Creating a virtual reality

Software designed by ND engineers will increase freedom of the disabled

By JOHN GALVIN
Saint Mary's Editor

Would you like to fly across campuses with a blink of your eye? Or how about dial a phone number with a twist of your mind? It may seem a little far-fetched, but the College of Engineering at Notre Dame, in conjunction with the department of Computer Science and Engineering, are researching and developing a Virtual Real- ity—Human Interface to allow just about anyone to maneuver in the virtual world.

Beyond the video games and fancy software, virtual reality has the potential to free millions of people from the limitation of handicaps.

Whether they suffer from a broken ankle or a severe neurological disorder, the computer will allow anyone to live independent- ly. Recent technology has made available sensors which, when applied to the body can act as a hand or foot in the virtual world.

"The idea," explains Notre Dame professor Dr. Beery, "is to create a 3-D virtual environment that the handicapped person can maneuver around in with similar freedom that a natural person would have walking around in a real environment."

The research team is led by Drs. Beery and Uhran, who overlook about nineteen grad- uate and undergraduate students involved in the virtual reality development. A Notre Dame sophomore, Jennifer Parkot, is doing her thesis work on this project.

She has severe cerebral palsy and is sub- stantially disabled. Having extremely limit- ed muscle control and acute vision and speech impairments, she acts as both a researcher and a tester for the human-inter- face device.

Parkot's motivation and ability intrigued not only Notre Dame faculty but also IBM to provide funding for computers and software that could make her achievements more attainable for others with similar obstacles.

"What makes Dawn special," explained Dr. Beery, "is that she managed to get through the system and get an education; most people in her circumstance get frustrated and

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SMC policies acknowledge rights of smokers

Editor's Note: This is the first in a three-part series exploring the use of tobacco at Saint Mary's College. Today's article examines the results of a survey given to 200 SMC stu- dents which questioned their smoking habits.

By PATTI CARSON
Saint Mary's Editor

"Because it relieves me when I'm stressed out." That was the most common answer given by 200 Saint Mary's women in an anonymous smoking questionnaire yesterday when they were asked, "Why do you smoke?"

Sixty-seven percent of the women polled had smoked a tobacco product and 33 per- cent have never smoked a ciga- rette, according to the poll. Interestingly enough, however, only 38 percent of those polled considered themselves "smokers" and will smoke alone.

And when asked, "How many cigarettes do you smoke per day," the answers of smokers varied from two to eighteen cigarettes per day. The remaining 62 percent stated that they either "do not smoke" or consider themselves only "social smokers."

But the Saint Mary's Dining Hall considers this 38 percent in its planning. A smoking section currently exists to accommodate this minority.

"Nearly every year, a student will fill out a comment card or take some kind of action to remove the smoking section from the dining hall, or at least to move it to an enclosed area," said Residence Hall Association (RHA) Dining Hall Chairwoman Karen Murphy. "But so far no action has been taken to carry out any of their plans," Murphy added.

And the dining hall is not the only place to take smokers' rights into consideration. According to the college hand- book, "Smoking is permitted in individual student rooms (with permission granted if it is agreed upon by all roommates). Smoking is also permitted in the vending areas of each resi- dence hall. Smoking is prohibited in all other public areas of the residence halls."

Only three floors of the four campus dormitories are designated as non-smoking floors. They are the second floors of Regina North and Regina South, as well as the first floor of Holy Cross Hall. But those who do not smoke also have rights, as many made clear on the survey. One woman stated, "I find smokers' inconsiderate and selfish, including my own mother."

Another student wrote, "Our parents may not have known

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Montoya receives honor of passing the Olympic torch

By KRISTI KOLSKI
Assistant News Editor

Traditionally, Alex Montoya would not be considered an all-American guy. He is originally from Colombia, and he has a physical disability that forces him to use prosthetics on both arms and one leg.

But the Notre Dame senior embodies the American spirit so much that he has been selected to carry the Olympic torch for one stretch of the cross-country tour.

The St. Edward's Hall resident is one of 5,500 people

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SMC hosts annual parents weekend

By RACHEL TORRES
Assistant Copy Editor

Today marks the start of another Sophomore Parents Weekend at Saint Mary's College. The weekend officially kicks off at registration which will take place from 3-6 p.m. in the Haggar College Center.

"Merry Times, Magical Memories," this year's theme for the weekend, will include tours, performances, and other social events for the sophomores and their parents.

The student performance of Agnes of God is one of the main attractions of the weekend and will take place at 8 p.m. in

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A student takes advantage of the Saint Mary's policy allowing student's to smoke in a designated, non-enclosed section of the dining hall.
### World at a Glance

#### The Gambling Lobby

The gambling industry boomed in the early 1990s as many states lifted bans on casinos, riverboat gambling and slot machines. How politics and money have moved the

#### Gambling goes after states' approval with big money

### Inside Column

**A sacrifice: Not a theme night**

When it comes time to check the box under the category 'Religion,' 85 percent of Notre Dame students choose 'Catholic.' A good chunk of that 85 percent practice their faith.

Out of the students who describe themselves as Catholic, most report attending mass regularly. Others have more time and energy to devote to volunteer work. It's only natural; no two people are exactly the same. Difference provides opportunities for people to understand each other's religions better.

For example, Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. And as will quickly become apparent the ability to decide for or against meat in their diet, the dining halls have created just two very different things. Allowing students to make a conscious decision to eliminate meat as part of their Lenten practice of faith. During such Fridays, most students will not eat meat today?

As for Buchanan, Alexander said he planned to make a conscious decision to eliminate meat from his diet, the dining halls have created just two very different things. Allowing students to make a conscious decision to eliminate meat as part of their Lenten practice of faith.

The view expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Carter praises ND for human rights action

By BILL CONNOLLY

Former President Jimmy Carter has praised the efforts of the Notre Dame Law School and the Center for Civil and Human Rights (CCHR) in advancing the cause of human rights around the world.

In a January 19 letter to Notre Dame’s president, Father Edward Malloy, Carter wrote: “I am writing to commend the work of your Law School and Center for Civil and Human Rights in involving lawyers around the world in the development of a global human rights culture.”

Carter offered particular praise for the center's graduate programs in international human rights law and its new internship programs at the United Nations Centre for Human Rights in Geneva and at the International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia.

The University’s commitment to a combination of teaching, research and service plays an “important role in increasing both the numbers and the skills of human rights legal advocates worldwide, especially in developing countries,” wrote Carter, who made human rights issues a central theme of his presidency.

The former president also extended his appreciation to the CCHR for working together with the International Human Rights Council of the Carter Center in Atlanta.

“I look forward to a long association between our Human Rights Program and your Center,” he wrote.

Founded in 1973 by Father Theodore Hesburgh, the CCHR initially concentrated on civil rights issues in the United States. The CCHR gradually began to focus on human rights law. Since 1986, it has offered an International Human Rights degree (L.L.M. — Master of Law degree) through the University Law school. Candidates for the L.L.M. degree need to already have their law degree.

According to Mr. Garth Meintjes, associate director of the CCHR, this graduate program selects eight to 10 lawyers per year who apply for admission from developing countries. “The idea,” Meintjes said, “is to give lawyers from developing countries the chance to study international human rights law since such a course is often not offered in their native countries. This is unfortunate, since those countries are where such a degree is usually needed the most.”

Most recently, under the direction of Father William Lowers, the CCHR joined with the Carter Center to create the internship in the United Nations Center for Human Rights in Geneva, and with the MacArthur Foundation to establish internship programs in the prosecutor’s office of the International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia.

Graduates from the program on international human rights fill these internships. According to Meintjes, this gives the lawyers the practical training they need, giving them a head start in their field.

Currently, 26 graduates of the L.L.M. degree program are serving on either the Tribunal for Rwanda or the former Yugoslavia.

Two graduates sent to the Hague in the Netherlands, where the former Yugoslavia’s Tribunal is held, have been employed as staff members.

Those interns in the Tribunals work in the legal services section of the prosecutor’s office. In this office, they research and investigate evidence in the trials of international criminals.

Since these interns come from various nations, they are neutral to the countries and the cases they are investigating.

This is an unprecedented event since not only are the interns neutral, but the judges hearing the cases are as well. Past international bodies have been controlled both in the judge’s chair and the prosecutor’s office by the party which won in the conflict under question.

Meintjes urged all who are interested in the CCHR and its work to attend a March 23 conference which will discuss the work of both Tribunals.

The conference, which will be open to the public, will be attended by Justice Richard Goldstone, the chief prosecutor of both Tribunals, and various Tribunal staff members.

Auction to raise funds for Center

By DEREK BETCHER

South Bend’s Center for the Homeless has set a fundraising goal of $100,000 for its fifth annual auction which will take place Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Century Center downtown.

The auction will feature a wide assortment of novel items including travel packages and sports, television, and music memorabilia, many of which were donated by the University of Notre Dame. In addition, alumni such as Chris Zorich, LaPhonso Ellis, and Rick Miler made notable contributions.

There’s been substantial Notre Dame involvement. They’ve donated quite a bit,” noted Tammy Oehm, the event’s coordinator. “We’ve also had a lot of Notre Dame staff on the planning committee.”

“There are 350 items in a silent auction and 47 in the oral one. We’ve got some really exciting things,” Oehm said.

“All proceeds are entered straight into the Center’s regular operating budget. ‘That money will be used to buy food and pay for other daily expenses,” Oehm said.

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give-up. She is the only one she knows, in her position who has gone on for an advanced de-
gree.

The development of virtual-
reality technology will facilitate
in her current aspiration, as
well as, her plans for a Ph.D.
in Computer Science and a
Ph.D. in her favorite subject,
Physics.

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into three groups:

The first group is working
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run the software and receive
signals.

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A virtual office with a tele-
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A virtual representation of
Parkot’s apartment, along with
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The "package," when devel-
opred, seems unlimited in its
potential uses. In about ten
years, Dr. Beery claims, the
system could allow people,
with disabilities like Parkot, to
live independently, and to even
drive a car.

Furthermore, Dr. Beery pro-
jects that severe spinal injury
victims who have lost control
over anything except their eye-
lids could potentially move a
wheelchair, audibly communi-
cate, write letters and control
their real life through a virtual
world.

Future development will un-
doubtedly link this hardware
with robotics, which would al-
low anyone to order a robot to
water the flowers or cut the
lawn.

Notre Dame is researching
and developing this system to
benefit not only future disabled
students, but to advance the
human-computer relationship.

Students with various dis-
abilities will gain freedom
through a more maneuverable
and personal environment.

Once the system is developed,
the Computer Science Engi-
neers plan on using some of
the systems in local schools to
aid in all levels of communica-
tion and education.

"It is very expensive to edu-
cate a handicap person," re-
minds Dr. Beery, "this kind
of technology will bring the
cost of education closer to the
level of a normal student" and,
therefore, facilitate in the edu-
cation of the several ingenious
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ples, like Parkot.

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Conference addresses role of gender studies

By BRENDAN BOYLE
Nasw Write

This Friday and Saturday, Notre Dame's Hesburgh Library will offer a unique opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students to learn about the important issue of gender studies.

The conference, entitled, "Gender Across the Disciplines: Graduate Research in Gender Studies at Notre Dame," was organized by Deborah Goombs, GSU's Women's Resource Committee Chair.

"The conference is a great opportunity for the Notre Dame graduate students who will be presenting their papers. For many, this is their first opportunity speaking to an audience about their work," said Goombs.

None of the speakers, however, are studying gender studies on the graduate level because there is no gender studies program on the graduate level at Notre Dame. For Goombs, this is just further evidence of the importance of gender studies.

"Gender studies is applicable in more areas than just history and English," observed Goombs. In fact, the speakers range from the Department of Economics to the Medieval Institute.

Not just the graduate students will benefit from the conference.

"This is also a great opportunity for students interested in gender issues," believes Goombs. "They can hear people speak from a wide variety of perspectives about gender issues."

The conference lasts from 2-5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday.

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who will form the flame-carrying chain from Los Angeles to the Olympic stadium in Atlanta. On June 3 or 4, for two blocks in the street in Griffith there are many people he could be representing. With his physical disability, it could be for others who are physically challenged. Montoya could also do it for his hometown even just for himself.

But Montoya views his role in the chain as representing the students of Notre Dame. "Notre Dame is a place of spirituality, opportunity and community," Montoya said. "I take pride in representing the students who embody that."

Montoya is quick to emphasize that he is representing the average student who does, in fact, claims, often does not get noticed. "There are a lot of things the University gets publicity about, mainly sports. Instead, I'm representing the average student who works hard," Montoya said.

Even though it is not his main goal, Montoya also views the selection as an affirmation for people who are physically challenged. "It's another piece of evidence, both to people physically challenged or not, that anything is possible," he said.

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Little Theatre. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

A traditional part of the weekend, this is similar to the freshman open house. The highlight of the weekend is Saturday evening at the Century Center. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. College President Dr. William Hickel will be present at the dinner and will speak to the sophomores and their parents. The dance follows from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. "The dance, which is a customary part of Sophomore Parents Weekend, is what most students look forward to," Coleman said.

"It's a good opportunity to meet the parents of classmates and for those parents to meet each other," she added. The weekend concludes with a continental breakfast in Stapleton Lounge of LeMans Hall from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Montoya believes he does not deserve the honor, but he is thankful to a friend from his hometown of San Diego who nominated him. "It humbles you and makes you more thankful for the country you live in," he said.

Two other people from St. Joseph County were selected along with Montoya: Karen Myers, a Western Michigan University student from New Carlisle, Ind., and Robert Bauer, a sophomore at Pein High School.

"I feel I am representing immigrants because I am one of those people who had to come to the United States and had to learn a new language and culture," Montoya said.

After moving to San Diego at the age of four, gaining legal residency in 1992 and now his U.S. citizenship in the coming year, the opportunity to carry the torch is a sweet reward.
Record heat wave ignites grass fires across Texas

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press

POOHLVILLE, Texas
Hampered by whipping wind and temperatures rising toward the 90s, firefighters today battled a grass fire that burned more than 40 square miles, destroying dozens of homes and injuring at least 18 people.

Unseasonably hot, windy and tinder-dry weather has been feeding fires across Texas. Before the Poolville fire, flames had raced across nearly an additional 40 square miles earlier this month.

Gov. George W. Bush today asked for a federal disaster declaration for the entire state. He planned to tour the fire area today.

Bush made state workers, National Guard helicopters and heavy equipment available to fight the blaze.

Wayne Richardson soaked his yard with buckets of water as the fire approached his home north of Poolville. Firefighters sprayed homes in the neighborhood with water, but his was one of only a couple that were spared.

"I don't know why I was so lucky," Richardson said. "I guess I just got picked."

Neighbor Sandra McCamon, a retired insurance adjuster who had just moved to Poolville, lost everything. She was gone when the fire started.

"I guess I won't be putting my mailbox out anytime soon," McCamon said.

Highs Wednesday soared to 103 degrees at Laughlin Air Force Base, the nation's highest.

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport reached 94 degrees, breaking the mark of 84 set in 1925. Nine other cities had records in the high 90s.

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Thousands of Serbians flee Sarajevo in panic

By DUSAN STOJANOVIC
Associated Press

VOGOSCA, Yugoslavia — "I don't know where I'm going," Neshoja Acimovic said from the window of his old truck packed with furniture, trunks and relatives, joining the stream of embittered Serb refugees fleeing Sarajevo's suburbs Thursday.

Where this sad column stops is my next home," Thursday was the last day before the Muslim-led government begins to take control of five Sarajevo suburbs — and, in the minds of many Serbs, the last day before the enemy would come to inflict revenge for four years of war.

The grim flight was another mournful chapter in Bosnia's tragedy — a war whose sole aim was to take a country where Serbs, Muslims and Croats coexisted for centuries and carve out ethnically homogenous regions.

This time, it was the Serbs on the move, forced out because of the policies of their leaders, who oversaw the brutal purge of Muslims and Croats from much of eastern and northern Bosnia, only to lose five Serb-held districts around Sarajevo at the negotiating table.

Thousands of Serbs headed out of those suburbs Thursday, abandoning their homes in chaos and panic.

Some slogged on foot along mud-and-snow-covered roads in freezing temperatures, their belongings on their backs. Others jammed onto anything that would move — trucks, buses, tractors, horse-drawn carts — splashing and sliding in long columns that fanned out from Vogosca, the first district the Serbs will lose, Friday, and from four other areas.

A German shepherd, led by a young boy, began to stumble on a snow-covered road. "Make it just a bit longer," the boy pleaded, running his hand over the dog's head.

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Shuttle reaches orbit despite engine scare
By MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. Seven shuttle astronauts blasted into orbit Thursday to attempt a Space Age version of Benjamin Franklin's kite experiment — unreeling a satellite on the end of a 12.8-mile cord. Columbia, carrying an international crew, rose from its seaside pad at 3:18 p.m. As the shuttle sliced through a hazy sky, Mission Control got a scare when a cockpit light came on, indicating engine trouble that could force the crew to abort the flight. But it proved to be a false alarm.

"Arrivederi, an revolver, auf Wiedersehen and adios," shuttle commander Andrew Allen said before liftoff. "We'll see you in a couple of weeks."

On Saturday, in a risky maneuver, the crew will reel out the satellite and try to generate electricity from the half-ton metal ball and its slender cord like a white boot lace and is 200 miles above Earth. For two days, the ball is supposed to soar above Columbia on the end of the tether, which looks like a white boot lace and is made of copper, nylon and Tellon.

Scientists hope to generate 5,000 volts of electricity with the tethered satellite and produce some 1,000 watts of power as current flows down the tether to Columbia.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1996 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1996 HESBURGH LIBRARY AUDITORIUM
The conference will feature presentations of original, gender-related research by Notre Dame graduate students, from a wide range of disciplines. On Friday we will run from 2-6 pm, and on a Saturday from 9:30 am-6:00 pm. This will be followed on Saturday evening (6-7:30 pm) by a reception in the Hesburgh Library Lounge. All are welcome. Please come and support our grads.

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Wales
By SUE LEEMAN
Associated Press

Human error probably caused last week's tanker grounding, which opened the way to one of the 10 largest oil spills in history, the vessel's manager said Thursday.

The environmental devastation the spill has generated in one of Britain's prime wildlife refuges was becoming apparent Thursday.

More than a dozen dead seabirds have washed up, and hundreds more, molting with oil — have reportedly been sighted.

"It is not just the things you can see, like birds, seals and porpoises, that will be affected, but sponges, mollusks and other forms of life," said Phil Rothwell, head of policy operations for the Royal Society for Protection of Birds.

"This must be a disaster in anyone's terms."

Capt. Peter Cooney, managing director of Acomarit Ltd., the company that manages the Sea Empress, said there was "a high probability" that human error was to blame for the Feb. 15 grounding off St. Ann's head, the western headland of the Milford Haven estuary.

An estimated 20 million gallons of oil leaked into the sea.

"This can be borne out because she steamed in her own power finally to the berth where she now resides," John Frederiksen, a Norwegian who owns the vessel through companies in Cyprus, said Wednesday that the ship's crew and officers had passed tests for drugs and alcohol that were administered immediately.

The government was also defending itself against claims by environmental groups and St. Ann's residents that it was slow to respond to the grounding.

It took six days to tow the tanker clear of the rocks. Transport Secretary Sir George Young told critics the rescue operation would be investigated.

Some major marine oil spills — as of 3 p.m. EST Wednesday

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Clinton selects Fed nominees

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Clinton said today he will nominate Alan Greenspan for a third four-year term as chairman of the Fed, a move that would make him the nation's most powerful economic advisor.

The announcement was made yesterday evening, and the Senate Banking Committee said it will vote on his appointment next week. The panel's chairman, Sen. Harris Wofford, said he has been consulted about the nomination.

Greenspan's nomination was expected to be confirmed by the Senate, which has a history of confirming long-serving Fed chairmen.

Greenspan, 72, is currently serving his second term as chairman of the Federal Reserve, the nation's central bank. He has been a member of the Federal Open Market Committee for 26 years and has been its chairman since 1987.

Clinton said he chose Greenspan because he is a consensus builder who has worked to achieve a balance between inflation and growth.

He also praised Greenspan's efforts to keep interest rates low, which have helped to stimulate economic growth.

Greenspan is known for his ability to communicate complex economic concepts to the public. He has been called the nation's most influential economist.

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Greenspan's term as chairman expires in January 1995.
Ordaining all-male priesthood

I, like many of you no doubt, have been struggling for a while with the concept of female priests. As a Catholic wannabe intellectual, I am not entirely satisfied with the rational support underlying our belief. I don't demand that my faith be strictly rational; there are things that can be seen only with the eyes of faith. Still, a faith that is from God ought to make sense on some level or other.

Then again, God help me. I believe that the Church was established by God, and that it contains the "fullness of truth." Which brings us to the dilemma: I want to trust the Church but my reason leads me elsewhere.

Of course, in the Bible, Jesus chose men to be Apostles, and Jewish priests were men only. Women played significant roles in Jewish history (Ester, Judith) and in New Testament times. Women may have been present at the Last Supper; they certainly were with Jesus on Golgotha. Still, assuming that the Church has not sinned, I believe that the Holy Spirit was leading the Church. It is pleasing to me that the Pope didn't speak infallibly; it cannot be a sine qua non of his office.

Now, if the Pope spoke infallibly, that would end the discussion (for me). My childhood education wasn't stellar, but we knew that when the Pope spoke infallibly (ex cathedra), we were obliged to believe. The other option was to stop believing in the Church, and to become a Protestant.

But as every good Catholic knows, the Pope has only spoken infallibly on two subjects: the Assumption of Mary and the Immaculate Conception. As a child, I remember thinking that these two were pretty easy, not obvious, perhaps, but at least they didn't seem to affect my life very much. A declaration on women's ordination would be very different. The Pope has still, you know, to speak infallibly...

I do not yet comprehend why God should want only male priests. But it would not be the only time God has been guilty of particularism. Dorothy Parker put it:

"How odd of God To Choose The Jews.

Chuck Roth, a law school student, has never earned enough to pay income tax, and appears likely never to do so. Communication and complaints can be sent to Charles.G.Roth.61md.edu.

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THE TELEVISION INDUSTRY'S NEW SELF-REGULATORY PROGRAM IN PRACTICE

The television industry must be the first to be held accountable for its conduct. The Federal Communications Commission has a duty to ensure that the industry acts in the public interest.
Dancing, funky ties, long hair, Van Morrison's "Brotherhood," gifts: these all are part of the Notre Dame experience.

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By DAN CICHALSKI
Assistant Accent Editor

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Dances, a plenty of aliens, and a long tradition on the Notre Dame campus. SYR’s and for Notre Dame Saint and Saint Mary’s. Dancing SYR-wag. But even with the most interesting of gifts, one must be enthusiastic about the dancing revelries. Guys like Mark Fennell take part in the decline of the dancing desire. “I was flattered to be asked to go to a dance,” she explains, “It gave me a chance to meet new people that I would not normally meet.” Her favorite of SYR’s and formal dancing experiences, she maintains, “I hate dances; dances are stupid. They’re just a reason to get dressed up and drink.” Regardless, if you are a fan of dances, or if you despise the concept, there is no interest in dancing. No one ever knows what to expect. One junior who wishes not to remain anonymous explains an outrageous dance: “My date kept me alone in a room and made me listen to Lionel Richie all night.” By the end of the night, she was dancing on the ceiling with anger.

Dances can be a great time or the worst experience of your life. From the advice of one of the “dance-a-holics” polled: “It all depends on what you make of it.” And that is one to grow on.

Mysterious Realm of SYR’s and Formals

If you can beat the incredible record set by Aaron Villaruz, you could win a dinner for two at Don Pablo’s fine eating establishment. Please call the Accent desk by 5 p.m. on March 5 at 631-4540 to enter. Documented proof needed. We look forward to your calls.
The Tragedy of Macbeth Arrives at Washington Hall

By RACHEL TORRES

Imagine an open black stage outlined with a thin white line. No scenery. Limited props. Five actors, and a time-less text by William Shakespeare. This is "Macbeth."

This unconventional approach to theater comes from ACTER, a Center for Theatre, Education, and Research, and based at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Starting as an offshoot from the Royal Shakespeare Company in England, ACTER sponsors groups of London actors to go on six to nine week tours to campuses across America. The performers not only stage a play, but they also teach students and faculty about many of the aspects of theatre.

Philip Joseph, Gareth Armstrong, Sam Dale, Sarah Berger, and Joanna Foster bring the magic from the London stage to campus this week. Supported in part by a grant from the Paul M. and Barbara Henkel's Visiting Scholar Series, and the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, the actors present five performances, as well as work with students and faculty to discuss the literature and art of theatre.

Working with the students in the classrooms is one of the most enjoyable aspects of this program for the players. Dale says, "The enthusiasm is very high. American students are much less inhibited than European students, and they tend to be much more energized."

Indeed, the enthusiasm for this program can be felt around campus; the tickets sold out two weeks ago. The lucky ones who scored tickets for the actual performances are in for a real treat.

The actors are presented with a challenge from the start since the five of them must represent thirty-two characters. An interesting catch to this number is that because two of the players are women, they must play male parts.

"In Shakespeare's day," states Berger, "women didn't act, so men had to play the women's roles. This performance represents an interesting switch."

Using vocal variations and subtle costume changes, the actors convince the audience that they really are different characters. The audience is called upon to use its imagination since the actors are constantly changing roles and have little but their sheer theatrical talent to enhance their images. The stage has no scenery, but somehow the audience knows when they are in Macbeth's castle or when they are on the battle field. This experience is powerful because of the overwhelming performances by the players.

The ACTER performers bring unique and educationally entertaining incites into theater this week. Not only is "Macbeth" well received performance, the intimate classroom experiences conducted by the performers are unparalleled.

The Mystery of Agnes Haunts Saint Mary's College

By MARY BETH ELLIS

The opening words of "Agnes of God" float from stage, a portion of the Mass hauntingly sung by Agnes herself: "Kyrie eleison, Christi eleison..." Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

It is a fitting first line for this two-hour exploration of issues of innocence and deception, anger and forgiveness.

"Agnes" is deftly brought to the stage by Katie Sullivan, Saint Mary's Assistant Professor of Communication, Dance and Theatre. Part psychological mystery novel, part deeply probing character sketch, "Agnes" is a Church-soaked study of turbulent mystryy

Saint Mary's students perform in this weekend's production of 'Agnes of God', the play's most surprising character. Her inaugural point. Ever-present cigarette in hand, Livingston delivers her "the facts of the case are these" monologue. She has been appointed to the case of a young nun named Agnes, accused of murdering her own infant child minutes after its birth. Livingston must determine her ability to stand trial. Before we meet Agnes, however, we are introduced to her Mother Superior, Sister Miriam, whose early account of theatre Macbeth a well received performance, the intimate class-

As the play progresses, the audience is granted glimpses of increasing depth into Agnes' convoluted mind—a mind suffering from paranoia, imprisoning guilt, and schizophrenia. These mental tribulations, tempered by a celestial singing voice, a brief appearance of the stigmata on the young nun's palms, and flashes of extrasensory perception, have Livingston unraveling Agnes' mind for months on end.

Livingston herself functions as much more than a simply sordid secular first-person vehicle for the plot. Harassed against the Church from the day her sister died in a convent when her superior flatly refuses to supply her with adequate medical attention ("I ran away from my faith as fast as my mind could go," she tells us), Livingston sums up her acridly cynical view of the world when she announces to Mother Superior, "The Virgin Birth was a lie told to a cuckolded husband by a frightened wife... Poverty, shame, degradation—that's what you live by," Livingston, who finds God only in an individual's mind, struggles for objectivity while dealing with this saintly but disturbed religious. As she works to pry open the blinds becking Agnes' re-"Agnes of God" does not resolve so much as it concludes. Plot questions raised by the storyline are answered, ethical and religious questions, raised by the characters, of course, are not. "Why was a child molested and a baby killed and a mind destroyed?" an anguished Dr. Livingston demands in the final scene. Her only answer is a non-answer, as voiced by Mother Miriam: "We'll never find the answers to everything."

"Agnes of God" runs Thursday, February 23, through Sunday, February 25. Student tickets are available for $3, senior citizen for $6, Saint Mary's-Notre Dame community members for $6, and adults for $8. Tickets are on sale at Saint Mary's box office in O'Laughlin Auditorium, 9 A.M. through 5 P.M. Monday through Friday. Orders are accepted at (219) 284-4626.
The Cardinals came in determined to be just as physical as Cincinnati, which has a reputation for pushing up against opponents. Louisville ended up with a 35-28 advantage in rebounds.

"We talked all week long about how it was going to be a physical game and we've got to match fire with not let them intimidate us," Crum said. "We want to war with them."

A tightly officiated game would seem to favor Cincinnati, which has a lot more depth and height. But Cincinnati couldn't take advantage as Louisville's swarming defense kept the ball away from center Art Long and forward Danny Fortson.

Louisville center Samaki Walker missed his ninth consecutive free throw during a six-point spurt that tied it. His 7-for-7 night was over.

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Connecticut is always a challenge. It will be a great experience either way," McGraw said.
The 25-3 Huskies are led by a trio of stars. Kara Wolters, a 6-foot center, averages more than 18 points and nearly 8 rebounds per game.

Her dominating presence near the basket frustrated the Irish defense in their first match-up.

"We have to pressure the ball on the perimeter. Then it's my job to make her take a tough shot," explained Gaither, who must contend with Wolters' four-inch height advantage. "We will try to play behind her," added McGraw.

Nykesha Sales and point guard Jennifer Rizzotti, who leads the team in assists, make up the second and third members of Connecticut's tremendous trio.

Sales was a major factor in the last game with the Irish, so Coach McGraw hopes to apply more pressure to the talented guard.

"Nykesha Sales really hurt us in the last game. We plan to put Stacy Fields on her this time," said Gaither.

Both Morgan must have a good shooting performance in Connecticut if the Irish hope to win. She was smothered by the Husky defense in their previous meeting.

"She is going to draw the best defender on the team. But if we run our offense correctly and set our screens, she should get some good looks," stated McGraw.

Preparation and a great attitude is definitely a great beginning, but execution will be the key to victory.

"We're going to try and find their weak spots and take advantage of them," said Gaither.

If the Irish want to be one of the best, they will have to beat one of the best. This weekend, the Irish will have that opportunity.

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The road, however, has not been kind to the Pirates this season, as The Hall has won only one of its ten contests away from home.

That holds well for a Notre Dame squad attempting to find its identity on its home court.

"Losing at home is extremely disappointing," noted Young.

"However, we're starting to feel more confident, and once we get that, everything else will come."

One thing that is starting to come along for the Irish is balance, as Notre Dame has begun to consistently place three players in double-figures. Against Providence, Pat Garrity, Ryan Hover, and Derek Manner all scored ten or more.

The Hall exhibits similar balance, led by Griffin's lean-high 19.8 points per game. Hurley, younger brother of Duke legend Bobby, and Levell Sanders also average double-digits.

Junior forward Marcus Young will be key under the boards if Irish hope to dent Seton Hall on Saturday.

Irish
**Fencers face final regular-season challenge**

**Irish, Joyce**

**Center to host regional tourney**

By WILLY BAUER  
Sports Writer

After a month of traveling around the midwest and east coast, Notre Dame’s fencing team got some well deserved time off to prepare for this weekend’s Midwestern Team Championships at the Joyce Center.

Both squads had successful regular seasons as the men’s team went 22-2 while the women finished 23-1.

This weekend the team will attempt to defend its Midwestern title.

Freshmen played a major role on both teams during the regular season and will look to continue the effort this weekend.

Sara Walsh and Myriah Brown were strong all year long for the women’s foil team and Luke LaVallée was an excellent complement to men’s sabre captain Bill Lester.

The Irish have previously faced each of the teams in this weekend’s tournament and beat them all handily.

"This is the last tune-up before the NCAA qualifiers," said coach Yves Auriol. "The main concern is to fence better. We have beat all the Midwestern teams before, now we need to beat them with consistency."

This weekend will decide the final spots for the team that will go to the qualifiers.

For the women’s team, competition will come from Wayne State, Ohio State, and Northwestern.

Wayne State has a women’s foilist who was on the Polish national team, and might give the Walsh-Brown combination some trouble. Ohio State boasts a women’s foilist who placed at last year’s NCAA championships, who also has the potential to give the Irish women fits.

For the men, solid competition will come from Lawrence University which has the NCAA champion with the epee.

The Irish men’s epee team has been a question mark all season. Captain Carl Jackson has not fenced all season but Brice Dille has filled in admirably.

"The men’s epee team has shown some improvement," critiqued Auriol.

"Confidence is the main thing. The team has to fence well as a team. They have a lot of talent but are very inexperienced.”

Wayne State also has a strong men’s foil squad which could test Jeremy Siek and the rest of the Irish foil team. Siek has fenced well this year.

He has been complemented all season long by Auriol for his leadership qualities and his ability bring along the younger members of the team.

"Each team we face will have good individuals," praised Auriol.

"Some teams have people that could be in the top five at the NCAA’s. As a team, we have the strongest in the Midwest. Because of the individuals, this should be good competition before the qualifiers."

Not everyone on the team took the weekend off. LaVallée, Brown and Nicole Mustilli participated in the Junior Olympics in Nashville.

Mustilli and Brown tied for third place in the women’s foil. Mustilli also placed third with the women’s sabre, not a NCAA event, and ninth with the epee. LaVallée placed ninth in men’s sabre.

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finals, where he lost to Bob Naticchia.

Some of the other top seeds include junior Butch Cabreros at 150, Mike Debiasi at 185 and Mike Mantey at 190.

The 170-pound division looks to be one of the tightest divisions from top to bottom, with seniors Bob Lalor and Todd Murphy taking the top two seeds.

Lator, a captain this year, fell to Farrell in the 1995 semifinals at 175, while Murphy lost to Goddard in the finals at 170.

One of the tougher decisions placed on the shoulders of the coaches was the layout of the heavyweight card, which looked as recently as a week ago to have a near full bracket.

Because of some major disparities in weight, however, some changes had to be made.

Six boxers are now in the 200-pound division, with only three going to heavyweights, which had a weight limit of 250 pounds.

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Sean Rogers, a walk-on on the football team, weighed in at 298, which made him ineligible to compete.

A precedent was set a year ago, when former football player Greg Stec was forced to drop over 30 pounds to get under the ceiling.

Even that seemed to be almost unfair, though, as he knocked out Jason Swedberg ten seconds into the first round to take the title.

Whatever the weight class, though, every bracket will be looking for some good bouts, though some of the boxers may not be showing the best form.

"The time period is so short this year," Suddes said. "It actually takes a few years to get it going."

But boxing is a strange mix of the individual and the team sport. The veterans have offered a lot of support to the younger boxers the whole time. I'm really looking forward for the Bouts to begin."

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Playoff hopes rest on thin ice

By MIKE DAY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team is short on a lot of things. They are short on the number of points they need to get into the playoffs. Thus, with just three games remaining in the regular season, they are short on time. And with leading scorer Jamie Ling out for the remainder of the season, they are short on offensive production.

However, there is one thing they are not short on. Fortunately for Irish fans, that one thing happens to be confidence.

"I feel very good about the way we are playing," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin. "We have been playing well for the last four weeks but haven't had anything to show for it. I'm confident that the results will come in these last three games."

Trailing Ohio State by three points for the eighth and final seed in the CCHA playoffs, Notre Dame needs to win at least two of their last three games to have any chance of qualifying for the post-season. Fortunately for the Irish, there has never been greater reason to be confident. They travel to Ohio to take on sixth place Miami tonight before visiting fifth place Bowling Green on Saturday.

"These two games are against teams that we feel we can beat," said junior center Terry Lorenz. "We had our opportunities to beat both of them earlier in the year, so we're confident that we'll get the job done this time around."

With 20 points in the standings, Miami has all but locked up the sixth seed in the conference with 43 points. The Irish dropped both of their earlier meetings with Bowling Green by one goal, so they know that upsetting the Falcons (22-11-1) is not out of the realm of possibility.

Center Curtis Fry (42 points), left wing Brett Punchard (39), and center Mike Hall (39) lead the Falcons offensively, while Mike Savard and Bob Petrie have both seen action at goaltender for Bowling Green.

As for the Irish, senior Wade Salzman and sophomore Matt Eisler continue to alternate in goal with Salzman drawing the starting assignment Tuesday night against the Spartans. After stifling Michigan State early on, the veteran was part of a defensive collapse, giving up three goals in the final 2:33. "He (Salzman) did a good job for us but struggled with the rest of the guys at the end," said Poulin. "Both him and Matt Eisler have been playing well for us, so I'll decide at game time who will start. I'm confident that both of them will get the job done this weekend."

Interestingly, the Irish are short on a lot of things but remain long on confidence.

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Freshman forward Aniket Dhadphale will need to ignite the Irish offense in order to keep playoff hopes alive.
Wilson Invite offers final stretch to NCAAs

By JAMES BELDEN
Sports Writer

The Irish track and field teams are making the final turn on their 1995-96 outdoor season this weekend as they host the Alex Wilson Invitational.

The Men are looking for their success to continue after last week's third place finish in the Big East Championships, while the Women are hoping to bounce back from their disappointing 11th place finish.

Lofts will be hosting a number of the nation's top individuals who will be attempting to qualify for the indoor NCAA's during the final week of the indoor season.

"About fifteen schools will be represented this weekend, with all of them hoping to qualify," coach Piane said.

Noticeable this year is the almost qualified qualifier for the indoor nationals in the 3000 meter hurdles, stated Piane.

The Irish will be running in the Silverton Invitational on March second and then they will be concentrating on the championships.

Last week the Irish were looking to score points for the team, but the focus has now turned towards the individuals. "The focus turns towards the NCAA's this time of the season," coach Piane stated.

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Irish look for offense against Uncle Sam

Fightin’ Irish invade Memphis to take on Academies in search of first victory

By DYLAN BARMER

The Notre Dame baseball team hopes to leave the competition “All Shook Up” this weekend as they travel to Memphis to compete in the five-team Service Academies Classic.

The Irish will look to bounce back from a somewhat disappointing 0-2 start, as they take the field for four seven-inning games in one day span.

“The team is a little upset over how this past weekend went,” slalied catcher and team captain Bob Lisanti. “It’s not a situation where we feel real down, though. The guys are still excited to play - we’re sort of chomping at the bit to get out there.”

The Irish will go to war against Army and Navy on Friday, both of whom have yet to face regular season competition. On Saturday the Irish will meet 4-4 Air Force, and on Sunday they will take on Memphis, who will be playing in front of a supportive hometown crowd.

While neither of these four opponents is seen as a national powerhouse, Mainieri and his Irish squad know better than to look past their opposition.

“Sometimes the service academies don’t have the best talent level, but they’ll battle you for the entire game,” said Mainieri, who coached the Air Force Academy for six seasons and was instrumental in the Classic’s creation. “You saw it during this past football season, when Notre Dame got the fight out of their life from both Army and Navy. We’ve got to get our pitching going in the right direction, commented Mainieri.

Sophomore Christian Parker is expected to take the hill for Friday’s game against Army, with Darren Schmalz, Dan Stavisky, and Craig Allen also slated to start this weekend for the Irish.

“We’re going to have a good pitching staff this season,” assured Allen. “I think our problems last weekend were just a combination of first game jitters and getting used to being outside, throwing off a real mound in a real stadium. We all got a few innings under our belt, and we’re ready to get back out there.”

Saturday’s game against the Falcons is particularly meaningful for Mainieri, who is in his second season at Notre Dame after a six year stint at Navy. I’m going to be up against a lot of players I recruited while at the Air Force Academy, and I’m used to handling the coaching staff. I have nothing but the utmost respect for the Air Force Academy, and I will approach this game just like I do any other game against any other team - we’ll be looking to go out there and spank them.”

As the only team in the tourney with more than two games under their belt, the Falcons may pose a threat to the Irish. Although they boast a bloated 9.55 ERA over their first eight games, the Falcons’ offense is more than capable.

Junior outfielder Derek Sawyer has been the main threat for Air Force at the plate, compiling a .474 average to go along with a team-high three home runs and 15 runs batted in. Senior infielder Mike Sharp boasts a .500 average with nine RBI, while junior catcher Andy Watson is hitting .333 with a home run and 11 RBI - not bad for the first four games of the season.

Mainieri expects the Irish to continue to play solid defense, while at the same time becoming more effective on the mound and more aggressive at the plate.

“I was very pleased with our defensive play last weekend,” commented Mainieri. “We need to learn to be more aggressive at the plate - really attack the ball and cut down on our strikeouts.”

The Irish struck out 22 times in their two losses to #17 Georgia Tech last weekend, including an embarrassing 15 punch-outs in the second game.

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Irish sojourn to desert for season-opening test

By TIM MCCONN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame softball team set out for the warmth of sunny Arizona yesterday as they prepare to begin their 1996 campaign today at the Arizona State Classic in Tempe, AZ.

Behind the guidance of fourth-year coach Liz Miller, whose record at Notre Dame is a stellar 117-52, the 1995 squad had the most successful season ever last year.

They finished 19th in the nation after reaching the finals of the Mid-East regional, where they eventually fell to Michigan 15-6. Based on this success, the Irish feel they have plenty of high expectations to live up to in the upcoming year.

However, both players and coaches feel this success won't lead to any added pressure. The only pressure, they feel, will come from within the team, not from the un-called experts on the outside.

"We've set goals," said Miller. "We have created our own pressure. Expectations are not a factor right now. We're just ready to go out and play."

Added All-American senior pitcher Terri Kobata, "It's still hard to tell hard right now (about pressure) since we haven't even played a game yet."

Speaking of Kobata, she leads one area of the team that will have to perform quite well for this team to be successful. In her career at Notre Dame, she has 14 no-hitters, eight of which were perfect games. For these reasons, she has been the Irish's only two-time All-American.

Along with Kobata, the other two starters will be junior Joy Battersby and freshman Angela Bessolo. The relief work will come from sophomore Kelly Nichols, who led the nation with eight saves last year.

One problem heading into this weekend, though, is the fact that the pitching staff is experiencing the injury bug. According to Miller, Battersby "is not back to 100% after breaking her hand in fall ball, and (Kobata) is questionable with a back injury."

"A lot of responsibilities are going to the freshman and sophomore pitchers," commented Miller. "We have a lot of depth on this team, though."

One concern as the Irish open up the season is that they play on the road an eye-popping 7 weekends in a row. This might pose as dangerous for many teams, but not for this one.

"It could go either way," said Kobata. "We could get closer, or we could get sick of one another. But with the chemistry we have on this team, I can only see us getting closer."

Coach Miller was overjoyed to hear this.

"The chemistry is going the way we want it to go. Plus, we know that once we get through this stretch of road games, we have a long home stretch in April."

The first test of this chemistry comes this weekend, beginning today against first-year Northwestern, then against host Arizona State. Then, on Saturday, they face a Big Ten doubleheader, Wisconsin and Indiana.

The Irish have not had much success against three of these teams in the recent past. They lost doubleheaders to both Northwestern and Indiana last year, and they dropped a 4-1 decision to the Sun Devils in last year's tournament.

Because this is the first year of varsity softball for Wisconsin, this will be the first ever meeting between the two schools.

Expectations and past performances aside, the season is about to begin. The Irish know this, and are ready to build on last year's performance.

By doing well this weekend against quality competition, Notre Dame would be taking a key step in this direction. In the words of coach Miller, they are "ready to go out and play."

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On the Go (Dry):
Potato salad (tangy)

On the Go (Dry):
Pepperoni (travel)

On the Go (Dry):
Cheese (sour)

On the Go (Dry):
Pork (spice and savor)

On the Go (Dry):
Chicken (spring)

On the Go (Dry):
Lemon (tangy)

On the Go (Dry):
Lemon (summer)

On the Go (Dry):
Cucumber (summer)
SPORTS

Bengal Boxers get ready to rumble

Bouts' quarterfinals begin on Sunday

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It's been six weeks of running, eating healthy, swinging as a mirror and occasionally punch-
ing another person. But when the 66th annual Bengal Bouts commence with the quarter-
finals Sunday, it'll be a whole dif-
ferent story.

"The 66th one is so much different than sparring," said Bengal Bouts President Toby
Biolchini, who earned the top seed in the 135-pound weight class.

Indeed it will be different for the majority of the field, which is inexperienced in com-
parison to previous years. Only ten fin-
als from the 66 boxers, including three cham-
pions, have returned this year to make another run at a title.

"I think this is one of the bet-
ter years because of the even-
ness of the field," coach Tom
Suddes said. "We don't have quite the dominance this year, which opens it up for a bunch of new kids.

Gone is three-year champion Jeff Goddard and long gone is four-year title holder Jeff
Gerber. Taking their place as top names in this year's campus boxing championships are defending champions Andy
Dickel (145 pounds), John Christofrofetti (165) and Troy Phillips (200).

But with only ten out of 102 total boxers with championship experience, all 15 weight clas-
es are pretty much up for grabs.

"This year, the talent is there," Biolchini said. "It's just a question of how they'll do in the ring.

The face of some of the first-
year boxers has already been de-
cided, as there is always one or two in every weight class paired with the top seeds, which almost always equals a quick exit. Some of the veterans, how-
ever, received first round byes.

But in a tournament as con-
densed as this, getting a bye is a lot like kissing your sister.

"It can almost be a disadvan-
tage if you're the top seed," said Biolchini said. "It's good to get in and get warmed up in the quar-
terfinals. But on the other hand, you do run less of a risk of getting a serious injury.

Chip Farrell, the top seed in the 160-pound division, enjoyed his first round bye this year. The sophomore received a deep cut over the bridge of his nose in the 175-pound division a year ago, nearly forcing him out of the competition. He fought through the blood to the

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Half hopes to solidify NIT bid against Irish

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When Seton Hall comes to the Joyce Center for tomor-
row's 4:00 p.m. tip, Irish fans could be forgiven for believing that Providence, Wednesday's opponent, had returned in slightly lighter uni-
forms.

Indeed, the parallels between the Pirates and the Friars are too difficult to ignore.

Both are growing more comfortable with their young, enthu-
siastic second year head coaches - Seton Hall's George
Blaney and Providence's Pete
Gillen.

Both are led by solid if un-
heralded performers - Admore
Griffin and Danny Hurley from the Pirates, Austin Crushe-

ner and Michael Brown from the Friars.

But both are fighting for their post-season lives.

This last similarity propelled Providence to a narrow victory over the Irish, and is what makes the Pirates more dan-
gerous than the average Big East team.

Seton Hall (11-13, 7-9) has an outside shot at the NIT with a strong finish and a couple of wins in the confer-
ence tournament.

But if the Pirates mean to start the stretch run on Saturday, they will have to contend with an Irish squad that endured a painful loss against Seton Hall's mirror image.

"We have to improve our defensive intensity," said center Marcus Young. "That's what we learned from the (Providence) game - that we have to play hard for 40 minutes.

"We have to attack whatever pressure they throw at us," agreed point guard
Admore White.

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Hockey faces big weekend

By TODD FITZPATRICK
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This time things will be different.

These sentiments have been echoed by players and coaches alike on the Irish women's basketball team. When Notre Dame travels to Connecticut this weekend for a nationally televised bat-
tle with the defending national champions, the Huskies, the Irish will attempt to erase the painful memories of an 87-64 defeat more than one month ago.

Now the Irish are 19-5. They are the No. 23 ranked team in the nation. They have steamrolled through the Big East Conference to earn a first-round bye in the conference tournament. An NCAA tour-

This freshman class - guard Mufett McGraw if her team enters this game with a different attitude, and she will answer with a resounding "Yes."