Abroad students return to housing pinch

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Assistant News Editor

Two study lounges in Pasquerilla Hall West were converted to resident rooms during the break to accommodate five women returning from study abroad programs, pushing the total number of converted study lounges in that dorm to five.

PW rector Sister Sue Bruno said she received a request that the study lounges be converted to rooms because more students were returning from study abroad programs than those on campus during the semester. No other dorms experienced a housing shortage.

"I made the request because originally we had 17 women leaving and over 20 wanting to move back, and we couldn't get everyone back home. Student residences reluctantly granted my request because there were some available beds in other dorms," said Bruno.

Associate director of Residence Life and Housing Scott Kachmar said the decision shows his department's consideration for the community aspect of the residence halls.

"The lounge area is meant not only to be a social area but also to raise awareness about the study abroad programs," he said.

Kachmar said Junior Leslie Petersohn, who returned from the London program, is living in one of the converted triples. She said she received an e-mail from Bruno during November regarding the housing situation and is pleased that she was able to return to her old dorm.

"We started hearing about the problems in the dorm in November...but we got an e-mail from Sister Sue later that day," she said.

Activists travel to March for Life

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

On Tuesday, 150 students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will join between 100,000 and 200,000 pro-life supporters from around the country for the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Groups of students will leave for Washington both Saturday and Sunday to participate in the annual March, which coincides with the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court ruling made in 1973. The trip also includes a "Collegians for Life Conference" at Georgetown University, a Mass at the National Shrine and a rally.

The events are meant not only to demonstrate against legalized abortion but also to raise awareness for other pro-life issues including cloning and the death penalty, according to Stephen Merjay, one of the Notre Dame Right to Life trip coordinators.

"I think it [the March] encompasses all these issues," Merjay said. "It focuses primarily on abortion but has a wider scale."

While fewer students have signed up to attend this year's March — 150 compared to last year's 300 — the club has been able to keep the student price the same by subsidizing the cost. Tricia Keppl, trip coordinator, estimates that the club will spend more than $4,000 for the event, some of it paid for by an anonymous donor.

"We didn't want to raise the price from last year," she said.

The club attributed last year's success to the College of Science which will be necessary to take it to the next level of prominence," Hatch said. "I am deeply grateful to Frank Castellino for all that he has done to build at Notre Dame a first-rate college with a very firm foundation on which to grow."

"There are some room openings across campus technically we could have said, 'We're going to put you someplace else.' [The decision] shows our commitment to the residence hall community," said Hatch.

Joseph Marino, currently chair of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Michigan, has been appointed dean of Notre Dame's College of Science, according to provost Nathan Hatch. The appointment is effective this summer.

Marino, who also will hold a faculty appointment as professor of chemistry, succeeds Francis Castellino, who will step down after 22 years as dean. Castellino will continue as associate dean for research.

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INSIDE COLUMN

What a basketball game should be

My favorite Christmas present was not earrings. Nor clothes. Nor perfume. It was a ticket. To a basketball game.

On December 29, 2001, I was one of lucky 22,000-plus fans who saw the University of Kentucky play Louisville in Rupp Arena.

For weeks in advance, I read the Lexington Herald-Leader's letters to the editor about Rick Pitino's return to Rupp. The former Kentucky head coach was now coaching a team's ultimate rival, the Louisville Cardinals.

ESPN sportscasters talked about Pitino's return each night on Sports Center the week leading up to the game. Sports Illustrated did a feature on the story.

Kentucky basketball is often in the national limelight, but it's Pitino's return that made the game even bigger.

For Kentucky fans, the game was amazing. They proudly wore their blue, cheered on the Cats and roared to their feet yelling "Tubby!" in honor of the current Kentucky head coach, Orlando "Tubby" Smith.

You might know the tradition of Kentucky basketball. Rupp's Rumble. The seven national championships. The 1992 Duke vs. UK game with that famous lastsecond shot.

In Kentucky, life is basketball. And that's where I was on Saturday afternoon, showing just how loyal fans come out in big numbers.

We play basketball here. And we play it well.

For weeks in advance, I expected that Notre Dame is more than a football school. I have no doubt we can surpass even their expectations.

The only thing I know for sure is that I have a chance to show the entire country on Saturday afternoon that we have a team. And we have a head coach.

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I hope Irish fans will cheer even louder for Pitino's return each night on Sports Center. I hope the Irish fans come out in big numbers.

I hope the student section is there early, stays during extended breaks, and doesn't give up until the end. But do not overreact. We played basketball here. And we play it well.

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LOCAL WEATHER

Duke stands behind balanced early decision policy

DURHAM, N.C.

By Laura Rump

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University of Oklahoma

Student returns after threat of lawsuit

Norman, Okla.

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University of Kentucky

Expected deficit won't affect tuition

Lexington, Ky.

Although University of Kentucky expects a $6 million-dollar budget shortfall due to state budget cuts made by Gov. Paul Patton, students will not be expected to foot the bill, officials said. Last Thursday, President Lee Todd held an all-day budget meeting with other Kentucky administrators to discuss preliminary plans on how to deal with the shortfall. It was his decision that there would be no additional tuition increases, said Jack Blanton, senior vice president for administration.

"Affordability for Kentucky students has always been a large concern," Blanton said. Todd's decision pleased history junior John Hammons. "I think it's great that they're not raising tuition," he said. "I would have been uneasy to place the burden on students." Kentucky students will still have to pay the 6 percent tuition increase that Kentucky's Board of Trustees approved in the fall of 2003, but there will be no additional increases to those figures.

The Chronicle

DURHAM, N.C.

When Yale University President Richard Levin told The New York Times in December universities should look at collectively abolishing early admission, his comments prompted officials at many elite universities to look at their application processes.

While cautiousing about potential abuses, senior administrators at Duke University remain satisfied with the school's current admissions policies.

"On balance, I believe early admissions can serve students and institutions well, but only if it is carefully designed and appropriately limited," President Nat Kohnstamm wrote in an e-mail. "If it is carried too far, then I think the costs far outweigh the benefits, both for students and for the colleges and universities.

The Observer's Chris Petrucelli named coach of the year

Thursday, January 16, 1992

Notre Dame women's soccer coach Chris Petrucelli was named the National Women's Soccer Association/Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's regional coach of the year in the Central Region. Petrucelli guided the Irish to a 15-2-3 record and their first ever national ranking.

This Week in Notre Dame/Saint Mary's History

Professor wins Catholic laity prize

Wednesday, January 14, 1976

Notre Dame history professor Dr. Jay Patrick Dolan won the John Gilmary Shea Prize of the American Catholic Historical Association. The award is given each year to the American or Canadian author who, in the judgement of the committee, has made the most original and significant contribution to the history of the Catholic Church during a 12-month period.

National Weather

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The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, as of 1PM EST on Thursday, January 17, 2002.

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AccuWeather.Tm forecast for daytime conditions and high expectations.

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Cheney refuses to discuss Enron ties

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A Democratic congressional leader said he documented 17 provisions in Vice President Dick Cheney's energy plan that benefited Enron, and demanded anew that the White House list contacts with the bankrupt energy trading company. The administration again refused on Thursday, calling the request by Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., "a partisan waste of taxpayer money."

Waxman, the top Democrat on the House Government Reform Committee, has been asking Cheney since April to turn over records on whom he met with as he developed the national energy strategy. Cheney has refused, though the White House acknowledged that Enron representatives met six times with Exxon in the weeks before it went bankrupt.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the energy plan contains only proposals that Bush believed would help make the nation more energy-independent.

"The allegation by Congressman Waxman that anything was put in that plan for political purposes is, of itself, a partisan waste of taxpayer money," Fleischer said adding that "the administration will continue to be forthcoming in answering questions and providing information."

The analysis reveals that numerous policies in the White House energy plan are virtually identical to the positions Enron advocated," Waxman wrote Cheney in a letter dated Wednesday.

Among the examples: energy deregulation initiatives, support for trading in energy derivatives, proposals to facilitate natural gas projects, the granting of eminent domain so power lines could be built more quickly and spur development in India.

"This creates the unfortunate appearance that a large contributor received special access and obtained extraordinarily favorable results in the White House energy plan," Waxman wrote.

Waxman's findings came as the administration was under intense scrutiny for its contacts with Enron in the weeks before it went bankrupt.

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Secretary of State vows to stop terrorism

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

KABUL, Afghanistan

Secretary of State Colin Powell, the most senior U.S. official to visit Afghanistan in 25 years, promised Thursday that the United States would help rebuild the country and wipe out the "contamination" of terrorism.

"This country needs everything," Powell told Hamid Karzai, the interim Afghan leader, the United States would make a substantial financial commitment at next week's international aid donors conference in Tokyo and that U.S. forces would be relentless in pursuing the remnants of al-Qaeda and the Taliban.

"This country needs everything," Powell said on NBC's "Today" show. "It needs a banking system. It needs a health-care system. It needs a sanitation system. It needs a phone system. It needs road construction. Everything you can imagine."

Prime Minister Karzai, obviously buoyed by Powell's visit, emphasized Afghanistan's deep needs during a joint news conference at the presidential palace.

"The Afghan people have been waiting for a stabilizing commitment, a stabilizing partnership, from the United States and Afghanistan in order to make the region safe, in order to make Afghanistan stand back on its own feet and continue to fight against terrorism or the return of terrorism in any form to this country," Karzai said.

Powell assured Karzai that Washington would be steadfast.

"We don't want to leave any contamination behind," Powell said of continuing military efforts to purge Afghanistan of terrorists. "That is in the interests of the Afghan people and certainly the mission we came here to perform."

After Powell's visit, the White House announced that on Jan. 28 in Washington.

"We look forward to an Afghanistan that is prosperous, accountable to its citizens and at peace with its neighbors and the international community," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said.

In Washington, the U.S. government released photos and video excerpts of five suspect-ed al-Qaida members deliver ing what Attorney General John Ashcroft described as "martyrdom messages from suicide terrorists." Ashcroft called upon people worldwide to help "identify, locate and incapacitate terrorists who are suspected of planning additional attacks against innocent civilians."

The United States holds bin Laden and al-Qaida responsible for the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the United States. Washington opened its military campaign in Afghanistan to rout the extremist Taliban regime which was sheltering bin Laden and his organization.

In a continuing sign of lawlessness outside Kabul, two trucks belonging to the United Nations' World Food Program were hijacked by gunmen in northern Afghanistan, the U.N. said Thursday, in the latest report of banditry hampering aid operations in the country.

U.S. troops on Thursday were helping Afghan forces in a disarmament campaign in one of country's most potentially volatile regions, where weapons are plentiful and law enforcement is minimal.

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Rooms

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said she had to be a little creative, but she fit us all in. It worked out really well, the only problem is that we don’t have sinks, but that hasn’t been a big deal yet because we are right across from the bathroom,” said Petersohn.

At the beginning of the semester, 39 study lounges in Dillon Hall, the Mod Quad dorms and the West Quad dorms were converted into rooms to accommodate a freshman class that was 100 students larger than normal. The extra large class was the result of more students than expected accepting Notre Dame’s offer of admission.

How this extra large class might affect next year’s housing is not yet known because housing contracts have not been distributed to current students who wish to live on campus next year. While the admissions office will be carefully monitoring the size of the incoming class, another factor that affects housing is the number of students who choose to study abroad. Kachmarik said “only a handful of students” decided not to study abroad this semester because they were concerned about security after the Sept. 11 attacks. International Study Program director Tom Rogenschchild said he actually expects that slightly more students will be going abroad next year compared to this year.

Junior Leslie Petersohn manages to read in her study lounge turned dorm room that she shares with two roommates.

Kachmarik said that if there are more students than can be accommodated in available housing, a lottery may be held to determine which students would actually be put in housing. However, he said it is not likely such a lottery will be held.

“This is my fourth year and we’ve never had to have a lottery before and I don’t get the sense that we’ll have to do that this year ... I’m a housing guy, I can put people anywhere. If it comes down it, I can find places for people anywhere,” said Kachmarik.

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Israel

Gunman breaks up bat mitzvah

HADERA, Israel

Moti Hasson was dancing at his neighbor’s bat mitzvah or Jewish coming of age ceremony when he heard the first shots of an attack that would leave six of the party-goers dead and some 30 injured.

Some of the 100 people in the banquet hall dove under the tables during the late night attack Thursday. Others began to shout in fright. Hasson quickly grabbed a chair and ran toward the Palestinian attacker, who was firing an M-16 assault rifle.

“I started to hit the terrorist,” said Hasson, a 37-year-old truck driver. “I yelled at everyone to grab him and kill him.”

Some people threw bottles from their tables at the attacker who was identified as Abed Massoua, a member of the militant Palestinian Al Aqsa Brigades. The group has vowed to avenge the death of one of its leaders who was killed in a bomb blast widely believed to have been carried out by Israel.

Others joined Hasson and hit the attacker with chairs, witnesses said.

Hasson said that after he hit the attacker in the face with a chair the man’s gun appeared to jam.

“My gun just stopped shooting,” said Hasson, who was standing outside the Arnon David or David’s Palace banquet hall, the site of the attack in the northern city of Hadera. He wore sweat pants and a sweat shirt and was carrying a bag of the clothes he wore during the attack, which were soaked with the gunman’s blood.

The attacker was beaten unconscious, Hasson said.

Flihu Iskov said he saw the attacker on the floor and grabbed him by the foot to drag his body outside of the banquet hall.

“I thought that he had explosives strapped to his body and would explode,” Iskov said. “I thought if he exploded it would be best if he exploded outside.”

Other people pulled tablecloths from the banquet tables and wrapped the wounded in them so they could quickly take them outside in case there were explosions.

The northern city of Hadera is located near the line separating Israel from the West Bank and has been the scene of several Palestinian bombings in the past year and a half.

Associated Press
**World News Briefs**

5 dead after Palestinian attack: A Palestinian tossed hand grenades into a wed­ding hall in northern Israeli late Thursday, and five people were killed and more than 30 wounded, Israeli police said. A Palestinian militant group claimed responsibility. Army radio said a suicide bomber tried to detonate explosives attached to his body at the entrance to the hall but was over­taken by security guards. The attacker then exploded the grenades.

Ecuadorian plane missing: A plane carrying oil workers from Ecuador's state­owned oil company was missing Thursday after failing to arrive at its destination in the Amazon jungle, a company official said. The Fairchild F-28 aircraft was carrying 21 employees of Petroecuador and five crew.

**National News Briefs**

Chicago cracks down on homicide: The city's police superintendent announced steps Thursday to combat Chicago's rising number of murders, the highest of all U.S. cities last year with 666. Superintendent Terry Hilliard said officers would more aggressively pursue outstanding warrants and parole violators, target gangs and drug deal­ers.

Bush signs mentoring bill: President Bush signed legislation Thursday that expands programs for at-risk children, and said his fiscal 2003 budget would contain $505 million to encourage adoption, reunite troubled families and find mentors for those with parents in prison. Bush said his budget would also propose $60 million for teen-agers who are apparently facing foster care, and $25 million in seed money for pro­grams that are devoted exclusively to the chil­dren of inmates.

**Indiana News Briefs**

Second grader parades gun: Investigators want to know how a second­grade student got a .22-caliber pistol he took to school to show friends. The gun apparently belonged to the boy's mother, who police questioned afterward. The incident remains under investigation. A school official noticed the gun sticking out of the boy's pants pocket Wednesday after seeing a group of students huddled around the boy at Center Elementary. "No act or threat of violence was observed or initiated," said Marion Police Capt. David Gilbert.

**Guantanamo Bay inspected**

Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY, NAVAL BASE

Guards practiced basic commands in Arabic Thursday for dozens of al­Qaida and Taliban prisoners being held at this remote U.S. military out­post, while a forklift ground, hoisting materi­als to expand the tempo­rary detention facility.

International Red Cross workers were to arrive at the U.S. naval base in east­ern Cuba later Thursday to review conditions that some rights groups have called inhuman. U.S. offi­cials say the prisoners' rights are not being violat­ed.

Behind three fences and coils of razor wire, prison­ers with shaved heads and orange jumpsuits sat in open-air cells of chain-link fence. Occasionally, Army guards led a prisoner out of a cell, taking him for a walk in the heavily fortifi­ed yard.

"For the most part, they do what they're told," said Sgt. Lisa Juev, an Army guard who spoke to jour­nalists who were allowed to see the detention camp, but only from about 150 yards away.

Military officials say the camp will soon be able to hold 320 inmates, or more if they are doubled up two to a cell. Workers also are building a permanent prison to hold up to 2,000. The United States is holding more than 300 prisoners at the Marine base at Kandahar airport, in Afghanistan, and a few others elsewhere.

Thirty more prisoners arrived in Guantanamo from Kandahar on Thursday, bringing the inmate population here to 110. When they arrive, pris­oners are given a half sheet of paper to write to family members or friends of their indefinite deten­tion in Cuba. A Marine security guard, Cpl. Joe Lupo, said he was struck by the prisoners' size: "They're pretty small guys," he said, describing them as appearing to be in their teens.

Military officials say most are in their 20s and 30s, though they are not revealing identities or nationalities.

Governments have iden­tified seven of the prison­ers as Yemeni and three as British. Saudi also are among the prisoners, Saudi officials said, and Australian officials have identified one prisoner as one of their nationals.

**Congo**

Volcano leaves thousands homeless

Associated Press

GOMA

A volcano in eastern Congo erupt­ed Thursday, sending out plumes of ash and three rivers of lava that destroyed 14 villages near the Rwandan border and drove thou­sands from their homes.

The sky around Mount Nyiragongo began glowing red, and salt fell on the nearby town of Goma before dawn Thursday. Three lava flows were detected, two coming down the mountain's east side and one down the west.

Thousands of people were left homeless when the lava destroyed their villages. Most fled to Goma, 30 miles south of the volcano, while hundreds of others tried to enter the neighboring Rwanda, but were turned away by border guards.

There were no reports of deaths or injuries. Pierre Ramazani, an aid worker with the French aid group Medecins du Monde, or Doctors of the World, said he saw hundreds of people walking on roads, carrying only pans and mattresses.

The United Nations peacekeeping mission in Congo reported 350 U.N. international staff members were evacuating by road and by plane from Goma, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said in New York.

"There are reports of a significant number of people fleeing the area. A skeleton staff from the U.N. Humanitarian Coordination Office along with [private groups] which had remained behind to plan assis­tance to the displaced are now them­selves preparing to evacuate as the situation deteriorates," he said.
DNA clears 100th convict

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Marking DNA's stunning revelations for the nation's criminal justice system, new tests led to the release of the 100th person to be freed nationwide because of genetic testing.

The release of Larry Mayes in Indiana last month comes as a timely victory for a nationwide coalition of advocates seeking to free those wrongfully convicted. The advocates plan to gather this weekend to call for reform of the criminal justice system.

Mayes, 52, spent 21 years in prison for a rape of a gas station cashier that he steadfastly maintained he never committed. He was released from Indiana State Prison on Dec. 21 after DNA tests of old crime scene evidence was released from Indiana State prison for a rape on Dec. 21 after DNA test.

“It's very easy for an innocent person to be convicted,” he said, noting problems with eyewitness testimony, police lineups and state crime labs.

Police, too, welcomed the latest exoneration.

“That [is] a good thing as well, and not only for [a w] enforcement,” said Sheriff Aaron Kennard in Salt Lake County, Utah, who worked with a national commission addressing DNA's uses in the criminal justice system.

“We want the bad people behind bars and held accountable, and those innocent to be let go.”

Last week, Kennard was able to pinpoint the rapist in an unsolved 3-year-old case through DNA, as the state goes through and tests evidence of unsolved cases. The rapist is in prison for another sex offense, he said.

Peter Neufeld, a defense attorney who launched the Innocence Project with attorney Barry Scheck, said the first exonerations came slowly, with the first two released in 1989, one in 1990 and two in 1991. But as more judges allowed exceptions to statutes for DNA tests, and some states passed laws to allow for post-conviction testing, the pace picked up.

At the same time, more projects began modeling themselves after the New York-based ex post bono project. Now there are at least 25 working nationwide.

Last year, there were 20 prison inmates freed by DNA tests, Neufeld said.

“This whole movement is about ... trying to make the criminal justice system a lot more reliable than it ever was in the past,” Neufeld said.

2 military planes crash in desert

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz.

Two military attack jets collided and crashed in the southern Arizona desert Thursday, the Air Force said. One of the pilots was killed.

The single-seat A-10 Thunderbolt II jets, were on a training mission when the crash occurred, said Master Sgt. Dan Carpenter, base spokesman at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

Base officials said the second pilot was airlifted to a Sierra Vista hospital, where he was in stable condition.

There was no immediate word on a possible cause.

The pilots were assigned to the 355th Wing at the Tucson base. A third aircraft involved in the mission returned safely.

The crash site is in a rugged area just north of the U.S.-Mexico border in the southeastern corner of Arizona. Firefighter Francisco Horme, who went to the scene from nearby Douglas, said military helicopters circled the wreckage Thursday afternoon.

The A-10 Thunderbolt II, used in close air support of ground forces, gained fame during the Gulf War for its attacks on Iraqi tanks.

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For more details, contact Donna Fecher in the Center for Environmental Science and Technology: 157A Fitpatrick Hall, 631-8776.

Applicants required to complete an application and submit transcripts.

N. Korea calls for inquiry of U.S. acts

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

North Korea on Thursday again accused the United States of killing civilians during the Korean War and asked for a U.N. investigation because American forces fought under the U.N. flag.

Washington led U.N. forces that fought with South Korea against North Korean invaders, who were backed by China and the former Soviet Union in the 1950-53 war. Historians say North Korean troops committed atrocities, summarily executing U.S. prisoners of war and slaughtering large numbers of South Korean civilians. U.S. officials have dismissed most of the North Korean claims as propaganda.

In a letter to the U.N. Security Council, North Korea's U.N. Ambassador Pak Gil Yon urged the United Nations to "take measures to prevent the recurrence of such crimes against humanity."


Carol Miller, 38, of her four children, ages 3 to 12, three have health problems she attributes to the lead. The oldest has hearing problems, the 10-year-old has reading disabilities, and her youngest is stunted in his growth, she said.

This week, the federal government announced it will move hundreds of residents -- most of them in families with young children or pregnant women -- into temporary homes for months while experts carry out a multimillion-dollar cleanup and crackdown on emissions from Doe Run Co. The smelter, with a work force of 250, is the town's major employer and the chief reason Missouri is the nation's top producer of lead used in car batteries, televisions and other products.

There is nothing new about pollution in Herculaneum, a town of about 2,800 people, 20 miles south of St. Louis along the Mississippi River. The smelter's smokestack has dominated the horizon of the small river town since the 1890s, and officials have known for decades that the lead and other toxins are blown in the air and across the ground.

In recent years, Doe Run has spent millions of dollars to reduce the pollution and clean up the contamination, and the smelter's emissions have improved, but they still fail to meet federal standards.

Chemical spill scares parents
March

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large attendance to the presidential inauguration that occurred the same weekend. Also, students only missed one day of class last year compared to this year’s two.

"Last year the inauguration fell on the Saturday we arrived and that drew a lot of people," Keppel said. "Last year was definitely the peak in attendance."

In preparation for the event, the club sponsored an informational meeting on Monday, an ice skating social on Tuesday, and a sendoff Mass on Thursday night at the Morrey Chapel.

"I’m excited," Keppel said. "The people that are going are dedicated and excited to be going. It’s a day where you can stand there and be a voice for those who don’t have a voice."

This year marks Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s sixth trip to Washington for the March since its beginning in 1974. The trip, organized by Monica Brown, Keppel and Merjavy, is one of the club’s larger events. The organization is also involved in community service activities, like Project Mom, and hosts a spring conference.

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NIGERIA

Labor leaders halt strike over fuel prices

Associated Press

LAGOS

Bowing to pressure from President Olusegun Obasanjo's government, officials of the country's largest labor movement Thursday said they were suspending a debilitating two-day general strike over rising fuel prices.

The decision by the Nigeria Labor Congress to call off the work stoppage — which had been outlawed by government and judiciary — came just hours after police arrested dozens of labor activists, including the labor movement's leader.

Nigeria Labor Congress leader Adams Oshiomole was seized by police at the airport in the capital, Abuja, as he attempted to board a flight to Lagos, the West African nation's largest city, said Congress spokesman Chris Uyet.

It was the second time police had detained Oshiomole since the strike paralyzed commerce Wednesday across most Nigerian cities and provoked a clash between demonstrators and police.

At least 29 other labor officials and trade unionists were detained Thursday morning in the northern city of Kano, Uyet said, bringing to at least 110 the number arrested nationwide. Police would not confirm the number.

Obasanjo's government had outlawed the strike, a decision supported by Abuja's High Court late Wednesday, officials said.

In many parts of the country, the strike appeared to be weakening. Most government employees returned to work in Abuja, and banks reopened after booting up security. Yaya Ahmed, head of Nigeria's civil service, warned over state television Wednesday that public workers who failed to return to work would be fired.

But the strike held in some cities. In Lagos, banks, gasoline stations and major stores had remained closed, though some small neighborhood shops reopened to sell bread and vegetables.

Most buses and taxis had stayed off the roads, and commuters were traveling highways on foot.

Before the strike was suspended Thursday, there was no immediate sign of the clashes between demonstrators and police that plagued Lagos a day earlier and left at least one labor activist injured with a gunshot wound to the leg. A policeman was injured by a stone-throwing mob.

The union accused authorities of throwing tear gas at 30 union members detained in a crowded cell in Port Harcourt. Police declined to comment on the allegations, and it was not possible to independently confirm the incident.

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CUBA

American women meet Castro

Associated Press

HAVANA

When 40 influential women from Washington state met with Fidel Castro this week, the 75-year-old president spent several minutes chatting with each one, asking their names, their interests, their thoughts on Cuba.

"He obviously had read the biographies and knew who each person was," said Susan Jeffords, dean of Social Sciences at the University of Washington.

While Castro met with the entire group for three hours, he spent another two hours talking with delegation member Sen. Maria Cantwell. When the Washington Democrat told Castro she feared she would miss her afternoon flight, he personally escorted her to the airport in his black Mercedes.

The personalized attention that Cuba's head of state gave each woman demonstrated his great interest in Americans whose opinions could count in efforts to change U.S. policy toward the communist country. It also underscored what Castro has said all along his beef is with the U.S. government, not with the American people.

"I was very charming and eloquent man," said Jeffords, who returned to Cuba, and hope to return next year.

While Cuban exiles battled to keep the child with his relatives in Miami, many other Americans supported efforts to have the child returned to his father on the island.

The seven-month battle over the boy, who was rescued at sea off Florida's coast, showed that even if Americans don't agree with Cuba's form of government, they no longer see it as a purely ideological battle.

While the Bush administration and powerful Cuban exiles support the 40-year-old embargo against the island as a way to pressure Castro, both Democratic and Republican lawmakers have fought to ease and even eliminate the sanctions, saying Cuba could become a new market for American products.

Legislators across the political spectrum also have worked to ease U.S. restrictions against travel by most Americans to the Caribbean island.

"I've had the chance to meet some amazing women here. Some I will remember for the rest of my life," Jeffords said.

Connie Niva, head of the Washington State Transportation Commission, said she will also remember meeting Castro, who chuckled when she shared a joke learned here about Cuba's huge buses, known as "camels" for their unusual shape.
**Atlas analyzed**

What do you do when you can’t find a single existing religion you agree with? Why, you create your own. After a year of encountering Ayn Rand fans on college campuses and online chatrooms (they always say they are from somewhere sooner or later), I thought I would finally get around to reading “Atlas Shrugged.”

As I See It…

**Christine Niles**

The novel encapsulates all the major aspects of Rand’s philosophy, something she termed objectivism, although the characteristic of objectivity comprises only one facet of her worldview. The story revolves around the industrial geniuses who keep the world going and carry it, like Atlas, on their backs. The enemies of the “ moochers” and “booters” of the world, those who believe in sacrifice, mercy and taxes (this will make sense, I promise). The title gives away the plot — what happens when Atlas shrugs? What happens when the movers and shakers of the world stop moving and shrugging? The answer: the world goes rolling off Atlas’ back to shatter into a thousand pieces on the floor.

One thing I will give to Rand — her philosophy is unique. One doesn’t often encounter views of capitalism in philosophy that are as coherent and well-argued of a philosophy as the one presented by Rand. She extends the individual freedom granted by classical liberalism to all, and not just to the man of capital. Rand’s philosophy is unique.

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Society, not TV ads, creates ‘cool’ drinking image

Alcohol is cool. There are no two ways about it. No matter how hard the average authority figure protests, it’s cool. It’s cool to drink, cool to dress like a socialite’s, to ride motorcycles and cutting class. There is something sexy about the socialite’s hip flask, with its shiny steel case and screw-off top. James Bond wouldn’t have been he is drinking Sprite; only his ultra-dry vodka martini will do.

This is the problem faced by anyone trying to discourage alcohol use — or any other frowned-upon activity, such as smoking, violently among minors. It’s so damn cool. The liquor is also available.

Breaking a 50-year network television ban, NBC recently decided to accept the local alcohol ads that are common knowledge as hard liquor and are drinking.

And now the country is up in arms. From all quarters the cry has been raised. NBC is putting profits above the health and safety of America’s citizens, with the network and its devious cor-ruption of our youth!

This reaction is, of course, wholly expected — these days, the outraged response starts before the offending press conference is over — and yet most of the argument it rains are far from, shall we say, watertight.

In a letter to NBC, representatives Frank Wolf (R-Va.) and Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-Calif.) question, “Why now your change of heart? It is a sad com-ment that your bottom line today is more important than the lives of young people tempted to drink or recovering alcoholics trying to keep their diseases.

Apparentlv the honorable represen-tatives suffer from a severe case of tunnel vision. Focused on NBC’s ads, they ignore the fact that the American corporate (anti)political structure is not exactly wanting for members who put their bottom line above the health and safety of the citizenry.

Also, they are somehow OK with the beer and wine commercials that cur-rently run on network TV. Indeed, the hard liquor ads that show regularly on cable and local stations are fine. It’s just the NBC spots that will bring harm.

Finally, they gloss over the real prob-lem: that both the young people and the recovering alcoholics they are so concerned about (one’s the others, naturally) already know exactly how cool alcohol is and didn’t have to learn it from a 30-second spot on TV. A hundred-thousand different messages already inform kids about booze. From movie characters to mag-a-zines to your very language (let’s go grab a “cold one,” etc.) the message is clear: drinking is adult. It’s cool.

Bill Press, host of the CNN shout-fest Crossfire says, “No matter how hard I try, there is simply no way for NBC to justify or explain their decision to sell time to the liquor industry, except for what it is: pure greed."

The facts of the matter are these. NBC is in business to make money. So are liquor companies. If being advertised is legal. It is also under the most restrictive set of adver-tisement designed for any prod-uct, ever. A few of the 19 provisions are:

- The advertiser must ad social-responsibility (anti-underage drinking, pro-degus-nated driver, etc.)
- Spots for four months before NBC will accept product ads. Even afler that point, 20 percent of the ads must be social-respon-sibility advertised.
- The ads must air between 9 and 11 p.m. or on “The Tonight Show With Jay Leno.”
- No professional ath-letes can appear in the ads.
- No one can be shown drinking liquor in the ads.

The advertisers in the ads must be at least 30 years old.

Alcohol is cool. We can’t get around it. We also can’t get around the fact that the consequences of alcohol are quite often devastating. Whether it be a drunk driver, a binge-drinking death or an alcoholic parent, there is no denying the terrible effect that alcohol can have. Yet most Americans are responsible drinkers. So, it turns out that all this hubbub over NBC’s ads really comes down to the following:

Parents should know what their kids are watching on TV. They should be ready to frankly and seriously discuss alcohol with them. They should demon-ateize it, and nei-ther should the media we our academic de-mentize NBC. Because we’ll all know what happens when an authority figure tells a kid they can’t have some-thing, cool.

And if it’s any-thing, alcohol is cool.

GUEST COLUMN

Corporate news agendas endanger objectivity

Mickey Mouse is creepy. Walter Isaccson is a book. And General Electric makes too many war machines to be trusted.

I am able to freely express these brush thoughts through plummeting journalism and the newspapers printed for By The Daily Pennsylvanian.

Unfortunately, I am a dying breed — a mass-communication media who doesn’t answer to one of the most awesome corporate conglomerates that control the flow of information throughout the world.

Now this isn’t going to be your typical look-at-mo-self-consciously-writing-out-for-the-truth-now-aren’t-I-cool columns. I realize that journalism has always been caught up in partisanship and commerce. Even back when the Federalists and the Jeffersonians each had their own papers, the name of the game was selling copies.

I don’t think our government or our citizenry can do much of anything to make the kind of journalism one finds on TV fresh and clean. Rather, simply think it’s a show business that the majority of Americans get their news from sources which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of huge corporate entities that can do nothing but toe a pro-status-quo, pro-big-business line.

The lion’s share of the media racket is governed by 10 untores jobs and things may still worsen in the information age.

The liberal magazine “The Nation” devoted its Jan. 7 edition to the topic of those corporate conglomerates and its reporting deserves your attention. Even if you don’t read the magazine, take a look at its current editorial, “A New Day for the Ten.”

This is the name given to the 10 corporate giants that dominate the media and whose various holdings are laid out in a menacing series of color-coded bubbles. The thing really does resemble a law enforcement chart of New York City, except names have been legally removed.

Gambino and Genovese have been supplanted by ones like Rupert Murdoch, AOL/Time Warner, Vivendi and Viacom.

Some may look at this chart and let out a hearty ‘So what?’ Media outlets are like any other business. Other businesses need to consolidate in order to thrive today. Why shouldn’t the media?

That argument has its place, but it fails to take into account the undeniable harm that these conglomerates have already done to objective journalism.

Take the case of CNN, a network once lauded for its hard-hitting war reporting. Currently under the towering corporate umbrella of AOL/Time Warner and the guidance of former Time Managing Editor Walter Isaccson, Saddam Hussein’s choice for television news becomes more of an info-tainment dealer every day.

According to The Nation, Hussein recently distributed a memo at CNN which told staffers that news broadcasts should be sugarcoated to maintain sup-port for the war and his war — this to a network whose flag-waving was already becoming pathological.

As if we needed another sign of CNN’s ‘war field’ — “The Big Ten.”

Atlanta to Hollywood, Isaccson and Co. last week were forced to apologize for a promotional ad that called anchor Paula Zahn “cool.”

Anyone who thinks that the objectivity of news sources isn’t threatened by corporate ownership is out of his mind. One need look no further than the fact that between General Electric and the NBC family of net-works for a perfect example.

In addition to its TV networks and sports teams, GE is one of the nation’s largest defense contractors. Focusing mostly on the construction of aircraft engines, GE’s prof-its certainly get a boost during wartime. In 2002, 8 per-cent of the company’s $129.9 billion total revenue came from defense contracts, and that’s sure to jump after Sept. 11.

How can the public really expect NBC, MSNBC and CNBC to fairly and accurately report all of the news about a war from which their corporate parent derives financial benefits?

Obviously, most of the ways in which the media cartel filters news aren’t under the public’s control. The most damage will be done by the tendency of these corporate interests to filter out news items that challenge and vex the average citizen. That’s because a fuzzy, coherent depiction of world events sells more diapers.

As a paradigmatic example, take a Nov 4 survey by the Sunday Times of London which found that “Four out of every ten British Muslims believe Osama bin Laden is justified in mounting a war against the United States.”

This survey, conducted by a rep-resentative London newspaper, certainly clouds the picture of Britain as indef-latigable ally that has been presented by major news sources. It’s an excellent bit of journalism, but just the sort of thing that doesn’t find its way into the news these days.

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By C. SPENCER BREGGS
Scene Editor

Feng Shui (pronounced "Fung Schway") is a term kicked around about as much as "PCS network" and "VCR Plus" and, like its fellow jargonic catch phrases, nobody seems to know what it is or how it works. Simply put, Feng Shui is the art and science of living in harmony with your environment by attracting positive energy and blocking negative energy. While this might sound like a piece of nonsense to some, for others it is a way of life.

Feng Shui has been around for about 6,000 years. Originally developed in China, Feng Shui is the art of object placement in one's living space to best harmonize the occupant with his or her environment.

But don't expect that moving your futon to the other side of your dorm room will suddenly make you win the lottery. Feng Shui is based on rules and guidelines of positioning of objects. Feng Shui is primarily concerned with harnessing qi (pronounced "chee" and also spelled "chi"), a complicated energy force in constant motion and flux. While different schools of Feng Shui define qi as different things like electro-magnetic, gravitational or quantum fields, it is easiest to think of qi as the universal energy that connects all things. Qi comes in both positive and negative forms.

Sheng qi is a positive energy and is beneficial to your senses. Things that taste, smell or look good are full of sheng qi. Besides the five types of sheng qi related to the five senses, there is a sixth type of sheng qi that is unnamed; it is metaphysical in nature and is identified with the feeling of being in love or being in tune with nature or another person.

Along the same lines there is a negative energy known as sha qi. Sha qi is the exact opposite of sheng qi. Like sheng qi, there is also an extrasensory version of sha qi which is identified with an ominous sense of impending doom or depression.

Qi not the same for everyone; for example, one person may like the smell of garlic and another may not. For the former, the aroma of Italian food would most likely be full of sheng qi, but the latter would find it full of sha qi. It is in this way that no object has either sheng or sha qi, but rather it is the qi's interaction with the individual that causes it to be positive or negative. In fact, Feng Shui translates literally as "wind and water," symbolically the two elements are the primary forces that cause qi to be sheng or sha.

And it is because qi can be changed in this manner that the arrangement of objects in one's environment directly affects whether one experiences sheng or sha qi. For example, to harness the most qi, a practitioner of Feng Shui would want to make his or her front door a place where qi flows into the home as long as possible to encourage sheng qi to enter the home. Because Feng Shui is an individual endeavor, it is often hard to give good advice. The art uses a moderately complex web of numerology to determine the best ways for individuals to arrange their possessions. However, there are a number of basic rules that one can take as fairly sound advice. These rules, however, are not set in stone. It is important to realize that no building can be perfectly arranged with Feng Shui, it's best to approach Feng Shui with an open mind.

Feng Shui is not a religion. In fact, one of the fundamental concepts of Feng Shui is the belief in a higher power, but whether it is Buddha, Jesus or the Big Bang is irrelevant. Feng Shui walks the thin line between faith and science.

Vera Marie Kostelnik, a local Feng Shui practitioner, explains the relationship between Feng Shui and religion as one of symbiosis:

"You want to be one with your source, be one with God, with the Earth. And when you are one with your source you are in Feng Shui, things go smoothly ... I don't know if you need to believe in anything ... but it helps," Kostelnik said. Although belief in Feng Shui is critical, it is not faith that actualizes Feng Shui's beneficial effect, but rather the physical nature of objects interacting with their environments and the practitioners positive energy causing beneficial things to happen as well.

"It's physics. Physics works for everybody," Kostelnik said.

Morrissey Hall with its inviting opening draws sheng qi inside. On the other hand, lamp posts at the corner of the building inviting sha qi. The pine trees in front of the dorm contribute to longevity.

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The Baha'i House of Worship is one of the most eloquently designed buildings in the world.

Nine Feng Shui Tips:
1) Beds should always be made as well as the room represents clutter in the mind.
2) Use light colors in decorating. Dark colors Light colors are inviting and warm.
3) Hang metal windchimes by the door to the
4) Put statues and pictures of deities high
5) Play meditative music to relax and invite
6) Use orange scents to refresh the mind
7) Dangle a crystal from a window if it brings
8) Hang pa-kau mirrors to deflect sha
9) Put a fish tank near the door for good luck

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Scene examines the ancient art and
Bluegrass and Gold
Notre Dame hopes to leave Kentucky blue

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

After coasting through the first seven games of a non-conference schedule, Mike Brey and his Irish have hit a few stumbling blocks. Going 3-4 in their last nine games, the Irish have tasted a bit of reality: the Big East conference is a tough place to play. Add a non-conference powerhouse like the No. 12 Kentucky Wildcats squad that is heading to the Joyce Center court Saturday to the mix, and the Irish are at a critical point in the season. But the challenge awaiting Brey's unranked squad is one the team is looking forward to.

"This game is a great attention-getter," Brey said. "It's an RPI game. It gives the program some attention if we can come up with a win."

Winning games against ranked teams has been tough for the Irish. The team traveled to the Carrier Dome Monday to take on No. 8 Syracuse, who come up five points short despite a late-game defensive stand.

"This game is going to be very comparable (to the Syracuse game)," Brey said. "It's a top-15 program, they're a confident basketball team."

The Wildcats have proven their talent with a 11-4 record in the regular season. The pre-season SEC favorite, the Wildcats have dispossessed handful of several opponents, including Indiana, a team the Irish couldn't beat in early December. And Tubby Smith's Wildcats program has gained business when it came heart-breakingly close to an overtime upset over No. 1 Duke.

But with the highs have also come the lows. A home-opening loss to unranked Western Kentucky jolted the program at the outset and a recent slump has hurt the team. The Wildcats dropped two straight games to Mississippi State and Georgia last week.

"They had a little lull, but they played well against Ole Miss in their last game," Brey said. "They are a very talented team."

If the Irish hope to pull off an upset before the home crowd, they will need to fine-tune their offensive game. The Irish, who averaged nearly 90 points in their seven-game winning streak to open the season, have averaged just under 62 recent outings.

But because the level of competition has increased and the Irish defense has held fast, Brey is not too concerned with the lack of offensive productivity.

"I think we're OK," Brey said. "I'm a big believer in averages."

According to Brey, the keys to an Irish win Saturday are rebounding and taking care of the ball.

"Our poise is important, and staying in character," Brey said. "In big game situations there is a tendency to do things that aren't you."

According to senior forward Ryan Humphrey, defense will continue to be the key when the Irish take the court.

"Defense is important," Humphrey said. "We need to play tough defense and keep rebounding."

Defensively, the Irish will look to contain the Wildcats' most explosive player, Tayshaun Prince. The forward, who shoots more than 50 percent from the field, averages nearly 18 points a game. The rest of the Wildcat scoring comes from a balanced and deep bench in which 10 players see consistent court time.

Playing to the home crowd will make the task of an upset easier for the Irish, who have not played in front of the Notre Dame student section in more than a month.

"Students drive the building," Brey said. "When the endzone is filled with students it makes a lot of electricity. And that's contagious."

Humphrey is looking forward to the familiarities of the Joyce Center.

"On the road, I was getting heckled a lot," Humphrey said. "With our student section, it will be good to have them on our side and against the other team."

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During Notre Dame's win against New Hampshire, Graves was said. "There's a key part of Notre Dame's rebuilding process. Associate seemed natural that Swanagan and Graves would grow up bleeding always had each other's back. In the end, we've finished their freshman years of Contributors to the sudden turnaround dominated opponents. 

Sporrs Editor

"We're like brothers," Graves said. "There's days where we're fighting, there's days where we're back together. In the end, we've always had each other's back."

In Kentucky, young boys do one of two things. Either they fall in love with basketball or they move out of state. Basketball is life in the state where residents live and breathe the Wildcat blue. It just seemed natural that Swanagan and Graves would grow up bleeding Notre Dame. In the one season with Matt Doherty as head coach, the Irish had never qualified for the NCAA tournament, never won a plane to plane to plane to plane to... Swanagan became a source of stability for Swanagan, while Graves contributed to the sudden turnaround. It was an attitude the trio would make sure they passed on to each new diversity. They didn't think they wanted to turn the program around. Swanagan hopped on the next plane to South Bend and loved everything about the campus. Even after he committed, it was a fight for him to clear the admissions department. They didn't think Swanagan, who struggled academically in high school, would be able to succeed in the classroom at Notre Dame. But when Swanagan is hit, he never falls down. At Notre Dame, he worked to prove them wrong. He studied hard and earned good grades, culminating in a person-al-best 3.5 grade point average last semester.

"I believed in myself, but I don't think a lot of people believed in me," he said. "What motivates me is people thinking I can't do things... People doubted me. I guess I'm proving them wrong now."

Through MacLeod's eight years as head coach at Notre Dame, the Irish had never qualified for the NCAA tournament, never won a game in four years in the Big East and, had finished over .500 only three times. Graves and Swanagan would highlight-touted New Jersey recruit Troy Murphy. Murphy was a top-5 pick last — and best — recruiting class at Notre Dame. And when they arrived, they made a pact to turn the Notre Dame basketball program around. "We didn't care whether we were going to be on the cover of ESPN," Graves said. "We just wanted to get this place back to where it used to be."

That didn't happen their first year. While Murphy dominated the court as a potential perimeter player, the Irish still finished 14-16. In fact, Graves would spend the first year of college basketball that he did between sixth and 12th grade.

"If you look at where we came from in high school, we all came from winning programs, and we weren't used to fighting," Swanagan said. "Freshman year, it was really tough for us to lose as many games as we did. We wanted to turn the program around. We wanted to look back in four years and say we did our job."

"Right when I came in," said junior Matt Carroll, "they told me, 'Look, you're going to want to turn the program around. You're going to have to help.' Swanagan, Doherty and Brey wanted to turn the Irish into a top-tier program. That's happened. They've been very tough, really, a pretty resilient group. They've been through just about anything, and you have to like their mental toughness."

While Graves and Swanagan are close friends with all 10 other members of the team, there is a special bond between the Kentucky natives that only they can understand. They are a pair that understands each other's inner secrets and deepest thoughts. When Graves was replaced by Swanagan in the starting lineup midway through last season, it was Swanagan who understood the frustration Graves was feeling. When a determined Swanagan did his best to clear the admis-sions problem, Swanagan would have done anything to make sure the duo got the message. Moral victories against top-ranked teams, they said. The final score was all that mattered.

"I told him, 'You're part of my family now, and we're going to be on the cover of ESPN,'" Swanagan said. "For them, I feel good that they are going out on a very big stage. I can't wait to see them re-establish our program."

While each player says they want to return to the NCAA tournament and make another shot at the Big East title, deep inside, there's a small part of each player that is elated at what the duo has already accomplished at Notre Dame — both on and off the court.

"When I first came here, I didn't even know if I was going to be here for four years, if I was going to fall out because people thought I didn't have the ability to do the things at school to succeed and play basketball," Swanagan said. "Now, I'm starting the end. It's a big relief to me and my family."

"It's all been very satisfying," Graves said. "It's what I wanted us to do. I wanted to be a part of the rebuilding and to see it fall out before my eyes, and it's been a blessing." When college basketball is a distant memory, Graves and Swanagan will still be calling each other up on the phone, laughing about life. They'll talk about how they transformed a dismal basketball program into one that is nationally respected. And they might even be able to watch the Irish play in the Final Four. They might even remember that day, that years, when they first met in a Kentucky gym. Then, they'll talk about how they anchored a program in transition and each other.

"There's always going to be a special bond between me and David," Swanagan said. "We grew up together in high school. We played college ball together, and it's going to be a fact that we're going to spend some holidays together. He's part of my family now, and we're going to stick together."

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Big East race heats up; Irish in third

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Assistant Sports Editor

After dropping Monday night's contest to Syracuse, the Irish missed a golden opportunity to take control of the Big East West Division. Now, with Notre Dame entering the heart of the Big East schedule, every game becomes important as the Irish try to defend their league title.

The 14-team Big East conference is split up into two divisions of seven teams each. The Irish are tied for third place of the West Division with a league record of 2-2. Ahead of Notre Dame is undefeated Syracuse and 3-2 Pittsburgh. Georgetown is tied with the Irish, and Rutgers, Seton Hall and West Virginia bring up the rear of the West Division.

After Saturday's non-conference game against Kentucky, the Irish close out their schedule by playing 11 Big East games, eight of which are against West Division foes.

Notre Dame has a crucial four-game homestretch coming up that will impact the Irish postseason hopes. After Saturday's games against Kentucky, the Irish host Georgetown, Seton Hall, and Pittsburgh. If the Irish win all three games, they will move into second place in the West Division.

The way teams finish in their respective divisions during the season determines where they will be seeded in the Big East Tournament. For example, if the Irish finish third in the West Division, they will play the sixth-place team in the East Division. The top two teams earn first-round byes for the early March tournament held in Madison Square Garden, while the seventh seed in each division does not earn a tournament berth.

In the East Division, Connecticut is on top, followed by Miami, St. John's, Villanova, Boston College, Providence and Virginia Tech.

Although the team lost to Syracuse Monday night, Notre Dame has beaten West Division foes Pittsburgh and West Virginia. The Irish lost to East Division opponent Villanova in the Big East opener last month. Notre Dame plays home-and-home series against all division foes, meaning that the Irish play two games against each opponent, one home, and one away.

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Freshman Chris Thomas flips up a shot during Notre Dame's season opener against New Hampshire. Thomas earned Big East Co-Rookie of the Week honors, the third time he has done so this season.
outside the windows and the jutting side cause about half of the rooms to have a view of the and good health for the Manorites. She became interested in the art in 1983 when, after a divorce and a series of dead-end jobs, a friend suggested she read a book on Feng Shui. Kostelnik started organizing her house by adding a fish tank, a Feng Shui maneuver meant to increase one's good fortune, to her home. After she installed the fish tank her luck, indeed, began to change. As she continued to organize her home with Feng Shui she found that her life had almost completely turned around. Kostelnik enrolled in Feng Shui and Eastern Philosophy classes at the University of California at Berkeley under the tutelage of Lin Yun, a practitioner of Black Hat Feng Shui. Eventually, Kostelnik managed to open a metaphysical bookstore with the money she saved from the increasing large tips she was receiving from her customers. Because the chaos in one's personal qi, ordering the space in which one lives will cause the chaos in one's personal life to be resolved. Feng Shui cannot always control all the factors in an environment. Apartments and dorm rooms can present particular Feng Shui challenges because of the conservative amount of space, limited options in location and (of course) smaller financial budgets. Remember, Feng Shui is not a do list; one does not have to have obsessive-compulsive disorder to improve one's qi. Kostelnik feels that the biggest piece of advice she can offer college students is to clean up their living areas. "Your home is a metaphor for what is happening in your life, it's like a mirror. If your home is cluttered it probably means your mind is cluttered too," Kostelnik said. For example, doorways and windows with straight pathways leading to them may invite shars, intense bursts of sha qi known as "poison arrows." Often times in Feng Shui-conscious buildings, architects will build zig-zag paths to prevent shars from crossing. A dorm room may not have enough space to add an object to block shars, but a simple pa-kua mirror, an octagonal mirror bordered with the eight feng shui symbols, can reflect a shallow away from one's room. Interestingly enough, the Taj Mahal - one of the most Feng Shui-conscious buildings ever built - neglected to p r o t e c t against this anomaly and built long straight paths with power lines running along them to the entrance which supposedly brings about the downfall of its builder. Medicinal music such as Gregorian chants can help promote relaxation which breeds sheng qi. Mirrors can also be placed to symbolically increase the room's size. Proper lighting can ward of sha qi lurking in gloomy corners as well.

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Irish open indoor home season tonight

By DAVE COOK
Sports Writer

Luke Watson is back. He is strong and he is ready to go in this first indoor season under way.

This was sidelined for the 2001 season because of problems with his IT band, a leg injury which left him unable to compete. His return comes just in time to sit out the whole season because he was not feeling strong — both physically and mentally.

"I obviously wanted to be out there competing, just because I am a competitive person. It definitely was not fun sitting on the sidelines," Watson said.

During the 2000 season, Watson won the steepleschase run at the Big East outdoor championships and took 18th place in the same race at the NCAA national championships. Watson is also coming off of the Tennessee NCAA national championships in cross-country this fall where he earned All-American honors.

Now Watson is eager to carry on what he started off leaving and that is against Ball State and Western Michigan. During the track season Friday night at Notre Dame against Ball State and Western Michigan.

"Luke Watson will help out immensely. He would help any track team. He is going to be a major help," said Irish head coach Joe Gorden. Watson is 6-foot-7, 210 lbs. Watson placed fourth in the men's sprints last year at Western Michigan. Watson will be running the mile and Watson will be the anchor man for the sprint corps.

Alongside Watson is a distance corps that is as good as it is deep. Six-time All-woman sprinter in Notre Dame history is as Liz Grow who will be leading the cross country nationals during outdoor track. Grow will be running the 4x400 meter relay and the 600 meter run.

From Ball State comes Zach Riley in the weight throw and sophomore Zach Riley will be competing. He decided to sit out the NCAA Championship this Friday from Western Michigan. Riley will help out immense-

"I'd have to say that given the demographics of the area, and the number of people who want it, I would say it's the prime candidate," said Sellig.

"It's just a question of when. I've always said that we need to solve the basic problems, and when we solve the basic problems we can then turn our attention to relocation.

Washington has been without a major league team since the expansion Senators became the first team after the 1971 season. For at least a decade, groups have tried to obtain a team for either RFK Stadium or Northern Virginia.

"We feel that the Washington/Northern Virginia has been the most aggressive region in seeking a franchise."

"As a group, I think players are deeply disappointed the commissioner made those offers two days after the World Series to make the announcement he made," Schilling said.

Schilling's Diamondbacks capped one of baseball's best seasons ever by rallying in the bottom of the ninth to beat the New York Yankees in Game 7 on Nov. 4.

Two days later, owners voted to eliminate two teams, plunging baseball into a financial mess of unknown proportions.

The contraction plan has been halted by a Minnesota court that struck down the midst of unprecedented franchise swapping. On Wednesday, a group headed by Florida Marlins owner John Henry was given approval to buy the Boston Red Sox in a record $600 million deal.

Owners vow to quickly approve a $158 million sale of the Marlins to Montreal Expos owner沙龙 Wang and conclude a $40 million sale of the Expos to the commissioner's office. The N.L. team this season — unless contraction goes through and the Expos are folded.

"We have to change the thinking," said Sellig, adding owners would deal with the Marlins in the fall, but still says it's too late to eliminate two teams this season, with Montreal and Minnesota the likely targets. However, most baseball officials say the obstacles are great for this season.

"Contractual, although it's protected an angry and bitter response, is on the table because the owners want it to be on the table," Sellig said.

Schilling said the uncertainty has hurt baseball's finances.

"The game should be going through the fans," he said. "Owners have killed season-ticket sales for some franchises.

Relocation for 2003 could wind up being linked with a failure to eliminate teams this year. An inauguration forces the Twins — the original Senators before they moved in 1961 — to honor their 2003 lease at the Metrodome, and the sellout are wording from the Minnesota and Minnesota the likely targets. However, most baseball officials say the obstacles are great for this season.

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ly had to prove themselves much before and (the coaches) have never faced the kind of pressure they face at Notre Dame now. But we'll know by Feb. 6 (signing day) how well they've done."

Since Willingham is African-American, Lemming thinks he will have an easier time bringing in black recruits. But since his hiring Willingham had already lost three top black recruits.

"I think this race should be very important except they've been losing (black recruits) since he's been here. They've lost Dominique Byrd, Gavin Dickey and Julian Jenkins, three of the guys that everybody expected Notre Dame to get. But I do think it is important in the long run," Lemming said.

The Irish have had another problem to overcome during this year's recruiting process. The annual football banquet is planned for every December and is mainly used for recruiting visits. But this year the banquet was cancelled because of the coaching situation and this may cost the Irish dearly this year.

"A lot of the players that could have come into Notre Dame in December have already committed in January before they've had a chance to get to the January 15th," said Lemming. "They had to cancel both weekends because of the coaching change and it has some effect on the recruiting."

Many of the players that have already verbally committed to attend Notre Dame have been excited about the hiring of Willingham. The recruits that seems the most thrilled about Willingham is safety Jake Carney. Carney narrowed his college choice down to Stanford and Notre Dame before choosing the Irish. Now that Willingham is the head coach, Carney is thrilled.

"I'm extremely excited about [Willingham]," said Carney. "My top two [schools] that I had narrowed down to before committing to Notre Dame were Notre Dame and Stanford. This really was a perfect situation for me. I think he's a great coach and his character and coaching style makes you want to play well for him and work hard for him."

Offensive lineman Bob Morton couldn't agree more with Carney.

"When I saw Coach Willingham at the press conference I was highly impressed," said Morton. "He handles himself very well, which is going to be one of the main points for this job. I have nothing but good things to say about him."

Almost all of the previously committed recruits were expected to stick with Notre Dame despite the head coaching situation. The two recruits that were wavering on whether to sign with Notre Dame or not were quarterback Chris Olsen and lineman Jeremy Vaanalstynne. As of now, Olsen has reaffirmed his commitment to the Irish while Vaanalstynne has changed his verbal commitment to the University of Michigan. When asked whether he knew where he would attend school next year, Vaanalstynne was indecisive.

"I don't know right now," said Vaanalstynne. "Despite losing Vaanalstynne Notre Dame can still bring in a top five recruiting class for next season depending on how well the Irish do this weekend when 15 blue chip prospects make their official visits."

The biggest name visiting this week is Lorenzo Booker. Booker, a running back from Ventura, Calif., is rated as the third best player in the country and the No. 1 running back. Lemming believes the Irish have a chance to sign him.

"He's never been to Notre Dame and he doesn't like cold weather," said Lemming. "The positive is that he knows Notre Dame will give him the best education and also probably a better chance to play and team him with his teammate and good friend James Bonelli."

Booker, along with other top high school players from around the country, will get a chance to meet Willingham this weekend and the new head coach will have one last chance to secure a solid recruiting class.

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What the recruits are saying about Willingham

"I think that he has a great work ethic and he's a really great person and football coach."

Scott Rardon

"I think he's a real determined guy and he knows what he wants to do with the program."

Chris Frome

"With him being a new coach I think he brings a lot to the institution such as racial diversity, good values and just being a good head coach."

Marcus Freeman

"I have a really good relationship with Tyrone Willingham and we're going to see if we can continue that when I get here because he's a great guy and a good person to be around."

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Saint Mary’s swimmers sunk by Alma, 145-93

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

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NCAA Men's Basketball

Walton's triple-double leads Arizona past Southern Cal

Associated Press

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ly going to do it done.” Although 5-foot-8 and smaller in size than many of the Irish players, Willingham made his presence known. Following his hiring earlier this month, players were expecting someone who would take control, but what surprised them was the laughter. “I thought he was more of a nice atmosphere in there, everybody laughing and having a good time.”

Willingham’s offense at Stanford, which used less option and more passing than the 2001 Irish offense, raised the question about who will take the quarterback role. Following the meeting with the team, the question still remained. Willingham did not address any specific players, instead keeping the focus on his theme of doing what it takes to win a game. “He just said whoever will win games for us will be out there. He doesn’t care who plays, just get out there and work hard.”

Carlyle Holiday Irish quarterback

Holiday said. “He doesn’t care who plays, just get out there and work hard.”

When spring football begins in April, Holiday, Jared Clark and Matt LoVecchio will all be looking to adjust to the new offense. And with a new coach, the quarterbacks may all be starting over. “He’s got a plan and he knows what he wants us to do,” LoVecchio said. “We’re just going to have to follow his plan and do what he tells us and everyone will be on the same page.”

“We’re starting over. It’s a whole new ball game,” Holiday said. “But you’ve just got to adjust yourself to it. To what’s going on. I mean, you’re a college football player. You should be able to do that.”

The fullbacks and tight ends may also see a change in offense. Following the team meeting, tight end Billy Faine said. “It’s a great opportunity for everyone,” he said. “Hopefully, do as much as they can as soon as they can.”

Despite the uncertainty about what positions they may be taking, there was a general consensus that the team is ready to play. After the coaching controversies and a month away from the Stadium, April can’t come to soon for the Irish. “Being home for a month, there wasn’t this waiting to get back, just get back and see my team,” Faine said. “It’s just part of my life . . . Everybody wants to get back here and get back on a better track than last year.”

And following Thursday’s meeting, the players say there is only one answer to whether or not Willingham can get the job done. “Definitely. Definitely.” Faine said. “Without a doubt.”

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the team's schedule.

"It wasn't exactly a serious type
of dual meet season mid-February.
Still, it was fun." said sophomore sprinter Matt Obringer. "We can't think
about the Irish in to break up those top performers.

"We pretty much can't be
the best swimmer, they're going to
expect them to win." said Pierce.

"Every meet kicks off a four­night streak that will end their
dual meet season in early February.
It's the final stretch to fine tune
their skills and quality for the Big East Championships­ making the next month a critical time in
the team's schedule.

"We want a little more experience
in our primary events for the swimmers," said head coach Tim Webb.
"We want to go faster each
year, and look at the scoreboard
at the end of the day and be pleased with our performance and
points.

This weekend's matchup against
Oakland will be the toughest chal­lenge for the Irish. While they
defeated Oakland earlier this sea­son, they dropped the dual meet to
Oakland last year. Tradition is one of Notre Dame's most compet­itive
dual meet events in the Big East, and should be competitive in the
400-yard individual medley as well.
The key will be stopping
Oakland headliners, such as
sophomore Sean Broadbent, who
posted the fastest Oakland sprint
times at last years Mid-Con Championships, and was elected
Newcomer of the Year by the con­ference.

"Our objective will be to break up
the top people so they don't dominate the events," said Webb.
But Oakland's lack of depth
might give the Irish an in to break up those top performers.

"Oakland has a limited number
of really fast swimmers." Pierce
said. "They're not nearly as deep
as we are. We need to focus on
events where they put their good swimmers, because they're going
to expect them to win."
Irish senior swimmer Mike Koss poses in front of his physics project. Koss spent time in Japan as part of his project, only the second Notre Dame student ever to do so.

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gram from former swim team co-captain Matt Hedden, who participated in the research last year. It was Hedden's encouragement that inspired him to apply for the research position, Koss said.

But accepting the research opportunity meant having to leave the team for a week early in the season—and miss two dual meet competitions.

"I gave kind of a speech before I left," Koss said. "I told them that even though I'd be on the other side of the world, I'd be right there with them. They were really supportive."

Koss trained during his week in Japan, working out with stretch cords and medicine balls while trying to research and sightsee.

But despite the difficulty in maintaining the responsibilities of both activities, he wouldn't have had it any other way, he said. It's taught him time management, and the lessons he learned in Japan will be invaluable in his career.

"It made me realize a ton of things. When you read your physics books, you have no idea how the experiments took place. It's just this view of some guy with crazy hair with amazing intellect," he said.

He also learned that while he might not know everything about the culture, he could use the talents he had to fit in.

When an instruction manual for a rotary pump written in English befuddled his Japanese-speaking colleagues, Koss was able to read the directions—something the other researchers couldn't.

Then, he helped them assemble it.

"I didn't speak English for the first three or four days," he said. But smiling, he adds — "I know enough [Japanese] to get by now."

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Sports Editor

While players on both teams have had Monday afternoon's nationally televised contest between Notre Dame and Connecticut circled on their calendars for months, the Irish first must take on the Providence Friars in Rhode Island Saturday afternoon.

Head coach Muffet McGraw stressed throughout this week's practices not to look past Saturday's game.

"That's the most important game on the schedule right now is Providence," McGraw said. "We've really got to take it one game at a time here. Every game is so critical. We want to try to get one of those [Big East tournament] byes ... I think Connecticut is really not the focus of the season like it was last year."

While Connecticut is ranked No. 1 in the polls, undefeated and earning opponents each time they take the court, the Irish have taken a different path since the two teams met in the NCAA Semifinal last year in St. Louis. Notre Dame is just 9-6 on the year and 1-6 away from the Joyce Center.

"I think initially when we get on the road, we don't seem to be the same team," freshman forward Kelsey Wicks said. "I think that all of our focus has gone into being the team that we are at home and focusing and being prepared and everyone stepping up to a leadership role. Until that happens, we won't be the team that we're capable of being."

Wicks and her teammates begin that mission Saturday. Notre Dame topped Providence 72-66 on Jan. 5, led by 26 points from freshman forward Jacqueline Batteast and 20 from classmate Teresa Borton. The freshmen scored 55 of Notre Dame's points for the game.

Saturday's game is particularly worrisome for the Irish on the offensive end. While junior Alicia Ratay emerged as the team's leading scorer in three of the last four games, the junior scored only six points on 1-8 shooting last time the Irish and Friars met. And while the freshmen stepped up as Ratay struggled, the newcomers have shot better on their home court than on opponents' courts.

"They were physical with [Ratay]," McGraw said of her guard's performance against Providence. "She also had some open looks, she just didn't hit them. That was the game where everybody else was playing so well, she saw herself as more of a passer."

And while McGraw expressed pleasure with the role that her freshmen are taking, she, stressed that the leadership needs to come from the team's elder statesmen.

"I really think on the road, your upperclassmen really need to lead," McGraw said. "That's key for us and that's what hasn't been happening. I think the freshmen are taking more responsibility than they really deserve to in some of these situations.

To win on Saturday, the Irish also need to play a complete game. McGraw's team fell 60-59 last Saturday at Villanova after leading 55-45 with less than seven minutes remaining. Against Providence, Notre Dame built a 54-43 lead midway through the second half before allowing the Friars to close within one later in the period before pulling away.

"We know that last time we played Providence we let them back in the game so we've got to be really focused," sophomore point guard Le'Tania Severe said. "We haven't been doing that well on the road so we've got to be focused on the task, take it one game at a time."

And McGraw hasn't had any trouble keeping the team from looking too far ahead, at least according to Wicks.

"That's quite simple," Wicks said when asked how the team stays focused. "Coach McGraw's job is pretty much go keep us focused on the task at hand. She's been pretty much 'Providence, Providence Providence' first so we haven't even got to Connecticut yet."

Notes:

- Guard Jeneka Joyce, who has rotated in and out of the starting lineup, took part in the team's last two practices and is expected to play limited minutes Saturday. The sophomore has been nursing a hip pointer, as well as heel and toe injuries.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish start off spring ranked seventh

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With the 2002 tennis season underway, the Irish find themselves in unfamiliar territory. Notre Dame is slotted seventh in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings — its highest preseason rank ever — as they head into tomorrow’s game against No. 75 UC-Irvine and No. 64 Furman.

Cracking into the upper echelon of the collegiate tennis rankings may place the Irish in uncharted terrain, but they will not be slowing down to ask their competitors for directions, and are sure their solid lineup will reel in the wins.

"We are finding ourselves in unfamiliar territory, but we will not be slowing down to ask its whereabouts," Bob Bayliss said. "Our sights are set on an impressive showing in the NCAA hosted by Texas A&M in May."

While Bayliss' lofty expectations have yet to be tested, the success of the Irish should be assured by a squad that lost no starters from 2001, and one that also includes four starting seniors. Last year's team finished out the season with a 17-7 dual match record and a No. 16 ranking.

The faces that brought Notre Dame to its nationally recognized stature last year will no doubt be the same. Leading the Irish in singles will be the combination of seniors Casey Smith and Javier Taborga, along with sophomore Luis Haddock-Morales, followed by the grouping of seniors Aaron Talarico and Andrew Laffin, sophomore Matt Scott and junior Brian Farrell.

The depth represented in the singles lineup was a major element in the success of 2001, but the team's disappointing performances in doubles last year highlighted an area of much needed improvement.

"The reason for our success last year was that we were really tough down below, and we won enough big matches between one, two and three," Bayliss said. "I think the key for this year is that our doubles has to be much more successful than it was last year. We've changed the combinations, andJay and Casey have done exceptionally well (this fall)."

Others may describe the doubles duo of Taborga and Smith as doing better than "exceptionally well" this fall season, as the team has yet to lose a match.

The No. 6 ranking marks the highest by an Irish pairing since Brian Patterson and Jakub Pietrowski were ranked fifth.

While the No. 1 doubles position is locked up in the hands of Smith and Taborga, the No. 2 and No. 3 slots are up for grabs. Vying for one of the spots at Nos. 2 and 3 doubles will be Talarico, Farrell, seniors Ashok Raju and James Malhame, sophomore Ben Hatten and freshmen Paul Maunton and Brent D'Amico.

Although the Notre Dame line-up is still being tweaked, UC-Irvine and Furman are not expected to give the Irish a serious run for their money.

"The weekend will be an interesting opener," Bayliss said. "[UC-Irvine and Furman] are both NCAA level teams, teams that could make the tournament. They're teams we expect to beat, but it wouldn't be too big of a stretch for one of them to beat us."

Reating UC-Irvine and Furman will rely heavily on the depth of Notre Dame, which has definitely been identified as a major strength for the Irish, but Bayliss also recognizes the need for a strong leadership to surface in the highest part of the rankings in order to fulfill hopes of success in 2002.

"Depth is a strength," Bayliss said. "And then the emergence of one or two of the people at the top to really take charge would separate us from a lot of teams."

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Hockey
Irish ready to skate up CCHA standings

By MATT ORENCUK
Sports Writer

Throughout the course of any athletic season there is a separation of the contenders from the pretenders. Such a separation is about to come in the CCHA.

Right now there are eight teams in the league that are within six points of third place. Notre Dame and the University of Nebraska-Omaha are two of the teams jummed in the CCHA standings.

That is what makes this weekend’s games against Nebraska-Omaha important for the Irish. If Notre Dame is going to separate itself from the competition, then the team must have a success against the teams closest to them in the standings.

“We are coming into this weekend looking for the sweep,” said sophomore Aaron Gill. “This is a huge opportunity to jump ahead of the logjam and put us up in front of the competition.”

The Irish have been playing better hockey as of late, going 6-3-1 over the last six weeks of competition. A large part of that success has been freshman goalie Morgan Cey and the developing corps of young defensemen.

During the first month of the season the defense was young and inexperienced. A couple of games the Irish took leads into the third period only to give up tying and winning goals. Through the last six weeks though the Irish defense has played with a renewed sense of confidence.

“We have one of the younger defensive corps in the league,” said sophomore defenseman Brett Lebda. “We had to get used to playing with each other. Right now it feels like everything is coming together.”

In Nebraska-Omaha the Irish find a team in the same predicament as themselves. The Mavericks are one point behind Notre Dame in the CCHA and they are looking at the Notre Dame series as a way to move up in the standings.

Nebraska-Omaha started off the season on fire, going 7-2 in their first nine games. However, as of late the Mavericks have cooled off some. Nebraska-Omaha is a more human 5-7-3 since mid-November when CCHA play started. Senior Jeff Hoggan leads the Maverick offense. He is their leading scorer with 14 goals and 16 assists on the season.

The Irish are happy to have the students back, and hope that the home crowd can propel them to a weekend sweep. Notre Dame has sold out their last three games at the Joyce Center.

“Over break it was great, sellouts every night,” said Lebda. “It is a great feeling when you have a full building and a loud supportive crowd.”

The puck drops tonight and tomorrow night at the Joyce Center at 7:05 p.m.

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Irish sophomore defenseman T.J. Mathieson moves down the ice during a recent game. Notre Dame hosts Nebraska-Omaha this weekend in the Joyce Center.
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Making his mark

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

The month-long search for a new Irish head football coach has ended, and Mike Koss, a name you may not know but apparently is well known in the physics community, has been selected.

"I think Koss hurt Notre Dame's chances to land top recruits, according to recruiting analyst Tom Lemming," said Bill Wurzel. "But he's here for the long haul, and he's going to make a difference." Lemming added that Koss was the only name that was ever considered.

Koss, a native of Japan, is a member of the men's swimming and diving team at the University of Notre Dame. He is a four-year veteran of the swim team and the diving team as co-captain.

"I was a different kind of recruit at Stanford where they only went after the top academic kids which is easier recruiting," said Koss. "Now in order for (Willingham's coaching staff) to prove themselves at Notre Dame they have to battle the Florida States and the Tennessees and the Michigans head to head. I believe it will be determined by signing day how good they've done this year." Lemming also said that the recruiting problems more than likely would concern Willingham's staff and not the head coach himself.

"Willingham will be good, it's really his staff that's the question mark," said Lemming. "They've never real-

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Men's Swimming

Koss travels to Japan for physics research

By NORENE GILLESPIE
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Standing in the bathroom of a Japanese home, Mike Koss realized he was surrounded by a culture in which he just didn't fit.

In a tradi-
tional gesture of hospitality, his Japanese hosts had provided him with a pair of house shoes. Koss, who was in Japan to compete in a race, was appalled.

"It was just completely amazing to me," he said. "There's a huge difference in cultural customs. They have a completely different sense of cleanliness." Koss said, laughing about the shoes.

But Koss is used to fitting into difficult situations as a four-year veteran of the swim team — a task he has managed while working towards a physics degree. Between putting hours into the pool and putting hours into the laboratory, Koss has learned to make balance a goal.

"I love the guys I swim with and I love the stuff I do," he said. "Swimming and research are both things I really enjoy but it has meant a lot of nights with very little sleep." Koss' balance was rewarded this year with honors in both of his passions. In the pool, he leads the swimming and diving team as co-captain. And in the classroom, he was chosen as one of only two undergraduate members of an international research project.

The project, completed in collaboration with the Research Center for Nuclear Physics in Osaka, Japan, examines Isoscalar Giant Dipole Resonance — a scientific process that provides a way to determine nuclear compressibility patterns. The benefit of that research is that scientists can use the information to determine if a star will sink into a black hole or explode in a supernova.

Koss is the second Notre Dame student to work on the project, which concludes this semester. The research has taken him to Japan twice, once last summer and once this October to collect data. Koss will analyze the data and is scheduled to be presented at a meeting of the American Physical Society this spring.

"Mike is a very bright student," said Umesh Garg, Notre Dame physics professor and Koss adviser for the project. "It's a really clear opportunity. Something like this is only going to go to Japanese physics students and so this is a great opportunity."