republican minority leader.

In exchange, the state would get long-term options that would let the state buy SoCal Edison and PG&E stock at a low price. If the price goes up, the state could sell the stock and use the profits to pay off the bonds.

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ACE program receives award for national service work

By MEG DADAY
New Writer

It is the first day of school for Jim Rigg. His first day as a teacher; his first day at the urban, predominantly African-American, Bishop Byrne High School in Memphis, Tenn.

The Notre Dame alum explains to his senior computer class how to create a folder and then asks them to do it and name it whatever they choose. Walking around, making sure the students followed his instructions, he also reads the names of the folders. When he gets to one, he realizes that the student has already forgotten how immature 17- and 18-year-olds can be. He barely suppresses a smile when he sees the name: plascom.

Incidents similar to this one happen nearly every day to each of the more than 150 students who are part of the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program.

"This is so many funny things that happen," said Rigg. "They surprise me with how much they know and how much they don't know."

This year, Notre Dame received an award from the Corporation for National Service for the program. Senior Associate Director Al Stashis said the award is not for anything specific, but recognizes our cumulative success. It is quite an honor to be recognized in the presence of so many other great universities.

Receiving an award is not the only proof of the program's success. Notre Dame is helping set up similar programs at other universities around the country, so that they can serve parochial schools in their states.

Programs at the University of Dayton, University of Seton Hall have already been set up at Loyola-Marymont and the Christian Brothers in Memphis are being set up.

"We talk about what our program does and its mission and focus. We share with these schools the lessons we've learned," said Stashis. "We provide them with funding to help feed their effort and advice on how their program is developing."

Stashis' belief is that students are drawn to the program because they are interested in service and especially service through teaching. He also said many concerning rural poverty, the environment, women, children, and housing. Through hands on work and person-to-person contacts, students experience the cultural richness of the area and begin to understand and analyze the social forces that influence the Appalachian people.

James Wetherbee, a 1974 alumnus, is a veteran of four space shuttle missions and 955 hours in space aboard as a pilot and mission commander. He is scheduled to command a shuttle mission this year.

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Kevin Ford, a 1982 graduate with a bachelor's degree in aerospace and mechanical engineering, and Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Good, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees in aerospace and mechanical engineering from Notre Dame in 1984 and 1986 respectively, were named to the astronaut corps last year.

As of January 20th there are at least 650 dead, thousands injured, and tens of thousands homeless.

The Appalachia Seminar during Fall and Spring break presents a unique service-learning opportunity. Students travel to twenty sites in Appalachia which focus on issues concerning rural poverty, the environment, women, children, and housing. Through hands on work and person-to-person contacts, students experience the cultural richness of the area and begin to understand and analyze the social forces that influence the Appalachian people.

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Arts center undergoes new design

**Coleman-Morse center nears completion**

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

Construction of the Marie DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be delayed for several months to redesign some areas of the 125,000-square foot project.

According to Jim Lyphout, vice president of business operations, specific reasons for the delay included design modifications to the lobby and the exterior of the building.

"We hope to start construction in April or May and construction should last about 27 months, as it's a very large and complex building," said Lyphout. When the building opens in late 2003, it will complete the DeBartolo quad, and contain a 900-seat concert hall, a movie theater, an organ and choral hall and a studio theater.

The Coleman-Morse center on South Quad is scheduled to open after spring break. The First Year of Studies, First Year Writing Center, Learning Resource Center, Campus Ministry and Academic Services for Student Athletes will all be moved from their current locations to the Coleman-Morse center during spring break.

According to Lyphout, renovation of the Hayes Healey Center and Hurley Hall, which will house the Notre Dame Institute and International Relations department, and construction of the Philosophy and Theology faculty hall is also on schedule and both buildings should be ready for use during the Fall 2003 semester.

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Mission Statement faces changes again

**Commission’s second revision awaits approval**

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

A change to Saint Mary's Mission Statement awaits approval by College officials, leaders of the revision effort said recently.

If approved, the revision will represent the second change to the statement this academic year.

Last year philosophy professor Patricia Sayre and four other faculty members formed an ad hoc faculty committee that was created to work with the Commission for Mission, which was created to discuss the goals of the College. The committee has created yet another draft of a mission statement for the College.

"We were directed to work together on a statement," head of mission Sister Rose Anne Schultz said.

"It involved very, very modestly reworking the mission statement," philosophy professor and committee member Patti Sayre added.

Schultz confirmed that there is now another draft of the statement that is ready to be presented to members of the Saint Mary's community.

Jeff Brouse, head of the faculty assembly, said the faculty will view the new draft of the statement on February 14. With few adjustments, the new draft reads similarly to the original Saint Mary's mission statement that appeared in the College's literature for years.

"Although [the changes] are modest as far as words go, they fix the problem," Sayre said.

The problem, according to Sayre, was exclusion.

"There are three different groups named in the new statement, faculty, staff and students," Sayre said. "Staff and students are mentioned by name in the original statement; now they are not.

Another goal of the mission committee was to shorten the mission statement. The new draft presents the first paragraph of the old statement as the Mission Statement, and the paragraphs that follow explain the College's philosophy and purpose.

Although the new draft will be presented, it still needs approval.

"No decision has been made regarding the mission statement," Schultz said. "There is still need of consideration of this issue by faculty and other appropriate bodies before the president submits it to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Depending on the faculty's response, the statement will go before students and staff for discussion.

"There's no point in putting another draft without first going before the Board of Trustees.

We have a process about how to go about this," she said. "It's important to be respectful of the proper channels. I do think that it is very likely that if this draft goes through, it would be acceptable.

Although the faculty will not discuss the new draft until February, those familiar with the faculty who will approve it.

"I think very likely [the draft] would be acceptable," Sayre said.

Despite previous problems between the faculty and the mission committee, both groups are concerned about the new mission and the students.

"Our focus is a sense of unity, of the community coming together," Schultz said. "The focus of everyone's life here is the students. There is deep concern.

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FBI: Texas seven alluded police without accomplices

Associated Press

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo. The Texas prison fugitives apparently were not helped as they fled 800 miles to Colorado, bought, stole or traded at least three vehicles and eluded a huge manhunt for six weeks, authorities said Thursday.

"We're not aware that they had help from anyone," FBI agent Mark Marshon said. "No other arrests are planned."

However, authorities from both states pledged to keep digging through hundreds of tips received since the Dec. 13 prison break. Marshon said authorities know of no Colorado relatives of any of the seven men. Defense attorneys declined comment Thursday.

Meanwhile, George Rivas, the suspected ringleader of the group, agreed pledged to keep digging through hundreds of tips received since the Dec. 13 prison break. Marshon said authorities know of no Colorado relatives of any of the seven men. Defense attorneys declined comment Thursday.

"Like all Texans, I want these violent fugitives returned to Texas as soon as possible to stand trial for their crimes."
Rick Perry
Texas governor

Inaugural trespasser: I am invisible, undetectable

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The man who slipped past Inauguration Day security to casually shake President Bush's hand says he was delivering a message from God and was granted a mystical ability to pass undetected.

Richard Weaver, a self-proclaimed Christian minister, spoke with The Associated Press by telephone from his home in Sacramento, Calif. Images of him shaking Bush's hand on Inauguration Day matched those taken by the AP at his home Thursday.

U.S. Capitol Police and Secret Service agents would not confirm that Weaver was the man who shook Bush's hand. Capitol Police have said that the trespasser at Bush's inauguration also pulled a similar stunt at President Clinton's second inauguration in 1997.

"I don't have to push through and I never have to do any 'Mission Impossible'-type stunts," said Weaver, who lamented that some Secret Service agents might get in trouble because of his security breaches.

"I see it as a miracle," Weaver said. "I believe God makes me invisible to the security, undetectable."

Weaver tells of having met several past presidents, sometimes waltzing past security, other times seeking them out in public churches or events.

His inaugural escapade on Jan. 20 was the equivalent of a "call shot," Weaver said. "Secret Service agents were on the look-out for Weaver three years ago during horseplay with weapons."

More court appearances were scheduled for Friday and Monday.

HESBURGH AWARD DESIGN COMPETITION ANNOUNCED

Rev. Steve Newton, C.S.C., President and Chief Executive Officer of The Wilson Foundation, has announced that all members of the Notre Dame and St. Mary's College Community are invited to participate in the design of a new award, named in honor of Notre Dame's Emeritus Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C. The award - The Hesburgh Award for International Human Development - will be given annually by the Wilson Foundation to honor lives of commitment to international human development in terms of new economic, social and political structures in the third world.

The first recipient will be Fr. Hesburgh himself. He will be presented the award at a May 7 ceremony in New York City.

It is expected that each design submitted will incorporate the logo of the foundation, some depiction of international development and these thoughts of Fr. Hesburgh, from his book God, Country, Notre Dame:

"One of the greatest heresies is that in our modern world one person cannot make a difference. I do not believe that for one moment. I know it is factually inaccurate. One person or group of persons can make an enormous difference in our lives and our way of living. History is replete with heroic people who realized that they could make a difference and did - despite the conventional wisdom of the day."

The Wilson Foundation exists to assure the delivery of quality treatment for addictive illnesses to persons who are denied access to such, especially in areas served by the Congregation of Holy Cross. Current foundation focus is on the countries of East Africa. Locally, Life Treatment Centers is the key partner of the foundation's efforts.

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The Wilson Foundation
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South Bend, IN 46613
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The decision of The Wilson Foundation judges is final. Design samples will be returned if requested.
Open speaker policy only option for SMC

The free and unrestricted exchange of ideas is crucial to establishing an educational environment that cherishes academic freedom. The process of developing viewpoints on social issues requires the critical examination of students’ beliefs. An educational system that does not challenge students to question their moral, intellectual and spiritual knowledge is not educating students in the true sense of academic freedom.

In its current Mission Statement, Saint Mary’s claims to cherish academic freedom, stating, “The College creates an open forum in which students freely and critically study the rich heritage of the classical tradition, raising the questions necessary to develop a mature religious life.”

The recent decision to cancel “The Vagina Monologues,” a critically-acclaimed play that addresses issues of sexual identity, is a blatant act of censorship that does not allow students to critically examine their belief systems. Saint Mary’s should be the perfect venue for open discourse, not make these perspectives go away. It will only prevent students from exploring them.

By restricting students’ ability to challenge and explore traditional ideas, Saint Mary’s ischeapening its students’ education—and sending the message that this administration should be challenging any ideas at all.

The administration’s decision to cave to political pressure and cancel “The Vagina Monologues” causes concern over this action will be repeated in other College venues. If the College does encourage students to “raise the questions necessary to develop a mature religious life,” it would be wise to adopt an open-speaker policy on campus to ensure productions like “The Vagina Monologues” will not be censored.

President Marilou Eldred has been a vocal proponent of the role women’s colleges can play in addressing women’s issues since taking the presidency four years ago. By attending last year’s Monologues, Eldred confirmed this commitment to the community. Eldred’s move to cancel the “Monologues” has made it clear that her commitment is to the alumnae and Parents Council, who opposed the play’s release on campus, not the women on campus.

It is time for Eldred to reaffirm her commitment to the students on campus and trust them to maturely evaluate differing points of view.

Marketing Wilson the volleyball

It’s the new millennium, and being American is easier than ever. Even the English language has adapted to our modern lifestyles. We can take a shot and take a hit. We can channel our surf and surf the Web.

All of this entails little or no effort on our part. We live in a world in which it’s possible to surf a La-Z-Boy recliner.

A few weeks ago, surfing the tube, I learned that Wilson Sporting Goods Inc. is planning on marketing the volleyball named Wilson from the blockbuster, Cast Away.

For those of you who haven’t seen the flick, Tom Hanks’ character is stranded on a desert island, and only reminders of civilization is a volleyball that has washed ashore with him. He draws a face on it, names it Wilson, and begins talking to it.

It was then he realized it was a volleyball, and is how we see a need to talk to a volleyball would develop.

Why market this product to America? Because it will sell. Why will it sell? Because Americans are a paradoxical people. We willingly shut ourselves off from the rest of the world—and surfing by ourselves—until we feel the private pang of loneliness.

Wilson offers more proof that it’s easier to sell than ever to be an American. WGN News, where I heard this tidbit, is broadcast by the Tribune Co., which brings you the Chicago Tribune. Before surfing is too much work, the CEOs decided to make the same information available to us over a medium we can surf. And should I say misinformation. It was during the same half-hour news broadcast that the reporters announced the Dow Jones index had dropped an odd number of points that day.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Finding out about alcohol abroad

To American students, including many of those at Notre Dame, alcohol represents the ultimate in "forbidden fruits." It costs relatively little. Under-aged students can easily obtain it. The consequences of its illegal sale are not hazardous, and the moderate consumption of alcohol becomes a part of life, especially when the adults in their life do not set a good example. They do not appreciate alcohol. They view it as one of the many cultural norms of food and drink.

Instead, they regard it as a secondary after meal. Its consumption becomes in their eyes a leisure activity — a forbidden pleasure.

Abar abroad in Europe presents a unique opportunity for students to adopt a healthy attitude towards alcohol. In Austria, the university students do not consider alcohol a substance to be consumed in large quantities in a small amount of time. Rather, they spend hours in cafés and bars talking over a single beer or glass of wine.

At my host family's house, my host sisters prepared particular wines with various meals and dishes according to the combination of flavors desired.

Although all must be 18 years old to order a drink at a pub or bar, no true drinking age exists in Austria. A child can purchase vodka at the supermarket. Yet, despite the over availability of alcohol, Austria as Yet does not have a problem with alcoholism in the pre-schools. Instead, the lack of restriction on alcohol allows the prevailing moderate attitude towards alcohol consumption held by most of the students that I have encountered. And indeed, many Innsbruckers will attend their first four months there, then look at their beer more maturely and moderately.

Unfortunately, the combination of the American college student mentality towards alcoholic drinks and the bottles of hard liquor lined for purchase by all on the supermarket shelves can result in misuse by students who are not familiar with the social norms of Notre Dame's campus.

Recent incidents involving the over-consumption of alcohol by students in Innsbruck and in other study-abroad programs has brought into question the lack of restriction concerning alcohol.

The University must find a way to govern the use of alcohol by the students. Many professors and students and the University. The rules of DUAC no longer apply in Europe.

If the University were to prohibit the American students to drink in accordance with the United States law, it would constrain the students' ability to assimilate into the European culture, the ultimate goal of the study-abroad programs.

Mistakes by students in the consumption of alcohol cannot be addressed merely as violations of law, since no laws are violated by mere consumption. Instead, the University must regard the mistakes made by the students as simply mistakes, unless the infraction brought consequences so great that the well-being of the other students is at risk.

Cases of true alcoholism cannot be ignored. However, as University officials struggle to watch the students abroad and have even less control over their actions in Europe than in the United States, the university must rely upon the foregone and the maturity of the other students, who hold the responsibility to bring any problem of alcoholism to the attention of those who can be of assistance, such as a professor or to the residence dean.

Ideally, the students will stop off the plane in December or June with a new perspective on campus parties and with a new outlook on American drinking culture as a whole. The issues concerning alcohol within the American culture and on college campuses do not have an easy solution. Universities will always have to deal with problems of drinking and abuse until the moderate consumption of alcohol becomes a part of the general American culture.

As educators, we should prepare our students, who truly wish within and experience the European culture, a semester or a year abroad results in their experiencing for themselves the reality of moderate consumption of alcohol.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Continuing the dialogue about 'The Vagina Monologues': Censorship is sometimes the answer

Most of the students reading this will be familiar with the pop song played regularly on the radio only a few short months ago: "You and me, baby, we ain't nothin' but mammal/Bein' what they do on the Discovery Channel.'

Let's think about what those mammals do; those females, of course, also have vaginas. Most often, males see that females are in heat, sometimes by the females' special attention to their hindquarters. Notice this, the males tend to use various methods to rape the females, often violently, and proceed to have sex with the female for pleasure — usually at the expense of the females, who rarely derive any pleasure from the encounter and are usually too delirious or too gullible from such experiences, often alone.

A young man walks into a bar one night. He finds many delights, scantily clad women ranked high among his budget by their movements and pleasure, he proceeds to choose one and dance vigorously with her, pressing her to accept the drinks he offers her. Later on, mildly inebriated, they have sex, a meaningless, brief encounter that neither is likely to remember for more than a couple of weeks. He calls it a "one night stand" not thinking much of her satisfaction, and doesn't even know that he has conceived a child with her. She is stuck raising the child alone.

There's a disturbing parallel here. The two people in the second case have lost any account of meaning in sexual relations, their erogenous zones as common to their mutual experience as their heads, feet, arms, and faces. Is this the divorce of sexuality and the sacred convey a basic attitude of mihmism about their bodies. To be a sexually functioning human being means no more to them than to be a sexually functioning golden retriever.

This is the fruit of "the sexual liberation" in which women are "free to have sex like men do," but instead tend to serve his more selfish desires.

There's no question that the society surrounding us has lost this sense of the sacred about sexuality and relationships. The massive popularity of programs such as "Calpurnia Island" and other forms of pornography fill television and the walls of many men's dorm rooms. There also can be no question that treating the discussion of vaginas and other forms of genital sexuality as commonplace and appropriate to the general public sphere, especially in crass and blunt ways, does not aid in restablishing what has been so cruelly lost to us.

There was a day and a society where sex and everything surrounding it meant a commitment, when sex meant more than an exchange of orgasms.

Let us bring it anew from the ashes.

Nathaniel Hannan

Inside columnist missed the point

Inside columnist Nate Phillips envisaged numerous women on campus yesterday by misinterpreting and misrepresenting the "The Vagina Monologues." Although Phillips admits that he has not read or seen the play, he seems not to step him from condemning it.

Claiming that the "Vagina Monologues" only add to the objectification of women and ultimately undermines the feminist movement, Phillips asks, "how is allowing women to talk about their bodies, their vaginas and sex in any way an uplifting and productive avenue for modern-day feminists to pursue?"

However, Phillips fails to realize that, implicit in his question is already the presupposition that women who discuss their sexuality are somehow vulgar, that the female body and sexuality can never be discussed in a way that glorifies women or the human species and that sex can never be treated as beautiful, life-giving, incredibly liberating experience, one that captures and expresses the depth of human intimacy.

Perhaps Phillips should read a few papal encyclicals if he wants to know how the human being can not only be discussed with reverence but also celebrated and glorified.

One might ask, then, do "The Vagina Monologues" really reflect a theology of the body that reflects the dignity of the human person, as envisioned by the Pope, or could they be seen as a means of profaning the and compromising oneself possibly be treated as sexual beings, and that is what Phillips is advocating.

In the process, the play seeks to dispel the double standard that prays men for their promiscuous and condemns women for theirs. In actuality, either both behaviors or could they be condemned equally or women should be freed from the social stigma that accompanies such behavior.

Phillips makes the mistake of only viewing women on one plane — the physical. The vagina of "The Vagina Monologues" is not just the physical body part but also the locus of the female identity that reaches far beyond the physical, into the emotional and spiritual. The target audience for "The Vagina Monologues" is men like Phillips, who fail to see the deeper meaning that lies in the word "vagina."

For this very reason, it is a tragedy that the play will not be performed at Saint Mary's or Notre Dame. Perhaps if Phillips had taken the time to see one of the plays, then maybe he would have realized that the purpose of "The Vagina Monologues" is to stop the American society from killing their daughters who were raped in Pakistan and to eradicate incest and rape in the United States. And, yes, sexual abuses at Notre Dame.

Phillips is right, the play's purpose is to shock but to shock and educate, and through education, change the future so that men and women together can learn to understand, respect and love their bodies and each other.

Maureen Rodgers

Weish Family Hall

December 25, 2001
2001 Notre Dame Student Film Festival

The ever-popular and often controversial student film festival this weekend. Scene got a sneak preview.

By CHRIS SKORSKI
Scene Writer

One of the most popular and most talked about events of the year returns to the Snite Museum of Art on Friday, Saturday and Monday as the 12th annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival rolls into action.

The event has more than tripled in popularity since its humble beginnings in 1989, according to Film, Television and Theatre professor Ted Mandell.

"Back when we started, we'd get crowds of 50 or 60 people," he said. "Now, the shows sell out. It's really a reward for the filmmakers' effort, because a film is a labor of love, with the shooting, casting, editing and re-editing that goes into it."

The production is also a great educational opportunity for the students. The festival gives the students the chance to gauge a large audience's reaction to their work.

"You could have 200-300 people laughing at one joke or scene, and have dead silence at another," Mandell said. "You never get to see what really works until a crowd watches it."

While close to 150 films are produced every year in the department's four production classes (taught by professor/head of production Jill Godmilow, assistant professional specialist Bill Donaruma and Mandell), time constraints play a large role in deciding which ones appear in the festival.

"There were many worthy films that didn't make it into the festival because of time constraints," Mandell said.

This weekend's show offers more light-hearted fare than in previous years. While last year's festival will probably be remembered for its heavily sociopolitical and provocative works, many of this year's films are documentaries or comedies. The program is not all humorous, though. The edgier, dramatic films offer moments of poignancy and reflection (and even confusion) which offset some of the more "easily digestible" works. Also, some of the films contain mature adult content. The end result is a fresh and entertaining variety of student achievement that is definitely worth seeing.

This popular event has found its niche in the last weekend in January, consistently selling out the past several years. With showings at 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. each night, the festival is expected to sell out again. Tickets are $4 and available in LaFortune.

Blind Date #42
Directed by Rick Silvestrini, a senior from Rockton, Ill., and Charlie Holden-Corbett, a senior from Traverse City, Mich., this comedy occurs during a blind date between two 20-somethings and is filmed entirely within an apartment.

The camera often holds the same shot for extended periods of time, drawing attention to the two actors and their dialogue. This establishes a voyeuristic feel of an observer, rather than an omnipresent view that several camera angles would establish. Also, it forces the viewer to focus on the dialogue of the actors, especially the fumbling, awkward attempts at conversation that reinforce how a blind date can go terribly wrong (or right).

The viewer actually feels the discomfort of the subjects on the screen. A bizarre yet entertaining twist makes this particular engagement very different from what anyone could ever anticipate.

Six Degrees of Chicks, Dicks, Dope, and Old Folk
Directed by Dan Nowak, a junior from Des Plaines, Ill., is reminiscent of Kevin Smith's independent movie Clerks, with raunchy dialogue and explicit sexual banter between friends.

It concerns a single story (which nobody is really positive actually happened) told by four different people in four different conversations. The film rotates among four different private discussions (girls drinking coffee, adolescent
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**Event on campus...**

Film festival will feature 13 different shorts all directed by the students, the festival is sure to provide plenty of provocation and get them soon at the LaFortune box office.

- **Time and Temperature**
  This documentary, directed by Beth Leliaert, a senior from South Bend, tells about the feud between an insurance agent and the local government in the "Sleepy bedroom community" of Osceola. Essentially, successful insurance agent Randy has erected an expensive sign that flashes the time and temperature, unknowingly violating the town ordinance against blinking signs. Members of local government (and one of Randy's competitors) are none too pleased about this wanton disregard of town law.

- **The Death of Gwyneth Paltrow**
  Larice Woods, a 2000 graduate from Austin, Texas, and Joey Lonski, a 2000 graduate from Mishawaka, direct this edgy, scathing portrayal of society's devotion to entertainment and public figures. The film takes an absurd concept and uses it to mirror the none-too-absurd implications reflected in the real world. When Hollywood's sweetheart is killed in a random car accident, her "guardian angel" is put on trial for criminal neglect. The public outrage and ensuing legal proceedings continue in an almost surreal manner, with a news reporter giving a running account of the prisoner's transfer with eerily objective comments such as "This is the first time a divine being has stood trial under human law."

- **Hash Brown Blues**
  Directed by Tom Repetto, a senior from Norwood Park, Ill., and David Chamberlin, a 2000 graduate from Indianapolis, here is the story about a young blues musician and his travels "on the road."

- **The Paper**
  Directed by Scott Blaszak, this is the story of a modern-day Charlie Chaplin trying to turn in a final paper before the deadline, despite mishaps that occur along the way.

- **The Portrait**
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- **One in the Smoker**
  Directed by Kara Zuaro, a senior from Bethpage, N.Y., and Chris Jarz, a 2000 graduate from South Bend, direct this narrative about the young life of an ambitious self-starter. The film documents her Italian upbringing (Godfather movies and a quirky father), clashes with authority in high school and experiences at a highly conservative university (aka Notre Dame). Basically, it focuses on how the young woman overcomes a succession of obstacles.

- **The Verdict**
  Directed by Tom Repetto, a senior from South Bend, and Andy Gregar, a senior from South Bend, tells about the feud between an insurance agent and the local government in the "Sleepy bedroom community" of Osceola. Essentially, successful insurance agent Randy has erected an expensive sign that flashes the time and temperature, unknowingly violating the town ordinance against blinking signs. Members of local government (and one of Randy's competitors) are none too pleased about this wanton disregard of town law.

- **The Usual Suspects**
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These eight films were made available for Scene to review. Five other student directed films will be shown during the 110 minute presentation.
Smith's 22 points leads Blazers past streaking Pacers

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS Indiana's stingy defense was no match for Steve Smith and the Pacers on Friday night.

Smith scored 14 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, Thursday night as the Trail Blazers held off a late rally and beat Indiana 92-82, snapping the Pacers' four-game winning streak.

"I hate some shots, the guys were setting some picks and looking for me," Smith said. "They came back in the fourth quarter, but we're pretty good team. We gutted it out and got us a victory."

Portland set the tone early, hitting 10 of its first 13 shots and building an 18-point lead before the Pacers closed with three in a basket by Jarlaze Rose at the end of the third quarter.

A 3-pointer by Reggie Miller and a basket by Austin Croshere had Indiana within 69-59 in the fourth period, but Smith scored two straight baskets, Greg Anthony hit one of two free throws and Smith and Rashad Wallace scored again to break the game open.

"We've got to double a lot harder to pick a guy to come off Smith and a basket by Austin in three on a basket by Jalen in their previous visit to Indiana's stingy defense was no match for Indiana's stingy defense was no match for..."

--The Dallas Mavericks

The Mavericks wanted get their fifth victory in a row.

Nowitzki had 20 points and eight rebounds and Hubert Davis added 19 points off the bench for the Mavericks, who won for the fourth time in their last five games.

Dallas posted its season-high point total and its largest margin of victory for the season, losing its sixth straight.

The Mavericks rolled to a 71-43 halftime lead behind 15 points and eight rebounds from Nowitzki and 13 from Davis. Dallas set its biggest half of the season, surpassing a 69-point second half against Houston on Dec. 30.

Dallas broke open the game by outscoring the Grizzlies 39-22 in the third quarter and 43-29 behind Davis' 13 points and Nowitzki's 12. Dallas shot 69.5 percent in the second quarter (16-for-23) and hit all three of their free-throw attempts.

The Mavericks wanted get off to a better start than they did on Tuesday night when the Western Conference leaders had 19 turnovers against Philadelphia 76ers in the first quarter, 32-20, en route to a 114-93 win.

Dallas was especially anxious to play well in front of its hometown in the nation's capital.

"We were determined after the loss against Philadelphia to get off to a good start tonight," Nash said. "We were able to pull the ball, move it around, get some easy baselines think twice."

--The Observer+

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**Illini squeak out 55-51 against Wolverines**

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Illinois admitted it was lucky to win.

Frank Williams scored 18 points as No. 7 Illinois, after trailing for 33 minutes, rallied down the stretch and beat Michigan 55-51 Thursday night.

"They did all the things you're supposed to do to win a basketball game," Illinois coach Bill Self said. "I just feel very fortunate to get out of here with a win."

Illinois (16-4, 6-1 Big Ten) won its fourth straight game and seventh of eight. The Illini are off to their best start in the conference since the 1983-84 season.

Michigan's LaVeil Blanchard scored 26 points after scoring a career-high 30 in the win over No. 21 Iowa on Saturday. Bernard Robinson added 18 points.

"It was a great opportunity, but we let it slip through our hands," Blanchard said.

The Illini played uninspired and seemingly without focus much of the night.

When Michigan led 33-24 early in the second half, Self designed a play during a timeout with 12 seconds on the shot clock.

The Illini never got a shot off or even looked at the basket.

"That's a sign of your guards not being with it," Self said. "We ran the perfect play, but we didn't throw the ball in the post. The ball is in Frank's hand with four seconds left, and he throws a skip pass. He hasn't done that all year. That was pitiful execution."

Williams agreed.

"That was my fault," he said.

**Hoyas beat Rebels, face Irish next week**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — How deep is Georgetown (No. 11 ESPN/USA Today, No. 10 AP)? Look at birthday boy Wesley Wilson, a reserve center averaging 14 minutes a game, scoring 18 points in Thursday night's 79-62 victory over UNLV.

"You saw how well Wesley can play if the stupid coach gives him some minutes," said Hoyas coach Craig Esherick, whose team has lost just once this season.

Wilson had plenty of incentive against the Rebels. It was his 21st birthday, and he was facing the high school coach who didn't give him much playing time in high school.

The Hoyas needed him, especially on a night when starting guards Demetrius Hunter and Kevin Braswell were both 2-for-9 from the field.

Georgetown trailed by 10 after 41/2 minutes and didn't have a field goal until Wilson made three in a row. Wilson, a sophomore who didn't play last year because of academic reasons, made 7 of 11 shots and neutralized UNLV's inside threat, Kaups Kambala.

After the game, Wilson said all the right things about team play and contributing off the bench, but the modesty did crack when he was asked about the dunk that punctuated his night.

"I did that one for my birthday," Wilson said.

Wilson and Braswell played for UNLV interim coach Max Good at Maine Central Institute.

Neither started on a team that went undefeated and won the New England Prep School Athletic Conference championship, and Good knew they would be wanting to impress him.

"It's human nature that they wanted to play well," Good said. "Wesley concentrated hard on academics when he was at our place, but you knew he was going to be a really good player. He had size and he's got strength. He came to the right system."

The Hoyas missed their first seven shots and trailed by 10 points within five minutes, but Wilson started the comeback, and strong offensive rebounding had Georgetown ahead 41-35 at halftime. The Hoyas opened the second half with an 11-3 run, forcing three quick turnovers and holding the Rebels to one field goal over five minutes.

Georgetown (17-1), playing its last non-conference game of the season, rebounded from its only loss, a 70-66 defeat to Pittsburgh last Saturday. UNLV (11-8), also wrapping up its non-conference schedule, has lost three of four after winning seven straight.

Forward Dalron Johnson led UNLV with 14 points before leaving with a sprained his left ankle midway through the second half.

Lou Kelly and Kambala had 10 points each for the Rebels, who are 0-3 against ranked teams.

After shooting just 39 percent in a half-court first half, the Hoyas picked up the tempo at both ends and continued to dominate inside. Gerald Riley, Mike Sweetney and Ruben Boumtje Boumtje all scored in the paint at the start of the second half.

The Hoyas led 68-47 before four straight baskets before the Rebels cut the lead to 13 points. But UNLV never got within single figures thereafter.

Nine Hoyas played at least 15 minutes.

"They've got so much depth and power," Good said. "They've got all their bases covered."
**SUPER BOWL XXXV**

**Breakdown of Giants, Ravens reveals lots of similarities**

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. -

Ernie Accorsi, looking smooth in a black turtleneck and surrounded by reporters at Raymond James Stadium, discussing all things Baltimore.

He talks about his stint as a college coach and his time as the Baltimore Ravens' assistant general manager and, ultimately, as the team's assistant general manager and, ultimately, as the team's assistant general manager and general manager. The fact that he was a consultant for the Baltimore-based movie "Diner," it's a wonder crab cakes don't come up.

Although he was there when the Colts were unveiled in 1953.

"It was like going to a college game," Accorsi said. "I think the Colts were the first club to have cheerleaders and organized cheering. The Colts put Baltimore on the map. It was the first thing that Baltimore really embraced."

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Hockey

Irish’s Harris eager to play in front of hometown crowd

By MATT ORENHUK
Sports Writer

Everyone can remember a day in their youth when they discovered something they love.

For Notre Dame’s Paul Harris, his day was when he discovered hockey for the first time. He was 9-years old when he went to a Yale-Harvard hockey game in New Haven, Conn. “I discovered hockey at Yale,” Harris said, “I had never been on skates before.”

His parents took me to the Yale game. The next day my parents went out and bought the skates. I never been on skates before. My parents bought the skates and I got my start.”

Paul Harris
sophomore defensemen

Harris is thrilled to be traveling to his home state for this weekend’s two-game set with the Yale Bulldogs.

“I am really excited,” said Harris. “All my friends from high school are going to be there.”

Harris and his teammates will have an uphill battle ahead of them. Not only is Notre Dame playing a tough non-conference foe in Yale, the Irish are also coming off their worst performance of the season against Michigan this past Tuesday.

The Irish were drubbed 9-0 against the Wolverines. Notre Dame faces Yale this weekend in a non-conference game, and then doesn’t play a CCHA game until it takes on Ohio State next weekend in Columbus.

That is plenty of time for the Irish to regroup. That is why Poulin likes the schedule. His team doesn’t have to worry about rankings; we are going to go into (this weekend) with our heads up. We are not worried about rankings, we are just going to play our best hockey.”

Notre Dame expects Yale to play a very fast paced game. While Notre Dame plays a big physical game, the Bulldogs have small speedy forwards to play fast paced aggressive hockey.

“They have talented forwards,” said Harris. “They are small and we hope to come out and use our size and strength to beat them.”

An Irish player fights for the puck during a game earlier this season against Boston College. Notre Dame play two games this weekend at Yale.

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It’s going to be a big crowd, it’s two teams with real good records in the West, two teams that are playing pretty well right now,” said forward David Graves.

Despite the different records, names on the team rosters haven’t changed much.

Everyone who scored for Notre Dame in last year’s lopsided win is back, with the energy of Ryan Boudine.

Georgetown’s top players from a year ago return, including 7-footer Ruben Bouma, junior guard Kevin Braswell, senior Anthony Perry. But Hoyas’ freshmen Mike Sweetney, who averages a team-high 12.2 points and 7.5 rebounds per game, and Gerald Riley, with 9.6 points per game, have shot new blood into the Hoyas’ squad.

“They’ve got some good freshmen coming in, and they’re playing really well together,” said Ingelsby.

While both squads are hot, they come into the game with different strengths.

Georgetown doesn’t have a single player among the top 20 scorers in the Big East, instead relying on depth, using eight players who score seven points a game or better.

Big East steals leader Braswell is the only Hoyas leading the league in an individual category. Notre Dame’s Troy Murphy, Humphrey and Graves all rank among the Big East’s top 20 scorers, with Murphy posting a league-high 24 points per game. But after the six “starters,” Notre Dame gets little contribution.

Georgetown’s wealth of solid, but not jaw-dropping, players has the Hoyas topping the conference in scoring, winning margin, field goal percent defense, rebounding and steals.

Notre Dame is close behind, ranking in the top three in all the above categories except steals, but the Irish do it by having one or two players stand out in most areas.

With Georgetown putting up so many points per game, Notre Dame needs to avoid getting into an up and down race.

“Tempo is going to be really a key,” Brey said. “We have to be patient in our half-court offense and not get caught up in their gambles on defense.”

Georgetown is both high scoring and smothering on defense. But while the Hoyas know how to get things done on offense, defense defines them.

“They come at you for 40 minutes and really pressure you,” Ingelsby said. “If we can handle the pressure and get into our half-court offense, we should be all right.”

The Irish are just beginning to make defense part of their identity. After losing three of four games in early January, all on the road, they turned the focus from going to the hoop to halting their opponents. It worked like a light switch during the last three home games.

“Our identity is changing a little bit, as far as we’ve used the phrases dirty work, loose balls, hustle plays,” Brey said. “Our guys have come to realize that we need to do a little dirty work to win some games. Our overall presence on the defensive end has become more important.”

Notes

• Saturday’s game will be a homecoming for Brey, who is from the Washington, DC area and former assistant coach at DeMatha High School. Several players will also have family in the area. Ingelsby, Matt Carroll and Torrian Jones all hail from the Philadelphia area, and Murphy is a New Jersey native, all four within a several-hour drive of Washington.

• Carroll will get to see his younger brother, Pat, in action on the basketball court. Pat Carroll is a senior on a Hatboro-Horsham basketball team that will take on Bishop O’Connell in the DeMatha Invitational Friday night at the McCenter. Pat Carroll plans to play for St. Joseph’s (Penn.) next year.
The Notre Dame baseball team continues to rack up high rankings in the national preseason polls, as the ESPN USA Today Baseball Weekly preseason coach's poll has tabbed the Irish 13th in anticipation of the upcoming season.

Paul Mainieri's team previously has been ranked ninth in the Baseball America preseason poll and 14th by Collegiate Baseball magazine. The Irish return seven experienced position starters and nine of their top-10 hitters from the 2000 squad that posted a 46-18 record and advanced to the NCAA Championship. Senior shortstop Alec Porzel led the Irish both offensively and defensively last season. Porzel's .362 last season with a team-high 29 stolen bases. O'Toole's offensive numbers stood out for a catcher. The backstop hit .302 with 8 home runs to go along with 16 stolen bases. Ten pitchers also return from a Notre Dame staff that ranked 16th in the nation with a 3.93 ERA in 2000.

The staff is led by senior Aaron Hellman, who returns to South Bend after being drafted by the Minnesota Twins as a "sandwich pick" last June. The Twins' loss is Notre Dame's gain as Hellman has posted an impressive 28-7 record to go along with 12 saves during his Notre Dame career.

Notre Dame is one of two "northern" teams listed among USA Today's preseason top 25, with Nebraska ranked seventh. Notre Dame opens its 2001 season by returning to the site of its last game in 2000, as the Irish will participate in the National Bank of Commerce Classic at Mississippi State's Dudy Noble Field on Feb. 17-18. Notre Dame will face the University of New Orleans on Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. before tangling with MSU—which is ranked 17th in the USA Today poll—in a pair of 1 p.m. games on the 17th and 18th.

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19 feet, 4 1/4 inches. By comparison, Williams covered the 60 meter hurdles in 8.95 seconds and long jumped 19-1/2.

"She will provide a good challenge," said Irish head coach Joe Plane. "I'd like to think that on her best day Tameisha is a little better." Williams is also competing in the triple jump, where the Irish are counting on school record holder Jamie Volkmer to beat the Spartans' top athlete. Williams jumped 40-8 1/4 last week, as compared to Volkmer's 39-10 3/4 effort.

Volkmer is also entered in the pole vault for the first time since junior Natalie Hallett and freshman Jill VanWeelden broke Volkmer's school record in the pole vault last week. Volkmer, Hallett, VanWeelden and Bethany Wilson are all entered in tomorrow's competition.

Junior Liz Grow, fresh off her NCAA provisional qualifying performance in the 400 meter dash last week, will be running the 60 meter dash and the 200 meter dash.

"We're trying to work on her speed a little bit this week," said Irish sprint coach John Millar. "She's already provisionally qualified in the 400 meters, so we're trying to qualify her in other events this week." Competing alongside Grow in the 200 meter dash are freshman Kristen Dodd and Ayesha Boyd. Both freshmen are coming off strong performances last week — Dodd took second in the 60 meter dash and third in the 200 meter dash and Boyd took fifth in the 400 meter dash.

In order to beat the Spartans, Irish coaches feel they need to focus on getting points in the field events and sprints in order to beat the Spartans. According to Irish coach Joe Plane, Michigan State has an extremely deep and talented distance crew.

The Irish are hoping for strong performances from Leanne Brady in the 800 meters and Megan Johnson and Chrissy Kuenster in the mile. Kuenster and Jennifer Hlady are expected to be competitive with Spartan runners in the 3,000 meter run.

"Michigan State has a very strong distance group," said Irish head coach Joe Plane. "We're going to try to break even there."
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place time of 21.74 in the 200 meter dash was more than a sec-
ond quicker than the 22.76 posted by Michigan State's Terry Jenkins
last weekend.

Jenkins should provide a chal-
lenge for the Irish in the 60 meter
hurdles. His seventh-place time of 8.43 seconds is just ahead of Irish
freshman Mark Barber's fourth-
place time of 8.58 last week.

The high jump proved to be a
strong event for the Irish last week as well. Andrew Cooper
took second with a career-best
leap of 6-9, while Quill Hiedwine
followed Cooper with a jump of 6-
7.

Michigan State junior Jeff Kas
placed eighth in the high jump
meet with a jump of 6-6. "I think
if our jumpers jump as well as
they can, we can take the
top two spots in that event," said
Winner of the high jump.

The Irish will be very strong in
the middle distance events. Senior
Terry Wrig and freshman James
Bracken N who both broke 50
seconds in the 400 last week. N
will be joined by senior Travis
Davey and junior William "Hod"
Croker. Davey, who is nursing a
lower hamstring, finished first in
the 60 meters last weekend.
Croker ran an effective leg in the
4x400 meter relay.

In the 500 meters, sophomore
Nick Seta, on loan from the foot-
ball team, will get a finally get a
race. Last week, Seta missed first
place in the event by less than .3
seconds while coming out of the
slow heat. Seta will be joined in
the event by junior Mike Marinour,
who took third last week in a time
of 1:05.23.

The Irish boast a strong crew of
distance runners. In the 800
meters, sophomore Nate Andruonis
finished second in a time of 1
minute, 55.41 seconds. In the mile
run, junior Pat Conway broke
away from the pack in the final
300 meters to win in a time of
4:14.43.

The 3,000 meter event will be
strengthened by the return of
Ryan Shay, who competed in the
mile run last week. Shay qualified
for the Olympic Trials last year in
the 10,000 meters and is better
suited for the longer events.

If there was a 10,000 meter
race indoors, we'd run him in
that," said Irish head coach Joe
Piane.

The meet kicks off at 7 p.m. on
the Meyo track.

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Women's Basketball

Belle's go for the sweep against Britons

By KATIE MCAVOY

Assistant Sports Editor

If Wednesday night's game read like a book, then the
Belle's are looking for a new chapter as they face off against
the Britons of Albion College Saturday at Angela Athletic
Facility.

A 64-48 loss to Kalamazoo on
Wednesday added yet another
loss to an already long losing
skid, upping the total to six.
Kalamazoo loss wrapped up the first round of MIAA play
that left Saint Mary's with a 1-6
record in the league.

"I think as we start out we
want to get off on the right
foot," head coach Suzanne
Smith said. "Obviously we don't
want to fall to the bottom of the
conference."

Saturday's game against
Albion will hopefully open a
new chapter in the MIAA for
Saint Mary's. Albion is the only
team behind Saint Mary's in the
MIAA with an 0-7 record.

If Wednesday night's game
was a real nice job (against Albinon)," Smith said. "They had an outstanding
quarter and post players that
were excellent. Fortunately in
that game we had our offense."

The offense the Belles had
the last time they played the
Britons has been noticeably
lacking recently. Saint Mary's
has scored an average of 49
points per game in the last six
games, a big difference from
the 80 point game they had early this season, and even the
61 point game they had the last
time Albinon was the opponent.

Sophomore guard Shaun Russel drives around a Kalamzoo
defender during Saint Mary's 64-48 loss last night.

Getiing some team spirit is
No. 1 on Smith's list. "We need to get some chemistry
together," she said. "I think we need to get some consi-
sistency with our players and our rotations so they go in the
game and know who they're play-
ing. We shouldn't be worried with learning new things,
our player and our rotations."

"We need to get some chemistry together," she said. "I think we need to get some consistancy with our players and
our rotations."

Saint Mary's
Belles head coach

Suzanne Smith

The starting rotation is set,
until at least until
Kristen Matha recovers from
her hip flexor muscle injury.
Ann Blair and Kelly Roberts
will start off as the post players,
joined by Mary Campione, Kate
Christiansen and Julie Norman.

Once they are on the floor,
know we've beaten them before
we know what to expect,"
Smith said. "We think we can win."

Action kicks off Saturday at 3
p.m. at Angela.

Juniors!!

It's not too late to register for
Junior Parents Weekend!!

If you didn't receive an application
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The Environmental Research Institute, a joint activity of Notre Dame and Argonne National Laboratory, in
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Fellowship and board are provided for the 10-week program at Argonne.

Student applicants should have research interests in an environmentally-related discipline (any field of study)
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Hall, 631-8376.

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FENCING

Irish kick off 2001 Midwest season

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame fencing team travels to Northwestern this weekend for matches against five Midwest rivals and a chance to size up the competition before the Midwest Regionals in March.

"Especially for Midwest Regionals," sophomore sabrewoman Natalia Mazur said. "We have to know how they fence and what to expect because this is Natalia Mazur said.

"I am still a little shaky but I am feeling more confident," Carnc Hickman said. "It’s a nearby nation and I think the first match of the season is always a little more intimidating."

Most of the women’s team is looking to rebound from last weekend in New York as only four women posted records better than .500 in New York. "I think we might have to focus a little more," Mazur said. "I don’t think it will be as difficult this weekend. Northwestern will be a tough team though."

"We need to maintain our focus. That was the problem last weekend," Carnc Hickman said. "There were some good bouts. I think a lot of the girls fenced well, some girls even had some of their best days of the last two years but we couldn’t maintain our focus."

Northwestern, however, took great pride in knocking the Irish off as its entire team was stumped to a 4-7 defeat last year in the region we have to qualify from for NCAAs. We really need to observe them and fence as well as we possibly can."

"The men’s team won’t have a chance to learn much this weekend. The schools they are facing will probably provide a little challenge because the top men’s teams in the country are never like the Notre Dame fencing team."

John’s last weekend, "Kick off was probably our toughest meet of the year," junior foilman Gabor Szelle said. "This week we definitely go into this tournament as favorities."

Most of the top starters for the men’s side will take most of the weekend off as reserve fencers will get a chance to fence.

"I think we are going to try to put in as many fencers as we can," Mazur said. "Even with the guys who didn’t compete last week, we can do well. We don’t necessarily need the front runners to beat these guys."

The women, however, will face a stiff challenge from one of their fiercest rivals: the Northwestern Wildcats.

Last year Northwestern beat the women at both the regular season dual meet against the Fighting Irish in the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships."

"I am absolutely looking for revenge," sophomore espada Anna Carnc Hickman said. "It was a tight match last year. We have a fairly deep team but I think we all know what to expect. We have a lot of talented new starters who are up for a big weekend."

Before last year, Notre Dame was clearly the top dog in Midwest women’s fencing. Northwestern, however, took pride in knocking the Irish off as its entire team cheered every Wildcat touch in Evanston last year.

Although the meet is in Evansville again this year, Carnc Hickman said. "It was a tight match last year with some tough competition. We have a lot of new starters who are up for a big weekend."

"There were tons of Northwestern people cheering but the Notre Dame team does a really good job," the All-American said. "All the fencers and staff and a couple boyfriends and girlfriends who drove down to see us. It just great to hear them and get a lot of support from our team."

The Irish will need Carnc Hickman to resume her All-American form from last year if they hope to regain the top spot in the Midwest. Last week in New York, Carnc Hickman stamped to a 4-7 record while recovering from an illness.

"We have to know how they fence and what to expect because this is the region we have to qualify from for NCAAs."

The Notre Dame men’s tennis team travels to Orlando this weekend to participate in the adidas Classic. The 13th ranked Irish hope to rebound this weekend after a loss to the fourth ranked Duke Bluedevils to open the season.

The match was highlighted by the play of All-American Michelle Desse who defeated the No. 2 player in the country — Duquesne’s senior Amelie Carc Hickman. Desse took down the French and U.S. open participant in two sets 6-2, 6-3.

Other singles winners for the Irish included junior Nina Vaughn and senior Kimberly Guy who won in three sets.

Despite the loss last weekend, the Irish women look to have a promising season. The team returns seven of nine monogram winners and only lose one starter from last year’s 13-7-7 team.

Two time All-American and current third-ranked singles player Desse looks to taking up right where she left off last fall.

"The fall results definitely helped my confidence going into January because I’m much more prepared and healthier than last year," said Desse. "I feel like whoever we play in double matches, we are able to beat at No. 1 singles."

We had a good season last year and with most people returning and three freshmen, hopefully we’ll be able to progress and pick up where we left off last year," head coach Jay Louderback said.

"It’s a really good year," Desse said. "We have recruited three really good freshmen and I think that we have a very competitive team."

"It has been exciting to have All-Americans make the NCAA tournament," said Louderback, who is entering his ninth season in charge of the Irish program. "I’d like to see the program continue to improve and be competitive in NCAA play."

Returning to the singles lineup for the Irish are seniors Lindsay Green, Nina Vaughn and Alicia Salas, two other talented freshman who made waves this fall by playing remarkably well despite their inexperience. Salas and Neighbours hope to help the team out by grabbing some wins when ever they get the chance.

"We are really excited about all three freshmen," said coach Louderback. "We are figuring that at least one will be playing doubles and they’ll have a shot in singles as well. All three will get even better and be very good for us for the next four years."
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2001
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Happy Birthday! Your vision will be broad this year. You can offer great suggestions, but don't waste your time if others don't want to listen. Once you've done all you can, alone if necessary and you'll be the one who accomplishes the most. Overdoing it can be your greatest downfall. Some say your limit, know when to say no, and do for yourself first. Your numbers: 1, 7, 15, 23, 28, 35

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let anyone talk you into doing things that you'd prefer not to do. You need to please yourself for a change instead of everyone else. It's time to follow your own beliefs and not someone else's. 000

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are beginning to see things through different eyes. Your priorities and motivations are changing. Don't be surprised to be in a new direction. You must control your future. 000

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Financial matters are likely if you expanded your interests too quickly. Look into ways of helping children or relatives solve their problems without draining your own coffers. 000

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will have regrets if you allow a dispute to get out of hand. Be cautious how you handle both your business and emotional partnerships. 000

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Words of love will be dancing through your head. Get out with that special person in your life. You need to spend time enjoying the finer things in life. 000

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Clear up any overdue correspondence. Don't get involved with colleagues or involved in gossip at work. Please try to break your habits. Be prepared to make reforms! 000

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You would be wise to not be tempted to take part in joint financial ventures. You may have difficulties with your stomach if you overindulge or eat spicy foods. 000

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Making changes to your home, particularly in your recreation or home-entertainment center, will help ensure that your family will spend more time together. 000

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Looking for the rebound
After a tough 9-0 loss to Michigan earlier in the week, Notre Dame's hockey team looks to bounce back with a pair of games at Yale this weekend.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Surging Notre Dame set to play in George's town

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The last time the Irish played in the MCI Center, it was Senior Day 2000, and the Irish humiliated the Hoyas on their homecourt 77-54. Everything went Saturday's rematch to be as senior point guard Martin Hoyas on their homecourt happened last right from the Irish, from 54... was Senior Day

Spartans vault into Loftus to take on Irish track team

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Looking to remain undefeated, the Irish men's track and field team takes to the track for the second time this season when they host Michigan State tonight at Loftus.

The Irish are coming off a commanding victory over Western Michigan and Ball State last Friday night. The Spartans, meanwhile, travel down from East Lansing on the heels of a strong showing at the Red Simmons Invitational in Ann Arbor last weekend.

Women's Swimming

Women's Swimming vs. Michigan
Today, 6 p.m.

Track and Field

Track and Field vs. Michigan State
Today, 6 p.m.

at adidas Classic
Today - Sunday

vs. Yale
Saturday, 4 p.m.

at Ohio State
Saturday, 6 p.m.

at Georgetown
Sunday, noon

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Head-to-head matchups crucial to Irish victory

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Sure, Notre Dame sprinter Tameisha King has a ton of talent. But so far this season, the sophomore All-American has yet to compete against someone as good as Michigan State's Sheri Williams.

When the Spartans enter the Loftus Sports Complex today to take on the Irish, King and the rest of the Irish will face an early-season test to show how well they can compete against high level competition.