Construction to begin on State Road 23

Business owners worry about safety, loss of customers during construction seasons

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant News Editor

State Road 23, known locally as South Bend Ave., will finally undergo improvement thanks to a $13.8 million contract awarded by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) last Wednesday. The five-lane span of the street from Cleveland Road to Twyckenham, originally set for completion in 1994, was postponed due to environmental concerns regarding relocation of water utility lines. But some community members are afraid if the enterprise will create more problems than the traffic congestion it should alleviate. With businesses and residential neighborhoods in the vicinity of the street, considerable pedestrian traffic flows through the area. With five lanes, safety is a concern.

"I am most worried about safety, especially during football weekends. A lot of the kids that live here don't have cars, and the students have to walk to campus and other places. I know it's sometimes impossible to drive onto 23, but with five lanes, it will be dangerous," said State Senator Joseph Zakas.

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Saferide to debut tonight

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
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The growing relationship between the churches in Latin America and the United States was the focus of a lecture presented Friday by Edward Kennedy.

"The Churches' influence in Latin America and the United States is growing," the video documentary produced to show personal footage of missionary work in different Latin American communities, 1) A survey conducted by the Notre Dame social science training lab to analyze the role of parishes, dioceses, the religious community, and colleges and universities. 2) A video documentary to show personal footage of missionary work in different Latin American communities, 3) A book project commissioned by the conference to document the findings of the study.

"We are concentrating on our role and our response to Latin America in the context of the bishops and the Catholic Church," Pelton said.

Pelton began by presenting "Sharing Faith Across the Hemisphere," the 28-minute video documentary produced by Gold Dome Productions. The video was designed to portray a personal view of the Church's influence in Latin American countries. It was funded by a grant from the United States Information Agency in 1961 with Pope John Paul XXIII, the United States began an outreach program to help Latin America become more self-sufficient.

"There is a stereotype that poor people are only defined by their poverty," the video explained. "But they can give us so much. Life is not about
Mandela starts education campaign

A potentially thorny moment passed smoothly Thursday when President Nelson Mandela's ex-wife, Winnie, showed up at a ceremony attended by Mandela and his girlfriend. It was the first time all three were seen at the same public function. But if there was any hint of a rift, all but Winnie knew it. Mandela and Graca Machel sat together, laughing and whispering at times, on a podium for the ceremony kicking off Mandela's "culture of learning" campaign to promote education in South Africa. Winnie Mandela-Mabulo arrived late and walked to an open seat on the podium, with three chairs between her and Mandela. She and Mandela didn't speak and hardly looked in each other's direction. Mudikizela-Mandela and Machel also had not spoken. Mandela, 78, divorced Winnie last year, four years after their separation in 1992. Since the divorce, Mandela and Machel, 31, have gotten along without friction. He has remarried and is now married to Samora Machel, who was killed in a 1986 plane crash. Both she and Mandela say they have no plans to marry again.

No virtue in the government

Recently, I had a particularly moving experience at the Grotto. I still am not entirely sure why I went, but I knew that I shared some of their most beautiful or tragic moments with the God they worship, among those stones and candles. In reflecting on that right, I remember feeling as if I had an increased sense of purpose, of my walk at home afterwards. The reflection was, Quoted as it stood, a way to which it quite a while. From the statue of Jesus to Mary, a way to the stained glass windows of the Basilica — they all seemed to be more defined than usual. What was the word for the art? I’m not sure. We forget what it was.

Our nations leaders have lately been swept with so much emotional intensity. From Rostkowski to Gingrich to President Clinton — the list is bewildering. I certainly am concerned that it seems to come off as something low, God knows I am not. All people make mistakes, but I know that what we do without blame. However, no matter what, there should be a distinction between what goes on in the streets or in the hands of our leaders and what goes on in the public corridors of our government.

The latest possible scandal concerns allegations that the Chinese embassy may have received U.S. secrets or policy benefits in exchange for campaign contributions to the Democratic Party. This scandal could potentially involve the Clinton administration all the way through to the Commerce department. Americans have heard the heated controversy surrounding Aldrich Ames, another instance of U.S. officials, especially in the White House, adding and abetting foreign spies would be devastating.

No one needs to jump to any conclusions about the veracity of these allegations. There is a long and recent trail of preceding scandals marred our current government. We can not take them lightly. John F. Kennedy may not have been a saint in his personal life, but, as far as I know, he always maintained an ideal of virtue, not for its power or its wealth. Yet we must respect him around the world simply for this.

In no other way could our Constitutional democracy with the inability to maintain virtue. He saw democracy as possessing a natural tendency to self-correct and manipulation of the people for the perpetuation of power, leading eventually to tyranny. James Madison believed the only way to avail this was to preserve a moral republic led by virtuous leaders, with each feeding off of the other. In no other way could our Constitutional experiment succeed.

There was a time when this government was respected around the world simply for this virtue, not for its power or wealth now. We have strayed from the ideal of a republic that puts what is right over political experience — and even worse why some third world countries in Latin America and the Middle East despite the U.S. flag. Maybe we should sponsor a Capitol field trip to the Grotto.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Falk: States need humanity

By ANNE HOSINSKI
News Writer

A need exists to restore a compassionate state to the forms of world governance, according to Professor Richard Falk of Princeton University in his lecture yesterday.

He noted that the problem comes from the lack of humane governance, a form of government that is suitable to the needs of the people in the state and is prepared to cater to those needs in international politics.

Calling the compassionate state a "metaphor intended to signify the state as a political actor that has a range of possibilities for projection, power and influence." Falk stressed that compassionate politics depends on the role of non-state actors in institutional settings of government.

He said that the quest for humane governance must be rooted in the reality of human suffering, if it is to be credible. "Humane governance cannot be premised on speculation of detached reason and cannot be content with prescribing moral abstractions," Falk said.

Falk noted that the solution to establishing humane governance worldwide is not a simple, fabricated policy but must be a compassionate, genuine response to the needs of the public.

The solution, according to Falk must "generate action and engagement to the extent to which we cannot foretell the future and are responsible to create the future."

The lecture, "Democracy and the prospects for Humane Governance," was a part of the third annual Theodore Hesburgh Lecture on Ethics and Public Policy at the Hesburgh Center of International Studies.

Um, I think it's a...

Students admire a sculpture at yesterday's opening of Patty Bunner-Pitcher's exhibit at the Snite Museum's Ios Gallery. The artist is a teacher at the University of Southern Michigan and her art will be on display on campus until March 14.

Security arrests man in D2 lot last night

By LIZ FORAN
Editor-in-Chief

Notre Dame Security made an arrest following a break-in in the D2 lot late last night, according to Chuck Hurley, assistant director of Security.

The arrest alleviates some of the frustration surrounding the rash of thefts from vehicles parked in student lots. Security had increased patrols, done hours of undercover surveillance, and even added additional lighting in the lots prior to last night's arrest, with no results.

"This doesn't mean we aren't going to continue to patrol the lots," Hurley stressed. "We aren't positive he's connected to the other break-ins."

Shortly before 11 p.m. Thursday night, an officer patrolling the D2 lot saw broken glass near a car. The officer stopped a man in close proximity to the car who was walking away.

When searched, the 23-year-old South Bend resident was found to have a screwdriver concealed inside one of the gloves on his hand, Hurley said. The man was taken into custody and transferred to St. Joseph County Jail.

He was charged with conversion and remained in prison as of 3 a.m., according to St. Joseph County Captain Greg Labis.

"We contacted the student and had the car brought to Security," Hurley said. "We discovered evidence connecting this person with the break-in."

The man denied any involvement in other cases when interviewed by Security, although "the manner of operation was similar to other vehicles," Hurley added.

ND to host second business conference

By MICHAEL LEWIS
News Writer

A group, described as the nation's best international business council, will host its second annual conference this weekend at Notre Dame's College of Business Administration.

International business students from several different universities will be on campus Friday through Sunday for the Notre Dame Council on International Business Development's Intercollegiate Consulting Conference. The group was founded in 1989 by six business students, and today, has more than 250 members.

In describing the purpose of the conference, Intercollegiate Consulting Conference Committee member Katy Loughmey said, "It's really an opportunity for those who are interested in International Business to meet people who are successful in the industry."

"It serves as a sounding board, and we can bounce ideas off each other," Loughmey said. Katie Bellock, co-director of the council's Business Services Division, described the meeting.

"The conference is student run. It gives us a chance to see what other colleges are doing and what goals they have versus what goals we have," Bellock said.

She continued that the conference promotes the exchange of new ideas and provides a basis for comparison between Notre Dame's council and that of other schools.

"It's basically a chance to get together to share ideas, and I think it gives the students a sense of confidence," Megan Stifel, the council's vice-president of development said.

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said.

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ing a "disincentive program" to

the contractors, Walsh and

Kelly of Griffin, to ensure that

the work is finished on sched-
ule, before the 1998 football
season, according to Tom

Staff, business engineer for INDOT.

"What we say is not that they

will be rewarded for being

early, but that if they don't get
done by such-and-

so they will face liquidated damages. It's

a kind of disincentive to get the project
done on time," Staff said.

"I'm concerned about how

my business is going to survive
during the construction. I'm

worried if people will even

pause, on the way, to get traffic
to come. We've got to do some-
thing about this business doesn't

fall apart," said Donna Murphy,

Coach's general manager.

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Pianist to give concert Sunday
Special to The Observer

Pianist Paul-Andre Bempechat will perform a recital on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Annenberg auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. A pre-concert lecture will begin at 1 p.m. The program will include Franz Schubert's "Sonata in G Major," Johannes Brahms' "Seven Fantasies," and "Three Intermezzi." Tickets are $5 for general admission, $2 for students and senior citizens, and are available at the door or in advance by calling 631-6201. The year 1997 marks the 200th anniversary of Schubert's birth and the centenary of Brahms' death. Bempechat's program consists of late works by these composers.

ND grad fights drug war in Navy
By CHAD McKIMSON

CARIBBEAN SEA
The Navy spends its time defending U.S. interests, often on the other side of the world. However, for the crew of the guided-missile cruiser USS Princeton, protecting America's interests on their current deployment will keep them a little closer to home.

Instead of keeping the peace in the Arabian Gulf, the crew will be in the Southeastern Pacific and Caribbean Sea, waging war on what many people feel is an ever larger threat to the United States than international disputes—illegal narcotics. Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Griffin, a 1986 graduate of Notre Dame, supervises the ship's combat system designed to simultaneously collect, evaluate and display combat information, launch and guide missiles to their targets and share tactical information with other ships and aircraft.

Along with the Aegis system, the Princeton possesses a variety of air, surface, and land-attack missiles, torpedoes and rapid fire guns. The versatility of the 9,500-ton cruiser enables it to build a defensive shield around a naval battle group, conduct offensive strikes against land targets, and undertake surveillance, search and rescue and counter-narcotic operations. Because of the Princeton's multi-mission capabilities, the Pacific Fleet is able to maintain a constant involvement in monitoring international waterways for drug trafficking. The Princeton spent the last several months preparing for the deployment, and Griffin feels the training will serve him well during the operation.

The deployment will be hard work for Griffin and will require some long hours, but he has some goals he wants to accomplish.

"What I hope for on this deployment is for the ship to have a positive impact in the war on drugs, specifically to help stem the flow from Central America into the United States," Griffin said.

"Personally, I hope this deployment prepares me for my next at-sea assignment as an executive officer of a naval warship.

While living and serving on a warship like the Princeton can be a difficult lifestyle, Griffin still values the experience.

"The most rewarding aspect for me is contributing to the national security and the defense of the United States by ensuring that the ship's combat systems are ready to fight if called upon," Griffin said.

Chad McKimson is a Navy journalist assigned to the Navy Public Affairs Center at Naval Station, San Diego.
Special to The Observer

William Cerny, professor of music at Notre Dame, will perform a spring concert recital on Sun. March 2 at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art.

"Centennial Celebration," the recital on Sun., March 2 at 2 p.m. music at Notre Dame, will highlight composers born in concert is dedicated to the works of American composers. The program will highlight composers born in 1896, including Virgil Thomson, Howard Hanson, Robert Sessions, and William Grant Still. The recital is free and open to the public.

Included on Cerny's recital program are "Three Visions" (1936) by Still, "Five 2-Part Inventions" (1946) by Sessions, "Three Miniatures and Clog Dance" (1932) by Hanson, and "Sonata for Piano" (1967) by Peter Mennin.

A graduate of Yale University, Cerny was a professional accompanist in New York City early in his career. He was on the faculty of Eastman School of Music for 13 years before coming to Notre Dame in 1972. While at Eastman, he performed the complete 62 Haydn sonatas, the 19 Mozart sonatas, and the complete 32 Beethoven piano sonatas.

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MORGAN STANLEY
Panel: Marijuana could help patients

By PAUL RECER
Associated Press Writer

BETHESDA, Md.

Sparte but growing evidence indicates smoking marijuana may ease the suffering of some seriously ill patients, but more study is needed before the drug's medical value is understood, a panel of experts said Thursday.

At a news conference interrupted repeatedly by pro-marijuana demonstrators, the experts assembled by the National Institutes of Health spoke of intriguing hints that marijuana smoking helps some patients with cancer, AIDS or glaucoma. But they cautioned there is little hard scientific evidence.

"For at least some indications (medical uses), it looks promising enough that there should be some new controlled studies," said Dr. William T. Beaver, a professor of pharmacology at Georgetown University School of Medicine and the panel's chairman.

Although a final committee report is not complete, "the general mood was that for some indications, there is a rationale for looking further into the therapeutic effects of marijuana," Beaver said.

The eight-member committee appeared at a news conference after two days of hearings during which members reviewed the scientific literature on medical use of smoked marijuana and heard from other experts.

Dr. Alan Schuster, head of the National Institute of Drug Abuse, organized the meeting after California and Arizona enacted state laws that allow medical uses of marijuana.

Those state laws also prompted White House drug czar Barry McCaffrey to issue a warning that doctors who prescribe the marijuana could lose their federal authority to prescribe medicine. One California doctor already has been warned by the Department of Justice that he is under investigation.

Despite McCaffrey's tough stand, however, Leasher said the NIH would finance medical marijuana studies, if proposed research is approved by the agency's review process. He said his institute is empowered to issue legal marijuana to researchers.

"Our policy is that if other institutes (at NIH) support a study, then we will provide the marijuana," he said.

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Beijing
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Air Force settles into Saudi desert
By CHARLES HANLEY
Associated Press Writer

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Eight months after 19 of their comrades were killed in the bombing of high-rise apartments in eastern Saudi Arabia, more than 4,000 Air Force men and women are settled into a gritty, dusty city of 700 dun-colored tents where security may be tighter than at any military base in the world.

Even the latrines get "security" handling. Sewage tank trucks from outside are not allowed to penetrate the base perimeter, so on-base tankers must empty the latrines and transfer their contents to civilian trucks miles away at the fence. Incoming fuel and water are handled the same way because of the fear of truck bombs, tying up dozens of trucks and spoil- ing scores of Air Force security police who escort them.

"We don't do anything for convenience or efficiency," base commander Brig. Gen. Daniel Dick said.

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EDITORIAL

Should college presidents consider gender

The presidential search at Saint Mary's College is nearing an end, with the search committee determining the proceeding candidates. It is simply unacceptable that the highest security government clearance to even find out the gender of the candidates, let alone the possibility of security clearance.

While the College continues to protect the anonymity of the finalists, The Observer can only hope that they choose the most qualified candidate for the position, and that they consider that the most qualified candidate to lead a woman's college might indeed be a woman.

It is only fair that a woman's college choose a woman as its president. It is important to consider the best and most qualified candidate for the job, whether that be a man or a woman. However, as a president often serves as more of a figurehead of the institution, whether that seat is occupied by a man or a woman makes a serious statement. What does this say about an all-women's college if a man again occupies the presidency of an institution founded entirely for the education and personal growth of women? It indirectly says that no woman was qualified for the position of such leadership. It says that the institution could not find a woman capable enough of representing a place founded entirely for the education and personal growth of women. The person occupying the presidency stands for everything that the college is about — women. Logic says that the new leader should be of the same gender.

If Saint Mary's pays particular attention to the rights and responsibilities of women in the workforce, at home, and in society, and "cultivates a community life which responds to the needs of women and cherishes their talents," as the mission statement of the college says, then SMC should honor this dedication to women effectively exercise leadership roles, which is what the College supposedly stands for.

The United States of America made a similar move recently by placing a woman in one of the most powerful offices not only in our country but in the world. Madeline Albright would be in line for the presidency in her newly appointed position as Secretary of State if she had been born in the U.S. If America can take steps to show the rest of the world that women are capable of handling huge responsibilities and delicate situations, then Saint Mary's (while playing hide and seek with the candidates "delicate" profiles and backgrounds) can surely find a role model for women in this time for a new president if they have not done so already.

Twenty-five years ago perhaps the best qualified candidate for the Saint Mary's presidency was William Buckley, and he has done a tremendous job. This paper does not attempt to take anything away from his accomplishments or honorable reputation. But twenty-five years later women have come a long way, and it's time to give Saint Mary's the due and show them that the College practices what it preaches.

ND women fail to support female electoral candidates

Dear Editor:

Women of Notre Dame, you dropped the ball.

Frankly, you made it overwhelmingly clear when you elected Matt Griffin and Erek Nas as your new student body leaders in the recent presidential election. (For those of you who supported the Szabo/Gillard ticket, I applaud you, but I invite you to bear witness to the disturb I have prepared for your back-stabbing peers.)

I hold you responsible for this ill-conceived mistake because in every female dorm except two (Knott, where Mary Griffin lives, and Howard), the Griffin/Nass ticket received the majority of votes by an average margin of 23 percent over its competitor. The Notre Dame men performed quite differently, however; the Szabo/Gillard ticket won every male dorm (by an average margin of victory of 12 percent) except Stanford and Keenan, where Griffin and Nass reside, respectively. In fact, I would even argue that the men were humiliated you by supporting the female candidate that was to be your voice in student government.

Yes, yes, you're right; it would have been pitifully provincial of you to vote for Griffin/Nass ticket was the only ticket, from the very beginning, to advocate improved gender relations efforts.

So far, we haven't come up with any intelligent reasons for your misguided actions, so let's pose a few lame but much more likely explanations.

Perhaps you thought we needed some cute guys in office. Perhaps you like the trendy sweaters they were wearing in their campaign posters. Perhaps your friends told you how cool those guys are because they go to Brett's all the time. Perhaps you're entrenched in a high-school mentality that demands that you vote on the basis of sheer popularity.

This, of course, is all conjecture. If you can't yet see where I am going with this, let me spell it out for you. You were afraid to break away from the pack, afraid to take a chance, afraid to live up to changing gender roles.

You have strong spokeswomen on this campus and powerful feminist ideologies at your fingertips, but you chose to ignore all of them in this election. The time has come to emancipate yourselves from social conservatism and to take the risk of ruffling some feathers. This was your big chance, and you blew it.

After all, she who complains about how the ball bounces probably dropped it.

PATRICK PERRI
Santa
Mercury Manor

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."

—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
It's beautiful...touching, really, when a 12-year-old child can express the vast complexities of his aggregate life knowledge and philosophies — especially as the subject is the victory of Home Run Derby. I was 12 years old when my father decided to share with me his authorita-
tarian theories of shopping "shock," he said, "in order to be a winner in the middle of the game. Playing officially at an atomically hot 75 degrees Sunday afternoon at the Junes or their cat would even think about being awake) when the paper boy sent the last edition through the door. He tore past the front page, the comic, even the sports page, until his hands and face turned almost as bright as that inch-thick, for-suckers-only, dare-we-try-to-find-the-deal-before-it-expires advertisement section.

"Wow! Soap is only $1.50 per bar at Wal-Mart this week! Ooh! And Krant has a 36, get one free special on laundry detergent! And, good gracious — they've got keyes of pickles for 49 bucks at Sam's Club! You can't beat that with a stick! Goo! Go! Pete! — here's a 5-cent coupon for molasses at Food Bars! We need molasses, don't we honey!"

"I think we just depleted the last gallon yesterday.

"Holy cow! Would you just look at all these outrageous low prices for oil!

"You're alliegic to oil, dear.

And dirt-cheap baby formula! And dynamite, dear!

"Our children are grown up, and the cat died four years ago, dear. Obviously, the object of the game is not necessarily to purchase items truly needed, nor is it to actually get a barrel of the impromptu Sweepstakes placed on the quantity of perceived bargain bar through the intricacies of the game. For exam-

"And, finally, we'll blitz Sam's Club and Hit or Miss of all of their bargain stamps on paper, that is unless any unforeseeable event should prevent the exorcism of the distance along the way. Are ya with me, kids?"

"We sleepily and collectively murmur, "C'mon! We gotta...uh...do something."

Gary Scheibel

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Are quotas the answer to Notre Dame's lack of diversity?

Diversity and political correctness

Tucked nicely together on the back cover of the most recent edition of Notre Dame magazine, the tabloid-sized 16 pages of photographs of students from the Class of 2000. Nine males and one female, the only one with the balance of the student population on cam-
pus. About one third are people of color or easily-recognizable ethnic minorities.

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He votes against anyone who served more than one term in the local club's board. He is a member of our 1997 Notre Dame "game of the century" each season and to finally serve a once-in-a-lifetime term on the national board. I'd vote against anyone who served more than six years on any club board. What ever happened to serving a while and foot in the door. Says he, "The guy who dies at age 20 is the one we talk about in the National Board. He'll be with us for almost 20 years."

Finally, my classmate reads the biographies and statistics of the "remaining open seats" on his ballot. He focuses on the candidates for attorneys, but will vote against anyone who uses "God and country" together in a statement. He will drop the candidate with the most "schmaltz" in a statement. Most sheet music, then, will go towards a candidate who is interested in ways of attaining the national board. I'd vote against anyone who served more than six years on any club board. What ever happened to serving a while and foot in the door. Says he, "The guy who dies at age 20 is the one we talk about in the National Board. He'll be with us for almost 20 years."

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Finding a way

Where's there is a will, there is a way, say two students who have an unauthorized dog at an apartment complex close to campus.

"The landlord doesn't know we have her," said one of the students, a senior at Notre Dame. "They don't live on the premises."

The roommates acquired the dog, a five-year-old small mixed breed, from Pet Refuge, an agency which does require proof of an acceptable environment before placing their animals in homes.

"We had Pet Refuge call our friend, who pretended she was the landlord," he said. "She told them it was all right for us to have a dog in the apartment."

"Then we had them (Pet Refuge) call our friend's mother in New York, who pretended to be (one of the student's) mother. She said it was okay with her for us to have a dog, and that she would take the dog if one of us couldn't after graduation."

The roommates do plan to give the dog to one's parents or a brother or sister if one of them cannot keep her upon graduation.

House rules

Avoiding student dominated apartment complexes, which do typically not allow pets, is often the only option for student insistent upon having animal companionship.

Erin Sayer, a Saint Mary's senior who lives in Candlewood Apartments in Mishawaka, has had a kitten since she first moved in over the summer.

"I love it," she said. "I've had a cat all my life."

But

Lying is often the only way for a student to receive an animal from a pet shelter, according to Rosemary Hutchins, office manager at the South Bend Humane Society, who said they do get a number of requests from students each year interested in pets.

"We do a lot of checking," she said.

"We always check to see if they can handle them."

The Humane Society does not refuse pets to students, although they must make sure the apartment or dwelling will allow them and the animals will be provided for after graduation.

"I don't want to give away all our secrets," Hutchins said. "But you can tell if a student is lying."

She could not give a percentage of students who inquire who do eventually end up with pets.

This is Theing a lot less than during the time. Rats take a while to mature. I've noticed fuzzy.

Responsible ownership

Not all students are irresponsible regarding pet ownership, according to Billy Giles, a senior who lives in Turtle Creek. When he attempted to bring a puppy back from his hometown of New York to the complex, he was told he could not keep the pet and his lease at the same time.

"I'm a city kid who grew up in Manhattan, and I always wanted a dog," Giles said. "My parents said it was cruel to have a dog when you live in the city, and I agreed, but there seemed to be something fundamentally American to have a dog."

"My roommate and I adopted a dog from a shelter in New York. She was cute, spunky, friendly, she didn't bite — completely not the type of dog you would expect from a shelter."

"I knew people in Turtle Creek who had cats and dogs, but I called just to be sure," he said.

He was told the apartment had stopped allowing pets two years before, and that only residents with pets before the ban were allowed to keep them through a grandfather clause.

"They (the management) wouldn't listen to me. I asked them to just look at the dog — that she wasn't destructive. I told them I would take care of her, that I was a model tenant at Campus View for two years. I offered to pay extra rent, to rake leaves and shovel snow if they would let me have a dog."

Giles ended up bringing the dog back to school with him and finding a home for her on a nearby farm. He disagrees strongly with the policy that groups all students as irresponsible and unable to care for a pet.

"You should be able to prove yourself," he said.

"You should be able to provide references."
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The expense and occasional inconvenience of owning a pet are not major issues for Sayer, who spends an $10 in food and supplies for the cat weekly.

"Our landlord never said anything about it," Wheelen said. "But he's seen the dog and he hasn't said anything about it.

Sayer must pay $100 a year to have a cat at Candlewood Apartments.

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### Financial affair

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### Not fair to who?

The reason Hoffman returned to time and again is why students should not have pets was the health and welfare of the animals, citing abandonment, improper care and the erratic hours students keep as being unfair to the animal.

"When I told a girl last year that she couldn't have a puppy, she picked the dog up, walked outside the apartment and dropped him into someone's back yard," Hoffman recalled. "She told me, 'Now I no longer have a puppy.' We had to take him to the pound."

At the time of this interview, Hoffman was just about to leave to remind another tenant of the no-pets policy.

"The maintenance man discovered a cat," she said. "We were just about to go over with a copy of the lease."

"We see the results," she added, when cats are outside freezing during the winter after being abandoned. "We found one cat this year that was very sick and pregnant.

"It's not fair to the animals," she stressed. "In this community, it's what works best for us."

### Around Town

**Barney and Noble on Grape Road welcomes screenwriter and South Bend native Larry Karaszewski for a discussion and book signing Sunday at 2:30 p.m. **

Karaszewski and college pal Scott Alexander wrote the screenplay for the Oscar-winning film "The People vs. Larry Flint," starring Woody Harrelson and Courtney Love. They have also written the screenplays for "Ed Wood," "Problem Child," "Problem Child 2," Disney's recent release "That Darn Cat," and "Mars Attacks!" Their upcoming projects include an animated musical, "Cats Don't Dance," and a live-action version of "The Jetsons.

**The exhibit runs until March 30.**

**Tome of the University Notre Dame String Trio will perform a recital tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the 20th Century Gallery of the Snite Museum of Art.**

The trio consists of three Notre Dame faculty members: associate professors of music Carolyn Plummer (violin) and Karen Buranskas (cello) and assistant professor of music Christine Rutledge (violin).

Included in the program will be selections from Franz Schubert, Bohuslav Martinu and Irving Fine.

Recently, the Trio was awarded a grant from the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts to produce a recording of Paul Hindemith's "String Trio."

Admission is free but seating is limited. Snite can be reached at 631-6201.

**Paul-Andre Benochechat will perform a piano concert at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon in the Annenberg Auditorium.**

Schubert's "Sonata in G Major" and Johannes Brahms' "Seven Fantasias" and "Three Intermezzi" will be featured.

A pre-concert lecture begins at 1 p.m. Tickets are $5 for the general public, $2 for students and senior citizens.

A new exhibit entitled "Portraits on Paper: Selections from the Permanent Collection" will open at the Snite Museum of Art on Sunday.

The exhibit explores the complex relationship among artist, subject and viewer as expressed in different cultures and periods using various media on paper.

Drawings in the exhibit will include pastels by the 18th century artists Rosalba Carriera and John Russell. Artists from the 19th century on display include Jacques-Louis David, Edgar Degas, Puvis de Chavannes and Adolph von Menzel. Augustus John's "Portrait of Cyril Connolly" is a notable drawing from the 20th century.

Woodcut prints by Max Beckman and Leonard Baskin will be included with works by Jacques Villon, Kathe Kollwitz and Alfred Leslie.

Twentieth century photographs by Arnold Newman, Diane Arbus, Richard Avedon and W. Eugene Smith will also be exhibited. Their subjects include famous artists, soldiers, street children, Native Americans, prostitutes and the dead.

The exhibit runs until March 30.
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He had awarded a scholarship in his sophomore year, but the money was only guaranteed on a scholarship-by-scholarship basis.

A saw the bit a little more, both in practice and in games, and Krith Kurwoski, two of Notre Dame's better athletes. He did, however, have his junior year and played the same role as a back-up. He became a scoring threat with his deep shooting, but injuries affected his growth and forced him to the bench.

In Miller's senior year, he entered school without a scholarship forcing him to leave the team to help finance his education.

"It was a weird feeling not to be on the team," Miller commented. "I'd played basketball since I was three. All of a sudden to have that gone without expecting it to be gone was just hard. It's nice to come back and know that I'm still part of it.

An injury to Kurwoski, the last in a long string of ailments for him, negated any scholarship for Miller, allowing him to play. What followed his reinstatement is an appointment to a team co-captain as well as a spot in the starting lineup. Fundamentals work out.

"It's been a strange twist of fate to have the determination to stop your body expected me to do anything, so I came into college with the attitude that I would do whatever I could to contribute to the team. And I think that's what's really kept me going.

Miller walks onto the court every game just as he did when he was in high school. He epitomizes the Irish's team concept.

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Miller, besides the concussion in the mountains, has skied in every race this season and he feels like he's got his hands dirty. Do whatever he can to the effort. Not expect attention, but get the attention. Perhaps this may be a forgotten art.

Today you get these guys who have been told their whole lives that they were in high school that they're all-stars, the greatest. When things don't work out, they think that everybody is going to kneel down before them and let them do whatever they want. People tend to lose focus on what's really important about the game of basketball.

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Irish set for tough challenge

By JIM ZALETA
Sports Writer

The 8-2 Notre Dame men’s tennis team will face the what may turn out to be its toughest match of the season on Sunday. The Tar Heels of North Carolina travel the Eck Tennis Pavilion to face the No. 29 ranked Irish. The No. 13 ranked Tar Heels are coming off of their fifth consecutive NCAA appearance season.

The Tar Heels team is one of the most well-balanced in the country, according to Irish Coach Bobby Bayliss. "They are a well-balanced, well coached, respectable team," Bayliss said.

Bayliss’ outlook for the rest of the season is mostly positive, but the Irish have to work for it. The remaining opponents are not going to be easy matches. "We are not an overwhelming team. We can beat a ranked team one day, Duke, and have a rough time with an easier team another," as long as the Irish continue to play up to their ability and work hard they should continue to win the remainder of the season.

"As long as we are ready to play, stay healthy and are hungry to win, we should win the rest of our matches," Bayliss said.

The toughest one ahead of them is the Blue-Gray National Classic over Spring Break. The Irish will play at least 12 of the top 16 teams in the country and will provide a good test for the Irish.

 prepared to face them.

They will dictate play on Sunday.”

North Carolina is led by tri-captain senior Paul Harnasny. He and Rob Tedesco won the No. 3 doubles title last year. His overall record last season was an impressive 22-9.

Four other players had 20 wins last season for the Tar Heels including juniors Tedesco and Tony Thomas.

Tedesco, off to a good start this season, looks to repeat as an All-ACC player again this year. In his career, he has split victories with Notre Dame junior Jakub Pietrowski.

Irish freshman Trent Miller believes the team is ready to face off against the Tar Heels. "We are coming in strong after two straight wins," Miller said after their victory against Indiana on Sunday. "They hit hard, but we are

Seniors

books as they have been focal points in their decision for the program while fulfilling those expectations.

"Last year was our best season ever, and now this year is our best," McGraw said. "They have really reached two high water marks for the program." McGraw said "I think it is great for them to be able to look back and say I did what I came here to do and made a great contribution to the program."

This season, the Irish have been in the top 25 all year long and they cracked the top ten for the first time in school's history earlier in the year when they knocked off two top ten squads. They also made their national television debut earlier this year.

"Last year they picked up their first NCAA tournament victory last season with an upset over Purdue. This class is unique in that it has the two most prolific scorers in history who are also two of the best women's basketball players in the land. Both Morgan and Gaither, you will not find Bohman or Augustin's names written all over the record books, but they can be found at the heart of wins. "Both Rosanne and Jeannine have really stepped up their game this season," Morgan said. "They are playing the best basketball of their careers."

"The most important thing is that they have accepted their roles," McGraw said. "Jeanine is a great defensive player and great point-guard, and she'll be the ball up. Rosanne will play great defense and do a lot of the blue collar work."

With the dynamic duo of Morgan and Gaither and Bohman and Augustin filling their roles, the team has a complete mix. "When other teams have focused on me or Katryna, they have stepped up," Morgan said. "With just two more regular season contests remaining, McGraw will look for her squad to make some noise in the post season behind the tremendous leadership that the seniors bring. The busy Irish schedule has not allowed them to think about what tomorrow represents. But they realize that their contest against the Pirates (whom they sank the last time out by 40) will be their last in the Joyce Center. "These four years have gone by so fast," Morgan said. "I haven't really thought about it, but I am sure it will hit us when we walk on the court with our parents."

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Siek epitomizes ND values

By DAVID FRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fencing represents one of the finest traditions in college athletics. For the past thirty-five years, no other fencing squad has been as consistently dominant. If one individual were to personify the Notre Dame excellence on and off the strip, senior foil captain Jeremy Siek is the one.

Siek’s accomplishments astound. This three-time All-American, top foilist of Notre Dame squad for four years, twice captain of the foil squad, eighth on the all-time Notre Dame win list, twice Midwest foil champion, and member of the 1993 United States Junior Pan-American fencing team. But, numbers do not represent the value of a star like Siek.

"Jeremy is a great leader for the foil team, especially with a predominantly young squad," said head coach Yves Auriol. "Leadership is a new found brilliance each year, this year he has added a consistency that strikes fear in the heart of opponents. This season is Jeremy's best. In the past, he has been inconsistent. This year he put it all together, and I think his best performance will be when the NCAAs come around."

"I think he is recognized by his opponents as a strong candidate for the NCAA championship. He can beat anyone," said the elder Auriol. "I feel really good about my fencing. I’ve put myself on another level this year by adding consistency. I feel stronger and faster," said Siek. "But, to win a championship will be tough with the stiff competition."

One person who has witnessed Siek’s greatness for the past four years is fellow fencing star, senior saber captain Bill Lester.

"Both have been two-time captains for the team, and together have combined for a whopping 386 wins to only 59 defeats. Though Lester has a slight lead in win total, Siek holds a higher win percentage."

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Icers hope to end season with less pressure, more fun

Season winding down as playoff hopes disappear

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

With their season concluding and with their playoff aspirations contingent on circumstances beyond their control, the Irish hockey squad may implement a new strategy for this weekend’s games against Western Michigan.

“We’re going to focus on going out and having fun,” stated freshman sensation Ben Simon.

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Sophomore Benoit Cotnoir battles in the corner with an opponent. With their playoff chances out of their hands, they will skate with a new attitude.

Notre Dame currently trails the current CCHA standings first in the country. The Wolverines soundly beat the Irish, 3-1 and 6-1.

The last couple of weeks of season and some guys are tired.

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## Irish host Alex Wilson Invitational

By WILLEY BAUER

There is no rest for the wicked or for really fast people.

After improving on last year's standing at the Big East indoor track championships and after competing in five consecutive invitationals, the Irish host their second meet of the season, the Alex Wilson Invitational.

"This is a low-key event," said Irish track coach Tim Connolly. "There will be some good events but not every race will be like the Meyo where every race was loaded.

This is one bit of good news for the indoor trackers, a sort of respite from the grueling weeks of stiff competition that has preceded the Alex Wilson.

Both of Notre Dame's teams will look to take their respective successes from the Big East meet this weekend.

The women finished seven places higher than they did last season in sixth-place. The finish was largely due to the impressive class of freshmen, who should continue to tear through competition.

Freshman Emily Bienko saved her best performance for the big time. She placed fourth at the Big East meet with a season-long throw of 43-2 1/2. No one qualified for the women at the Alex Wilson last season.

Two other freshmen, Dominique Callaway and Jennifer Zehnder, have been on the victory stand all season. Both women will compete for the Alex Wilson Invitational and the subsequent meets as preparation for the NCAA indoor Track championships, March 7 and 8.

Others will be looking to improve on last year's results at the Alex Wilson. Sophomore Nadia Schmidt finished in second place in the 500-meter dash, her premier event. Her time last weekend was nearly two seconds faster than that of last year at this point of the season.

Sophomore Kelle Saxon won the Alex Wilson high jump event with a leap of 5-8. She will be pressed by Engelhardt in the event this weekend. Both tied for second at the Big East meet with 5-8 jumps.

The men also placed higher than they did last season at the Big East championships, carrying away the second place.

Senior Jeff Hopsack and junior Errol Williams will be among those who have already qualified for the NCAA's who use this meet as a preparation. They also hope to improve on last year's performance.

Williams placed fourth last season in the 55-meter hurdles but is considerably faster this year. His time of 7.44 seconds in the 55 at the Big East meet was 1.3 seconds faster than his time last season.

Seor Teren pole vault David Gerrity has also improved on last year's vault. He placed seventh in the previous Alex Wilson with a vault of 15-9.

The Big East meet was the season finale of Allen Rossum. After spending nearly two years away from the track, Rossum posted a 6.23-second time in the 55-meter dash. The time is 0.03 seconds off of Baghli's personal record for the Meyo track in Lubbock.

"This was an all-team meet," said Connolly. "There will be hits and pieces of a lot of performances.

With dispersed talent visiting this weekend, Irish track should shine brightly in Lubbock.

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**ND tips-off against Providence**

By DAVE TREACY

* Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame did not fare well in its last outing against Providence College, to say the least. In what can only be termed a massacre, the Friars pressed the Irish into an 82-29 decision. But that was over two months ago, and Notre Dame is a different team now than they were then.

"We've gotten a little more confidence since we last played them," guard Pete Miller assessed. "People know their roles, and we're playing more together as a team."

Guard Jamel Thomas led Providence in scoring in the last contest, a testament to their finesse. Irish coach John MacLeod sees many layers to the Friars that make them tough to handle.

"The combination of speed, quickness, power, and finesse that they have is really tremendous," he commented. "They've played well on the road against Wisconsin and Texas, and these are two teams that are not easy wins, but they got them both."

Hopefully, the Irish will learn from previous mistakes in order to prevent history from repeating itself.

"Last time we had a lot of problems with their pressure right away," guard Pete Miller recalled. "They're really quick, really athletic, and they put a lot of defensive pressure on us. We didn't handle that well, and we never got into our offensive flow. We're really going to have to concentrate on beating the trap and taking care of the ball a little better."

The trap is only one area of the game that Irish will try to improve. MacLeod cited better defense and offensive rebounding as areas that his squad will concentrate on against the Friars.

Sitting atop the Big East standings with a 10-5 conference record (19-7 overall), Providence has not slowed down this season. Forward Austin Cronshere, a 6-9 senior forward, is showcasing his talent, and has led his team in scoring in six of their last seven contests. He also has led the squad in rebounding three times in that same span.

"Austin is a tough competitor. He's really playing well for them, and he'll be a great match-up for Pat Garrity."

Garrity has continued to put up numbers befitting of a potential Big East player of the year, and, like Cronshere, is counted on to clean the glass as well. The match-up may be one of the best that'll be found in the Joyce Center this season.

Notre Dame has puzzled many a basketball fan as of late. After chugging through three straight wins over St. John's, Connecticut, and West Virginia, they suffered a tough loss at the hands of the Villanova Wildcats last Sunday, then followed it up with a loss to Seton Hall, playing the second half in a funk. Which team will show up to face Providence?

"We have to get over that loss (to Seton Hall) right now," Miller recognized. "We only have three games left before the Big East tournament, and we can't make excuses. The way we lost that game (to Seton Hall) was not acceptable, but we can't sit back and feel sorry for ourselves. We have to come out Saturday and put that game behind us."

Part of the problem has been the lack of a killer instinct. But it is a problem that the team knows it needs to address.

"We have to learn not to let a team back into a game. Coach always says you've got to take away their will to live, and that's something we're going to have to do over the next three games," Miller said. "It's the time when the good teams step up and the one's that don't are going to have to stay home. So it's time for us to step up right now."

Sounds like fighting words.

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Softball squad sets sights high despite graduations

By ALLISON KRILLA

Sports Writer

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Newcomers will get their shots in

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ

With the large majority of newcomers to the Bouts, learning has been the major emphasis of the past couple of weeks leading up to the actual tournament.

Some newcomers have risen to be possible contenders in their respective divisions, such as junior Josh Akers. Akers has been a real surprise in the 157-pound division.

"If you are looking for a newcomer, Josh Akers is tough," said defending 170-pound champion, senior Pat Maciarello. "He is very muscular, he hits hard and he is a left-handed boxer. And being a left-handed boxer can be an advantage."

Maciarello is the favorite in his weight class, and he earned himself a bye in the first round. Junior Norm Bezonska and senior Seth Roy also will be forces to watch this weekend.

Roy made it all the way to the finals in last year's bouts, but fell to Josh Akers in the finals of the 165-pound division.

"The two guys that are tough in this weight class are Seth Roy and Norm Bezonska," said Maciarello. "Those are the most experienced guys in this weight class."

"This is one of the toughest brackets that we have got just looking at the people," said Bezonska. "The top four seeds are all really good. Pat Maciarello is the defending champ, and he is definitely one of the best out there. Seth Roy is real good. He is a power puncher, and he has good skills."

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Crowded classes force adjustments

By BETSY BAKER

In boxing, the weight classes between 150-pounds and 160-pounds usually combine just enough size with an even greater amount of speed. Add some experience and a little confidence and you've got a good match. Such is the case for the 150 to 160-pound weight classes for this year's Bengal Bouts.

When the annual run of the event kicks off this Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center, you can plan to see some exciting matches come from the 150, 155, 157 and 160-pound weight classes.

If it seems strange that there are four weight classes to close together, don't worry, it is an unusual occurrence. However, due to the great turnout, the 1997 Bouts have had — over 90 boxes will step in the ring on Sunday — and the family within these four classes, they had to create the 157-pound class.

It is not unusual to see a large number of fighters gravitating to these classes. But senior officer and roommate John Kmetz gave an added reason for this.

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Still, the 150 to 160-pound classes boast some talent and depth of their own.

Kmetz, a two-time finalist, will compete as the No. 2 seed in this newly-created 157-pound class and hopes to finally get a taste of victory. In his way, however, is defending champion, senior Chris Sikora. Kmetz must strike a balance between his sizable sophomore, Mike LaDuke.

"He's taller than me and he has a great reach," Kmetz said of his first opponent.

Sikora remains confident, though, and hopes to see a match-up between himself and the top-ranked Sikora in the finals.

"Sikora and I both fight very skilled and clean fights," Kmetz commented. "If we fight in the finals, it will be the kind of fight the fans love but the officials hate because you'll get seven or eight good pauses in a row, and you can't tell who's hitting who."

Kmetz also generalized that comment to include the 157-pound class as a whole.

There are a few weight classes that I wouldn't want to see a part of, and mine is one of them," he added. "But I don't think you'll see any sloppy fights in our weight class."

The 160-pound class looks to be one of the most competitive classes in this year's bouts.

That (160-pound) will absolutely be the toughest class this year," Christoforetti said. "All the way down the bracket there are really solid fighters.

Heading the class is gradu­

ate student, Richard Molloy, who in his first year has made an impressive showing, so impressive that it earned him the top seed of this highly-

taught class. On his heels, however, will be two-time

finalist Chip Farrell. Farrell, a junior, has made it to the final round in both of his previous years, but is ready to claim it. "I feel like I have something to prove to myself," Farrell said. "I've seen the promised land, but haven't reached it."

Farrell knows the challenge that lies ahead of him. "There aren't going to be any easy fights for anyone," he added. "The No. 1 seed is a great boxer. It's only his first year, but he's very talented."

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mous families in Bengal Bouts history, and it is understandable why this class is supposed to be the most competitive.

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"I expect it to be real competitive," Pollina commented. "You never know what to expect, and I think it's a tough weight class.

Students drop books in exchange for gloves

By MIKE DAY

When the first punch is thrown Sunday to officially open the 67th year of Bengal Bouts, students will have the opportunity to view their classmates as they've never seen them before.

Right before their eyes, nor­

mally reserved, mild-mannered students will be transformed into a group of aggressive, yet disciplined fighters, slagging it out with one another for three heart-stopping rounds.

For more than six weeks, the boxers have been building up to Sunday a day when hopes and dreams will be put on the line in front of classmates, fac­

ulty and fans.

And as is the case with the 154-pound class, there will be plenty of faces that they haven't seen before.

Out of a group of eight box­

ers, on are Fred Kelly, sophomore Thomas Crowley and senior Ted Pagano have experienced the Bengal Bouts tradition.

Freshman Brendan Walsh, senior Mathew Ramarge, fresh­

man Brian Daigle, junior Dicky Johnson and sophomore Kevin Buccellato will be competing for the first time.

Kelly, the defending champi­

on of the 154-pound class, will face Walsh, while Daigle will take on Ramarge in the top bracket of the quarterfinals.

"Even though I lack experi­

ence, my determination will make up for it," said Ramarge. "My conditioning has helped me a lot, and I've been deter­

mined to work as hard as I can. The动力 will be up for my lack of experience."

Pagano, the runner-up last year in the 140-pound division, will encounter Buccellato, while Crowley will face John ("Johnson) is a southpaw, so that makes it a bigger chal­

lenge," said Crowley. "Let's are difficult because their power punch comes at you in a different way."

"I'll just have to stay within myself and fight my type of fight."

In the 153-pound class, junior Lucas Mollin, sophomore Tom Will and junior Sean Sharpe fought in last year's bouts.

But like the 144-pound divi­sion, there are five new compet­

itors this year.

Will, the defending 130-­

pound champion and early favorite, is slated to fight fresh­

man John Froman.

Sharpe, a semifinalist a year ago, will face freshman FredKelly, sophomore Chip Farrell. Farrell knows the challenge that lies ahead of him. "There aren't going to be any easy fights for anyone," he added. "The No. 1 seed is a great boxer. It's only his first year, but he's very talented."

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Dream quickly runs to reality

By TIM SHERMAN

The Observer • Sports Editor

Becoming the head coach at Notre Dame has to be a dream for many football coaches, no matter what the level. After 12 years in coaching Bob Davie has achieved that dream.

Now, the nightmare starts.

"You don't feel pressure (as the head coach)," Davie said. "You feel an obligation.

"The first thing to do is make decision."

"It is the case that Ron is No. 2," Davie confirmed.

"I'm totally comfortable in my ability to do the job."

While September 5th is the date circled on everybody's calendar for the winning to begin the preparation has already begun.

"Look at our squad, we're a long way ahead," Davie said. "You can start to build, but first you have some success (as a head coach)."

After 15 years it's about time the preparation has already begun.

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Davie explained. "It will be a decision that will be made for a long time and I'll be excited about it.

The nightmare has just begun.

Freshman Alison Newell was fourth with her NCAA consideration time of 4:24.59 while freshman Allison Hollin placed 14th in 5:03.33. In the 200 individual medley, Notre Dame's Molly Beeler, Liz Barger and Anne Isacchiotti placed sixth, seventh and right while Shannon Sudforth was 13th.

Another school record fell in the 50 freestyle as Courtney Swan swam 23.93 to break the 24-hour old record of 23.97 set by Laura Shepard on the0 previous Friday in the 260 freestyle relay. Shepard took seventh in the 50 freestyle in 24.18.

The Irish continued their relay success they had on Wednesday with first and second-place finishes as they were second once again this time on Thursday in the 400 medley relay. The team of Erin Brooks, Brittany Kline, Liz Barger and Courtney South posted and NCAA consideration time of 3:47.25, an 0.7-s second school record.

Swimmers make splash at Big East Special to The Observer

Notre Dame's women's swimming and diving team stands in second place and the men in seventh after the second day of action at the Big East swimming and diving championships. Competition resumes Friday at the Werblin Recreation Center at Rutgers University and continued through Saturday February 22. Miami leads the women's competition with 224 points, while Notre Dame second with 244 points, and Villanova third with 231. Pittsburgh leads the men's division with 244 points while Syracuse has 226. The seventh-place Irish have 11.

Notre Dame's women's swimming and diving head coach had two swimmers post NCAA consideration times in the 200 freestyle as junior Linda Gallo set a new school record as she took 2:53.05.

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decayed in your competencies. If you
see a leadership vacuum next fall, you
will make a move. Your new business
horns will make Christmas especially
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON
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singer Nica Simone, baseball player
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custome( and resources. Keep your
valiant vestal in your sights. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If
hoping to win the heart of a sensu-
(ive individual, keep your more
aggressive moves in check. Your
charm convinces someone to say "yes" to your important question.

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employment offer features as ele-
ment of risk. Investigate a company
thoroughly before accepting to crawl
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demand. CANCER (June 21-July 22): A
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etuated than you anticipated. An impos-
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Stellar seniors make last stand

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

Tomorrow night the Notre Dame women's basketball team will take to the Joyce Center floor for the last time this season. At the end of the contest with the Seton Hall Pirates, four of those dressed in Blue and Gold will walk off and leave the Joyce Center court behind them for the last time, and they will also leave behind a legacy.

"They (the seniors) have brought in the talent and the work ethic to raise the status of the program and really help us compete nationally," head coach Muffet McGraw said.

Before the Class of 1997 stepped on campus, the Notre Dame women's basketball program was a solid program in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference. Since their freshman orientation, the women's basketball team has compiled an 89-30 mark. McGraw has seen the program burst onto the national scene and come to dominate the Big East conference with the Connecticut Huskies.

"When we came in here four years ago, we all hoped to raise the status of the program and had those expectations," Beth Morgan said. "Over those years, I think we have done that and it's very exciting for us.

The senior starters, Beth Morgan, Katryna Gaither, Rosanne Bohman and Jeanine Augustin along with Adrienne Jordan will be remembered in the history of Notre Dame basketball.

By DAVE TREACY
Sports Editor

Katryna Gaither, second on Notre Dame's all-time point list, will roam the paint at the Joyce one last time tomorrow.