Success leads ND Mock Trial Team to nationals

By MELANIE LAFLIN
News Writer

Despite objections, witnesses lying down, long ten hour days, a flat tire, and a rental van engine exploding, the Notre Dame Mock Trial Team withstood the competition they were facing during the Mock Trial Regionals held in Toledo, Ohio.

Three teams and one alternate team, consisting of thirty Notre Dame/Saint Mary's students, made the trek to Toledo. Two teams ended up qualifying for nationals coming up March 30 through April 1 in Des Moines, Iowa.

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One of the main purposes of the Mock Trial Regionals was to awaken the entire Saint Mary's community to the diversity already present on campus. One future event aiming to accomplish this is the performance of a student play titled "Awakenings." Written by junior Alia Paige, this play of three mini-acts attempts to good present the diversity already present on campus.

Dr. Sophia Paige, a motivational speaker, obstetrician/gynecologist, and sister to Alia Paige, will present a lecture entitled "Success: one Woman's Perspective" in Carroll Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 February.

The award was named after Volker Blankenstein, a 1993 Notre Dame pre-med graduate, who is the current and Dooley Award recipient. He has been responsible for much of the program's design, installation, and development.

"The award provides a powerful and unique opportunity for students of medicine which goes beyond the boundaries of classroom education," Blankenstein said. "It's an incredible experience that has provided an $8,000 stipend to cover room and board for the Dooley volunteer; Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns, which lends its assistance in the annual process of selection of the award winner; and the staff of St. Joseph's Health Center, which provides its resources and guidance throughout the year of service.

The Center for Social Concerns is now accepting applications from Notre Dame graduating pre-professional seniors for the Dooley award.

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What money can never buy

By: T. Haynes

With today being Valentine's Day, it is appropriate to consider the question: What do you love? Now, many of you may consider yourself "in love," but what is that strange emotion that we seem to hear so much about.

We are bombarded with different viewpoints on love every day. From John 3:16 where, God so loved... to the idea of giving your significant other what they want. Philosophers, theologians, and artists have tried to capture the essence, the meaning that love is or should be. Both sides offer a minimal success. It is obviously an intriguing concept, but I feel that we are all being duped. Slowly, over time, this day is supposed to celebrate "romantic love" has become just another Hallmark holiday.

It is surrounded by weeks of planning by stores. There are now set decorations and decorations in stores to celebrate this unmatchable feeling. A sort of garish "Monty Python's Flying Circus" to the idea that we should love each other.

While you may not choose these words, the thoughts that generate them are common to us all. Unfortunately, in a fraction of the gifts you thought you would get for Christmas.

What do you feel is the one thing that we must have, there is an imp of discontent lurking in the center of our soul. This is always true, no matter the occasion.

We live in a age where love can be bought and sold. Is love a "thing," or is it "someone?" Just buy a bigger bouquet like the sign says. Can't get the words in your mouth to tell that someone special, "You are my way out, man. Is there anything that a box of chocolates and a big bouquet of flowers can't do? That's the apocryphal story upon us even when True Value hardware stores offer Valentine's day specials.

"Now, I'm not here to say that love cannot exist in a true form anymore, nor am I here to tear bitterly into Valentine's Day. I am not against the truly meaningful gift, but instead stand against the blatant materialism that this day has become for some. It just seems that we have lost a sense of trueness these days, not in some magical "Princess Bride" true love sense, but where one expects to be loved through receiving something someone. The thought of why we love clamping in the lack of our love, as one may be assumed with buying something for that someone. The meaning of the giving is lost within a swirling sense of materialism. John Alexander Joyce writes: "I shall love you in December. With the love I gave you in May. I wonder for how many that still holds true.

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What money can never buy

World at a Glance

Winter storms dump snow triggering deadly avalanches

A fierce winter storm brought an abrupt halt to unusually high temperatures in the Northwest and dump up to 5 feet of snow in the Rockies, triggering deadly avalanches and causing hundreds of car accidents.

Avalanches killed one skier in Colorado and another in Utah. A search resumed today for a third skier reported missing at Winter Park in Colorado.

The Mountain Weather Service reported more than 60 avalanches in Colorado within a 48-hour period after snow began falling there on Friday.

"There's too many avalanches to count," said Dougall McCarty of Colorado Avalanche Information Center. "It's just too damn heavy out there." Three cars were buried by an avalanche Sunday on Interstate 70, Colorado's main east-west artery. There were no injuries.

Highways through Colorado's Berthoud Pass and Loveland passes were closed today to road crews could set off blasts to break up potential avalanches. Skiers and other travelers stranded by closed roads late Sunday overflowed hotel and motel rooms overnight in Vail and nearby communities.

Fight for surgeon general nomination

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Trying to salvage the chances of his surgeon general nominee, President Clinton sent Vice President Al Gore here today to affirm White House support for Dr. Henry Foster Jr., a former Tennessee senator, and meeting with the obstetrician and participants of his "I Have a Future" program for young people in two Nashville housing projects. The White House, battling opposition to Foster's abortion record, wants to shift the focus to the 10,000 abortions he delivered years ago to reduce teen-age pregnancy. The unusual show of support is in an aggressive set of moves to save the troubled nomination.

While most nominees are held from public view until their confirmation hearings, Foster has defended himself in a Georgetown speech, a Washington Post article and a national television interview. The selection is facing opposition from anti-abortion groups, who are pressuring Republican senators. Foster says he has performed 39 abortions and supervised a drug trial in which 55 more women ended their pregnancies.

Use of informants out of control

Federal law enforcement agencies spent $97 million on federal informants last year, according to an internal Department of Justice review. The review found that the agencies were not in the habit of demanding that informants provide more than very limited information and that the agencies were not trained on how to deal with informants.

"There's no way to measure in dollar amounts what we have traded, given away," one of the investigators said.

He said that the agencies were not in the habit of reviewing the effectiveness of informants and that the agencies were not in the habit of demanding that informants provide more than very limited information.

The review also found that the agencies were not in the habit of providing training to law enforcement officers on how to deal with informants.

Patient wounds two in hospital

At Harvard Square's newest cafe, there are no doppelganger copies of Baudelaire or Byron on the tables. No photographs of Sylvia Plath's poetry. No outlines for the Great American Novel. The table is CyberSmith, is covered with computers. This is a place where people can have a cup of cappuccino and try all their computer tools and toys they've been hearing about.

"It's a lot easier than I thought," said John Barbiri, pointing and clicking his way to everything from impressive paintings to sports schedules on the Internet. CyberSmith, situated in a part of town crowded with coffee shops and bookstores, frequented by students and professors at Harvard, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other schools, is not the first cafe to go on line. Seven or eight have opened in Boston, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco with a computer terminal or two in the back so customers can log on to the Internet. CyberSmith has 48 work stations and technology: the latest multimedia titles on-line services, virtual reality and video games.

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Noire Dame witness Phil Jensen, playing the railroad engineer, pulled out his pro­
tractor and began skecthing the exact angle at which the road intersected the railroad
tracks.
Sunday, as well as Saturday, proved to be eventful. After one van was waiting in Toledo to
fix its flat tire, the other van found itself stranded five minutes
outside of Notre Dame with oil
flowing from its engine.

While everyone huddled to­
gether in the freezing cold in
side the van, the Notre Dame stu­
dent Michael Edney stood out­
side for forty-five minutes haul­
ing road crew workers and
standing as a lookout for the other van. According to Ho­
rac, "If it hadn't been for Ed­
ney, we would have thought it
just another blue van and kept
right on going."

Mishaps aside, the Notre Dame Mock Trial Team proved to be a fierce competitor this past weekend and is looking forward to the upcoming tourn­
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opened my eyes to see the
medicinal profession from a
different angle, considering the
human variable of 'medicine.'
Blankenstein believes the project to be a helpful learning process for any prospective
doctor. "This type of learning
will make me a more caring
person and a much better
physician in the future," she
said. "Working in the clinic
shows you on a daily basis how
people are affected by hard­
ship and disease; you learn to
realize what it's all about." To­
gether with the survey's finding that
students had not been su r­
veyed to determine the number of
students or has work experience
of black silverscreen classics
"School Daze" and "Superfly."

She was worried, in fact, that
some students may miss "great
opportunities" by dropping out of
the active interviewing pro­
cess too early, though she ac­
tended to this event is also $1.

she explained. "This play is about ig­
gorance and looking into your­
fears,
her. Such skills, however, are
demanding as a lookout for the
brother's help. She said she
heard a woman make a state­
tion is two fold.
most of these firms to recruit towards the end of the year.

"Because people are ignorant,
they make assumptions on me."

As the students involved in the planning of the "Spirit of the Week" discussed the play, Paige said that similar in­
volvement but will perform in sil­
ence will follow the half hour
"There are just little things
that shouldn't be happening,"
she said. "This play is about ign­
ience can bring out their feel­
in the club.
This is the first year that a
traditional Kwanzaa dinners will be
served.
In addition to the celebration,
for the new harvest and the
community in celebration of
this interfaith thanksgiving.

According to Paige, the pur­
pose of the week long celebra­
"Trading Places," "The Wiz,
"We chose movies to reflect
the higher amount of on-cam­
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cracking of accounting majors
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Americans naive about sexual diseases
By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Americans don't know their risk for sexually transmitted diseases or their partners' sexual histories, and consequently don't protect themselves, says a survey to be released Tuesday.

The survey, funded by pharmaceutical giant Burroughs Wellcome Co., found 75 percent of Americans don't believe they could catch a sexually transmitted disease, even though doctors diagnose 12 million new cases—not counting AIDS—every year.

"The message is: Know enough to assess your risk before you decide not to worry" about sexually transmitted diseases. "It's a serious problem," said Ethel Klein of EDK Associates, which conducted the survey for Burroughs, a manufacturer of drugs for treating the diseases.

The survey marks the release of a new booklet, developed by a coalition of medical organizations, with explicit instructions for detecting the often hidden symptoms of sexual diseases. The government says one in four Americans may get a sexually transmitted disease, which left untreated can cause infertility or even death.

The survey of 1,000 adults attempted to assess Americans' sex lives, but turned up contradictions that Klein says illustrate people's "very complicated feelings about sexuality."

Supreme Court grants sole custody to biological father
By LAURIE ASSEO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
The Illinois couple who have raised Baby Richard since he was born nearly four years ago lost another Supreme Court battle today in their struggle to retain custody of the boy.

The justices, on a 7-2 vote, refused to block an Illinois Supreme Court ruling that gave custody of Richard to the biological father he has never met.

Lawyers for Richard and for the suburban Chicago couple who have raised him since he was 4 days old, identified only as John and Jane Doe, still are free to file a formal appeal of the Illinois court's decision. The court turned down requests for an emergency order filed by lawyers for the boy and the couple.

JUSTICES Sandra Day O'Connor and Stephen G. Breyer voted to grant the stay. O'Connor wrote for the two that the top Illinois court "evidently did not apply a recent amendment to the state adoption laws" that may require a hearing to determine the child's best interests.
ASA downsizes, suspends hiring

WASHINGTON The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, under orders to cut its spending $5 billion by the end of the fiscal year, on Friday froze Monday and a stop in spending at the highest civil service levels.

"We are in the beginning phase of a plan to downsize headquarters significantly," said spokesman Brian Welch. The order, issued Fri­day by administrator Daniel Goldin, bars transfer of head­quarters from NASA centers across the country but not moves from center to center.

Testifying before the House space subcommittee, Goldin said he learned on Jan. 12 that President Clinton wanted NASA to make do with smaller annual budgets in the next five years.

"When we lost the money, I was in shock," said Goldin. He said NASA had already cut its spending by 30 percent.

NASA has given veteran em­ployees two opportunities in re­cent years to take a lump sum

for early retirements. In the first buyout, 1,178 employees accepted; in the second, Goldin said, 657 signed up.

"If the Europeans want to participate, they better make up their minds quickly," Senate stranger said. "Lack of European decision is not going to hold us down in the United States and Russia.

The Europeans are signed up to provide a pressurized laboratory module called Columbus. In return, some of the elements for the station will be carried aboard ESA-made Ariane rockets.

"The Europeans should not think the U.S. and Russia will get worse," he said. "The United States will maintain its inde­pendent capability to continue on with the space station. I have a letter from President Clinton to that effect. That was the price for my support for the space station last year when it came up."

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The Associated Press
The commander of the camp, Zeljko Meicki, is the only sus­pect charged in last week's attack. He is also held responsible for other atrocities and torture committed by his subordinates in the camp. Some 3,000 in­mates passed through the camp from May to August 1992.

According to the indictment, Meicki personally beat his pris­oners with batons and other weapons upon their arrival. It said terror ruled the camp, and inmates routinely tor­tured, raped and killed.

The one suspect in custody, the 39-year-old Tadic, is being held in Germany. A law allow­ing him to be handed over to the tribunal is expected to pass the German parliament in March.

An investigating's statement, based on witness reports, al­leges Tadic and others forced one inmate to bite off the testi­mony of another prisoner. That one inmate to bite off the testi­mony of another prisoner. That move thrilled hard-liners and political column and professor Jaime Sanchez Susarrey, a political columnist and professor at the University of Guadalajara. "The government of the republic maintained con­trol."

The election was the first since a sudden devaluation of the Mexican peso in December 1994 slashed Mexicans' buying power and forced the government to appeal for international aid in order to save its economy.

Sanchez suggested that the vote could be the first of a series of state elections in which the party on Monday celebrated the showing of the state of Jalisco, con­sidered a stronghold of the ruling Institutional Revolu­tionary Party, known as the PRI. The PAN's candidate, Alberto Car­denas, had 44.4 percent and the ruling Institutional Revolu­tionary Party candidate, Edgar Pimienta, state president of the right-wing National Action Party, had 39.9 per­cent. Eight other parties trailed far behind.

Cardenas, 36, is a former mayor of Ciudad Guzman and a university professor.
Society revels in negativism

Like it or not, society loves to hate. Notre Dame football is a perfect example — its supporters are loyal to the point of obdurate, while its opponents loathe the Irish. The nature of politics, on the other hand, is inherently the art of negativism. Notre Dame football is a hate. Its opponents, on the other hand, are subject to PC culture.

Several weeks ago House Speaker Newt Gingrich cried, "What a bunch of Democrats continued to dog them with their ethics complaint regarding his outside income. At the time, because the 'get along, go along' philosophy was to grind the House to a halt, Republicans were the minority party for forty years. Gingrich's primary motive was to force Wright, the leader of the Democratic House, to resign, thus showing the new Democratic minority how corrupt and bad 'liberals' were. His motives were purely political, with his ultimate prize being a Republican takeover in the House. In his mind, Republicans were the minority party for forty years because the 'get along, go along' method of compromising did not contrast his party enough with the Democrats. Gingrich's public history wreaks negativism. At every turn in the political process he also attempted to frustrate the Democratic majority. His philosophy was to grind the House to a halt and then point out how the Democrats were at running the institution. Never losing sight of his sole motive — to capture the House — he attacked President Clinton, Liberals, Democrats, the press, and a few made-up groups like the McGovernites elite. Now that he is the Republican speaker, he again cries 'foul' every time the new Democratic minority uses the same Gingrichesque tactics against him. For Gingrich and his crew of conservative radio talk show hosts, keeping the image of liberals, President Clinton, and Democrats negative is their number one priority. If anyone should dare question Gingrich's $4.5 million book advance deal with a Rupert Murdoch publishing company, they are 'jealous, petty, and parochial.' If anyone should suggest that the hundreds of thousands of dollars secretly contributed to Gingrich's GOPAC group is improper, they merely hate the 'Next Crew' conservatives. Their motto seems to be, 'Attack, attack, attack. If someone questions you, attack them.'

Many politicians and political consultants favor negativism because it is easier to find one reason to turn away from a candidate than it is to find several good reasons to vote for that candidate. Gingrich may have his day for now, but he will soon learn that when valid questions arise concerning him and his party's ability to govern, his glass house will shatter. The American people will also eventually learn in 1995 that the more things change in Congress, the more they stay the same regardless of which party controls the agenda.

Gary Caruso, Notre Dame '75, has worked in Washington D.C. at the U.S. House of Representatives for two Congressmen and two House Committees. He is currently a "Displaced Democrat" seeking a new position.
Dear Love Goddess,

Where is the best place to find a partner love goddess? I really want to have a meaningful relationship with someone.
—Sensitive Male

Dear Love Goddess,

Sweet Sensitive Male

I think of you on what you're looking for and it also depends on your definition of meaningful.

The range of possibilities is endless, kind of. To find a "partner," steal your brother's ID and head straight to the "Backer." Once inside, saddle yourself up on a Long Island iced tea and then laso in gal. Make sure when you publicly humiliate yourself by attempting to give her a thrust carnally on the dance floor and that you tell her she is "so awesome." You'll thank me later.

Take advantage of the information superhighway. Become a Mac Lab whore. Many Eudora freaks will swoon at your knowledge of the keyboard, your ingenuity and originality, and your ability to muser 5K long love notes. E-mailing can be a highly stimulating and intelligent activity, and while you're at it, check out the computer lab technicians. They're fluent on PC, too. Highly erotic.

I personally think the best place is the bookstore. A plethora of excitement awaits you. You can check out the girl before you even talk to her by looking at what she's buying. If her purchases include art supplies, biology books, a Neil Young CD, carpet cleaner, NB shot glasses, and travel books on Paris, Greece, or Mozambique, chances are she is a highly intelligent, well-rounded woman of the '90s. If her purchases include Midol, Tampons, Kotex, Russell Stover chocolates, if her book sections are from Mars, Women are from Venus, get the heck out of there.

Dear Love Goddess,

Why are all the right ones taken?
—Kevin

Kevin, perhaps you should just lower your standards. Did it ever occur to you that they are taken because they are righteous?

Dear Love Goddess,

I want to take my girlfriend somewhere special on Valentine's Day, but we're freshmen and can't get off campus. What should we do?
—Big Freshman Stud

Hey Hunky Freshman,

You obviously haven't heard about the Valentine's Day special at the Morris Inn. I'm sure you and your woman will find passion over meatloaf or pork chops. Do not be led astray, however. Isn't it true that food is good in itself but that sex is good because it is a hotel.

Another idea would be to take advantage of our wonderful weather and have a nice romp in the field. Make sure you stand parallel to the rope of women you can check out the girl before you even talk to her by looking at what she's buying. If her purchases include art supplies, biology books, a Neil Young CD, carpet cleaner, NB shot glasses, and travel books on Paris, Greece, or Mozambique, chances are she is a highly intelligent, well-rounded woman of the '90s. If her purchases include Midol, Tampons, Kotex, Russell Stover chocolates, if her book sections are from Mars, Women are from Venus, get the heck out of there.

Dear Love Goddess,

Who would be your ultimate Valentine?
—Sensitive Male

Betsy Rubble—I love her giggle.
—Pat McDonough

Junior

Zahm Hall

“Rocket Ismail.”
—Kristine Tracy

Freshman

Lewis Hall

Harrison Ford.
—Jennifer Sutton

Sophomore

Pasquerella East

My guess is this constitutes the majority of you "I don't want a boyfriend/girlfriend anyway" Domers. Hogwash. Valentine's Day can be a crucial time for all of you, full of sadness, unexpected joy, galons of ice cream for the girls, and pitchers of beer for the boys. Take advantage of the holiday. Valentine's Day is the perfect time to finally get out there and show that someone you've had your eye on how much they give you the jimmies, how much your heart sings in their presence, how many nights were spent dreaming of him/her. You really have to just strap it on and go for it.

For the single woman:

Haven't the past few decades students have commonly exchanged marmalade and other pastries and overall frustration, when dealing with matters of the heart. Many oh-so-enlightened Domers and SMcers plausibly excuse these as problems in "Gender Relations" at Notre Dame. I'm talking about real, actual heart and soul damage; the kind that is caused by putting your resources into completely ungrateful, uncaring individuals, and then, out hurling your feelings?

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Recovering Graf returns to tour event after losing top ranking

By SALVATORE ZANCA

PARIS

Steffi Graf will be stepping into the unknown when she plays her first match at the Paris Women's Open this week. She hasn't played in a tournament in three months and doesn't know how her back will hold up as she seeks to regain the No. 1 ranking she lost last month.

"I've been out of competitive tennis for a while," Graf said Monday. "I haven't had any tournaments since November, so I don't really know how my back is going to fare."

Graf has played only two matches since reaching the final at the U.S. Open in September, both at the Virginia Slims Championships in New York in November, losing to Mary Pierce in the second round.

Since then, persistent back pains and subsequent calf injuries forced her to miss the Australian Open in January and the Tokyo tournament this month.

Her inactivity has cost her the No. 1 ranking for the first time since being stabbed during a tournament and beaten by Monica Seles. Seles won the title and was recognized as the top player last year.

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NBA

Nelson resigns from Warriors, is replaced by Hall-of-Famer Lanier

By BOB EGELKO
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Don Nelson, sick and demoralized this season, resigned Monday as coach and general manager of the Golden State Warriors and immediately filled. His son, Donn Nelson, current assistant coach for the Warriors, will remain with the team to assist with preparations for the 1995 draft.

Golden State was expected to challenge for the NBA title this season after recording 50 wins last year. But injuries and dissension following the loss of forward Chris Webber, last year's rookie of the year, turned the year into a disaster. The Warriors were 14-31 at the All-Star break.

The announcement followed a weekend of meetings between Nelson and team owner Chris Cohan in Phoenix, where the All-Star game was played.

Published reports had Nelson accepting a $1 million buyout, with a 7 1/2 year and coach for 6 1/2, salary cap last season by a complete test preparation materials including computer-analyzed practice tests, home-study materials, books, software, and a training library. Kaplan students get the most comprehensive preparation materials available including computer-analyzed practice tests, home-study materials, books, software, and a training library. At Kaplan, we've got experienced teachers who really care. We help you focus on your GRE study and build your confidence so you can get a better score.

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By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Vernon Maxwell, suspended for rushing into the stands to punch a heckler, failed to show for practice Monday night with the Houston Rockets.

"It was just a lack of communication with Vernon," coach Rudy Tomjanovich said after the two-hour workout. "We'll get it straightened out. He thought because he was suspended he wasn't supposed to be around the team."

Maxwell, a starting guard, has eight games left in his 10-game suspension. He has filed an appeal of the suspension as well as his $20,000 fine to NBA commissioner David Stern, claiming the league didn't fully investigate the incident.

Tomjanovich said it is not clear if Maxwell will start when he returns to the team.

"We'll have to see," Tomjanovich said. "If you stay off all that time, it just depends."
Uncertainty underlies West; Magic rule the East

By WENDY E. LANE

PHOENIX
Phoenix Suns coach Paul Westphal was only joking when he tried to coax Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon into doing something dangerous during the NBA All-Star Game.

After all, with Olajuwon out of the way, the path to the NBA Finals would be a lot less daunting for the Suns, who have the league's best record going into the second half of the season.

Olajuwon resisted Westphal's attempts to drag him toward an electric catapult that was sending the Suns' Gorilla mascot hurtling through the air during a timeout in Sunday's All-Star Game. Charles Barkley wanted to try the contraption, but his fast-thinking coach went after last season's league MVP and stopped him.

"The plan was to get Hakeem out there," Westphal said, laughing. "We were trying to reel him in there and get him injured, but he is too smart for that."

Now that the All-Star frolicking is over, the serious part of the season resumes.

"Now it's time to get back to our real job," said O'Neal, who had 22 points in Sunday's game, David Robinson hasn't had to attack the boards as much and is putting up MVP-type numbers for the second straight season.

After their first-round playoff flameout last season, the Seattle SuperSonics have bucked down and piled up wins, compiling a 33-12 record, No. 2 heading unruly Dennis Rodman. With Rodman's league-high average of 16.3 rebounds per game, David Robinson hasn't had to attack the boards as much and is putting up MVP-type numbers for the second straight season.

But Shaquille O'Neal, who's having an MVP season, was eager for the Magic to start playing again.

"Now it's time to get back to my real job," said O'Neal, who had 22 points in Sunday's game. And now that O'Neal has had a strong All-Star showing for the first time in three appearances, is it time for his young Magic team to win its first playoff game?

"If we want to be best in the East, we have to go through New York," said O'Neal, although Orlando leads the Knicks by 6 1/2 games in the Atlantic Division. "They are a great team. I know they've had some injury problems, but they are still a great team. When we play the Knicks, we have to do everything right."

But the Knicks, who have shaken off the absence of Charles Oakley and climbed from 500 to 30-16, aren't the only team to be reckoned with in the conference.

Upset
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Wendy Crabtree and company upset the 10th ranked Kansas Jayhawks by a 6-3 margin.

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Fencers victorious at Duke

By JOE VILLINSKI
Sports Writer

For the defending NCAA national champion fencers, last weekend at Duke provided a glimpse of what it is going to take to reach that coveted plateau again.

Both the men and women enjoyed an undefeated weekend as the Irish picked up the momentum they need heading into the Midwest Fencing Team Championships in two weeks.

"I wasn't sure what Notre Dame team was going to show up," men's head coach Mike DeCicco said. "But it turned out it was the one that wants to win the national championship."

The men rebounded from two earlier losses in the season to defeat North Carolina 17-10, William & Mary 21-6, Stanford 19-8, and Duke 23-4.

In a weekend that was full of highlights for the Irish, the win over Stanford topped the list.

"We knew that epee and sabre were not going to have a problem with Stanford," sophomore Bill Lester said.

"However, their foil team is one of the best in the country and we knew they were going to be tough."

As the All-American predicted, the epee team won 6-3, while sabre was victorious 8-1.

Foil, however, took center stage as the Irish rallied to defeat North Carolina 17-10, Stanford 25-7, and Duke 23-4.

"It was important for us to beat Stanford," DeCicco added. "Brunner overcame the flu and keyed us by beating Donnaker 5-4. He fenced magnificently this weekend."

"If we fence the way we did against Stanford, it will be no contest against anyone," Siek said.

In sabre, captain Chris Hajnik went 9-2, while sophomore Bill Lester was 11-0. Two freshman also enjoyed an undefeated weekend in epee as Brian Stone and Carl Jackson went 11-0 and 9-0 respectively for the now 16-2 men.

"This was a huge week for us," DeCicco said. "In a very real sense our backs were against the wall. Our men responded across the board. I can't stress enough how pleased I was with the leadership of our captains Brunner, Hajnik, and Baksh Patel."

While the men returned to form, the women just kept on pushing each other towards new heights. Every week has been an improvement.

The fencing teams take a week off before playing host to the Midwestern Championships at the JACC.

"We need the rest," DeCicco said.

Sophomore Mike Sprouse defeated Brett Morrow of North Carolina in singles action, evening a loss to the Tarheel last year.

The Irish will travel to Kentucky on Thursday, and ride in the bus all night to get back to campus for classes on Friday. On Saturday, Notre Dame hosts fifth ranked Duke at 1 p.m.

"It will be a great match for people to watch on J.P.W.," Bylaws concluded.

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By B. J. HOOD

Sports Writer

A pair of weekend tennis victories has men's tennis coach Bob Bayliss bubbling. "I'm obviously happy, but I'm particularly ecstatic about the North Carolina match. We felt we could beat Ohio State, but it was about a fifty/fifty chance of beating North Carolina considering we are ranked fifteen, and they are (sixteenth), Bayliss commented.

Notre Dame defeated Ohio State 6-1 on Saturday, and topped North Carolina 4-3 on Sunday.

One individual who made Coach Bayliss particularly happy against North Carolina was Brian Harris. Harris had never played in a varsity match until this weekend, but the junior answered the call Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday against Ohio State Ron Menzies was sick, and Harris stepped in and defeated Tony Thomas 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (7-2). Sunday against North Carolina, John Jay O'Brien had a sore wrist and Steve Flanigan was hit in the eye in doubles, setting the stage for Harris again.

"With almost no warning, Ryan was thrust into a difficult situation," Bayliss said. I am very happy for a guy who has worked very hard for two and a half years. It was nothing short of exceptional."

Bayliss also complimented Mike Sprouse for his consistency. Sprouse defeated North Carolina's Britn Moor 6-3, 6-3. Morrow had defeated Sprouse last year, but Sprouse controlled this year's match.

After a loss to Ohio State's Marc Wurtzman, Jason Pun bounced back to defeat David Brit of North Carolina 6-2, 6-3. Pun and Sprouse defeated the number three ranked doubles team in the country. The doubles point was not expected, but was crucial in the 4-3 victory.

On Saturday, Ryan Simms defeated Ohio State's Doug Bloom at number one singles. "Doug Bloom is quick and Ryan was patient. We have a very solid top two," Bayliss complimented.

With his victory over Scott Wiles on Saturday, Steve Flanigan remains undefeated. Jakub Pietrowski also had a victory on Saturday, a 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 win over Evan Klee.

Coach Bayliss particularly commented on the doubles teams stepping it up and playing well. "We're going to take some lumps. Each match is an opportunity to beat an outstanding team."

Conquer Kansas, but can't handle Duke and W&M

**By TIM SHERMAN**

Assistant Sports Editor

The results of this weekend may not mean all that much for the Notre Dame women's tennis team in the long run, but the experience gained will pay off.

The 15th ranked Irish dropped two of their three matches in Williamsburg, VA, but did manage to upset the 10th ranked Jayhawks of Kansas.

"We really played well again against Kansas," Irish coach Jay Louderback noted. "Overall, this weekend, we improved in every match we played in."

Not only did the Irish improve, they proved they could compete with the nation's top teams.

Duke, who defeated the Notre Dame by a decisive 7-2 score on Friday, entered the weekend as the country's 6th ranked squad. In addition, the host Tribe of William and Mary, 5-4 winners, is considered to be among the top 30.

"Even though we didn't win, we came away with a lot of confidence," sophomore Erin Gowen noted. "We knew coming in that all three matches would be tough, but we fought really hard. You can't get too down about losing."

The Irish proved this was more than just talk on Saturday as they rebounded from the Duke disaster with a gritty win over Kansas.

Entering the doubles matches, the two clubs were knotted at three. At this point, the Irish double teams stepped it up and proved the final margin of 6-3.

"We played our best doubles of the year against Kansas," Louderback said. "I really was pleased with our doubles play."

The key was the second doubles match between Notre Dame's Kelley Olson and Laura Schwab and Kansas's Jenny Atkinson and Christie Sim.

Olson and Schwab dropped the first set 3-6, but rallied to take the next two, 6-2, 6-4. "Kelley Olson really stepped it up a notch," Louderback said. "She had been playing third doubles, but she stepped right into seconds and played well."

Partner Schwab also turned in a solid performance for Louderback. In addition to winning both matches against the Jayhawks, the senior captain provided the Irish with one of the two wins against Duke, a three-setter.

"Laura played really well for us," Louderback explained. "Even in her loss to William and Mary, she played well. Their third singles player is really playing well."

It was not the singles play though that hurt the Irish against the Tribe on Sunday, it was disappointing doubles play. After sweeping Kansas, Notre Dame had to be confident heading in with a 3-2 edge after the singles play. That confidence would be short-lived, as W&M took all three.

"We lost some tough matches," Louderback explained. "We went in with a chance to win but it just didn't happen. Still, we played well enough to win."

Even though the wins didn't come, the kind of experience gained in such a run of games is invaluable, especially for the younger members such as Mely Gavín, Olson, and Gowen, who is coming back of note...