Talk focuses on compassion after Sept. 11

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Martha Nussbaum gave the keynote address “Patriotism and Compassion” as a part of the Play of the Mind conference last evening at Saint Mary's. Nussbaum's lecture focused on what compassion is and whether or not the feelings of compassion that are present post-Sept. 11 will continue far into the future.

"America’s towers have burned too," Nussbaum said. "In that evidence, compassion for people who had never been thought of before was found."

Nussbaum began the lecture with classic Greek play by Euripides entitled "Women of Troy." The play deals with issues such as destruction, rape, slavery and a myriad of awful deeds. Nussbaum noted that Euripides likened his characters to those found in Athens, pointing out that people feel compassion when they can relate to them.

She also spoke on how that compassion can easily be forgotten. She recalled Adam Smith’s observation that a man in Europe who hears about an deadly earthquake in China will feel compassion but he will still sleep easily that night. Though, if he cut his finger it would not be as easy to forget and sleep easy.

We thought Sept. 11 was bad because it happened to us. But when there was genocide in Rwanda, and innocent civilians in Saudi Arabia were killed, and for the daily deaths of malnutrition and hunger there is little compassion," Nussbaum said.

She described this as a momentary flicker of emotion that easily fades. Nussbaum said that compassion is not just a warm feeling in the gut but an emotion focused on another’s suffering. She also added that compassion couldn’t be experienced if we believe they deserve the suffering.

"It’s not things that bring about strong emotions are those things that we have put great importance in," Nussbaum said. "We have compassion for what we have an interest in and feel by those things that are important to us.’’

Compassion requires an understanding of and respect for human dignity. Humans must put their value for themselves and others at a higher level than the value of external goods such as power and money.

"An ideal patriotism is constrained by a respect and compassion for others," Nussbaum said.

Nussbaum has been a recipient of multiple awards and was recognized by Time magazine as one of the seven prominent intellectuals in the 21st century.

The 11th Play of the Mind conference continues this weekend at Saint Mary’s with representatives from 13 different colleges participating.

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ND student government campaign begins today

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

When Notre Dame students wake up on Saturday morning, they may notice something new on the walls of their dorms: campaign posters for the upcoming campus-wide election.

The campaign for student body president and vice president starts officially at midnight on Friday. Four tickets are seeking the office.

One of those tickets consists of juniors Libby Bishop, the presidential candidate, and Trip Foley, the vice presidential candidate.

Their campaign slogan, according to Bishop, will be “More students, less government.” Going along with that slogan, some important themes of their campaign will include “focusing on being student representatives” and “listening more to students,” she said.

Bishop added that she and Foley have several ideas for increasing communication with students.

After spending last semester in the London Program, Bishop is currently the social co-chair for the Class of 2003. Foley has previously served as treasurer for the Class of 2003 and as student body secretary.

Presidential candidate Brian Moscona and vice presidential candidate Keri Oxley plan to run on the slogan “enVISION the possibilities.”

Based on their experience in student government, Moscona and Oxley have heard from other campus groups that various organizations seem to be competing against each other in their programming and student services. If elected, Moscona and Oxley plan to use their office to unify these different organizations instead working alone, Moscona said.

Moscona, a junior, is currently the student body vice president, while Oxley is the president of the Class of 2004.

Running with the slogan, “We’re serious — seriously,” presidential candidate Nikki McCord and vice presidential candidate  

COTTON CANDY AT THE CARNIVAL

Lunch-goers Thursday were treated to candy cotton to complement the Carnival lunch theme at North Dining Hall. Complete with balloons and decorations, the festive event attracted students by blasting circus music outside the dining hall.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Magic Touch

So when you hear the words "It's magic," what do you imagine? Do you see the old man at the county fair doing tricks with cards and doves, or just the old blackboard trick? What if you are at Christmas getting a magic act under the tree, wondering if the trick will work? Did you know that you wanted it because you had forgotten to put it on your list to put on your list to him? Or is it watching magicians performing death-defying feats on the World's Greatest Magic on television?

That's the stereotype of "magic." But what if I am going to talk about not will seem like "magic" at all.

It's more touchy-feely than just being a trick. When was the last time you shook hands with someone? Patting someone on the back? Gave someone a hug? That's all magic. Now, before you write me off as some weirdo who doesn't have a clue, take a look at what each of these things do. Shaking hands breaks the ice when new people are meeting each other. Patting someone on the back can reassure the person or make him feel better. Giving a hug is a warm greeting, a way of saying "thank-you," or consolation for someone grieving. How can something so mundane as touching another person be "magic?"

Well, let me ask you this, when was the last time you really had a good back massage (any kind, professional or friendly)? How did it make you feel? Did you feel relaxed when it was over? Did you realize you had been hiding so much emotion inside of you that it made your muscles stiffen and not want to move?

I guess the biggest thing to ask you to recognize is how it made you feel that a friend could be there for you. Can you imagine what would happen if we never had this magic of touch, and we had to go through life without touch. Everyone would be shriveled and cranky, because we would all have to carry all of our burdens without it. At all times, could never (or have a hard time trying to) let them out to relieve ourselves of the pain. It doesn't have to be something elaborate, or even something that you have to study. As long as it is done with friendship and love, it creates a powerful magic.

Unfortunately, it doesn't do your homework for you, but feel no fear, it is not a miracle. This magic brightens the day. It eases pain. It makes things peaceful and helps evil go away (if only for a while). The magic of touch, the golden touch, but it doesn't make things turn into cold, hard gold like it did for King Midas. It is gold because it does so much good. It creates bonds between friends. It shows people that you care, that you live and helps others keep living. It's not so hard. It can be a hug, a hand-shake, a back massage — or a lot more. It really does work.

Try it, it's magic!

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAIN T MARY'S HISTORY

Students protest Gulf War in DC

Friday, January 25, 1991

Notre Dame's Gulf Crisis Action Group marched for peace and an end to the Gulf War along with several other college organizations and peace groups. In addition to proposing the establishment of a peacekeeping force in the Middle Eastern region, the group also wanted an end to the bombings and deaths of Iraqi people.

Hiring cutbacks discourage '71 grads

Monday, January 25, 1971

Notre Dame's Placement Bureau reported that many employers had cancelled their campus visits due to a "tight employment situation." About 22 percent of the employers scheduled to come to Notre Dame had changed their plans since August of that year.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Stanford scientists map malaria DNA sequence

STANFORD, Calif. With the help of Stanford University's biochemistry and genetics research departments, the DNA sequence of malaria — one of the world's most lethal diseases — finally has been mapped out.

The breakthrough may provide the pharmaceutical industry with a plethora of information for research and vaccine development. The University, along with the Wellcome Trust Sangire Institute, a United Kingdom-based research center, and the Institute for Genome Research in Rockville, Md., led the four-year project.

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The Stanford Daily

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

Ticket fiasco occurs for Clinton talk

BERKELEY, Calif. Hundreds of University of California-Berkeley students were turned away from the ticket office Wednesday, after waiting in line to attend former president Bill Clinton's speech on campus next week. The 500 tickets allotted to students were sold out by 10:20 a.m. Wednesday morning — just 20 minutes after they first became available. The scene at the Cal Performances ticket office was described as "mob-like" when the final tickets — free to students with identification — were handed out. Roughly 1,000 students had lined up across Lower Sproul Plaza to get one of the coveted tickets. Some students even spent Tuesday night in front of the ticket window to ensure they would see Clinton speak.

Adding to the frustration of those who did not get tickets, many students cut to the front of the line. "I saw hundreds of people cut in front of me," said Lisa Alberts, a senior English major who had been in line since 7:45 a.m. Wednesday morning. "It's really ridiculous."

Daily Californian

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Greeks 'thug night' raises concerns

GREENVILLE, N.C. About 30 minority students walked into East Carolina University's Gamma Chi-Epsilon's spring rush "thug night" with questions and concerns Wednesday night. Junior Rebecca Boone, president of Gamma Chi-Epsilon, said she was shocked to see the masses of people enter the Bate Room. "I'll cut to the chase," said junior Teresia Paul. "We'd like to know what exactly is 'thug night.'" Dennis Mitchell, president of the Black Student Union, said many minority students were concerned about the event, due to the events that took place at Auburn University last semester. During Halloween festivities, several members of white fraternities painted themselves as African-Americans, while others dressed up as the KKK. Boono explained she had no intention of offending anyone by the name of the night. "Thug night" involved sorority girls dressing in baggy sweatshirts, sweatpants with one pant leg up and winter hats and carrying around 40-ounce bottles.

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LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® Forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Friday, Jan. 25.

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Crisis Management

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Late night olympics becomes tradition

LNO benefits the St. Joe's Special Olympics

By JOHN FANNING
New Writer

As a result of the efforts of RecSports, the 16th Annual Late Night Olympics will take place tonight at the Joyce Center from 7 p.m. - 4 a.m. The event has become tradition and allows between 1,300 and 1,500 students to participate in 18 different events that make use of all of the facilities that the Joyce Center offers.

Late Night Olympics serves as a source of charity for the St. Joseph County chapter of the Special Olympics, donating between $4,500 and $4,700 through the event each year. According to Kara O'Leary, the assistant director of RecSports and coordinator of the event, “students get very excited about LNO, and its popularity has really allowed RecSports to build a tradition out of the event.”

“There are many stand-out sports such as basketball, soccer, and football, along with several out of the ordinary, such as monster dodgeball, Innertube water polo and broomball, a popular game similar to hockey but without the skates. Before the event campus is divided into 13 teams, pairing male and female dorms from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross. LNO is open to anyone who registers in advance with his or her dorm. Students are asked to make a $1 donation at the door. Those students planning to participate in the open slate from 10 p.m. to midnight, which does not require prior sign-up, will be charged $2.

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Peter Kenny, junior LNO participant

University of Indiana called “The Spirit of Sport All-Nighter.” It started in an effort to allow students to get out and have some fun during the dreary South Bend winter and the event quickly became popular.

It was not until later that the event became a fundraiser for the Special Olympics. Since then both attendance and donations have gradually increased as the event has become more and more popular.

Peter Kenny, a junior who participated in LNO for the last two years, said, “The Late Night Olympics is a great event that provides some variety into a student’s social life. The Little medals they handout are cool too.”

“Students get extremely competitive about the events,” said O'Leary. “They bring lots of spectators, and even run around carrying flags. They treat it like it’s the real Olympics.”

There is motivation behind this mayhem, however. Every year the Alumni Association donates money so the winners of each event will get the winning dorms’ bins will detract from their point total. Though the event schedule has not changed since last year, one addition to this year’s event is the Penny War. Each team has a jug in their dorm that will be moved to the Joyce Center on the night of the event.

Team members can put pennies or dollars into these jugs to give their team extra points, while any silver coins that they put into other teams’ bins will detract from their point total. This adds even a greater sense of competition to the event and will be a great help in the fundraising.

O’Leary warns that the LNO champions will not be determined until all of the money has been counted, which may take until Monday or Tuesday.

However, she feels that the extra money to be donated will definitely be worth the wait.

Kicking off the event at 9 p.m. is the Special Olympics basketball game.

Each year the best Special Olympians from the South Bend area come to LNO for a basketball game against the faculty.

“It is a nice way for the staff and students to get a feel for the charitable aspect of the event,” said O’Leary. “And the faculty loses every year.”

Students who come as spectators or players may also enter in a raffle for prizes donated by local businesses.

The tickets are two for $1 and O'Leary encourages the students to “come with a little bit of cash”, as these proceeds will go to charity as well.

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MARY!

During the first timeout of the men’s basketball game vs. Seton Hall on Saturday, Mary Brosnahan Sullivan, Class of ’83, will be presented with

The Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Award

by Jamie Kimmel Eifert, president of the Alumni Association and Chuck Lennon, executive director of the Alumni Association.

Mary is recognized for her distinguished service to the homeless and other disadvantaged residents as executive director of New York City’s Coalition for the Homeless.

The Notre Dame community thanks Mary for her continued dedication to the underserved.

The Dooley Award is given annually to an alumnus/alumna who has exhibited outstanding service to humankind.
ND grads receive awards
Special to The Observer
Two University graduates will receive special awards from the Notre Dame Alumni Association at receptions to be held on campus today.

- Mary Bronahan, a 1983 graduate and executive director of New York City’s Coalition for the Homeless, will receive the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Award, which is presented to a graduate who has engaged in an outstanding humanitarian service.

- Bronahan has led the Coalition for the Homeless since 1990, increasing the organization’s budget by $7 million and adding 72 members to its staff. The coalition serves more than 3,000 New Yorkers every day through food programs, a summer camp for homeless children, rental assistance and job readiness training.

- Samuel Joyner, a 1957 graduate and accomplished artist and teacher, will receive the Rev. Anthony J. Lauck, C.S.C., Award, which recognizes a graduate for achievements in the fine and performing arts.

Currently a spiritual therapist at the Center for Integrative Healing at South Bend’s Memorial Hospital, Joyner previously worked as a designer of church interiors at St. Christopher’s Workshop in Bremen.

He earned his master of fine arts degree from Notre Dame in 1969 and served as an assistant professor of art and as special assistant to the president in the office of Inter-Cultural Development at Saint Mary’s.

Another of the four tickets — presidential candidate Scott Palko and his running mate P.J. Mercanti — is running under the slogan, “Leadership is action, not position.”

“A good chunk of our platform is student-based,” said McCarthy.

“We want to show our leadership through action.”

A junior, Palko is the former president of The Shirt project and currently the president of the Notre Dame Today Web site. A senior, Mercanti has served as a commissioner in Kough Hall and is currently a captain of his team’s hockey team.

Unlike last year, when candidates began as soon as they handed in their qualifying positions, all candidates will begin campaigning at the same time in this year’s election.

Judicial Board vice president John McCarthy said the uniform start time makes the elections easier for the judicial board to control. In addition, it makes the campaign period shorter, which McCarthy said most students prefer.

“It was a long time last year, and got kind of annoying,” he said.

The four tickets will debate each other on Feb. 6. The primary election is scheduled for Feb. 11. If no ticket receives more than 50 percent of the vote, there will be a runoff election on Feb. 14.

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Student play to benefit South Bend AIDS ministry
By SPENCER BEGGS
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**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

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**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

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**AFGHANISTAN**

**U.S. forces attack Taliban HQ**

Associated Press

**KANDAHAR**

U.S. Army Special Forces attacked a Taliban headquarters north of Kandahar, killing a number of fighters and taking 27 prisoners, U.S. officials said Thursday. One American soldier was wounded in the attack.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in Washington that American troops attacked adjacent sites in a mountain region 60 miles north of Kandahar.

"Our forces attacked two compounds and detained 27 individuals," Myers said at the Pentagon. "There were enemy forces killed in this attack and one U.S. special forces soldier was slightly injured. He was wounded in the attack and was then evacuated."

The soldier, who was not identified, was the first American battlefield casualty since Army Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Chapman was killed Jan. 4 in an ambush in eastern Afghanistan. Eleven U.S. troops have been killed in aviation crashes during the Afghan campaign.

U.S. officials said they believed the prisoners seized may include both Taliban and members of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network but they were unsure whether senior leaders were among them.

"There's a whole lot more of these," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said of Taliban and al-Qaida outposts. "We're going to keep at them until we get them."

Also Thursday, the Pakistan-based Afghan Islamic Press reported that U.S. warplanes bombed a suspected al-Qaida terrorist camp near the eastern town of Khust. The agency quoted residents as saying the camp had been abandoned for some time.
Annan requests Kashmir dialogue

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan called Thursday for a "sustained and determined dialogue" between Pakistan and India to resolve the protracted dispute over Kashmir, which he said brought the nuclear-armed rivals to the brink of war.

Annan told reporters that a temporary reduction of tensions and an end to the immediate crisis — a major military buildup along the neighbors' shared border — was not enough. "The world does not want another crisis in a few weeks and months," he said.

Suggesting both Pakistan and India must both do more, he called for a "sustained and determined action against extremist groups... and equally sustained and determined dialogue between Pakistan and India to resolve their differences by peaceful means."

"There is enormous support and encouragement in the international community for this twin track approach, " Annan said.

Annan arrived Wednesday for a two-day visit aimed at cooling tensions that rose after a Dec. 13 attack on the Indian parliament, which New Delhi blamed on Pakistan's spy agency and two Pakistan-militant Islamic groups. Pakistan and the groups denied involvement.

Diplomatic efforts by the United States and other nations have helped avert war, but tensions remain high, with India demanding Pakistan crack down further on Muslim guerrillas waging a secessionist war in the Indian-controlled part of the disputed Himalayan province of Kashmir.

Under pressure from the United States and India, Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf banned five Islamic groups this month, including the two accused by India in the Parliament attack, and police have arrested more than 2,000 extremist activists.

Later on Thursday, Annan met Musharraf and discussed several regional issues, including Pakistan's tensions with India. Annan praised the military ruler for what he called his "courageous" stand against terrorism, saying that his steps were in the right direction.

India has said it will not reduce the number of troops on this border or consider talks until Pakistan does more to rein in extremists.

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Bush warns Arab leaders

WASHINGTON

President Bush provided three key Arab leaders with evidence that Arafat's Palestinian Authority was involved in trying to smuggle 50 tons of weapons to the Palestinians, senior administration officials said Thursday.

The weapons were intercepted by Israeli commandos in the Red Sea, and Israeli security officials informed the United States the arms were designed to be used in terrorist raids against Israeli civilians.

Bush provided the evidence in letters last week to the leaders of Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt, all considered moderate Arab nations with close ties to the United States, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. He also asked the leaders' help in persuading Arafat to make more arrests connected to the smuggling and to combat terrorism generally. The officials didn't describe the evidence, but diplomatic sources told The Associated Press it was basically American intelligence.

On Friday, Assistant Secretary of State William Burns will summon two dozen Arab ambassadors to provide them with more information about the smuggling incident and to underscore U.S. insistence that Arafat combat terrorism more vigorously, other U.S. officials said.

The Palestinian Authority, under U.S. urging, has detained several suspects. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher repeated on Thursday that Arafat had neither provided an explanation of the smuggling nor arrested the key figures.

Israel's account, given to the administration by top security officials who came to Washington late last month directly involved and said Iran supplied the weapons and the ship was loaded at an Iranian port.

While Arafat has denied any role, Secretary of State Colin Powell publicly has demanded an explanation from him. At the same time, Powell has told Arafat he has seen no evidence against the Palestinian leader.

Dispatch of Bush's letter, first reported Thursday evening by CBS News, surfaced as the administration again turned up the heat on Arafat.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters Thursday that Arafat has been under "virtual house arrest" in the West Bank for nearly two months. From his office window in Ramallah, he can peer out at Israeli soldiers who are posted down the street.

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A decision depends largely on what Arafat does about combating terrorism, a senior U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. No option, including closing the Washington office, is being ruled out, the official said.

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"The president understands the reason that Israel has taken the action that it takes, and it is up to Chairman [Yasser] Arafat to demonstrate the leadership to combat terrorism," Fleischer said.

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WASHINGTON

In a slap at Republican leaders, supporters of campaign finance legislation won their fight Thursday to force a House vote on a bill to curb the influence of big money in politics.

"Campaign finance reform will finally get a fair vote," said Rep. Christopher Shays, a Connecticut Republican who has long defied his own party’s leaders on campaign finance legislation.

Democrats rejoiced, too, having put up the vast majority of the 218 signatures needed on a petition to force the bill to the floor. "As the Enron storm clouds roll in, the public’s tolerance for this soft-money system is growing increasingly thin," said Rep. Martin Meehan.

Enron, a bankrupt Texas energy trading firm, donated millions to candidates and to both political parties. No date was set for a debate on the bill, which would impose the most far-reaching changes in the nation’s political finance system since the Watergate overhaul of a quarter-century ago.

"We want to deal with the issue as expeditiously as possible and provide a fair forum for it to be considered on the House floor," said Terry Holt, a spokesman for Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas.

Some Republican officials said they expected a vote as early as February or March. House supporters have tried for months to force the bill onto the floor through a legislative petition that requires signatures of a majority of all House members, 218. Such petitions rarely succeed, largely because lawmakers of the majority party are reluctant to support initiatives that essentially usurp their leaders’ right to set the legislative agenda.

As the House opened for business Thursday, the petition at the clerk’s desk inside the chamber contained 214 names, four short of the 218 required.

Rep. Dick Gephardt, the Democrat who has lobbed his colleagues vig­orously for months to sign the petition, inter­rupted a rehearsal for an economic speech he was to deliver during the day to meet Reps. Richard Neal and Geraldine Ferraro just off the House floor.

Neal long had promised he could be counted on as the 218th name, and Browne, a Florida Democrat, had more recently indicated she, too, was pre­pared to sign.

"Let’s do it," Gephardt said with a broad smile, and escort­ted them into the chamber. "The American people deserve a full debate about how campaigns are financed.

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As an additional indication of the impor­tance of soft money, Democrats solicited millions in pledges last year to finance con­struction of a new party headquarters in the nation’s capital.

The measure also would ban "T-visas," created under a federal law passed in 2000, will allow victims to remain in the United States if they can persuade immigration authorities they would face "extreme hardship involving unusual and severe harm" if returned to their native coun­tries.

After three years, victims can apply to remain in America per­manently. In most cases, they also can apply to have their spouses and children join them in the United States. Applicants under 21 can ask to have their parents join them.

America will not stand idly by as those who seek to profit from modern-day slavery ignore the humanity of their prisoners and show their disdain for the rule of law," Ashcroft said.

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On the second day of the appeal hearing for Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, lawyers asked the five appellate judges to review key testimony from the only witness to connect him to the 1988 disaster over Lockerbie, Scotland that killed 270 people.

Al-Megrahi, 49, was convicted last January and sentenced to life imprisonment, with no possibility of parole for 20 years. He has been serving time in a special lockup in the Netherlands under Scottish guard since the verdict, but would likely be transferred to a prison in Scotland if he loses the appeal.

A second defendant, Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, was acquitted and returned to Libya. The United States has repeatedly demanded that Tripoli accept responsibility for the attack, in which 189 Americans died, and pay damages to victims' families. Only then would it lift sanctions imposed in 1986 for what Washington viewed as Libya's support for international terrorism.

The appeal hearing focuses on two main defense strategies. One contests a prosecution witness who identified al-Megrahi as the purchaser of clothing that was in the same suitcase that contained the bomb, concealed inside a cassette recorder. Secondly, the defense seeks to call a new witness to testify that the lethal suitcase could have been put on board the plane at London's Heathrow airport, rather than onto a feeder flight in Malta.

During the hearings, which are expected to last up to five weeks, the burden of proof lies with the defense. Prosecutors need only reaffirm their support of the verdict, while the defense has to discredit the trial court's conclusions. Scottish legal experts say the defense will have a difficult task persuading the appeals court to overturn a verdict rendered by three professional judges.

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The Kim Jensen and Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl ticket was the only ticket willing to take a chance and stand up to the power and authority of running for public office. To be a field of fallen tickets, they have volunteered to be leaders for a student body that has produced no other leaders. For this they should be commended.

The Board of Governance insiders will deliver on the promises built on the philosophy of the current board. They’ve made reasonable proposals about expanding Debate Club funds for use in the bookstore, at vending machines and in laundry rooms. They have committed themselves to continue for study days, and have the ability and relationships necessary to propel that proposal to completion.

But the ticket has substantial problems. It simply doesn’t reach high enough, content on sticking to easy, everyday student life issues rather than issues that stir the waters. Its philosophy of government is that BOG shouldn’t tackle an issue unless it is brought to them by the students. “If students don’t bring something to my attention, I can’t take a stand on it,” presidential candidate Kim Jensen said in a Tuesday interview with The Observer.

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American spend anxious glued to the bottom line running across the television screen has decreased over the past few months, while consumer confidence levels have risen.

Prada's new architecural mind-blowing shop in SoHo has maintained high-profile clients. Many of us flew back home for winter break, or to vacation destinations or job interviews, and we thought of the fact that mere months ago we would have been an eternity here. As we would again set foot on an airplane.

Even our obsession with Osama bin Laden has dwindled. Before, his hatred-filled videos were compelling to us, though we knew them to be propaganda in its worst form. Now, news of another video has decreased our interest.

Even bin Laden's whereabouts have become a rarer conversation topic; while Americans used to keep daily track of the narrowing terror area in which we supposedly had our nemesis cornered, last week's news of his suspected escape from the southern part of Pakistan has left us merely shrugging with exasperation.

There have been complaints that Americans are returning to their pre-Sept. 11 ways. Promises of simpler, more meaningful ways of life stripped of materialism and superficiality have been reneged, and once again—oh, the horror—Americans actually care about the lives and wardrobe sales of Tom and Penelope. Such phenomena, some claim, are a sign of how shallow we are and how easily we forget. But there is a difference between forgetting and healing, and America's concern to stop shopping malls, airlines and upscale restaurants is merely an encouraging sign of the latter.

This is not to say that Americans, in general, couldn't stand to be more aware of and concerned with world affairs, nor is it to say that we should prioritize luxuries over family, health and friends. But to say that Americans are forgetting, are once again becoming like Sept. 10—well, that is to ignore the many with machine guns that now patrol our airports, the millions of people who continue to donate money and time to terrorism, the millions and the hundreds of civil rights activists who fight every day to make sure America treats its enemies the way a civilized democracy—and not a terrorist organization—should.

It is to ignore the thousands of American Muslims who now live with fear of hate and revenge from their own neighbors. It is to ignore the thousands of families that celebrated the holidays this year with one less loved one. Forget? How can we?

We will not forget. But we will heal. Our love of lavish lifestyles has begun to return. Our craving for stylish clothes, faster cars, playoff tickets and Hollywood gossip has resurfaced. And as long as we don't lose sight of what is truly important, it's OK—after all, we're still here.

We are still at war. But to get pleasure from sitting in front of your television set, critiquing the gown that will be the red carpet on Oscar night this March will not make you a bad person. As long as you are aware that the activity is a luxury not accessible to much of the world, and that the end of the evening are the people sitting on the couch with you.

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**Walking down a red carpet to recovery**

ITHACA, NY

Glistening diamonds, flowing chiffon and flawless skin abounded on the Golden Globes red carpet Sunday evening. Hollywood was back in full regalia and dropping names like Harry Winston and Oscar de la Renta in response to Joan and Melissa Rivers' probing questions about their extravaganza evening wear.

It was a huge jump from the sparse and solemn Emmys, which aired late last fall after being twice postponed due to the Sept. 11 attacks and America's initial bombing of Afghanistan, respectively.

In fact, many of the stars were wearing the outfits they had planned to don at the Emmy's before the tragedy drove them to ditch the seemingly inappropriate glitter and gold for minimalist pastels. But coming off as materialistic or excessive in the face of war was clearly not a concern on Sunday night. Which prompted the question: Has America begun to heal?

Perhaps Hollywood is not representative of the whole. But while a few months ago Americans could hear themselves away from CNN long enough to see what show won the Emmys for best comedy series, on Sunday night viewers were torn between the awards show and a new episode of the hit show that matched the red carpet in decadence.

**Guest Column**

**Bush not connected to Enron collapse**

LOS ANGELES

Tom Daschle can't stop smiling. Henry Waxman is unable to conceal his gloe. The McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform backers are jumping around and screaming.

Unfortunately, there's nothing to see. The Democratic eagerness to jump on the "Enron and Bush Sitting in a Tree" bandwagon completely ignores the facts. Wild, unfounded accusations of governmental corruption are flying around like a billion Clinton birthday bash, but any credible connection between Enron and the Bush administration has yet to be shown.

The zeal with which liberals are attacking Bush is understandable. Normally, Democrats and scandal go together like bread and mold: leave the former alone long enough and the latter is sure to develop. But the many have developed a serious case of "cleanmess envy"—they can't deal with the squeaky clean image projected by conservatives. So any hint of impropriety among the wing-right ranks is an appealing to them as a young, scant-clad intern.

Unlike a scanty-clad intern, however, this story doesn't have legs. Enron is an energy company that buys energy from generators and sells it to homes around the country. The company inflated its earnings estimates by 40%, according to the Wall Street Journal. So, the company's overestimation was revealed and the actual earnings resulting were cut.

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Once upon a time there was no Internet, no cell phones and no TV. In those dark days, people used to go to buildings where products were on display for them to examine and buy. Salesmen used to have to convince consumers that their products were more than snake oil and tonics.

How the times have changed; today, the average college student sees about 360,000 commercials before their freshmen year. And of course, no late-night TV watcher can avoid the granddaddy of all commercials: the infomercial.

But not all infomercial salesmen are charlatans and thieves, right? The Observer has taken three products to the testing floor to see if they can live up to their own hype.

The Ronco Showtime Rotisserie Oven and BBQ
Ronco Inventions, the company that also advertises the "Inside-the-Shell Electric Egg Scrambler" and the much parodied "GLH Formula Number 9 Hair System," has actually invented devices that have a practical use for those of us who are competent enough to use a whisk and are terrified by the idea of spray-on anything.

The Ronco Showtime Rotisserie Oven and BBQ is particularly hassle-free device that is ideal for people for want home-cooked food, but either aren't particularly talented in the culinary arena or are simply lazy.

The unit, which is a little smaller than a microwave and looks like a toaster oven with a large geared spit on the inside, has three settings and a timer dial. From the time the whole system comes out of the box to the time it is ready to use is about three minutes.

The Ronco infomercial does downplay a few of the oven's negative aspects; particularly, after use, the oven has heavy grease stains which are difficult to lift out. Soaking the removable metal parts in a warm dish detergent solution makes the stains fairly easy to remove with an abrasive dish pad.

Similarly, the "Set It and Forget It" feature by which the machine operates itself is a bit of a misnomer; the Ronco Showtime Rotisserie Oven needs supervision during use. Drops of grease jumping off meats can ignite and cause a serious fire. Of course, leaving any heat source unsupervised while preparing a meal is irresponsible.

The machine does, however, produce juicy and well prepared meats in a remarkable amount of time with little or no preparation. The Observer tried the Apricot-Orange rub suggested in the oven's manual. Two 1.5 pound game hens can be cooking about one minute after removing them from their packages (after being defrosted); the Apricot-Orange rub can be prepared in another about two minutes. In fact, most of the time amateurs spend with this machine will be cleaning it, not using it.

Another fairly clever feature of the oven is the steamer tray. The tray lies on top of the oven and can cook most vegetables in the time in which it takes to thoroughly prepare the meat. The Observer used of a cup of frozen peas, a half of a cob of corn and the remaining apricot-orange glaze in the steamer tray, all of which came out properly prepared.

The rotisserie oven is particularly convenient because it can eloquently prepare dishes for a very small price. Ten dollars worth of ingredients is more than enough to have a full meat portions with a glaze or marinade and two side dishes for two people. Combined with the relatively small preparation time for most dishes the oven is ideal for off-campus students who would like to eat cheaply but not spend a lot of time in their kitchens.

The Ronco Showtime Rotisserie Oven and BBQ is available in two sizes for $149.90 and $99.95 (the smaller size is sufficient to cook for up to four people) from www.ronco.com or by calling 1-800-486-1806. Interestingly enough, if you leave your number on the Web site to order, they will call you back in about five minutes. And of course, Ronco takes every credit card under the sun.

C. Spencer Beggs

The Gazelle Freestyle
He is the Fabio of infomercials. With his blond pony tail and spandex shorts, Tony Little the guru of such exercise videos as Bodycise, World-class Buns and Legs and Tighthen Firm and Smile tries his hand in indorsing an exercise machine — The Gazelle.

Produced by Fitness Quest, The Gazelle's slogan is boosted on the infomercial and Web sight, sucks the lazy work out consumers with lines like, "The more muscle you use, the more you can raise your metabolism, the more calories you burn — and here's the great part: with all of this, you actually do less exercise." About the only thing true about the Gazelle is a person actually does less exercise.

After unloading the 54 pound box full of bowed steel, foot pads and instructional videos about hard abs...
Standing the machine up, the crossbars suspended by wires were wobbly. She noticed was that the foot pads were loose. Stepping on tentatively, the first thing she noticed was that the foot pads were loose.

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He certainly wants to win the championship in his last sea- son — but for Auriol that goal is the same every year.

"I would be nice to go out with a national championship but I don't want them to feel like they have to win it for me," he said. "I know that is what they are thinking." Auriol has consistently kept his teams at the top of the col- legiate fencing world. Since he started coaching the women in 1984, Auriol’s teams have never fin- ished lower than sixth and fin- ished first in 1987 and 1994. As the head coach of the com- bined teams since 1996, Notre Dame has finished second five times and third once. His 2001 squad could be the best yet but Auriol is bowing out because he sees a decline in talent in the program.

"It doesn’t have anything to do with the strength of the team," he said. "There may be better teams in the future than we have right now." Auriol said that 2002 was just right to step out of his job. Wilson Stolz, who felled foil for the Irish for four years, graduated in 1999. He preferred warmer weather. For 17 years he has dedicated his life to Notre Dame fencing. When De Dame had won the national championship in 1977 and '78. At the same time he was an Olympic coach, Auriol also coached the women’s team at Portland State.

Soon, however, he wanted to remain more stable employment than the Olympic team could pro- vide. He didn’t, however, want to step down too early. Portland State offered a steady job, but not great athletics.

"It’s pretty frustrating when you are a national coach or an Olympic coach and you have to go to a bad program with only so-so-fencers," Auriol said.

When De Dame offered Auriol the position of head coach in 1985, Auriol knew it was the perfect opportunity. The program could probably use a steady paycheck — plus the opportunity for further tuition when Stephane was ready for college — as well as the chance in coaching junior fencers in the country. Notre Dame had won the national championship in 1977 and 1978 and been the runner-up in 1979 and 1980.

"It’s nice to step in and start working with good fencers right away," Auriol said.

In his first season as Irish coach, the women put together and undefeated regular season and finished second at the NCAA Championships. The next year, Auriol took his team straight to the top — winning a women’s national title in 1987. Since that time, Auriol’s biggest challenge has been maintaining the high standards he set for himself.

"You are always at the top," he said. "Everyone always expects the fencing team to be at the top. It’s not easy. Just because you are good one year, doesn’t mean you will be good the next year but we have stayed near the top.

Since De Dame's retirement as men’s head coach in 1996 and Auriol's promotion to head coach of both teams, Auriol has kept his teams near the top but hasn’t quite been able to break through. From 1996- 2000, his teams finished second at every NCAA champi- onship. Last year, the Irish slipped is third but his 2002 team probably has the best tal- ent overall since Auriol became head coach.

"It was frustrating those five years to always finish second but I think this year we have the talent to win it all," Auriol said.

With his best team in years, his fencers say he has stepped up the intensity. Practices are more difficult and Auriol is playing a more active role than before.

"He has been more involved with the practices on a day-to- day basis," says captain Jan Viviani said. "The last few years, the captains have been running the basic things.

"He is doing it almost to get us into shape and get into gear," Walton said. "He knows this is the team we need to beat everyone else. He thinks this is the strongest team we’ve had in a while so he knows this is our chance to do it."

Auriol said he isn’t treating this team any differently from past teams. He expects focus and attention at every practice.

So far he hasn’t seen that from this team yet but he expects that the focus will soon return.

In the past, Auriol’s teams have taken on the same determined, even keel as the coach. Every practice, every dual meets is important in reaching the ultimate — a national championship.

Auriol expects his teams to act the same as he does. Put on your warm-ups, go to prac- tice, work hard, go home and to bed, come back the next day and do it all again.

But March 24, all that will change for the first time in 17 years. After the final bout of the NCAA championships, Auriol will take off his warm- ups, go to bed and wake up in a new phase of his life.

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Irish look to catch Gophers in Minnesota

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

With the season off to a perfect 2-0 start, the seventh-ranked Irish men's tennis team looks to keep its winning streak alive as it heads into two weekend battles against 60th-ranked William and Mary and 32nd-ranked Minnesota.

Notre Dame squares off against William and Mary on Friday, as the Irish and the Tribe will meet for just the fourth time in history and the first time since 1999. William and Mary also won two matches to open the spring season, sweeping both the University of Richmond and East Carolina University by the score of 7-0.

While the Irish are not taking their opponent lightly, they expect to win handily, knowing their lineup boasts more talent and depth.

"William and Mary is an NCAA [Championship] level team, but I would expect to win that match," Notre Dame head coach Bob Bayliss said. "They gave us a reasonably good match in the fall when we played them there. I think we're much deeper than they are at four, five and six (singles)."

The Irish will undoubtedly face a tougher battle on Sunday against the Gophers of Minnesota -- a team that includes the second-ranked singles player in the nation, Harsh Mankad. Mankad, a junior from India, finished the fall season with a 12-1 record, while also winning the National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in November.

Bayliss is certainly aware of the threat Minnesota poses. "Minnesota is very good," Bayliss said. "They are very under-ranked. They're a top 10 to 15 team."

The Irish will try to counter the Gopher threat, being led by a solid core of seniors and a lineup that also has some ammunition of its own. Three Irish singles players are ranked in the top 100 -- Luis Haddock-Morales at No. 83, Casey Smith at No. 88 and Javier Taborga at No. 95 -- and the doubles pairing of Taborga and Smith is ranked sixth.

While the context against nationally touted Minnesota will deny or confirm Notre Dame's top 10 ranking, preparing for the match-up was the same as usual.

"I don't think you do any different to prepare," Bayliss said. "You get your routines down. Each of them has individual weaknesses that we're working on. This isn't like football or basketball where you have to round better, you have to block better. It's more like one player has to work on his backhand passing shot, another player needs to work on coming to the net a little more. There really isn't a key ingredient for the whole team."

Notre Dame and Minnesota know each other well, as the two teams have met in 12 of the past 13 seasons. The Irish blasted the Gophers 7-0 last season, but Minnesota has taken four of the past six meetings. However, Notre Dame has recorded a perfect 4-0 record against the Gophers at Minnesota in the Bayliss era -- a record they hope to see remain intact.

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NCAA Men's Basketball
Boozer ties career high as Duke wins

Associated Press

BOSTON Carlos Boozer tied his career-high with 28 points and added seven rebounds Thursday night as No. 1 Duke opened a 29-point first-half lead and coasted to an 88-78 victory over Boston College.

Dahnaj Jones had 16 points and six rebounds and Mike Dunleavy had 16 points, five rebounds and five assists for Duke (17-1), which has won five consecutive games by an average of almost 20 points since its only defeat, against Florida State, on Jan. 6.

Jason Williams scored 15 points and Chris Duhon had 10 points and seven assists for the Blue Devils.

Troy Bell scored 26 points and Ryan Sidney had 10 as Boston College (14-5) lost for the fourth time in its last six games. Uka Agbai had nine rebounds and a career-high 20 points and Kenny Walls scored 14 for the Eagles, who had been ranked in the Top 25 for 20 consecutive polls -- climbing to No. 10 earlier this season -- before dropping out this week.

Duke used two 13-0 runs in the first half to open leads of 20-3 and 42-13. The Blue Devils led by 20 at halftime and 70-42 on Boozer's layup with 12:51 left in the game before BC mustered enough of a charge to make it respectable.

It was 71-44 when BC scored 10 of the next 12 points, then added an 8-0 run to make it 75-62 while holding Duke to one basket over six minutes. Bell hit a leaner from the lane to make it 77-66 with 4:07 left.
THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ALL FIRST ROUND GAMES FOR ALL LATE NIGHT OLYMPICS TEAMS. TIMES FOR FURTHER GAMES WILL BE DETERMINED AT THE END OF THE FIRST ROUND.

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Ted Williams hospitalized

Ted Williams, slowed by a series of strokes and congestive heart failure in recent years, was back in the hospital Thursday.

The 83-year-old baseball Hall of Famer was taken from his home by ambulance to Shands Hospital at the University of Florida, about 50 miles away. He had open-heart surgery last January.

No details were being released on his condition, hospital spokeswoman Kristi Lam said. Williams’ family would not comment.

Lori Cronshaw, spokeswoman for the Citrus County Sheriff’s Office, which dispatched the ambulance, also declined to discuss Williams’ condition.

Williams had a series of strokes in the 1990s, including an especially severe one in 1994 that limited his vision and mobility. He also had an increased heart rate and high blood pressure in recent years.

In November 2009, doctors placed a pacemaker in Williams’ chest and two months later he had the open-heart surgery because of congestive heart failure.

He spent part of his time recovering in San Diego, his hometown, and has been at his Florida home since Aug. 30, his 83rd birthday.

In a rare interview in September, the former Red Sox star told The Boston Sunday Globe, “I’m feeling pretty good.”

But my whole life has been knocked out of joint,” he said.

“Oh, boy, I’ve never been through years like I’ve been through in the last four years. There’s nothing I can compare it to in my life. I really have been through hell.

Ted Williams
Baseball Hall of Famer

“THERE’S NOTHING I CAN COMARE IT TO IN MY LIFE. I REALLY HAVE BEEN THROUGH HELL.”

PHOENIX OPEN

Tryon struggles in his PGA debut

It wasn’t an easy day for anyone who played early.

The round began 15 minutes late because of frost, and the temperature was 41 degrees when play finally began. Fittingly, the best score of the morning group came from a Canadian, Glen Hatanaka, who overcame bogeys on two of his first three holes for a 67.

“We were fortunate,” Flesch said of starting in the afternoon, when the wind died and temperatures warmed considerably.

“We got the good end of the draw. Obviously, I’m sitting in a good spot.”

Vijay Singh had a 66 in his first round of the year and was joined by Matt Kuchar, Skip Kendall and Tom Lehman. Mike Weir, Cameron Beckman and Stephen Ames were among those at 67, while John Daly, Fred Couples and Charles Howell III were at 68.

Most of the attention was on Tryon, who became the youngest player to earn his tour card last year with a 66 on the final day of Q-School. About 500 gathered at the 1st tee and followed him all the way to TPC Scottsdale.

The crowd tapered off toward the end of the round, but that was to be expected.

“I scared them off with my great performance,” Tryon said. “If I want a bigger crowd, I guess I’ve got to make some more birdies.”

Birdies? At one point, par would have been a good completion.

He hit into a bunker on No. 10, his opening hole, and missed a 7-foot put. He badly missed the fairway to the right on his next hole, had to pitch into the fairway and took another bogey. On the first par-5, he sprayed his tee shot into the water.

Then, he showed his youth — digging a wedge into the water to retrieve the ball, cleaning it off and taking his shot. He got his 3.

“I tried to rake a trap, too,” Tryon said. “Hey, I’m a rookie.”
Irish look to make a splash against 'Cats

By SHEILA EGTS
Sports Writer

The Irish seem as calm and serene as the undisturbed waters of the Rolfs Aquatic Center as they anticipate the dual meet competition against Big East opponent Villanova on Saturday.

The men's swimming and diving team has not competed against Villanova since the Big East Championships last spring where they beat them soundly.

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“We finished ahead of them [Villanova] last spring at the Big East. We like to swim in our pool and to be honest, I think we have the advantage going in.” said men's head coach Tim Welsh. With only three dual meets remaining until the Big East, both teams are very interested in preparing for the Big East and landing invitations to the competition, according to Welsh. However, the women's team's main focus is on its more difficult dual meets against Northwestern and Michigan.

According to sophomore Marie Labosky, the women's team is confident in its advantage against Villanova and plans to swim to win, but not necessarily for fast times.

The biggest threat to the women's team is Villanova's lead swimmer, Maddy Crippen, who finished sixth in the 400 meter intermediate at the 2000 Summer Olympics.

Labosky, who has swam and trained with Crippen since the eighth grade, will swim against her in the 400 intermediate.

I respect Maddy more than any athlete as she is one of the best in the country in her event,” said Labosky. “I trained with her over Christmas break again, and I know her weaknesses and strengths. I don't want to go in and say I'm going to lose, but it should be fun to see what happens.”

The men's and women's meets both begin at Rolfs Aquatic Center at 4 p.m.

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it when Notre Dame battles St. John's.
"It will be a good test to see where we are," epee captain Jan Viviani said. "They are obviously one of the teams we are going to have to beat to get where we want to be."
The defending national champs return 10 of 12 starters from the team that ran away with the national title last year including individual national champions Ivan Lee in sabre and Emesa Takacs in epee.
Although St. John's returns a lot of good fencers, it lost two of its best from last year — two-time national sabre champion Keeth Smart and 2000 national epee champion Alex Royblat.
Although the Red Storm have yet to find a strong replacement for Smart, Arpad Horvath from Hungry has filled in for Royblat with a undefeated start to the 2002 season.
"Epee is such a strong field," Irish head coach Yves Auriol said. "St. John's has guys that can win the national championship. It's going to be tough competition."
Women's epee will be no easier as in addition to Takacs, St. John's returns the national runner-up for 2001, Arlene Stevens.
At the 2001 championships, Irish junior Meagan Call pulled out two close 5-4 wins against the St. John's duo. Captain Anna Carnick, however, dropped both bouts.
"The addition of Walton should give the Irish the advantage in 2002. Auriol believes Walton is capable of beating both St. John's fencers."
This dual meet will also mark the debut of freshman foillists Andrea Ament and Aloja Kryzcalo. The top Irish foilists did not fence at the opening Northwestern meet because of a conflict with a World Cup event. Auriol said Ament and Kryzcalo are the best 1-2 combination in college fencing. This weekend, they will face perhaps their biggest challenge for that distinction — Liz Thottam and Irina Khoudae both of whom started the season 12-0.
"In addition to St. John's, Notre Dame will also face Columbia, NYU and Yale."
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We need Ericka's defense," McGraw said. "Starling is a really good player and I'm not sure if we have a lot of people who can guard her."
Another Hokies player who could give the Irish ffin on the defensive end is sophomore center Lexa Kubilina. The 6-foot-4 pivot player averages 13.6 points and 7.6 rebounds per game. Not just an inside threat, Kubilina has hit seven of 21 attempts from 3-point land.
"Last year, she had Ruth [Riley] running around the 3-point line because she's a decent 3-point shooter," McGraw said of Kubilina, who totaled 25 points in three games against Notre Dame last year. "So that really hurts in the game down there. She didn't do much against us here but she played well down there."
Another Hokies team also feature a tough defense that has held opponents to an average of 55.1 points per contest.
"They play the pressure man-to-man, they're a great defense team," McGraw said. "They're a really fundamentally sound, hard-working team."
The game also gives the Irish a chance to show how much better they are now after starting the season out 2-4, including losses to ranked teams in Michigan, Purdue and Colorado State. Other than Connecticut, the Irish have not played a ranked team since falling to Purdue on Dec. 6.
"I think we are hungry for a win," Wicks said. "We're hungry to make a statement about how much improvement we've made over this season."
NBA
Jordan's 40 leads Wizards
Associated Press
WASHINGTON
Michael Jordan scored 40 points as the Washington Wizards handed the Cleveland Cavaliers their 11th straight loss, 94-85 Thursday night.
Jordan's only real slip-up came when he lost his footing and crashed to the floor, trying to make a move in the third quarter.
For the first time in a while, Jordan didn't leave his game with three minutes remaining at halftime, scoring 16 points and six free throws.
Jord ans went 18-for-29, 7-for-14 in the second half, and had eight rebounds in 40 minutes. He scored eight points in a 10-0 run, includ­ ing a 16-foot jump shot over a triple-team while being fouled, as the Wizards took command midway through the third quarter.
Jordan went 2-for-15 and 1-for-8 in the second halves of the last two games, both losses, as his legs tired so the Wizards could retain possession.
The Wizards had lost six of seven, mostly against the zone defenses and double teams. The slumping, undermanned Cavaliers gave him no such problems. The Wizards had lost six of seven, mostly against the best defenses in the league, so Cleveland was a change of pace, although an uncertain one. The Cavaliers dominated the only previous meeting this season, a 94-75 romp on Nov. 27 that dropped the Wizards to 3-10 and prompted Jordan to utter "We stink."
The sequel to the "We stink" game should be remembered for Jordan's great recovery to his stumble, lying on the floor, he drilled the ball off Wesley Person's knee, sending it out of bounds so the Wizards could retain possession.
Chris Webber added 15 points, and Popeye Jones had nine points and eight rebounds for the Wizards. Person scored 19 points — 16 in the first quarter — to lead the Cavaliers, who have lost 11 in a row for the first time since the 1990-91 season.
The Wizards were worth watching only when Person was hot. He and Jordan put on a show in the first 12 minutes, working free on screens to match jump shot for jump shot. Both had 16 points at the end of the first quarter, with Person making 8 of 9 shots and Jordan 8 of 11.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS
Irish open spring with dual matches
By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer
The women's tennis team returns to action this weekend with home matches against Illinois State and Northern Iowa. And for the players, the start of the spring season can't come soon enough.
"We're really excited about the match this weekend," said senior Nina Vaughan. "Especially since we'll be playing at home."
The 14-ranked Irish may have to shake off a little rust for their first dual match in over two months, but the layoff shouldn't affect them too severely. According to assis­ tant coach Liz Barker, most of the players had great winter practices and are looking forward to maintaining their momentum from a solid fall season.
Captian Becky Varnum will try to continue her torrid fall pace in which she scored victories over several highly ranked opponents and firmly entrenched herself as a No. 1 singles player.

"We have a lot of confidence in Becky as our number one," said Vaughan. Behind Varnum, Lindsey Green and Vaughan will fill out the two and three singles slots. Meanwhile, Katie Cunha, Alicia Salas and Sarah Jane Connolly will round out the starting lineup.

Irish senior Becky Varnum returns a serve during a match this past fall. The Irish open their spring season this weekend.

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Johnny Walker
- ND Sports Writer
Irish forward Tom Timmermans battles for the ball against Georgetown last Monday.

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I know how to play," Brey said. "After Monday's loss, both Brey and Graves criticized the senior forward's defensive effort. That's why Jones, who has never started but is one of Notre Dame's top perimeter defenders, would be a logical choice if Brey decides to make a change. Jones could provide a strong defensive spark to keep the Irish in the game early. That's a problem that has plagued the Irish this year. In their 18 games, the Irish have trailed at the half nine times by an average of 8.4 points. They've only come back to win three times.

"We always seem to get down early because we tend to feel we have to do a lot of things to get a lot of points," said Graves, who is averaging 14.2 points per game. "The Irish are coming off of a disappointing conference weekend in which they dropped two games to Nebraska-Omaha, and failed to take a point in a conference-two game series for the first time all year.

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Cross country rivals set to meet on track

By DAVE COOK
Sports Writer

When the distance runners of the men’s and women’s track and field team toe the line on Friday, they will be lining up opposite opponents who are very familiar — probably too familiar for their own comfort.

The last time the Notre Dame distance runners raced against Michigan State was in the NCAAs cross country championship in Greenville, S.C., Michigan State took 16th place in the team standings while Notre Dame claimed a fifth place finish.

In the women’s race, Michigan State had finished in an impressive 11th place with the Irish finishing in 27th place. “They have excellent distance runners. Excellent,” said Irish head coach Joe Plano.

For the men, the formidable Michigan State distance squad is led under the stellar performance of All-American Andy Lixey. Lixey was red-shirted as a sophomore, but came back in his junior year to take a fourth-place finish in the 800 meters at the Big Ten Championships.

Also among the distance men is freshman phenom Travis Toloff, who led the MSU cross country team, finishing 66th at nationals.

Complementing the distance runners is senior Paul Terek, who earned All-American honors in the heptathlon at the NCAAs championship. He specializes in the pole vault competition, where he has a personal record 17-feet, 5 inches.

Rounding out the Michigan State squad is led under the new head coach in Angela Goodman. will bring many strong athletes to Notre Dame on Friday. Senior tri-captain Ann Sommervile leads the MSU track and field team, posting NCAA provisional qualifying times last year in the 3000 meter steeplechase and the 5000 meter run.

Senior Sherri Williams also poses a threat to score many points on Friday. She was the 2001 Indoor Big Ten Champion in the triple jump, breaking an MSU school record three times last season.

In the field events, junior tri-captain Lynlee Philips leads the Spartans, competing in the 20-pound weight throw and the javelin. She holds the Michigan State school record in both categories.

The Notre Dame women look to continue their success with a second win on the season. They began the season with a bang, winning 11 of 16 events in a triangular meet last Friday. And according to Liz Grow, they have their eyes set high for this 2002 season.

“Our relay team is so fast. I’m very confident that we’ll all get All-American this year in the mile relay,” said Grow.

The women show depth all around. Grow leads the sprinting corps, the distance group is coming off a very strong cross country season, and in the field events Tameisha King and company look to create a lot of noise in the Big East.

Notre Dame and Michigan State square off this Friday. Field events begin at 6 p.m. on the Meyo Track.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to rebound

By JOE LINDSEY
Sports Writer

With seven games left in the regular season, the Saint Mary’s basketball team is trying to recover from two consecutive losses, including a 74-51 defeat at Kalamazoo Wednesday night.

Coach Suzanne Smith cancelled Thursday’s practice to give her team, 6-12 overall and 2-5 in MIAA play, an opportunity to rest some minor physical injuries, as well as to get mentally ready for Saturday’s contest at Albion.

“I just think we need to heal. We are a smaller team now, and people are playing a lot of minutes,” Smith said in reference to the loss of four players over the winter break. “I think more than anything we just need to get mentally ready for the second half of conference play.”

But the loss of those players, according to Smith, has not been a large blow to the Belles’ recent losses.

“To be honest, sick of talking about losing the players. It’s done and over with. We’ve moved on,” she said.

Certain players, especially sophomore Katie Miller, have stepped up to lead the Belles after the exodus of senior Sherita Piane.

Miller led Saint Mary’s with 13 points against Kalamazoo, and was a great asset to her team in the close game versus Adrian last Saturday.

Also in many ways, the team seems to be just as united as before.

“I was just talking to a few of them who went to lunch together. They’re definitely still focused. They know we have the talent. It’s just a matter of pulling it all together,” Smith said.

It seems that the Belles’ major weakness at the start of Wednesday’s game was a lack of assertiveness, not a lack of depth.

“I don’t think we came out with the same intensity after coming off a good game with Adrian,” Smith of the Kalamazoo game. “I’m not at all pleased with [Wednesday night’s] performance.”

After Thursday’s day off, Smith expects the Belles to be ready to host Albion for the second time this season. The major difference this time, though, is that the game is at home, and the Belles are going to want revenge.

“We’ve got to win. We’ve got to want to win. They’re going to come out wanting to get us because we beat them last year. They’re going to come out with a lot of energy, knowing that we beat them once,” Smith said.

“I don’t think we came out with the same intensity after coming off a good game with Adrian,” Smith of the Kalamazoo game. “I’m not at all pleased with [Wednesday night’s] performance.”

The Belles have had ups and downs. There have definitely been moments when you really good about things, and then there are moments when you wonder “OK, are we going to lose one after the other?,” said Smith.

As for the Belles’ home games, Smith said it all depends on the Belles and the Belles’ style.

For sure, there are home games that Smith will not have to wonder about. There is one thing that Smith looks forward to doing.

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FENCING

Finishing at the top

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The Irish fencing team has been striving for a national championship for many years. Last season, they were proud of their top-10 national ranking. Head coach John Walton said this week: "I'm very happy with our team. They're working hard and they're doing well."

Auriol to call it a career at 2002 season's end

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

When Irish head coach Yves Auriol called a team meeting at one of the first practices of the season, he announced that he would be leaving the team at season's end. Auriol has been head coach of the fencing team for 17 years and has coached many national champions. "I think it would be nice if he stayed another season," said senior Sabrina West. "But I understand his decision."

Irish face No. 1 St. John's at NYU this weekend

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Sunday the hype stops. Ever since three heralded freshmen stepped onto campus last fall, the Notre Dame fencing team has been silent. They are the only team in the country that has never won a national championship. "I think this team is the best team Notre Dame has ever had," epee captain Ann Carrick said last fall. "I think we can take gold this year." Auriol called a team meeting earlier this season to him. Even so, the team isn't the only one that's excited. "I'm really looking forward to this weekend," said West. "It's going to be a tough test for us and we're ready."