Ex corde guidelines propose bishop mandates

**Discussion continues on how to best balance academic freedom, Catholic character at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's**

By PAT MCELWEE

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are schools placed in a rather unique position within the world of American higher education. Not only do they face the daunting task of remaining academically viable and competitive, but they are committed to maintaining a Catholic identity within an increasingly secular world.

Ex corde Ecclesiae, by Pope John Paul II, is the current mandate from the local bishop. The difficulty of reconciling those two goals is amply demonstrated in the current debates over how to do so. The most controversial focus of these debates has been the requirement that all Catholic theology professors obtain a mandate from the local bishop.

Professor John Cavadini, chair of Notre Dame's theology department, agrees with the goal of creating a Catholic and intellectual culture in Catholic universities. However, he believes, mandates are not the right creative force. "You can't legislate a culture," said Cavadini. "You can't legislate people's hearts. That's impossible. You can only change a culture by debate, consultation and persuasion."

Mandates were conceived as tools to give bishops some jurisdiction over the Catholic theology taught in Catholic universities in an effort to preserve the Catholic nature of those universities.

Perhaps as early as May 3, Catholic theology professors will be required to have a mandate to establish that they teach "in full communion with the Church," in the language of the papal document, Ex corde Ecclesiae.

On one hand, Catholic universities do not want to revert to the dogmatic teachings typical of the Middle Ages. On the other hand, those same universities do not want to go the way of Harvard and Duke — universities founded with a religious mission but almost completely secular now.

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Molnar was born and raised in South Bend and is the founder and former coach of the Chubb Club, which was featured on the Rosie O'Donnell Show.

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According to the Molnar, the freshman-15 has now become the freshman-35. She sighted the fact that the dining halls offer a wide variety of food and in unlimited portions. She also noted that college students often eat late and consume foods that they normally wouldn't on a regular basis at home.

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It's that time of year again. They're sitting on the edge of their seats, biting their nails, hoping they don't get red tagged, wondering where their home will be next year.

No, it's not spring training, it's RA selection. Every year in February and March, Saint Mary's students apply to be RA's for the next school year. They offer their time and their support to any woman who might live on their floor come August. And then they wait. "The worst part of the process is anticipating whether or not you got in," said Cathy Ganci, a current applicant.

The assumption was that the 40 women, who applied to be RAs this year, of which only 20 will be selected, will know Monday whether or not they have been selected.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Going forward, moving on**

The end of the year is fast approaching, while most seniors feel like they have a long time to graduation, things are happening all too fast for the last two months of my senior year. A lot more and do a lot more school work — well maybe more. But after next week we will be able to go out a lot more, see our non-Observer friends a lot more, sleep a lot more and do a lot more school work — well maybe not. While I have been formulating an extensive plan of action for the last two months of my senior year, I still feel somewhat satisfied.

After next week we will all have more free time. After next week we will be able to go out a lot more and do a lot more and have more free time. After next week we will be able to go out a lot more. But now is not the time. It is time to let go.

It is time to realize that we are all going to Babe Ruth Park. We are all going to see how the game is played. We are all going to see how much fun it is. It is time to let go.

It is time to teach those succeeding me all that I know and to encourage them to do their best. To let them know they can ask for help and be confident that others will rise to the challenge and, most importantly, to give them the room and time to be all they can be. It is time to let go.

Moving on is hard to discuss now, with over two months to go, yet it is becomes easier if we put things in their place. There are many friends who are not best friends, but are not strangers. It is these people we will miss the most. The faces are the ones we will wonder about randomly in the coming years — acquaintances that happen to fall awkwardly into the category of those who we cannot seem to keep in touch with. We are so used to seeing their faces as a part of the Notre Dame experience. We cannot possibly take these people with us in our luggage and we cannot possibly carry the whole campus to move with us.

But we can take comfort knowing that though the role they played in our lives is vacant, someone else will fill it. Just as when we left high school we found new friends not to replace the friends we left behind but seemed so similar to someone we knew at home, when we graduate in May others will fill the vacant roles in our lives.

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In a development which may have a significant impact on the details of academic life at Notre Dame, proposed guidelines for university mandates associated with Catholic theology professors were released in November by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

According to the proposed guidelines, mandates are to be sought by the local bishop to Catholic theology professors. A professor may request a mandate, provided she declares that she “will only teach in full communion with the Church.” If the bishop may grant a mandate “on his own initiative.”

The proposed guidelines further spell out the right of Catholic professors to receive a mandate “if all the conditions for granting a mandate are fulfilled.” That is, an academic freedom by the professor commits to “teach authentic Catholic doctrine and to refrain from putting forth as teaching anything contrary to Church teaching and behavior straying from that commitment is not permissible.”

In 1990, Pope John Paul II wrote Ex corde Ecclesiae, a document intended to resolve ambiguities in the relationship between the Catholic Church and its universities, and in 1999, the U.S. bishops approved an Application of that papal document.

Following the release of those documents, bishops, theology professors and theologians have been involved in discussions on how best to implement the goals enumerated first in Ex corde and later applied to the specific circumstances of U.S. universities in the Application.

These discussions have focused on the crucial issues of academic freedom, institutional independence and Catholic identity.

While all sides of the discussion seem to agree on the ideals the Pope set out in Ex corde, not all agree that mandates are the right method for bringing those ideals into reality.

Proponents of mandates urge universities and theologians not to view the bishop as an external agent wielding power over Catholic universities, but rather as a part of the university community itself. They stress mutual goals rather than adversarial roles.

Bishop D’Arcy of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese has been an outspoken proponent of discussions aiming to resolve difficulties with mandates.

He has expressed respect for both Catholic identity in Catholic universities and academic freedom.

In a letter to The Observer, D’Arcy wrote, “Like all the bishops who have Catholic institutions of higher learning within their dioceses, I have been engaged in regular dialogue with the local presidents of Catholic colleges and universities since 1991 (shortly after Ex corde Ecclesiae was released).”

Marilui Eldred, President of Saint Mary’s, and Professor Joseph Incandela, chair of Saint Mary’s theology department, both confirmed that they had participated in discussions with D’Arcy and would continue to do so in the future.

“I (D’Arcy) has here. He had lunch with the department last semester,” Incandela said. “The bishop has been very responsive and very supportive. He understands some of the difficulties this could create for us and for all those who teach theology. Mandates, crucial to the interests of Catholic universities, is the ability to maintain academically viable faculties.

Mandates may threaten the freedom academics need to explore their disciplines, including theology, according to the concerns exhibiting by many. Also, acceptance of the mandate would lower university prestige by giving fuel to the arguments of critics of religiously affiliated universities, according to Notre Dame theology professor Richard McBrien, who has publicly stated he will not seek a mandate.

“As soon as you concede jurisdiction over internal academic life, then the university has given up claim to be a university in the true sense of the word,” said McBrien. “I am concerned as a Catholic theologian that our universities be respected in the academic world. (Mandates are) embarrassing, they give more credibility to our critics. Imagine bishops telling a university who may or may not teach, he said.

According to McBrien, if Catholic universities lose legitimacy, the result would be less Catholic influence in academics, a result Ex corde and the mandates were not intended to create.

At the end of all the discussions, there may be an understanding among all involved parties that the mandate, while officially on the books, will not be enforced.

But remains speculation, as no final decisions have been made.

Many details about the mandate remain up in the air, but discussions continue.

The future of the mandate is difficult to guess, even by those directly involved in discussions about it.

“The mandate is a difficult process even by those whose version the consequences will be,” said Incandela, “but I don’t think they will be good.”

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Morlan healthy life styles. Morlan stated that students should concentrate on eliminating the control of our life that is often lost with the freedom that comes with the independence of going to college. She cited simple things that one can do to improve his or her life on a daily basis. When she asked how students would most like to improve themselves, most students answered that they would like to get more sleep. Morlan said that saying no and managing time are the two simplest things that one can do to achieve this goal.

Some students stated that they would like to find the time to exercise, which Morlan said is very important. However, she said it should not take an exorbitant amount of time to exercise. “A brisk 30 minute walk is the best exercise you can do.” Morlan said students have their own needs and the key is to find what works for you. “Time is a problem for everyone. You need to find what you need to do for you and fit in,” said Morlan. She said getting friends’ help for motivation is the best way to fit accomplish goals.

“Keep a friend who is nagging you to take a nap or exercise with you, you are more likely to do it.” Morlan challenged those present at the lecture to do things for themselves and to live by their own standards. She challenged the audience to take control of their own lives and to think about what they really want out of life.

“The bottom line? It’s all about you. It’s not about a number on the scale or a dress size that you think you have to be. Find out about yourself. That’s what’s it all about,” Morlan said.

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**World News Briefs**

Bomb in Israel kills 1, wounds 9: A taxi van exploded in northern Israel Thursday after police stopped it at a roadblock during a search for a suspected terrorist. As officers were checking passengers' identification cards, a bomb aboard detonated, killing one person and wounding nine others.

Serbian prosecutors close in on Milosevic: The net closing around Slobodan Milosevic tightened Thursday with a Belgrade prosecutor's announcement of the first formal investigation into his activities. Milosevic, the former Yugoslav president, is widely blamed for the wars and atrocities of the last decade but also for widespread corruption in Serbia. Milosevic, who is living in a government villa in Belgrade is under 24-hour police surveillance.

**National News Briefs**

Prints shed light on murder: Fingerprints found in the home of two murdered Dartmouth College professors matched the fingerprints of the young suspect, according to police documents released Thursday. The 23 pages of affidavits released in Lebanon District Court outline some of the evidence that led police to Robert Talloch, 17, and James Parker, 16, but give no information on motive.

FBI agent's wife ignorant of spying: The wife of a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent accused of spying for Moscow had no knowledge of the payments he was purporting to have received as spy payments, her husband, Hobert Parker, 35, with whom she divorced in 1995, told police Thursday as engineers inspected bridges, buildings, dams and roads. The region congratulated itself for escaping far worse damage.

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**Indiana News Briefs**

Muncie man charged with murder: A Muncie man was arrested Thursday on charges he killed his estranged wife more than three years ago in southern California. Prosecutors in San Diego County, Calif., this week charged James E. Dailey, 35, with murder and he surrendered Thursday afternoon to police at a Muncie motel. Dailey is accused of murdering Dartmouth student Jennifer Elizabeth Darby, 19, whose body was found parked outside a day-care center.

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An unidentified worker constructs a fence in front of a popular night spot in downtown Seattle which was closed after a large part of its facade fell during a magnitude 6.8 earthquake. Seattle is still addressing the damage.

**Earthquake may cost $2 billion**

Associated Press

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State emergency officials counted 272 injuries directly linked to Wednesday's magnitude-6.5 quake, but most were minor and noncritical.

"The biggest news there is no news," Seattle Mayor Paul Schell said. "There aren't any fatalities. The damage, while serious, is not anything like what people would have expected."

Despite the good news, Gov. Gary Locke submitted a formal request Thursday to President Bush for a federal disaster declaration, which would make federal aid available.

The earthquake was centered 35 miles southwest of Seattle and 33 miles underground. Scientists said the depth of the quake eased its impact, while municipal leaders said the millions of dollars spent stabilizing the region's highways and buildings against earthquakes over the past decade paid off.

Several homes were evacuated in a Tacoma neighborhood because of danger from mudslides. In nearby Steilacoom, more than 200 patients at a state hospital for the criminally insane were moved after inspectors declared the building unsafe. The patients were kept in a gymnasm under guard Wednesday night.

In Olympia, the state capital south of Seattle, several streets were blocked off as crews began clearing away rubble. The Capitol complex remained closed, idling 10,000 workers, most of them until Monday, when buildings were expected to be inspected and cleaned. Legislative leaders said they will not know until Friday whether the Capitol itself, with a crack behind pillars supporting its dome, can be used.

**Afghanistan**

Taliban troops destroy all statues

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - Defying an international outcry, Taliban soldiers on Thursday began destroying all statues in Afghanistan — even targeting two soaring, ancient statues of Buddha carved into the face of a mountain.

The ruling Islamic militia said they sought to purge the nation of idolatrous images, but their closest ally Pakistan said the action could be a backlash against Afghanistan's international isolation, including U.N. sanctions.

Pakistan's Interior Minister Moinuddin Haider told The Associated Press the Taliban's order "may have been an act of defiance brought on by the isolation they feel."

"As troops fanned out with everything from rocket launchers to tanks to destroy statues, cultural leaders worldwide expressed horror," the head of UNESCO asked other Islamic nations to pressure the Taliban to stop, while the director of the Metropolitan Museum in New York pleaded with Afghan officials to give the artifacts to foreign museums.

"In Afghanistan, they are destroying statues that the entire world considers to be masterpieces," UNESCO Director-General Koichiro Matsuura said. "This iconoclastic determination shocks me."

"All officials, including the ministry of culture and virtue, have been given the go-ahead to destroy the statues," the Taliban's Information Minister Qudratullah Jamal said.
The number of women who have applied this year has made the application process successful for the Residence Life and Housing Department. During the last two years, the department was somewhat stranded because there were not enough qualified applicants to fill the openings.

"They [had already] turned people down who weren't qualified, so I applied and had a phone interview," said Senior RA Katie McGillis. She became an RA after ResLife determined that they did not have enough qualified applicants to fill the openings.

"This is the first time since I've been here that we've had a full staff at the beginning of the year," said senior Courtney Takata. This is her third time through the RA selection process -- this time as a committee member, not an applicant.

ResLife and students have wondered why more women are not interested in becoming RAs. A disadvantage to the job is that the only perk is that the only perk women have is that they are required to be responsible. Some people don't like to be in the job of being responsible.

"Our job is very difficult; some people don't like to be in the job of where they are responsible," said Courtney Takata, resident assistant.

Saint Mary's RAs have a good deal of responsibilities. In addition to supporting their residents, RAs must create and run section events, take part in Saint Mary's activities and maintain control in their section. However, what seems to prevent most women from becoming an RA is the rules RAs must enforce; St. Mary's RAs are expected to enforce alcohol policies, quiet hours, and visitation hours.

"I think people are intimidated by the fact that they have to discipline their peers," McGillis said. "People don't like the fact that they might have to punish their friends," Canetti added.

The selection process itself may also have something to do with the low turnout. The process begins with a written application, but the true test comes in February during a four-hour interview process. Women who are applying must interview in groups with current resident advisors and hall directors.

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"We just want to make sure we have the right person. RAs can make an impact like no one else can," Takata said.

"The year's selection process and its publicity may have encouraged more women to apply. The publicity was much better this year," Takata said. "It was really catchy and showed the positives of being an RA, which is really important."
Oklahoma, Virginia execute 2

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Associated Press

McALESTER, Okla. Oklahoma executed a man by injection Thursday after DNA tests confirmed his guilt.

Also Thursday, a Virginia man was executed by injection for killing another man with a baseball bat during a robbery.

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Thomas Akers was the first inmate this year to be executed in his state.

In a lengthy final statement, Akers expressed remorse for the 1998 beating death of 24-year-old Wesley Smith of Ioanoke.

"I want to say I'm glad I'm leaving this place and I'm going to a better place," Clayton said in his final statement. "I love my family and I'm sorry for this other lady that was killed ... You're still killing an innocent man."

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Prosecutors said Akers and his cousin, Timmy Martin, were taking him out of town but instead took him to a rural area where they choked him with a belt and beat him beyond recognition.

Akers pleaded guilty to capital murder and robbery and told Judge William Alexander that if he didn't get the death penalty, he would kill again and it would be Alexander's fault.

In an appeal, defense lawyers said Akers had tried to kill himself several times and suffers from major depression and a dysfunction of his central nervous system.

Martin pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison.

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Terrorism

The FBI is expanding polygraph testing to catch workers who improperly seek data, Ashcroft said.

FBI agents are given polygraph tests when they apply to join the bureau but usually are not tested again unless they need a higher level of clearance. Justice Department officials said that policy would be expanded; they declined to elaborate.

Ashcroft said the additional polygraphs are an interim step while the FBI's internal security procedures are reviewed by former CIA and FBI director William Webster, who will recommend how to tighten security.

Meanwhile, federal prosecutors asked a judge to keep Hanssen jailed pending further action on his case.

In a proffer filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va., the government said the risk that Hanssen will flee the country and the gravity of his alleged crimes means that he should not be released.

"No conditions of release will reasonably assure either his appearances in court or the safety of our country," according to the filing signed by U.S. Attorney Helen Fahey.

Among the evidence cited to support its request, the FBI said it had recent statements from Hanssen's Swiss bank account and letters in which the Russ Fed and Hanssen allegedly discussed how to hide money in a Swiss bank account.

The FBI alleged that, in exchange for providing top secret information, Hanssen had received more than $600,000 in cash and diamonds, and an additional $800,000 had been set aside for him in an overseas escrow account.

Investigators also found in locked safes in Hanssen's office at the State Department a file entitled "Russian Espionage" containing 20 to 30 documents on Felix Bloch and a sensitive classified technical intelligence collection program, an affidavit showed.

The FBI has alleged that Hanssen tipped off the KGB to the FBI's secret investigation of Bloch, a foreign service agent suspected of spying for Moscow in 1989. A detention and preliminary hearing were scheduled for Monday. Federal prosecutors and Hanssen's attorney have asked a federal magistrate to postpone the hearing until May 21 to allow both sides more time to prepare the case.

Both sides agree that the facts of the case "are unusual and complex." They also agreed to ask for an extension of time for filing an indictment until May 21.

FBI expands polygraph test

"The director and I have agreed that because of the national security involved and the very important consequence of the breaches, that we should evaluate the use of polygraph in certain cases."

John Ashcroft
Attorney General
Puffy and his pals
Sean "Puffy" Combs took the witness stand today during his muchcelebrated trial. The singer is charged with two counts of gun possession and bribery stemming from his involvement ina shooting incident at the Club New York on Dec. 27, 1999.

Matthew "Scar" Allen
A guest at the club that night who allegedly screamed obscenities to Combs and threw money at him, sparking the melee.

Jamal "Shyne" Barrow
Combs' protege is charged with three counts of attempted murder for allegedly opening fire and shooting three people that night.

Anthony "Wolf" Jones
Combs' bodyguard is charged with two counts of gun possession.

Wardell Ferguson
Combs' driver alleges that he was offered $50,000 by the singer to take the blame for the gun possession charges.

Jennifer Lopez
The then-girlfriend of Combs accompanied him to the nightclub. The singer-actress is not charged with any crime and has not been called to testify.

Boyfriend of Bush's daughter arrested

Jenna was arrested at a fraternity party and released several hours later to a man who deputies believed to be a Secret Service agent, a sheriff said Thursday.

"We're not making any comments about this incident," said Noelia Rodriguez, a spokeswoman for first lady Laura Bush in Washington.

William Ashe Bridges, an 18-year-old Texas Christian University freshman, was jailed early Sunday after law officers arrested him at a house near the campus, Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson said.

He was released from the county jail.

Bridges was intoxicated and loudly insisted that he was dating Bush's daughter, Anderson said. When Bridges was allowed to make a phone call, he talked a few minutes and then handed the phone to a sergeant, who said a young woman on the line identified herself as Jenna Bush, Anderson said.

"She just asked when he could be released," Anderson said. "No one asked for any special favors whatsoever."

Bridges, who was cited for public intoxication and underage possession of alcohol, was released after four hours of detention.
This writer gives "Dubya" a grade on his first address to Congress. I almost fell into the trap of expecting so little, then becoming so surprised at his performance that I blindly awarded a grade above its merit. Instead, I stuck to the rigorous academic standards embodied in The Supreme Dome classroom.

Overall, Bush's performance was one of balance, embodied most when he said, "An artist using statistics as a brush could paint two very different pictures of our country. One would have warning signs: increasing layoffs, rising energy prices, too many failing schools, persistent poverty, the stubbon vestiges of racism. Another picture would be full of blessings: a balanced budget, big surpluses, a military that is second to none, a country at peace in its neighbors, technology that is revolutionizing the world and our greatest strength, concerned citizens who care for our country and for each other."

Yet his logic fell flat of irony, beginning with the fact that none of the five Supreme Court justices who voted for Bush at trial, for Democrats, the irony included the thought that only a set of unusual circumstances paved the way for Bush to become two permanent justices who mimic the Bill Clinton's brilliant political strategies while exploiting his pathetic personal weaknesses. Democrats found irony in Bush's campaign to return civility to Washington when he had existed between the political parties for decades in Congress until Republican Newt Gingrich began his nuclear combat. It is easy now for Bush when his party controls the White House and both houses of Congress. One should expect many accomplishments since

At the end of Body Image Awareness week, after assessing all the gains we have made in changing our self-conceptions, it is important to realize how much society still has to change. The forum with the greatest amount of changes to make is the media. The media have established body style trends throughout history, supporting and rejecting certain body types and deciding what weight is acceptable for women and men. Their current support of imperfectly perfect body images has become too culturally accepted. Combating unhealthy thin body images with support for body types on the opposite sides of the spectrum, while leaving little acknowledgement for the middle ground where most people fall has not compensated for the prevalent social acceptance of thin models.

The media, a force in society that Notre Dame history professor Gail Bederman refers to as "encompassing" and "pervasive," fail to accept or display mid-range-weight groups. While heavier celebrities Drew Carey, Catherine Mannheim and Rosie O'Donnell have been accepted, those who want less government, regardless of the cost, on the other, those who want less government, regardless of the need.

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Democrats do not engage in Gingrich's moral combat. Democrats on the House floor sighed when Bush said, "Let us agree to bring old divides. But let us all agree that our good will must be directed to great goals. Bipartisanship is more than mindless manners. It is doing our duty."

Many chuckled in the House chamber when the President said, "Together, we are changing the tone of our nation's Capitol. And this spirit of respect and cooperation is vital — because in the end, we'll be judged by what we are able to accomplish."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Statue reflects school's Catholic character

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Love justifies distance

When I was reading Wednesday's column regarding long-distance relationships, I wondered what provoked the author to write it. It is obvious that Mr. Long is not interested in his relationship; either he has been scarred by an attempted long-distance relationship or ever exposed to how great a relationship one can be.

I have been dating my boyfriend who goes to school at Marquette University for two years. We started dating the last month of our senior year of high school after being good friends for two years. I never dreamed that every day or every opportunity to do college with a boyfriend, I never wanted "strings." I wanted to be free to do whatever I wanted. But then something happened — I fell in love.

My relationship with Brad has made me see how I am today, and I would not give it up for anything in the world. The distance has taught us to truly communicate and has made us realize how much we want to be together. I cannot imagine being with anyone else nor would I ever want to be.

I agree with the column when it talked about drivel phone conversations being a hassle and an annoyance for roommates — but what if your conversations aren't like that? If all that a conversation consists of is reassuring a significant other of your love for them, then of course the relationship is going to fail.

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Another statement made by the author that I didn't agree with is that "It's hard to differentiate with a significant other when there is no physical contact." Since when does intimacy only include sexual content?

Some of the most intimate moments in life can be a deep conversation, a powerful moment or a simple look shared by two souls. Sexual intimacy is part of a relationship, but it is not a relationship is founded upon. If it is, then that relationship is doomed to fail. Whether it is long distance or with the girl next door.

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By LAURA KELLY
Associate Scene Editor

Last October, a mailing about Notre Dame's Collegiate Jazz Festival was sent out to 400 college jazz bands across the country. By December, 34 of them had written back, submitting an audition tape and information about their band.

Amidst the rush before winter break, this year's festival director, Paul Krivickas, and faculty advisor Fr. George Wiskirchen, C.S.C., sat down and listened closely to each tape. They considered their decision carefully, talking over the strengths of each ensemble. They finally chose nine bands (the 10th being one of Notre Dame's own) to be a part of the University's 43rd Jazz Festival.

This year's Jazz Festival boasts groups from across the nation, including bands representing Central Michigan University, Boise State University, Southern Illinois University, Lawrence University, University of Texas-Brownsville Jazz Band I, University of Texas-Brownsville Jazz Band II, Michigan State University, Boise State University, Southern Illinois University, Lawrence University, and Loyola University-New Orleans and Florida State University.

"Usually the bands come from the Midwest, but this year it's more national," said Krivickas. "We were mindful of this when we picked the bands.

Many of the bands are making their first appearance at the festival. "We have a lot of new groups this year," said Wiskirchen. "Old groups run into schedule conflicts or problems with budgets, so the result is newer groups who haven't been to the festival before."

There are a few noticeable absences — namely Western Michigan, whose strong jazz program faced scheduling problems for the first time this year. As a result, Wiskirchen said the festival should be full of surprises.

"I have no idea who's going to be an outstanding group," said Wiskirchen. "We can guess who Western Michigan State will have a very fine group based on what they've done in the past:"

"I haven't heard from Loyola University in New Orleans in about 25 years, so it should be interesting to see what they're doing," Wiskirchen said. "Other groups are here for the first time and may end up being more interesting and exciting."

"That's part of the interest in the festival," said Wiskirchen. "Jazz is a constantly changing thing."

The "GIF," as it is known in jazz circles around the country, was founded by students in 1959 and has been a student-run operation ever since. Wiskirchen, its faculty advisor since 1972, sites this student involvement as one of the festival's strengths.

"From the beginning, the faculty advisor was just there to help out, to give whatever advice was needed, to provide contacts and experiential knowledge," said Wiskirchen.

Yet these contacts he refers to have done more than help out student organizers — indeed, Wiskirchen's connections have helped draw top jazz musicians to the festival as judges.

"Fr. Wiskirchen is amazing," said Krivickas. "He knows everything there is to know about jazz — he's a legend here."

As student director, Krivickas is in charge of assembling the festival's judges. "Whenever I mention [Wiskirchen's] name, people recognize him," Krivickas said. "He's known all over in the jazz community."

Among the judges who were drawn to the GIF this year, either by connections through Wiskirchen or an appreciation for the festival's quality and success, are all well-known professional musicians, according to Krivickas. "There are even a few Grammy nominees in the group."
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Queens of their Court

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Irish, Huskies on collision course for title game

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Since Notre Dame stunned Connecticut on Jan. 15, both teams have pointed towards the Big East Championships. Provided the two teams needed wins in two more games, a rematch would occur on Tuesday night before the usual sell-out crowd at Gampel Pavilion, the Huskies home court.

Think Geno Auriemma is looking forward for another shot at the Irish? Following his team's loss at the Joyce Center, Auriemma voiced his squad's dilemmas. "I think our team is surprised when teams actually play really, really good against us," Auriemma said. "That's how immature some of our players are. They would rather phone ahead and say 'By the way, we're going through right now.'" Not Notre Dame (26-1 overall, 15-1 in the Big East) enters the match-up on 65-53 on Feb. 24 in its final game.

"I'd be 52-30 at halftime so could you please go along with that?" And when it doesn't go like that, we're not quite sure how to deal with it this year. That's the crux of what we're going through right now.

Point guard Niele Ivey comes away with the ball during Notre Dame's upset of No. 1 Connecticut on Jan. 15. The Irish could see the Huskies in the Big East Championship Game.

Due to that loss, Connecticut (25-2 overall, 15-1 in the Big East) is the No. 2 seed. Notre Dame (26-1 overall, 15-1 in the Big East) is the No. 1 seed and opens up on Sunday at 2:00. The Irish play the winner of Saturday's game between Georgetown and Syracuse.

Georgetown beat Georgetown 65-63 on Feb. 24 in its final game and defeated Syracuse 75-61 on Feb. 17 in New York. Both squads are led by All-Conference guards — Georgetown's Katie Srmacka-Duffy is second in the league in scoring with 16.7 points per game. And Syracuse's Beth Record is averaging 13.3 points per game, good for 11th in the Big East.

"They both have some outstanding post players and they both have a great guard," coach Muffett McGraw said. "They have multiple players who played very well against us."

If the Irish win on Sunday, they will play on Monday night at 6 p.m. against No. 4 Virginia Tech, No. 5 Villanova or No. 12 St. John's. Virginia Tech received a bye and plays the winner of the Villanova/St. John's match-up on Sunday.

As has been the case for most of the year, McGraw will rely on the five starters for the bulk of the minutes. Ruth Rilev's lead the league in scoring (18.5 points) and field-goal percentage (63.6 percent) and ranks fourth in rebounds (7.5 per game).

Niele Ivey also will likely receive All-Big East honors. She has averaged 12.3 points, 7.04 assists and 2.63 steals per game. For the first two games, depending on the score, McGraw wants to give her bench players some playing time.

"I'd like to keep (the starters) under 30 minutes," McGraw said. "Hopefully we'll be able to spread the time around." If they advance to the finals, look for the Irish to stick with five or six players. In the previous Connecticut game, Notre Dame's starters played for 184 of a possible 200 minutes.

Connecticut, the defending national champions, begins play on Sunday against either Boston College or Miami. In Monday's semifinals, the Huskies will likely face Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights handed the Irish their only loss of the season on Feb. 17 but lost 70-45 to Connecticut on Feb. 14. "Rutgers is a great defensive team," McGraw said. "But Connecticut has such good depth. It should be a good game."

Sizing up the competition

Connecticut Huskies
The Huskies only conference loss of the season came at the hands of the Irish on Jan. 15. UConn leading scorer Swetlana Abrosimova (14.4 ppg) is out for the season. Depth is key for UConn who have six players averaging over nine points per game.

Georgetown Hoyas
Katie Srmacka-Duffy and Rebekkah Brunson lead the Hoyas. Srmacka-Duffy is Georgetown's has led the Hoyas in scoring 16 times this season. Brunson has been the leading scorer in the other 11 games. Georgetown looks to rebound in the tournament from a current three game losing streak.

Miami Hurricanes
Senior guard Sheila James led the Hurricanes in scoring four of the last six games. She is averaging 10.4 points per contest. On the season, freshman Charivia Brussard leads Miami in scoring with 12.8 a game. In their last meeting, Notre Dame beat Miami 81-43 at the Joyce Center.

Providence Friars
Jen Gombotz is the leading scorer for the Friars at 11 points while Monika Roberts averages 6.2 rebounds.

Rutgers Scarlet Knights
Vivian Stinger's club dealt Notre Dame its only defeat of the season, 54-53 on Feb. 17. Tammy Sutton-Brown leads the Scarlet Knights in scoring at 11.8 a game and Tasha Pointer is first on the team in rebounding at 5.9 a game.

Seton Hall Pirates
Seton Hall is without point guard Naimah Smith, who suffered a torn ACL. Senior forward Arminda Moreno is averaging 15.6 ppg and has been Seton Hall's leading scorer in 18 out of 26 games this season.

St. John's Red Storm
Against UConn the Red Storm hit 10 three point baskets with Rasheedah Brown nailing three. Brown is the leading scorer for St. John's at 14.3 ppg. She has reached double figures in 23 out of 25 games this season. St. John's has dropped the last two games of the season to UConn and Virginia Tech.

Virginia Tech Hokies
Virginia Tech is led by senior Tere Williams who is averaging 13.5 points per game. She is back in the lineup after missing the Providence game with a knee injury. Williams also leads the Hokies in rebounding with 5.2 per game.

Boston College Eagles
Junior Becky Gottstein has scored in double figures 14 straight games. Gottstein averages 16.3 ppg and 8.6 rpg both of which pace the team. Boston College is in the midst of a five-game winning streak.

Syracuse Orange
The Orangewomen are without point guard Jacika Erwin, who tore her ACL on Feb. 9, which ending her college career. Leading the team is Alisha DeRosa. The Orange are 13-5 points and 6.9 rebounds.
Leahy Siemon and Dunbar lead Notre Dame into Storrs

By NOAH AMSTADTER

It was a sunny morning in Washington, D.C. four years ago when roommates Imani Dunbar and Meaghan Leahy awoke in their hotel room. Perhaps a little too sunny.

The two then-freshmen looked at the clock and realized that they had missed the team bus to the airport. Unfortunately, they hadn’t even known which airport — Dulles or Reagan.

They quickly packed, used their daily meal money to catch a cab, and headed out alone into the city in search of the team. All ended well as they actually beat the team bus to the airport.

“I think Meri is going to turn the down the volume of the alarm,” Leahy thinks I set the alarm for p.m. instead of a.m.,” Dunbar said. “We just missed the bus.”

Four years later Dunbar and Leahy are regarded as two of the unsung leaders on an Irish team rated No. 1 in the conference, and No. 2 in the country, headed into this weekend’s Big East Championships.

Although neither player starts or is part of the team’s seven-player rotation, Irish coach Muffet McGraw doesn’t discount their value.

“I know one who has never played a much but the younger ladies look at how she leads from the bench,” McGraw said.

Leahy has impressed team-mates and coaches with a unique ability to laugh at herself.

“Meaghan is just a lot of fun to be around,” McGraw said. “She might be one of my favorites of everybody on the team. She doesn’t feel sorry for herself. She does being a member of the team.”

Friendships form

Since coming to Notre Dame, the two bench players have forged a bond with an athlete who sees much more time on the floor — All-American center Ruth Riley.

The bond between Leahy and Riley was forged almost immediately in the fall of 1997. The two centered strategies to learn the chemistry in the frustration showed.

“Russ and I were two of the more emotional freshmen,” Leahy said. “We cried a couple of games.”

Soon Riley grasped the offense, and along with it a starting spot. But before the 6-foot-5 center stepped down the volume of the alarm, they were visibly shaken.

“I know that I’ve grown out of that all,” Riley said.

The friendship between Siemon, Ivey and Henderson was put to the test last season. After starting as a freshman and a sophomore, Siemon was sent to the bench in favor of Henderson. Despite not starting, Siemon still averaged close to 20 minutes per game.

“That was something that at first was tough,” Siemon said. “But last year was really a breakout year for Julie. It was great watching her succeed, so it wasn’t too hard.”

Leaders on and off the court

Each of the Irish seniors has faced adversity at some point in her career.

All of the seniors credit one another in working through their problems.

Siemon has played since Jan. 13 with a fractured bone in her hand. Watching Ivey battle back from her two knee injuries proved to be an inspiration.

“I’ve seen that Niele has just been the model of fighting through adversity,” Siemon said. “She’s helped me and I know that she’s helped other people.”

When Ivey suffered a torn ACL for the second time in her career in a game against Rutgers in the 1999 Big East Tournament, her teammates were visibly shaken.

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Leahy is the vocal leader and more the leader by example. After the team’s first loss this season at Rutgers, Riley was in the weight room the next day.

“She’s such a hard worker,” Siemon said of Riley. “That’s the one thing that she helps all of us with. She’s not a vocal person but she’s definitely a leader that leads by example.”

Siemon provides a balance, combining her physical toughness with a pleasant personality. Riley just has a positive outlook on life,” M C G r a w said. “She’s just always upbeat.

Not only has Siemon played through injury and illness, but she’s excelled. In Notre Dame’s Jan. 15 upset over Connecticut, Siemon scored 15 points just two days after fracturing her hand. Tuesday night, she battled a stomach virus and led the Irish with 17.

“I love the game of basketball and I love my team, so I just want to be out there,” Siemon said. “When I’m in practice I’m shooting something like 90 percent every single day. They’re always supportive. We just really support each other.”

Ivey is widely regarded as the emotional leader of the team. She is never shy about showing her happiness and sadness, both on and off the court.

“I allow a lot of emotion off the court sometimes and definitely on the court,” Ivey said. “The team looks at me more as the person who’s going to talk and get the team pumped up. After the Rutgers game I had to shed a tear.”

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Dunbar credits her chemistry with Ivey on the fast break as their common enjoyment of running the floor.

“I feel like we’ve had pretty good chemistry ever since we came in as freshmen,” Siemon said. “Niele and I both like to run and get the ball up the floor. She likes it when somebody just gets ahead and in front of the break so that she can do what she likes to do best.”

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Coquese Washington's résumé reads like an excerpt from a fiction novel.

The 30-year-old Irish asssistant coach led Notre Dame to its first NCAA tournament appearance in 1992, received her undergraduate degree in three years, taught special education for a year, graduated from Notre Dame law school in 1997, practiced law for a prestigious Manhattan firm in 1998 then accepted her current position in the fall of 1999.

And, oh yeah, by the way, she has played professional basketball for the past four seasons.

In the summer of 2000, Washington was a member of the Houston Comets' WNBA championship squad.

Not bad for a girl who, despite being a star player at Flint (Mich.) Central High School, did not realize she would receive a college scholarship.

"Until about six or seven years ago, young girls never had an opportunity to dream about being a professional athlete as a career," Washington said. "They never had that idea that being an athlete is OK, being an athlete is cool, being an athlete is something to aspire to. It's great to be a doctor or a lawyer or whatever but now you also say I can be a center or I can be a point guard."

In the late 1980s the idea of a women's professional basketball league in the United States was less likely than a Vince McMahon-run professional football league.

So although from seventh grade on, the self-proclaimed "gam rat" would go to high school practice then to AAU practice and then play with the men at the local YMCA or the University of Michigan-Flint, Washington's goals remained strictly academic-based.

"I knew I wanted to go to college," Washington said, "and be successful at whatever I decided to do.

Thanks to the constant prod­d­ing from her mother, Washington realized her aspirations.

"She emphasized day in and day out that if you don't want to do the Rescue Mission or be homeless, then you've got to get your homework done," Washington said. "I would const­antly be like 'if my mom ever found out, she'd kill me.'"

The 5-foot-6 point guard started as a freshman for the Irish and two years later Washington led Notre Dame to its first-ever NCAA tournament appearance.

In her senior season, while taking graduate courses, the Irish struggled to a 15-12 record. But for the third straight season, Washington ranked first on the team in steals and assists.

"In my four years that we definitely paved the way a little bit for future success," Washington said.

After traveling for three months, Washington returned to Flint and taught high school history and social studies from the fall of 1993 to the spring of 1994. She worked with special education children in a poor environment, a setting far dif­ferent than one she had accustomed to while at Notre Dame.

"I had so much admiration for those kids," Washington said. "They were phenomenal in their ability to attack adver­sity."

In the fall of 1994, Washington enrolled in Notre Dame law school and continued to play basketball with friends and members of the Irish women's team. Then, in 1995, there was a report that a women's professional basketball league would be beginning in the near future.

Her law school friends kept telling Washington that she should give the league a chance. So in the summer of 1996, Washington headed for the American Basketball League's (ABL) tryouts in Atlanta. At that time, her mother was living in nearby Savannah, Ga.

"I'm thinking I'll go down and visit my mom and have a nice little vacation before I start working for the summer," Washington said.

She never went back to her job as a law clerk in Flint.

Washington made it through all the trials and conditional drafts by the ABL's Portland Power. She was still unsure whether she would ever play for the Power but then Portland's general manager made an offer Washington couldn't refuse.

Washington could take classes at Portland's Lewis and Clark College's law school and also play point guard for the Power.

"That was challenging," Washington said, "to say the least."

When she finished the season, Washington re-enrolled at Notre Dame mid-way through the spring 1997 semester. By May, she had received enough credits and graduated with her original law school class.

Following the recommence­ment, Washington played for the WNBA's New York Liberty for two seasons. She also prac­ticed law at the law firm of Balin, Baum and Levin in Manhattan during the fall of 1998.

And in the fall of 1999, Muffet McGraw, her old college coach, asked Washington to return to Houston and help the Comets.

"I didn't trade it for the world," Washington said of playing. "I don't understand how the guys in the NBA can just screw it up by doing stupid stuff off the court. You're making eight million a year and you work two hours a day for maybe seven months. I don't understand what they're thinking."

As always, Washington knows what she's thinking about.

"I kid Val Ackerman (the WNBA's President) all the time," Washington said. "I tell her I'm going to take her job when she retires."

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

Washington brings brains, experience to Irish bench
The 43rd Collegiate Jazz Festival, \underline{from} colleges across the nation

Krivickas said. The group of judges is unique for several reasons. Two are women, of which there have only been a handful in the past, said Krivickas. Four are repeats — Lew Tabackin (flute and saxophone), Conte Candoli (trumpet), Joanne Brackeen (piano) and Richard Davis (bass). The fifth is drummer Terri Lynne Carrington, whose father Sonny was once a CJF judge. The festival’s five judges traditionally play together at one point in the festival, for the “Judges’ Jam.” The Friday night performance is a favorite for both Krivickas and Wiskirchen.

“The festival depends on the judges — their performances and input are always very important,” Wiskirchen said. “Each group (of judges) is separate — not a working band that comes here together. They’re all individuals who weld themselves together at the festival.”

The “Judges’ Jam” is incredible,” said Krivickas. “They just get up there and play together with no music.” Besides the crowd-pleasing Judges’ Jam, one other big draw is the Saturday night performance of Notre Dame’s Monday Night Jazz Band (dissolved from the Wednesday Night Jazz Band by their practice days.) Also known as Jazz Band I, the group has played in the jazz festival. Its roughly 20 members comprise a standard big band sound: five saxophones, four trombones, five trumpets and five rhythm players.

Wiskirchen said the jazz band’s performance remains the central part of his weekend: “My favorite part of the schedule has always been running the Notre Dame band, making music with the group.”

This year’s festival brings a few changes to the event. Most noticeably, the event will be held in Washington Hall, fittingly close to the Old Fieldhouse Mall where the first CJF was held in 1959, and where a cornerstone plaque still commemorates the event.

Krivickas’ efforts are to thank for the move from Stepan Center to Washington Hall.

“I just started thinking, we have this great performing arts center on campus — why aren’t we using it?”, Krivickas remembered. It took two years for us to move the festival, since Washington Hall gets booked far in advance. But Krivickas and Wiskirchen agreed it was worth the trouble.

“Washington Hall is much better for our needs,” said Krivickas. “All the equipment is there; we don’t have to move chairs in and there’s more room backstage.”

“We had terrible acoustic problems at Stepan Center,” Wiskirchen said. “For the present time, I think Washington Hall will be an improvement. (And) we can’t wait till they get the new fine arts building done and we can move the festival in there.”

Another less recent change whose effect is still being felt on the festival is the switch to a non-competitive atmosphere.

“The competition was getting cut-throat, which wasn’t what we wanted,” said Krivickas. So, several years ago the CJF dropped its “Best Band” award. Judges are still able to award personalized certificates to groups or individuals that stand out, but the focus has switched from a clear winner to a celebration of different jazz styles.

This change has been very beneficial to the festival, according to Wiskirchen. “You have 10 groups playing this weekend, roughly 200 students working hard all year. They come here, play well and the audience likes them. Now, to pick out one group and say they’re the best, the rest (of the groups) feel sort of brought down — there’s no reason for that.”

Wiskirchen contrasted winning a musical competition like the CJF with winning a sporting event: “It is as close as playing a basketball game, where you can determine exactly who wins the ball through the hoop and who gets the victory. That’s clear winners to a celebration of different jazz styles.

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The festival’s traditions still continue, however, in the quality of performances and the variety of styles.

“The history of the festival follows the history of jazz and the artistic trends of the country,” said Wiskirchen. ““There were times when (jazz) was very experimental, back in the mid-to-late ’60s, and times when it went into a rock or fusion vein, as jazz did in the early ’70s.”

Today’s jazz, as seen at the festival, can be described as mainstream, said Wiskirchen. “It’s not avant-garde, but it’s going into depth rather than going into new things. Depending on which band comes, styles of the festival change from year to year.”

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As for what this year’s festival will hold, neither Wiskirchen nor Krivickas can say for sure.

“That’s something you never know ahead of time,” said Wiskirchen. “But there’s always something exceptional about it.”
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Day, have just as much motivation to record a win. They are tied with Syracuse in the race for second place in the division, with the winner gaining a first-round Big East Tournament bye. Syracuse finishes the regular season at St. John's Saturday.

"Georgetown's playing well," Irish coach Mike Brey said Thursday. "They're playing for a bye. We've already got the bye. There's some incentive there, so we'll have to play very well to beat them."

The Irish stumbled a bit the game after securing the division title with a win at Virginia Tech when they lost at Connecticut. One loss should be enough to remind the players why winning brings glory.

"The UConn psychology was kind of hard to handle," Brey said. "We clinched the title, and it was probably difficult to be as hungry in all honesty. I think we can be pretty hungry about Georgetown — our last home game, 20 wins. There's a lot of things."

When the Irish have something larger to play for, like at Virginia Tech, they usually come together and play well as a team. Unsullied play is what could propel the Irish through both the Big East and NCAA Tournaments if they hope to make a run.

It worked in Notre Dame's first victory over Georgetown, a 78-71 win at the MCI Center on Jan. 27. The Irish had five players score in double digits in that win.

"Every game we have coming up is obviously going to be a huge game for us," sophomore guard Matt Carroll said. "They're all big-time games. In order for us to realize our potential, we've all got to get together and play unsullied.

Another key for Notre Dame, which has beaten Georgetown in the teams' past two matchups, will be controlling the game pace. In the season's first contest, Ingelsby and his teammates led the tempo.

"We want to do basically the same thing as we did the first time — try to control the tempo, take care of the ball and rebound," Carroll said.

Shooting one of the league's top fresh-, forward Mike Sweetney, is one part of holding the Hoyas in check. Other players to watch are forwards Gerald Biliny and Anthony Perry, center Ruben Bouyer and guard Demetrius Hunter and Kevin Braswell.

The Irish have a few extra things on their list of goals this weekend.

The Irish are going for their 20th regular season win, a number they haven't seen since 1981-82 when they played 30 games before losing.

There's the fact that Ingelsby and Raszynski are seeking to go out on a good note. Ingelsby's a candidate for the most-improved player of the year in the Big East, after losing his starting job to Jimmy Dillon a year ago but averaging better than six assists per game this season.

Murphy may also have more at stake than normal. If the 6-foot-10 forward, who averages 23 points and more than nine rebounds per game, decides to go pro after the weekend, Sunday's game would be his last in the Joyce Center.

"It might be my last game here," said Murphy, who hasn't made up his mind about his future plans. "It could be. It would be nice to go out a winner if it was."
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Junior Owen Asplundh chases the ball during a game last season against Villanova. The men’s team takes on Penn in their home opener Sunday.

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NCAA WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Stiles sets all-time career points mark

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. Breaking the NCAA scoring record brought Jackie Stiles relief more than anything else. The satisfaction, she said, will come later.

Stiles scored 30 points and became the career scoring leader in NCAA Division I women’s basketball as Southwest Missouri State beat Creighton 94-59 on Thursday night.

She increased her career total to 3,133 points, breaking the record of 3,122 that Patricia Hoskins set at Mississippi Valley State from 1985-89. The record fell when Stiles hit a 3-pointer early in the second half, giving her 3,123.

“The pressure’s off,” Stiles said. “Now we can just concentrate on winning basketball games. It’s just a burden off my shoulders.”

Stiles, who was averaging 30.8 points, needed 20 to break the record and the game drew a standing-room-only crowd of 9,155 that included Missouri Gov. Bob Holden, a 1973 Southwest Missouri State graduate.

All hoped to be a part of history, and Stiles sent them home happy as Southwest Missouri State (21-5, 15-2; No. 16 ESPN/USA Today; No. 18 Associated Press) stayed one game behind first-place Drake in the Missouri Valley Conference race.

NFL

Panthers’ White calls it a career

CHARLOTTE, N.C. Carolina Panthers defensive end Reggie White, the NFL’s all-time sack leader, said Thursday he has ended his comeback and has retired again from football.

“We thought a great deal of Heggie and he did a wonderful job for us this season and has been a great pro as I can attest having competed against him,” Panthers head coach George Seifert said at a news conference at Ericsson Stadium.

White, 39, finished his career with 198 sacks, more than any other player in league history.

“I will always miss the locker room and the guys, but I know God’s will for me to move on to other challenges because it’s not in me like it used to be,” White said in statement. This is actually White’s third retirement.

He retired for one day prior to the 1998 season but then said God had told him he needed to play again, and he returned to the Green Bay Packers.

White retired again after the 1998 season and took a year off from football. After the Packers allowed him out of his contract, White returned to the Panthers last season and played for $1 million.

White had a disappointing season in many respects, recording a career-low 5.5 sacks with only 27 tackles. He didn’t show the same pass-rushing skills that made him a dominating force for much of the past two seasons, and the veteran-filled Panthers finished a disappointing 7-9.

White vowed this retirement is final.

“So, no more retirements, no more returns,” White said.

“...And I do so with no regrets because I know God has an exciting future for me.”
HOCKEY

Icemen look to tame Broncos, advance to playoffs

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team has risen in the past two weeks like a vampire at nightfall, with a 3-0-2 record in their last five games. This weekend, they face No. 13 Western Michigan in a home-home series that will determine whether the Irish will continue on to the CCHA playoffs.

The Irish currently lead Bowling Green by a single point for the final playoff spot. The Broncos are a very difficult challenge for even the largest standing scorers, senior right winger David Gove and junior center Mike Bishai. Both had 55 points after last weekend’s series.

But Western Michigan has already cemented their playoff spot, and the Broncos have less to play for than the Irish. The Broncos will most likely receive either the fourth or fifth playoff spot depending on their performance this weekend.

“We want to win both games,” said Carlson. “But if we can’t get that, a win and a tie would be nice too.”

Another positive for Notre Dame is the previous home and home series between the two teams back on Jan. 12 and 13, when the Irish won in South Bend and tied in Kalamazoo to secure three points for the weekend.

And that’s what they need to do now.

Though the Irish have had trouble in home games this year, Notre Dame is 7-0-1 in their last eight games against the Broncos on the Joyce Center ice.

Defenceman Brett Lebda was selected as the CCHA rookie-of-the-week for the last week of February. The defenceman made a strong case for himself by supplying the Irish with some offense this past weekend against Alaska-Fairbanks with a goal and three assists.

The two teams face off in Lawson Arena at Western Michigan on Friday night, and then again Saturday night at the Joyce Center.

On Saturday night, the team will honor its departing seniors, including captains Chad Chipchase, as well as Jay Kopischke, Ryan Clark, Kyle Kolquist, and Matt Van Arkel.

Left wing Dan Carlson advances the puck during Notre Dame’s 3-2 win over Bowling Green on Feb. 9. The Irish currently lead Bowling Green by a single point for the final playoff spot.

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**Irish return entire 2000 team in 2001**

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A new season presents a new challenge for the Irish women's lacrosse team, whose season begins in Harrisonburg, Va., on Sunday. A new era begins for the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program in 2001 with the arrival of Big East women's lacrosse competition. Starting their fifth season at the varsity level under head coach Tracy Coyne, the Irish did not lose a senior to graduation from last year and welcome the arrival of another strong freshman class.

"For the first time, we have a team returning that has a significant amount of playing time," said Coyne, the head coach of the 2001 Canadian World Cup team.

"This is the first year where we have key players returning in every position and have depth and experience. There is more competition at every position and more talented players overall."

After finishing with a 5-10 record last season, the Irish return such players as all-region selections Lael O'Shaughnessy on attack and Kathryn Lam at defense. Senior Tara Durkin was among the nation's top goalkeepers last year. The experience and growth of the program was evident in the fall practice season.

"We played our most competitive fall schedule ever," said Coyne.

"We are excited about how we did against top competition. Fall practice gave us the opportunity to do early evaluation of areas where we need work and to have the freshmen get a chance to taste what the season will be like in the spring."

The dawn of Big East women's lacrosse competition in 2001 will be particularly gratifying for Coyne, a driving force among the coaching community for the inclusion of women's lacrosse under the Big East Conference umbrella. Notre Dame's six-game Big East schedule features home games against Georgetown, Connecticut and Rutgers and road games at Virginia Tech, Boston College and Syracuse. The Irish played every team but Virginia Tech last year.

"This is the beginning of a wonderful opportunity to be part of the Big East Conference and to represent Notre Dame in the conference," says Coyne, who led seven teams to conference championships in nine seasons before coming to Notre Dame.

"Our goal is to win the initial championship but there are a lot of great teams in the conference. This will give our teams national recognition. The Big East could be one of the dominant conferences in the country."

The freshman class won't be the only new addition set to impact the Irish women's lacrosse team, as head coach Tracy Coyne welcomes a new assistant coach to her staff. World Cup veteran Danielle Gallagher brings a wealth of international experience to the program. The 1989 graduate of William & Mary has been a member of two championship U.S. World Cup teams and is in training for her third in 2001.

**BASKETBALL**

**Brey, McGraw among Naismith finalists**

Special to The Observer

University of Notre Dame men's basketball coach Mike Brey and women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw are among the 20 finalists for the Naismith College Basketball Coach of the Year Awards.

The winners of both Naismith Awards will be honored in Atlanta, Ga., on April 7, 2001.

In his first season at Notre Dame, Brey guided the Irish to the Big East West Division title, the first league title for a Notre Dame men's basketball team since becoming a conference member in 1995-96.

The team's title secures Notre Dame a first-round in the upcoming AT&T Big East Championship, March 7-10 at Madison Square Garden. The Irish, ranked 19th in both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today rankings, currently have a 19-7 overall record and 11-4 mark in Big East play with one game remaining in the regular season.

The 19 regular-season wins are the most by a Notre Dame team since the 1988-89 campaign. McGraw, a Naismith coach-of-the-year finalist the past two seasons, also led her Irish team to its first Big East regular-season crown as Notre Dame shared the title with defending national champion Connecticut.

Her squad currently is 26-1 overall (the eighth straight 20-win season for the Irish) and finished with a 15-1 mark in Big East play.

Notre Dame earned the No. 1 ranking for the first time in school history when the Irish defeated the Huskies 92-76 on Jan. 15 and spent four weeks ranked in the top spot during the season.

A veteran of 19 years as a collegiate coach with 14 of those seasons coming at Notre Dame, McGraw earned her 300th win with the Irish and 400th career victory earlier this year.

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Friday, March 2, 2001
Notre Dame falls to professional Devil Rays, 17-4

By NOAH AMSTADER
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame graduate Vince Naimoli faced an interesting dilemma Thursday afternoon. The 1959 graduate is the owner of the major league Tampa Bay Devil Rays, who were playing an exhibition game against the Irish. Despite his loyalty to his alma mater, Naimoli was quite clear on which team he was rooting for. "I want the Devil Rays to win every game," Naimoli said in a press release.

And that is just what his team did, by a 17-4 margin. The Devil Rays jumped on sophomore starter Peter Ogilvie early. Following two 2-run singles by major league veterans Randy Winn and Gerald Williams, the Irish were quickly down 5-0 in the second inning.

The Irish hit the bank in the last inning of the game, giving up the two runs on three hits. "I wasn't pleased to have a lapse in my first outing," White said in a press release. "You're so focused to go out there and I just rushed it, getting my fastball up."

Mike Morgalis didn't fare much better on the mound for the Irish in the fifth inning. He got out of sync, especially on the first three batters. He did throw some good pitches but it was just one of those days when he got out of sync and it took him longer than you want to get back into it," White said.

Travis Harper started the game for the Devil Rays, holding the Irish scoreless in his three innings. Harper retired eight of the first nine batters he faced. "That's what you expect from Travis," Rothschild said. "I thought he threw the ball very well. He's going to throw the ball over the plate and knows what to do with it."

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personal-best 6 feet, 9 inches in the high jump, but is still four inches below the 7-1 height needed to provisionally qualify for the NCAA finals.

Irish coaches also received a pleasant surprise from the pole vaulting squad at the Big East finals. Josh Heck and Nathan Cahill both cleared 15-9 and placed second and fifth, respectively.

Freshman Godwin Mbagwu appeared to be one of the closest athletes at achieving a provisional qualifying performance. His 50 feet, 4 1/2 inch mark in the triple jump in the first meet of the season was less than a foot off the provisional qualifying mark.

However, Mbagwu, who took second in the Big East triple jump, will not be competing this weekend due to a knee injury.

The meet begins Friday night with field events and continues Saturday morning with the running events.

Notes:
- Junior Quill Redwine had surgery last Friday to help repair an injury sustained earlier this season. While Redwine will not compete for the rest of the indoor season, Piane said that he expects him to return for most of the outdoor season.

CORRECTION


This year, Newburg takes on the experienced Camilo Rueda. The taller Rueda will use his strong reach to attack the tiny Newburg, who won the 125-lb. bracket last year. The disciplined Newburg will use his excellent technique to excel in the ring.

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finals. At the Meyo Invitational earlier this year, she ran a school record 53.3 seconds in the 400 meters. While that time was not fast enough for an automatic spot in the finals, it is the second-fastest 400 in the nation this year, virtually assuring her of competing in the NCAA finals.

Grow, who has been dominating the 400-meters for the Irish all season, was upset in the finals at the Big East 400 by Pittsburgh's Tia Tabb. Grow, who had won the Big East title her sophomore year, finished seven hundredths of a second behind Tabb and took second place.

Many top collegiate teams are expected to compete in the final Irish home indoor meet of the season because it is the last opportunity to achieve qualifying performances for next week's NCAA finals. Tameisha King is another Irish athlete chasing a NCAA bid. She leapt 20 feet, 1/4 inch a month ago, far enough for an NCAA provisional mark. The sophomore All-American is also trying to qualify in the 60-meter hurdles. King's best time in that event is 8.49; the NCAA provisional time is 8.43.

"She has a legitimate shot..." said Piane. "She has a legitimate shot in the long jump," said Piane.

The only other Notre Dame athlete with a reasonable chance to reach a qualifying mark this weekend is pole vaulter Jaime Volkmer. She vaulted 12-1 1/2 feet, 1/4 inch a month ago, far enough for an NCAA provisional mark. Volkmer's vault of 12-1 1/2, a height she has attempted multiple times this season.

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SOFTBALL

No. 15 Irish head into the shadow of Lookout Mountain

Special to The Observer

The No. 15 Notre Dame softball team continues the 2001 season this weekend at the Frost Tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn., hosted by the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Notre Dame improved its record to 8-1 last weekend at the Mountaineer Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. The Frost Tournament will be a round-robin event, as the Irish will play each participating team twice. Notre Dame will face Jacksonville State and UT-Chattanooga on Friday, followed by matchups with Alabama-Birmingham and UT-Chattanooga on Saturday.

The schedule wraps up on Sunday as Notre Dame faces Alabama-Birmingham and Jacksonville State.

The Jacksonville Gamecocks are 7-3 this season and are members of the TransAmerica Conference. They feature three starting pitchers: Tara Ross, Meadow McWhorter and Jill Wilcoxson.

Allie Simons leads the Gamecock offense with 10 hits in 10 games this season, while Lauren Luck tops the team in HBI with nine.

Notre Dame will face Alabama-Birmingham for the first time ever on Saturday, March 2, at 2 p.m. Both teams will meet again Sunday, March 4, at 10 a.m. UAB is 9-0 in 2001 and is a member of Conference USA.

Two pitchers split the starting duties for the Blazers. Kerri Foster and Kelli Thompson have each started six games this year. The UAB pitching staff has a combined 1.32 ERA.

Thompson also leads the team in hitting with a .409 average in 22 plate appearances. She tops the team in HBI with six and boasts a .546 slugging percentage.

Notre Dame will face Tennessee-Chattanooga twice this weekend. They will be the third and fourth meetings between the Mocs and the Irish. UTC won the last meeting, Feb. 26, 1999 4-3.

UTC is 13-7 in 2001 and is coming off a victory over Jacksonville State Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Jaci Welsh leads the Moc offense with a .315 average, three home runs and 18 runs batted in. Jolene Martin is also hitting .315 with 17 hits in 14 games.

Taylor Trudell (1.74 ERA, 4-4 in eight starts, 31 K) and Beth Alexander (1.62 ERA, 7-2 in nine starts, 41 K) are the heart of the UTC pitching staff.

Notre Dame won three out of four games in the water-logged Morning News Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., last weekend.

The Irish began the weekend with a 4-0 victory over Texas Tech, followed by wins over Arkansas and Maine. Arkansas handed Notre Dame its first loss of the year on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2-0.

The Irish were originally scheduled to play a doubleheader against each team over the course of the invitational, but two days of inclement weather forced the tournament organizers to adjust the format.

Notre Dame took the field Friday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m. against Texas Tech in the first game of the invitational. The teams played three scoreless innings before play was suspended due to heavy rain showers. Both teams were able to muster just one hit against the opposing pitcher before the rain delay.

It took more than seven hours for the weather to clear enough for the teams to return to competition.

Notre Dame starting pitcher Jen Sharron returned to strikeout four of the first six batters she faced after the break. Sharron eventually pitched a complete-game one-hit shutout.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Junior forward Troy Murphy goes for the ball during Notre Dame's 78-71 victory on Jan. 27. The Irish host Georgetown in the regular season finale for both teams on Sunday.

**Irish host Hoyas on Senior Day**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish have already earned the right to hang a Big East West Division championship banner in the Joyce Center, but they'd like to beat Georgetown Sunday to give seniors Martin Ingelsby and Hans Rasmussen a final home game to tell their grandkids about.

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**MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD**

Shay looks to double his distance pleasure

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

After its third place finish at the Big East Indoor Championships two weeks ago, the men's track and field team shifted their focus from team performances to individual ones.

So when the Irish step onto the track at this weekend's Alex Wilson Invitational, the primary objective will be to achieve qualifying marks for next week's NCAA Invitational.

"That’s the whole purpose of this meet this weekend," said Irish head coach Joe Piane. "It’s just to get people qualified."

The only male Irish athlete who is guaranteed a spot at the NCAA finals is Ryan Shay. The senior All-American ran a school record 13:52.66 in the 5,000 meters at the Meyo Invitational this season, which was fast enough for an NCAA automatic qualifying time.

Shay defended his 5,000 title at the Big East Championships and finished second in the 3,000 meters.

"It’s conceivable that he could qualify in the 3,000 as well," Piane said. "And you qualify in both, why not run in both?"

After Shay, however, the Irish don’t have any other athletes who have qualified for nationals. The Irish coaches hope that will change this weekend.

Piane said that junior Patrick Conway has an outside chance at qualifying in the mile run. He finished fourth at the Big East Championships, but needs to run 4:05.2 this weekend.

Conway's best mile is 4:11.

Junior Andrew Cooper was the only other individual champion at the Big East Championships. He cleared a see MEN/page 21

**WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD**

Relay team set to set another record

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Imagine this — your relay just broke the school record and ran fast enough to earn an NCAA finals consideration time. So, what do you do next?

Run faster.

That is exactly what the women's 4x400 meter relay team plans to do at this weekend's Alex Wilson Invitational.

At the Big East Indoor Championships two weeks ago, the team of Kynis Love, Kristen Dodd, Ayeesha Boyd, and Liz Grow ran 3:41.73, breaking their old school record and achieving a provisional qualifying time by just a quarter of a second.

Even though they set their sights on becoming the first Notre Dame 4x400 relay to qualify for the NCAA outdoor finals, head coach Joe Piane feels they have a chance at making the indoor finals.

"They're going to run it this weekend, and it'll be a really good meet," he said. "The ladies feel that they can do it." By running another fast time, the 4x400 relay hopes to impress the committee deciding which teams will compete at the NCAA finals next week.

Running a provisional time does not necessarily guarantee an athlete will compete in the finals. Piane believes the 4x400 relay would need to run around 3:41 to order to make indoor nationals.

"Just look at all of their PIs — they could run it," he said. "We'll just have to wait and see."

Even if the relay doesn't qualify, Grow will still compete in next week's NCAA meet at Eastern Michigan, Today, 7:30 p.m.

**Men's Lacrosse**

Men's Lacrosse vs. Penn Sunday, noon

**Baseball**

Baseball vs. Florida Atlantic Today, 1 p.m.

**Softball**

Softball at Jacksonville State Today, 2 p.m.
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SHAWN NEWBURG vs. CAMILO RUEDA

Both James “Pirahna” Fishburne and Shawn “Knockout The Old And Bring In The” Newberg are making just their second appearance at Bengal Bouts, although Newberg has faced a tougher opponent. Fishburne was hardly tested against an overmatched foe in the semifinals, but is the top seed and rightfully so. He has the best power in the division and will try to employ it in the finals.

Newberg knows how to beat a fighter who comes out swinging, and should not be counted out if he takes some shots early. -Brian Burke

TONY HOLLOWELL vs. JOSHUA COLEMAN

Tony Hollowell has already dethroned the defending champion Matt Fumagalli in this weight class, providing one of the biggest surprises of the Bouts so far. The freshman has muscled his way through the rounds and will face sophomore Josh Coleman in the finals.

Both Hollowell and Coleman narrowly earned the right to fight in the title match, with split decision victories in the semifinals. Hollowell’s no-lose attitude has turned the first-year participant into a confident fighter in just a few rounds. -staff report

TOM PIERCE vs. JEFF DOBOSH

Jeff “The Pittsburg Kid” Dobosh versus Tom “Frenchman” Pierce is a battle between Dobosh’s skill and experience and Pierce’s heart.

In this one, pick skill and experience. Dobosh won a split decision against Pierce in last year’s semifinals, and figures to win again with a strong all-around boxing style.

Pierce will try to counter by aggressively going after Dobosh, but Dobosh has the skills to counter-punch effectively.

Pierce seemingly will win his way past previous champion Sean “The Erie Kid” Nowak in the semifinals, putting together an unforgettable final round of boxing. -Jeff Baltruzak

DENNIS ABDELNOUR vs. JOE SMITH

Captain Dennis “Thursday Night” Abdelnour figures to carry his momentum past Joe Smith and to the title he has been craving for four roller-coaster years.

Joe Smith is a tall boxer with a well-developed jab. Abdelnour has proven to be effective in neutralizing taller fighters’ jabs, solidly defeating Mike “The Militia Man” Melby in the semifinals.

To win, Joe Smith will have to out hit the heavy swinging Abdelnour, effectively beating Abdelnour at his own game. But after years of waiting, don’t expect Abdelnour to drop the ball on Friday night. -Jeff Baltruzak

JOSH THOMPSON vs. SCOTT DUBA

Thompson really deserves this. He’s waited a long time for a title, and he really learns from his mistakes.

He has the experience to anticipate Duba and the discipline not to let another guy’s style overwhelm his own. Duba has the ability to stay strong through all three rounds, so this should be a good battle of endurance.

Both Duba and Thompson have a great jab, but Thompson’s are more accurate. -Katie Hughes

MIKE VANDERPOEL vs. PETER RYAN

Pete Ryan looks like he’s not even trying when he fights.

He’s a true boxer and never goes for the brawl. He has an intimidating presence when he steps into the ring.

No one in Bengal Bouts can compete with his reach. In VanderPoel’s last fights, he was able to get in some high jabs, but against Ryan that will really be a challenge.

With three titles under his belt, Ryan’s earned the right to be cocky. -Katie Hughes

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Jemar "Swift-T" Tisby is a fighter that isn't afraid to go out and brawl. Michael "Mad Man" Waldo is another strong boxer. This one will be close.

Tisby has gutted out his last two fights against much taller boxers, squeezing inside and landing damaging punches. Tisby has also shown a Rocky-esque ability to take a punch. This figures to give him the advantage in this fight.

Waldo has won unanimous decisions his last two fights, and is on top of his game. But bet on the underdog Tisby to get in the ring and box bell to bell.

-Jeff Baltruzak

Brian "Nightmare" Hobbins faced a charging opponent in the semifinals, and he will see more of the same against Thomas "Boom-Boom" Macias in the title bout.

Macias likely will try to make the fight a brawl, but Hobbins will combat that by moving around the ring and throwing combinations. If Macias backs Hobbins into the ropes he can do damage, but he will have to catch him first.

-Brian Burke

A battle between two of the Bengal Bouts' finest, Robert "A.M.D.G." Joyce and Mark "I'm So Pretty" Criniti matches two captains and defending champions. Both fighters have very quick hands, like to move around the ring, pick their spots, and counter-punch. The two fought almost identical fights in the semifinals when they let their opponent chase them and then capitalized on openings. The question then is who will come after who first? The more patient fighter might come out on top.

-Brian Burke

Defending 2000 Champions

Marc Criniti - 175 lb. (2000 180 lb.)
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Jeff Dobosh - 155 lb.
Shawn Newburg - 130 lb. (2000 120 lb.)
Rob Joyce - 175 lb. (2000 170 lb.)
Peter Ryan - light heavyweight (2000 heavyweight.)
Mike Waldo - 145 lb. (2000 140 lb.)
Bracing for a final fight

By TIM CASEY
Associate Sports Editor

Around 4:30 on Tuesday afternoon, in preparation for a photographs session, Pete Ryan slipped black 16-ounce boxing gloves onto his hands. He stood alone in the corner of the ring, in a nearly empty Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Seconds later, he glanced towards the Section 5 exit and saw the men’s basketball team walking by, on their way to practice. Suddenly, gard Matt Carroll noticed Ryan.

"When are you fighting?" Carroll asked.

"About 10 o’clock on Wednesday," Ryan replied.

"Good luck, man," Carroll said.


Ryan, a senior captain, aims for his fourth straight Bengal Bouts title tonight. If he beats graduate student Mike VanderPoel in the light heavyweight final, Ryan will become only the ninth fighter in the program’s 71-year history.

With that notoriety comes expectations. Like Carroll, countless other friends, acquaintances and fellow boxers have approached Ryan during the past few weeks.

"I try not to think about it like the fourth title," Ryan said. "But at the same time, you can’t ignore that. Everyone bugs me about it. They’re like ‘You gonna win this year? You’ve got to get your fourth. Don’t choke.’"

First round of bouts

Denise Ryan almost gaggled.

On Feb. 27, 1998 several of Pete’s high school friends drove to see Ryan, then a freshman, fight in the heavyweight final. So on their way to Notre Dame, they stopped by the Ryan house in Muskegon, Mich. and asked Denise if she wanted them to bring anything for her son.

Denise turns out Ryan had never told her mother that he was fighting.

"She calls me in the middle of the afternoon when I was on my computer, sweating bullets," Ryan said. "She was like, ‘What the hell’s going on?’ She was so mad at me. I said ‘Sorry but I can’t talk right now.’"

During activities night earlier that year, Ryan and his friend (current boxing captain) Brian Hobkins, who both had never boxed before, signed up for the Bengal Bouts.

"They said I had a face for boxing," Ryan said. "It was fair enough, I thought.""

Ryan informed his parents that he had joined the club, but they said he could not fight. He assured them that he just working out but would not participate in the actual bouts. In the spring of 1998, though, Ryan begged his parents to let him compete.

"I was so pissed," Ryan said. "I jumped out of the ring when I was over and wailed on the heavy bag for 15 minutes. Brian [Hobkins] was calling me the Incredible Hulk. I was freaking out."

He controlled his emotions and beat Michael Romero in the semifinals. His opponent in the finals was none other than Monahan, the defending champion.

"I was like, ‘What the hell?’" Ryan said. "I’ve got nothing to lose here. So I tried to go out and not get hit.”

Good idea.

Ryan used his quickness and agility to record arguably the biggest upset of the tournament. The next day, he called his mother.

"She’s like ‘I don’t care if you won. I told you not to do it,’” Ryan said. "I thought I’d get dis-owned from the family."

Yet, he remains the third of Ralph and Denise Ryan’s six children.

Continuing to win

A few months after receiving the stunning news, the Ryan’s told their son they were disappointed but there was really nothing they could do.

And for the past two years they have been in attendance as Pete continued his dominance. He beat Alex Kent in the 1995-pound finals as a sophomore and then defeated 250-pound Dan Adam in the heavyweight championship last season.

"My mom usually goes, goes to the bathroom and then watches my fight in the guard station on a video," Ryan said. "I’m just glad she comes down because I don’t want her to watch it."

Ryan has also excelled in another campus tradition - Bookstore Basketball. His team, the Majestics, advanced to the Final Four last year and the 6-foot-4, 195-pound Ryan was named to the first-team All-Bookstore squad.

At Muskegon Catholic High School, Ryan started at forward for two years and played baseball, golf and cross-country, as well.

"He’s definitely one of the best athletes on campus,” Hobkins said. "Pound for pound, for sport, he’s one of the most athletic kids I know.”

Although he enjoys both sports, Ryan offers an appropri­ate analogy on why he believes boxing is much less predictable than basketball.

"Boxing’s always tough, even if you think you should beat the guy,” Ryan said. "It’s different than saying you should beat this guy in a (basketball) game of 21. Because in a game of 21, if you play bad defense you don’t get punished in the face. You’ve got to fight to win (in boxing) so it makes every time you go in the ring real. It only takes one good punch."

Thus far, no one has been able to land that punch on Ryan. But one thing has changed since his freshman year — instead of isolating the captains, Ryan is now serving as one of the leaders of the program.

As a captain, he arrives in the boxing room around 3 p.m. and works out for an hour. He then helps out the younger fighters from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and works out again for an hour. Add in the administrative and fundraising duties and Ryan spends 30 or more hours a week concentrating on boxing.

He would have it no other way.

By the time in this year’s Bengal Bouts around 10:15 on Wednesday night.

Within five minutes, Ryan huged several friends at ring side after an unanimous decision victory over Ben Deda.

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Yet, he remains the third of Ralph and Denise Ryan’s six children.

Continuing to win

A few months after receiving the stunning news, the Ryan’s told their son they were disappointed but there was really nothing they could do.

And for the past two years they have been in attendance as Pete continued his dominance. He beat Alex Kent in the 1995-pound finals as a sophomore and then defeated 250-pound Dan Adam in the heavyweight championship last season.

"My mom usually goes, goes to the bathroom and then watches my fight in the guard station on a video," Ryan said. "I’m just glad she comes down because I don’t want her to watch it."

Ryan has also excelled in another campus tradition - Bookstore Basketball. His team, the Majestics, advanced to the Final Four last year and the 6-foot-4, 195-pound Ryan was named to the first-team All-Bookstore squad.

At Muskegon Catholic High School, Ryan started at forward for two years and played baseball, golf and cross-country, as well.

"He’s definitely one of the best athletes on campus,” Hobkins said. "Pound for pound, for sport, he’s one of the most athletic kids I know.”

Although he enjoys both sports, Ryan offers an appropri­ate analogy on why he believes boxing is much less predictable than basketball.

"Boxing’s always tough, even if you think you should beat the guy,” Ryan said. "It’s different than saying you should beat this guy in a (basketball) game of 21. Because in a game of 21, if you play bad defense you don’t get punished in the face. You’ve got to fight to win (in boxing) so it makes every time you go in the ring real. It only takes one good punch."

Thus far, no one has been able to land that punch on Ryan. But one thing has changed since his freshman year — instead of isolating the captains, Ryan is now serving as one of the leaders of the program.

As a captain, he arrives in the boxing room around 3 p.m. and works out for an hour. He then helps out the younger fighters from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and works out again for an hour. Add in the administrative and fundraising duties and Ryan spends 30 or more hours a week concentrating on boxing.

He would have it no other way.

Peter Ryan has trained for four years with the men’s boxing club. He faces Mike VanderPoel in his final bout tonight.

Beginning his career with a major upset as a freshman, Peter Ryan has become the boxer to beat. If the senior pulls off a victory tonight, he will become just the ninth fighter in the Bouts’ 71-year history to win four consecutive titles.

Peter Ryan (right) tries to land a punch in his win against Ben Deda Wednesday in the light heavyweight division.

"At the end of our fall prac­tices, 10-12 guys came up and they said ‘Thank you very much, I appreciate what you did. I’ve learned a lot,”’ Ryan said. ‘‘You’re like, ‘Wow, I guess this really matters.’"

Final fight

Ryan, dressed in blue trunks and Nike running sneakers, entered the ring for the first time in this year’s Bengal Bouts around 10:15 on Wednesday night.

Within five minutes, Ryan hugged several friends at ringside after an unanimous decision victory over Ben Deda.

"It’s kind of corny but that helps me relax a little bit,” Ryan said. "But then you start thinking four hours, three hours, two hours..."

And if he won again? "That would be remarkable considering I never thought I would even stick with this stu­pid thing,” Ryan said. ‘‘To come out with that would be pretty sweet.”