Cesaro/Selak, Williams/Reising advance to run-off

By DAVID FREDDOSO
Senior Staff Writer

The tickets led by Peter Cesaro and Benjamin Williams will face off Thursday in the run-off election for student body president, as the student government election committee announced last night.

The Cesaro/Selak ticket finished far ahead with almost 33 percent of the vote, while the Brandon Williams/Jill Reising came in second with more than 17 percent. These two tickets will go head to head on Thursday, as student government bylaws dictate that a ticket must have at least 50 percent of the vote to win.

Despite a seemingly comfortable lead, Cesaro seemed well aware that he still has to win over many voters in order to obtain the needed 50 percent.

"We're going to keep working," he said. "The race is just beginning."

"We are both very excited, and we're looking forward to serving the student body of Notre Dame," added Andréa Selak, Cesaro's running mate. "We've been researching and brainstorming, and we love getting input from all the students. We're definitely excited.

Williams and Reising, meanwhile, received similar comments: "I feel a sense of relief just knowing the results," said Williams. "But I also sense a great deal of anxiety. Hopefully, we'll get elected and get a chance to do something good for the students. We're definitely excited for the race."

Williams and Reising have had to cope with unexpected circumstances this far in the race. While all of the candidates were subject to the extraordinarily short period of time allowed for campaigning this year — only five days — this ticket faced the challenge of both personal and family illness during the campaign period.

Williams became sick over the weekend, and it happened that at the same time Reising's grandfather became ill and she took personal time to visit her family. These illnesses took an entire day out of their campaign.

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It wasn't easy to make up for this, Reising said, but they did their effort paid off. "On Sunday, we tried to do the best we could," Reising said.

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A&L Student Advisory Council ‘revived’

By SARAH J. HILTZ
Assistant News Editor

Thanks to Teresa Sullivan, students in Notre Dame’s College of Arts and Letters now have a way to make their voices heard.

Sullivan is president of the newly revived Arts and Letters Student Advisory Council, or ALSAC, which is a group whose general goal is to provide services to students in the College. Several separate committees and groups exist right now with various goals of helping the students, but these groups have never had a single, unifying foundation — until now.

"ALSAC has been revived this year in order to give students a greater role in helping to shape the future of the College. Its purpose is to advise the dean and the College of student concerns and interests, to serve under-graduate majors and to enrich the educational experience for students in the College," Sullivan explained. Despite its recent implementation, ALSAC is not a new idea to Notre Dame. The committee has been dormant since the early 90s, when the responsibility of the student representatives was divided among several groups.

"Our number one hope is that the new ALSAC will serve as a successful dialogue," said Sullivan. "I want everyone to come out and engage in the discussion about these issues. We don't normally look at these issues so much.

"Follow Me Home" is the story of four East Los Angeles artists of different races who set off on a cross country trip to see MOVIE / page 4
Zahn Sucks

We'll meekly accept that so much it must be true.

Like black quarterbacks and even what it takes and the Constitution granting the right to kill babies, it must be true.

So as a public service to all readers concerned with the future of Notre Dame as long as Zahn is allowed to stand, I figure I'll list for the benefit of the Zahn haters so you can take this list straight to Monk and have Ted Kaczynski installed as Zahn's paperboy.

Ask any of you and you'll get a list of grievances rivaling the Declaration of Independence.

"There must be some reason," you say. "I mean, why else would these idiots stand in front of their dorm, in sub-freezing temperatures, a few without shirts for God's sake, and get yelled at for doing so?"

Again, ask anyone and you'll get a list numbered at least four or five to one. Run around in the rain dressed like William Wallace and sing Zahn spirituals before the first pep rally each year? What makes them drive golf carts through innocent Alumni's Walk?

"How about running through LaFortune every first study week dressed like William Wallace, sans kite? Why don't they let guys from other dorms into their parties? And why do they sit together at dinner every night, up in that God-forsaken section of their dorm?

Before I can even get the word "tradition..." out of my mouth, you rudely interrupt.

"But that's all in the past," you say. "You're starting to sound like a history major. But something more real and immediate?"

That hellhole is the suckiest campus I've ever been on. It's at night, though, that the whole thing really comes alive. A mass was offered for that student and people who aren't even concerned with the allusions to alcohol in the song, the primary issue on the task force's agenda, were in attendance. But I can't believe that in times of need not know this student and people who aren't.

My uncle is terminally ill and will die soon. After raying around the family for awhile, it will be time for me to get back to the "real world." The Zahn haters will be supported in this manner, or in the manner the gentlemen of Knott recently displayed, is a good, secure feeling.

"Well, that doesn't seem to suck much at all," you say. "But aren't they a crude, ignorant, uncouth, savage, uncivilized people? Don't they just drink, break things, punch people? Aren't they a crude, ignorant, uncouth, savage, uncivilized people? Don't they just drink, break things, punch people?"

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I am sure glad that Zahn sucks.

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Bratts discuss film’s goals

By CHRISTOPHER SHIPLEY
News Writer

Following the presentation of "Follow Me Home," this reporter had the opportunity to sit down and talk with Peter and Benjamin Bratt in a revealing conversation about the movie and the duo’s hopes for its impact on this and other institutions.

"[The movie] goes beyond the campus," said Peter Bratt, who wrote the screenplay and directed the film. "You find in institutions and governments that people don’t take multicultural education seriously, much like minority education has been dismissed."

"I feel like my brother [Peter] is a possessor of a unique and minority education has been dismissed."

"It was a dangerous choice to make as an actor, because there’s no way to play the role half-way," the film and television star said. "I’m glad I did it because it is in the body of my work, the one I’m most proud of."

Both men talked about the emotional response most audiences have to Abel. Abel, Benjamin said, is a character whom people either love or hate. Many audience members approached the pair after the film’s end to discuss Abel’s epiphany and relate their own urban stories to the two.

"Follow Me Home" is Peter’s first motion picture. The film’s contemporary urban style has made it easier for the director to discuss racial and ethnic issues while independently promoting the film at universities across the country.

"I think that when we talk about race, the things we need to talk about have nothing to do with minorities like affirmative action," Peter said. "Why are people threatened about having a Latino studies program? The times when a majority correspondent was a cinema were the times when a hyper-sensitivity arises from receiving criticism."

Benjamin, who plays Detective Ray Curtis on the T.V. show "Law & Order," shared his love of acting as well as some of his brother’s future plans.

"I feel blessed to be able to do something I love, something that I would pay to do. Since I was young I wanted to be an actor, and it’s something that I’ve worked hard to maintain success in," the younger brother said.

Of his experience on NBC’s "Law & Order," Benjamin simply said, "It’s changed my life." The brothers plan on collaborating this summer on another project for New Millenium Films. Peter will direct and Benjamin plans on once again carrying double duty as an actor and a producer.

New staff member joins SMC Counseling, Career Center

By P. COLLEEN NUGENT
Associate Saint Mary’s News Editor

Saint Mary’s has added a new member to the staff of the Department of Counseling and Career Center. Heather R. Nairn will be working as a career counselor to all Saint Mary’s students.

Nairn is a former case manager and counselor at New Life Clinics in Smyrna, Ga. Nairn is also a licensed professional counselor in the state of Georgia.

"A focus more on issues, years should feel free to come and talk about their career options," observed committee member Ross Kerr, another member of the committee.

"This changes the whole focus of the University. We should put more academic information in it," said Kelly. "Currently there is very little about the student’s role in the mission of the University and very little in terms of academic resources."

One of the changes discussed at the meeting was including more detailed information on student activities, leadership opportunities and academic resources in the handbook. Other proposed additions include a Notre Dame mission statement, flow charts detailing university administration and student union offices, and lists of publications available to students.

"We tried to arrange it in a way that makes more sense," said Kelly.

"This changes the whole focus of it," observed committee member Matt Mammel. "Over time people will realize that it can be useful to students."

"With a focus more on information that students will be interested in, the handbook should be "more like a dictionary than a rule book," suggest ed Ross Kerr, another member of the committee.

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Sullivan is the establishment of a web page that will give students access to general information about study abroad programs, scholarships and grants.

"There's not one single place where students can find out about these opportunities," Sullivan said.

The council also hopes to start a booklet with answers to commonly asked questions regarding majors and policies within the college. If the plan runs smoothly, each student will receive the booklet next fall.

A more complex and involved goal is to make improvements within the office of Career and Placement Services.

"The goal is to make [Career and Placement Services] more conducive to Arts and Letters students. For those who are not interested in business school, there's nowhere else to go," he said.

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Closely following the Williams/Reising ticket, the FitzSimmons/Murphy ticket came in with just under 15 percent — only about 100 votes shy of the position. For those who are not interested in business school, there's nowhere else to go,

Williams said.

Olivia Williams, assistant director of Career and Placement Services, will attend ALSAC meetings to hear the council's input.

Among the less administrative goals, the council's agenda will include making replacements within O'Shaughnessy Hall. Presently, the building's classrooms have neither clocks on the walls nor numbers on the doors, and the rooms are often crowded beyond comfortable capacity. With a little help from college dean Mark Roche, Sullivan plans to make these changes.

"We have the advantage of meeting with [Dean Roche], and he was very receptive to these changes. There's supposed to be a faculty committee, and we're going to give a list of changes to that committee," he said.

The council is presently made up of 20 students, chosen by Roche. The council has met four times so far, and Sullivan meets with Roche a few times each month.

"It takes not only guts to run... but it also means giving up all your time. No one here has any homework since the Williams ticket," said FitzSimmons, "because you're so close to making the run-off.

"It hurts to be third," said FitzSimmons, "because you're so close to making the run-off." He had no regrets about his ticket's effort; however. "We think we put up a good campaign that focused on the issues and was full of integrity," he said.

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Films, that the motion picture found limited release.

"When I saw the film in March 1996 it felt like the creator tapped me on the shoulder and said it's time to work with people to heal the pain," he said.

Outlaw, the director of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, reiterated the sentiments of the Bratt brothers at the reception following the screening.

"It's exciting to provide another opportunity for people to dialogue about issues we have found to be difficult," Outlaw said. "This movie provides a good foundation to start those initiatives."

Bratt received his acting education at the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco and has gone on to play parts in "Blood in, Blood Out," "Clear and Present Danger" and "Demolition Man." Bratt currently plays Detective Ray Curtis on NBC's "Law & Order." The show was recently nominated for a Screen Actors Guild Award.

Alfre Woodard, who stars in the film as Evey, was unable to attend to Saturday night's screening due to the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry Awards Ceremony. Woodard, who has acted in "Primal Fear" and "How to Make an American Quilt," received the award for outstanding recognition in film based on her performance in "Make an American Quilt," who has acted in "Fools Rush In" and "Fools Rush In.

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Clinton eyes Social Security fix

President Bill Clinton spoke to a group of students yesterday at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., launching his drive to use the projected budget surplus to save the country's Social Security system.

It was Clinton's first extended remarks on Social Security since he suggested in his State of the Union address that Congress reserve any budget surplus to help shore up the nation's retirement program. Monday he said that, after a year of study, he will confer with House and Senate conferees and begin to write actual legislation.

Gene Sperling, director of Clinton's National Economic Council, said in a White House briefing that specific details will be advanced by the administration at least until after November's midterm elections. Releasing details now, he suggested, could turn Social Security into a partisan battle, and jeopardize chances for true reform.

He also commented on Clinton's appeal to Congress to "save Social Security first" instead of using any budget surprises to finance tax cuts.

Using a surplus to help pay down the national debt for the next year or two, while Social Security overhaul legislation is being developed, would be acceptable to the administration, Sperling said. The president said the administration will not propose that the surplus actually be held in reserve while the search for a Social Security fix is underway.

In his speech Clinton announced that the first of four regional forums on overhauling Social Security will be held April 7 in Kansas City, Mo. Social Security currently takes in more payroll taxes than it pays out in benefits to retirees. But after baby boomers start to retire around 2010, that situation will be reversed.

Without changes, Social Security by 2029 will be unable to pay due retirement benefits.

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U.S. sending 3,000 troops to Gulf

President Bush ordered the deployment of 3,000 troops to Kuwait, in an attempt to build a ground force of U.S. and allied troops in the region. The move is seen as a response to Iraq's continued build-up of forces near the Kuwaiti border.

Iraq also dispatched diplomats to several Arab countries that joined the U.S.-led coalition in the Gulf War, seeking their support.

Cohen flew about 50 miles outside Kuwait City on Monday to visit this desert air base, which is surrounded by the broken and bombarded remains of concrete bunkers hit by U.S. strike aircraft in 1991 after the Iraq invasion.

"You are the best and the brightest America has to offer," Cohen told the crowd of mostly U.S. Air Force men and women. "You are great warriors and diplomats."

Walking through the crowd, the former senator from Maine told them, "It's important to look at your faces so when I sign a deployment order I take into account these faces." The defense secretary spent nearly an hour biding out special medallions and posing for photos.

"We're locked and loaded," said Col. James Conley, a deputy commander for Air Logistics with the Ohio National Guard, who turned out to see Cohen. "Just let us loose."
Students gather to address oppression

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Associate News Editor

More than 50 students gathered together in the Center for Social Concerns last night at the organizational meeting for the Progressive Student Alliance.

The group, which has not yet been officially recognized by the University says that its purpose is to "repose all forms of oppression — sexism, racism, heterosexism, and classicism — by creating awareness on social issues, cooperating with existing student groups, empowering students and encouraging action."

The informal meeting focused on the goals for the group and the process that it will have to undergo in order to be recognized by Student Activities.

Aaron Kreider, the organizer of the group, began the meeting by introducing himself and claiming that "Activism has become my life." He was impressed with the number of people that showed up for the meeting and expressed optimism at the ability of the group to accomplish its goals.

"I was involved in a peace group when I studied at Goshen College. In researching this topic at Notre Dame I found that there were amazing things being done on this campus in the 1980s about apartheid and divestment movements," he said. "Since the Students for a Democratic Society, there has been a big, national student movement anywhere.

"Hopefully, people will set up a national conference to bring together like-minded groups." Although Kreider is the main organizer, there is no established power structure in the organization and only general committees to debate topics. "With the diversity of ideas that we have as goals, I think that certain things will emerge that we wish to focus on," said Kreider. "Currently, because of the U.S. threats, we are stressing Iraq. It is also important for us to try and get ourselves recognized by the University."

The group will meet again on Monday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in the classroom of the Center for Social Concerns.

Vaccine for E. coli in sight

Associated Press

A vaccine against E. coli, the deadly bacteria causing infections that forced the recall last year of millions of pounds of beef, has been tested successfully on a small group of volunteers, researchers said Monday.

Scientists at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, N.C., report that a preliminary study using 87 volunteers showed that the vaccine causes an immune reaction that could protect against infection by E. coli.

"This is still very early in the research," said Dr. Dwayne F. Alexander, director of the institute on child health and human development, one of the National Institutes of Health. "This is the first human study of this proposed vaccine."

He said the important finding is that the vaccine produced a level of antibody in the volunteers that could kill E. coli 0157 in the test tube.

"We don't know yet if it will kill the bacteria in the body," he said.

Alexander said the next step is to determine if the vaccine will prevent E. coli 0157 infection in cattle, which are thought to be the most common source of the infection.

Results of the preliminary study are published in the Journal of Infectious Diseases. E. coli 0157 is a deadly, new strain of bacteria that can contaminate beef, fruit juice and other foods, causing severe food poisoning symptoms, including bloody diarrhea and damaged kidneys.

Problems can also be caused by swimming in lakes or rivers contaminated with the organism. Children are most seriously affected by the infection. An estimated 20,000 Americans are poisoned by E. coli 0157 annually and about 250 die, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In the experiment, three groups of 27 volunteers were inoculated with different formulations of a vaccine made from the combination of parts of the E. coli bacterium and another bacterium, Pseudomonas aeruginosa.

Nearly all of the volunteers developed antibodies against E. coli within a week. This suggests that such a vaccine could be useful in quickly controlling an outbreak, said Alexander.

At the end of 26 weeks, 97 percent of the test subjects had antibody levels 10 times higher than pretest levels. Antibodies produced in the blood of the volunteers was able to kill the E. coli 0157 bacterium in laboratory cultures.

Volunteers experienced no serious side effects from the vaccine, with irritation at the injection site being the most common complaint.

Alexander said a Minnesota firm is now testing the vaccine in cattle. He said it may be possible to prevent infection by E. coli 0157 if "we can control it at the source."

A test on children would be next, but Alexander said that there are no plans to conduct further human testing.

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Chretien: Canada will lend military support

OTTAWA

Canada supports the use of military force against Iraq if diplomatic efforts fail to end an impasse over U.N. weapons inspections, Prime Minister Jean Chretien said Monday.

Chretien spoke at the start of a special session of the House of Commons called to discuss Canada's possible participation in an U.S-led military operation against Iraq.

Canada has indicated it would agree to provide troops and equipment for non-combat support roles, but Chretien wanted to delay a decision about the scope of a possible deployment until after a parliamentary debate.

That decision is not expected until after a Cabinet meeting planned for Tuesday.

But Chretien made it clear Monday that at least in principle, he backs the use of force against Iraq.

"Tonight I want to lay it out clearly before the people of Canada why we believe their government should support military action if it's Saddam Hussein who does not comply," Chretien told the House of Commons.

"This gives us no pleasure."
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### So, What's My Point?

**What You Did Not Hear**

Humm. Last week was clock full of news — news that did NOT relate to Clinton, or Monica Lewinsky, or the Olympics. Some of the news was actually interesting. Let's take a look at some of the headlines:

- The Texas parole board made the right decision last week.
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**Accent/Saint Mary's Day Editor/Viewpoint Editor**

- Nakasha Ahmed

The Observer decided not to give George W. Bush a reprieve from the death penalty for the six axe murders of two people in 1983.

Whether you agree with the merits of the argument or not (and I happen to), it is doubtful that the death penalty is used with discrimination. Disproportionately more blacks and men are assigned to death row than are whites and women. In fact, Tucker was only the second woman to be executed in this country since the death penalty was approved by the Supreme Court in 1976.

The cries of some of Tucker's advocates last week indicated that they expected — or at least hoped for — leniency because she was a woman—a woman, moreover, who had experienced a "religious conversion" and should therefore be given a reprieve and sentenced to life in prison instead of death.

Neither the gender of a victim, nor their race or religion should predispose them for the death penalty more than others. While I agree that the death penalty should be meted out for those who have committed heinous crimes, I also believe that the death penalty itself should be administered fairly. It is not fair to sentence one person to life in prison and another to death merely because one happens to be a man and the other a woman.

Moreover, the position of "religious conversion" seems a bit hazy. The law requires that people who have committed crimes be punished for those crimes, not for the religious "state" they were in when they committed that crime. Religious conversion or no, the fact remains that she killed two people, and she was sentenced to death for death.

To mention the fact that "religious conversion" itself is a questionable concept is only beginning. After all, who decides which "religion" is legitimate, and even which "conversion" is legitimate?

**Unconstitutional or Common Sense?**

Recently, a judge in Massachusetts ruled that women-only gyms and health clubs were legal after all. Thank God.

Now, however, the National Organization of Women is challenging this ruling, saying that it promotes and "legitimizes" discrimination based on gender. That by saying that men are not allowed to join women's health clubs and (vice versa), we are turning back the clock and going back to the era where women were not allowed to join any men's organizations.

This is ridiculous. A health club, or gym, is a different type of facility. While I agree with equal opportunity, I think there is a point where it can be taken too far.

A health club or a gym is a place where people come to exercise. As the judge pointed out in his ruling, the gym is a semi-private type of setting, where people of both genders are "vulnerable." The position of NOW, in this case, seems to be ridiculous. By simply allowing women, and (men, by the way) the privilege of exercising in a gym without members of the opposite sex looking on does not seem to be turning back the clock at all. Rather, it seems to be a thoughtful consideration of equality and the needed privacy of individuals who feel that they need their gym to cater fully to their needs. Certain places should be allowed to stay private (provided, of course, that this is what the majority wants). What's next on NOW's agenda — unisex bathrooms?

Nakasha Ahmed is a sophomore English major at Saint Mary's. Her column appears every other Tuesday.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

**Letter to the Editor**

**Turn That Frown Upside Down**

Bene Mulgannon’s Letter to the Editor regarding the supposedly offensive Korean Reunie only exemplifies a common and pervasive attitude in our community: we take ourselves way too seriously. The Reunie provides us with a forum to see an exaggerated portrayal of various aspects of the University. Ms. Mulgannon and others fail to separate the jokes—innocuous, and unique stereotypes of different groups from the heartfelt feelings and views of those making the jokes. Nobody really thinks that Zahn is Notre Dame’s bastion of homosexuality. And I know Breen-Phillips is not stockpiling vats of Yo-Cream in its basement.

This inter-campus humor adds a personality to the University community that allows us to break up the homogeneity of the student population. Rarely are those comments intended to ridicule or debase anything.

Reunie-type comments are meant only to poke fun. Not coincidentally, the Reunie is scheduled for the end of January in an attempt to ease the monotony and disinterest so easily created by a South Bend winter. Relax, laugh at yourself, Notre Dame.

The view presented by Ms. Mulligan strikingly resembles the attitude prevalent in the Saint Mary’s College uproar brought about by the letter written by Ms. Symer and Ms. Fuller. Why must we concern ourselves with every little comment or personal view? Recently, a professor indicated that she did not like or appreciate Dilbert (yes, the comic strip) because it made light of her profession. And yes, Notes Dame, the Stanford Band’s off-color halftime presentation at the football game should not have created as much attention as it did.

Maybe it’s due to insecurity, an innate desire for approval, or the political correctness of today. I don’t know. But next time someone makes fun of me, I’ll be laughing.

Sean P. Smith

Senior

O’Neill Hall

February 7, 1998

**Quote of the Day**

"My favorite animal is meat.”

—James Bockstoce
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Eschatology and the Olympic Games**

David Weiss

I am angered and offended by the Observer's Inside Column last Friday, Feb. 6, 1998, in which Laura Petelle registered her disapproval of Notre Dame men, and I would like to address some of her opinions.

First, Ms. Petelle made an outrageous generalization, dividing all ND men into two types, neither of which inspires confidence in her opinion. Rather than being open-minded to what any individual might have to offer, she blindly dismissed the entire genre as being unacceptable before she even gave us a chance. It's that kind of blinkered thinking that lies at the root of ALL forms of discrimination, be it sexual, racial, or whatever.

"And people wonder why gender relations are abysmal at Notre Dame," she emphatically stated, as if she had solved the problem, while hypocrites like herself truly make it worse with their narrow-minded opinions.

Now, I enjoy the relaxation of video games and the company of my roommates, but I am hardly one of her "type A" guys. I also enjoy spontaneously doing a flower once in a while and spending time with someone of the opposite sex of whom I am genuinely fond, but I don't seem to fit the "type B" mold, either. And just because I can't "see to death of being alone" doesn't mean I want to force myself to be. I don't claim to be a "gender relations poster-boy," but I do know that gender relations is about learning from experience, which I intentionally do, and I have no problem with attitudes like hers, I seriously question whether her "boy hnsu" is as self-inflicted as she claims.

I would like to congratulate Ms. Petelle on her emotional stability and academic success, but also inform her that it is indeed possible to achieve those things and more without cutting oneself off from half the universe's population, a lifestyle she naively considers "extremely healthy." I am living proof that nothing is more dangerous than being open to allowing someone to inspire you to want to become a better person. Each person I meet helps me grow and learn; I take every experience, good or bad, with me on my journey toward finding my future life path — and it is the path onto which we as a nation must march.

Weiss (4.31) foresees the clashes of clan and culture overcome as implements of force become implements of food when at last "nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." Without making the very dangerous claim that we can achieve such visions by simple human will, I do think that both prophets intended them to play a vital role in the unfolding of our admittedly more mundane aspirations and choices. Eschatological visions serve as something of a moral compass. And we forfeit them at great peril. The King James Version of Proverbs 29:18 is both eloquent and ominous: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." On some level the Olympic games are an eschatological vision. The five-colored interlocking rings on the Olympic flag promise the possibility of unity across boundaries of continent and country. The ceremonial pacification after diversity within a global community. And the competitions themselves offer the ideal of celebrating the human spirit and the pursuit of human excellence. (Though I will readily grant that our media coverage and our medal counts often fall far short of this idea.)

Still, I draw this parallel because I think that to empty the Olympics of their value as anation, to reduce them to matters of inconsequence beside such "sacred" notions as the national interest, is a perilous path onto which we as a nation have turned.

Leeza Gibo, as the intensity of the Iraqi crisis grew, the International Olympic Committee asked the United States to forestall any military attack until after the games. Defense Secretary William Cohen replied that "external events" like the Olympics would play no role in any military timetable, suggesting it would be irresponsible to hold back a possible U.S. attack on account of the games. White House spokesperson Mike McCurry further explained, the president's foremost obligation is simply to protect national interests. I do not dismiss the seriousness of the Iraqi crisis, although the absence of any clear international consensus that military action is the appropriate response at this time might at least give us pause to question the efficacy of the approach we which we approach another conflagration. My concern, however, is that, as a people who take pride in ideals of freedom and democracy which ultimately know no national boundaries, we at least ask ourselves: What does it mean to decide that at the Olympics, the most powerful eschatological symbol of world community today, is antithetical to our national interests?

If war comes again to the Gulf after the Olympics, those 16 days of peace will no doubt be quite insignif
cient, especially to those who will inevitably suffer and die despite the short reprieve. I cannot deny that.

I will say this. If we choose to bomb Iraq during the Olympic games — and especially if we do so on the already existing charge that the games themselves make no difference — then in addition to the loss of human life we will need as well to mark a very real loss of human values. Proverbs is right, such a loss isn't anybody's national interest.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

**Let Boys be Boys, Part II**

I ran Laura Petelle's "Inside Column" that ran last Friday, and it does not surprise me that the last line of her article reveals that she will be going to her SYR this weekend by herself. She tries to point out two different types of men that exist here at Notre Dame, and it is obvious that she is doing nothing to help out the gender relations problems that exist here. Her type A men love Nintendo, their roommates, and live in pigsties. This is an interesting assessment. In fact, I think that she accurately described any male college student. It is obvious that Miss Petelle has not observed males at other colleges, or she would not have made this respect, they are EXACTLY like those here at Notre Dame. I think that a reason for this can be extrapolated from Miss Petelle's article. She states that she has, on her seven-month "boy hiatus," had lots of quality bonding time with my couch and my chick flicks." She then goes on to say that she has watched "Little Women" more times than label can count. Is this how she expects the "rare, normal guys" to spend their Friday evenings? Watching "Little Women" and telling sob stories? I think that if they did, Ms. Petelle would pigeonhole them into her type B category. How does a guy win? I have been here three years, and it is obvious that there are many problems with gender relations. However, I hang out with many "normal girls," and we do normal things. They do not ask me to watch "Little Women," and I do not ask them to play Nintendo. Granted, my female-friends occasionally have to step over an old pizza box, but when I go to their place, I have to put up with all of their goofy picture collages and the Indigo Girls. The point is, we get out different rooms. There are things that we do that women may not like, but there are also things that women do that men can't stand (such as chick flicks). But we need these things. That's what makes us male and you female. Let us have our space, and you can have yours. When was the last time that a male wrote an article in this paper putting down females for sitting around and watching chick flicks? Not in a while, and it is because the majority of us really do not care what you do in your free time, so long as you do not expect me to take part. We do not want you to take part in our "male bonding" time, so just leave it to us. If you and the men that you know cannot find a middle ground, then I am sure there is your own problem. Just don't try to put ALL of us into a negative category because you cannot seem to find a group of guys that will watch "Little Women" with you.

Gabe Bouset

February 10, 1998
Sweating it out:

When have you been really stressed?

"During the time when I wrote my college applications. I finished them as quickly as I could, then it was out of my hands and I could relax."

Patrick Lach
Freshman, Dillon

"I had a big anatomy test so I played with cat bones."

Sara Levandusky
Junior, LeMans

"Waiting to hear back from an interview was stressful. I slept off the stress."

Saul Mancilla
Senior, Sorin

"It was during finals. I had a ton of work to do, so I spent ten hours in SDH studying. Then before my physics test, I went to the lake for a change in scenery, and watched the birds fall through the melting ice; it was amusing."

Elizabeth Kerbleski
Sophomore, Lyons

"I was under a lot of stress my first three semesters here. Then I switched from engineering to business."

Joe Reed
Sophomore, Knott

Feeling blue in F

By BRIDGET RZEZUTKO
Accent Writer

It's second semester, it's February and everyone is Midterms are approaching and summer is too far away to begin to anticipate. There are so many important things whether or not you'll get that internship this summer, graduate school or get into the medical school or law school of your choice.

This is not even mentioning the little, everyday grievances that those days that from the moment you wake up, things just go wrong and your stress level starts to climb.

Even the weather can have an impact on mental outlooks. Let's face it in South Bend are anything but cheery. If it isn't snowing, it's raining. Consequently, most of our time is spent indoors. This kind of weather can make people feel down in the dumps, trapped and restless. In winter months, however, there is a point when the winter blues and stress can turn into a psychiatric disorder characterized by feelings of worthlessness, guilt, sadness.

Although everyone may experience feelings of sadness from the loss of a loved one or being homesick, clinical depression is much more severe. It is accompanied by loss of initiative, self-punishment, withdrawal and inactivity, and changes in interest in activities one once found enjoyable, not wanting to do anything common symptoms.

Many people make comments about feeling depressed. It is important to feel sad and being clinically depressed. Clinical depression tends to run in predisposition to mental illness is genetically transmitted. Thus, the risk of a family of depressive patients than the population as a whole.

Statistics tend to be more common than men, but psychologists feel this may be because women are more likely to seek medical help.

There are places to go on campus for help. On Saint Mary's campus there are several counseling centers available. At Notre Dame, call the University Counseling Center at 631-7330. Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individual sessions are $14 but the fee can be waived.

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1) Take a nap. Sleep is crucial to our bodies. Without it or from begin to feel crabby, jumpy and not energized. Try to get between order to feel more alert and in good spirits.

2) Exercise daily. Doing this will increase not only your end energy level.


Don't worry, the blues won't last forever; happiness is near.
COLLEGE STRESS

STRESS. It’s that collection of mounting pressures and creeping anxieties, all-night panics and heart-pounding emotions. It’s the agony of making big decisions, or coping with a maze of small problems. Each of us perceives stress and copes with it in a different way. A situation that is comfortable — even energizing — for one person may drive another up the wall. So each of us has a “stress threshold” and when that personal limit is crossed, we can experience some very negative effects, emotionally and physically.

THE BIG FIVE

Five types of pressures seem to cause students the most trouble during college:

- Separation from family.
- Freedom.
- Competition.
- Peer pressure.
- Choosing a career.

It’s nearly impossible to make it through college without experiencing at least one of the Big Five, and sometimes it’s hard to know whether the pressures are spurring you on or dragging you down. Yet making that distinction is essential to your own health and success. What to do? Read on ...

SUCCESS WITH STRESS

How can you know when you’re slipping from a healthy, motivating level of stress into harmful “distress”? Here are some of the telltale symptoms:

- General irritability, hyper-excitedness, or depression.
- Pounding of the heart.
- An overpowering urge to cry or run and hide.
- Inability to concentrate.
- Feelings of unreality, weakness, and dizziness.
- Frequent fatigue.
- Floating anxiety (being afraid, but not knowing what you’re afraid of).
- Migraine headaches.
- Emotional tension and alertness (being “keyed up”).
- Trembling, nervous tics.
- Tendency to be easily startled by small sounds.
- High-pitched, nervous laughter.
- Stuttering and other speech difficulties.
- Grinding of the teeth.
- Insomnia.
- Sweating.
- Pain in the neck or lower back.
- Frequent urination, diarrhea, indigestion, queasiness, and sometimes even vomiting.
- Missed menstrual periods.
- Loss of or excessive appetite.
- Increased smoking.
- Increased use of prescription drugs.
- Nightmares.
- Accident-proneness.

If you recognize some of these symptoms in yourself and feel they are the result of too much stress, here are some techniques to help you find relief. Consider these a “menu” of options and choose those that sound good to you and are practical for your situation.

1. WORK OFF STRESS.
2. TALK OUT YOUR WORRIES.
3. SAY “NO” MORE OFTEN.
4. LEARN TO ACCEPT WHAT YOU CANNOT CHANGE.
5. RELAX YOUR STANDARDS.
6. FIND THE HUMOR IN IT.
7. CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE.
8. AVOID SELF-MEDICATION.
9. GET ENOUGH SLEEP & REST.
10. GET HELP WITH THE JOBS YOU HATE.
11. ESTABLISH A SERENE PLACE OF YOUR OWN.
12. COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.
13. BALANCE WORK & RECREATION.
14. TAKE TIME OUT.
15. DO SOMETHING FOR OTHERS.
16. TAKE ONE THING AT A TIME.
17. UNCLUTTER YOUR LIFE.
18. GIVE IN ONCE IN AWHILE.
19. REWARD YOURSELF AFTER STRESSFUL ACTIVITIES.
20. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE.

The article in its entirety can be found on http://www.saf.uwplatt.edu/counsel/stress/stress.htm
Mason faces assault charges

NEW YORK

Anthony Mason is about to find out if his latest brush with trouble could cost the New York Knicks their opinion of him.

During his time with the New York Knicks, Mason endeared himself to fans at Madison Square Garden with his ruggedness under the boards and his amazing ballhandling skills. However, this past weekend, Knicks fans even continued to cheer for Mason when he returned with the Charlotte Hornets.

Tonight, he might not be welcomed back quite so warmly when the Knicks and Hornets play.

Mason will be playing for the first time since he was arrested last weekend for allegedly having sex with a 14- and 15-year-old sister.

On Monday, an embarrased Mason spoke publicly for the first time since his arrest, apologizing to his family and teammates.

"Did I do this? No, definitely not. I was just following the team's practice at an Upper West Side fitness club," he said.

Mason was charged Sunday with statutory rape, a charge that usually is seen as involving a minor.

"Mason said he was charged with second degree statutory rape, a charge that capts a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison if convicted," said a statement.

The body who has the opportunity of the上述 situation, "Mason said.

After making his short statement, Mason hurried out of the LaFortune Student Center.

He's such a great person, a lawyer dad, and a sister to play for. We'd like to get Andrea's wishes come true. We'd like to get Andrea's wishes come true. We're hoping to get Andrea's wishes come true.

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**Players differ in opinions on Jordan's departure**

Associated Press

NEW YORK

This might have been Michael Jordan's final All-Star Game, and it will be followed by what might be a farew well tour that might be a last championship push.

Through it all, there will be believers and nonbelievers. Some think it's the end of the Jordan Era, some think it's all a big charade.

"How many times do you win the All-Star Game?" one fan asked Sunday after winning his 15th game. "Tell me if it's once more. If Phil (Jackson) is not in Chicago, I'm going to take a trip," the fan said.

Jordan did not change his stance during All-Star week end. He simply reiterated what he has been saying for weeks: If the Bulls change coaches, a management change will maintain it.

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Jackson will leave, Jordan might follow

Associated Press

DEREFIELD, Ill. -- Phil Jackson's coaching career with the Chicago Bulls -- one that includes five championships -- is nearing its end. It's probably down to mere months.

"At the end of the year, it's going to be hard to say goodbye. It's going to be really tough," Jackson said Monday. After he signed a new one-year contract last summer, management said it would be Jackson's last as the team looks to rebuild for the future. But hold on. There's another consideration: the Michael factor.

Michael Jordan said for about the one millionth time during All-Star weekend, where he won the game's MVP Award, that if Jackson doesn't return, he won't either.

His reaffirmation came after general manager Jerry Krause said he wants Jordan back next season but he'll have to play for a new coach, something again like the Bulls can't wait to usher Jackson out the door.

"There is no other option. We've made an agreement that that's what is going on and that is the direction we are going as a basketball team," said Jackson, who's had differences with Krause.

"I'm not saying our beds are made but they are laid out and ready to go. Early in training camp I sat down with Jerry and Reji Reinsdorf and we expressly went over this again and said this is our swing song as a team." But Jackson then added: "Michael has a tremendous way in this game as we all see from the effect he had in the All-Star game. Michael is the only one who could change it."

Make management change their minds and bring Jackson back, maybe to guarantee Jordan's return as well? "That's not going to happen," Jackson said. "I think the amount of intensity we've had over the last two seasons, the directions we've changed and the divergent paths that both Jerry and I have gone on just spelled the fact that the relationship had reached its course."

"It's time for him to do what he wants to do in his management of this organization and it's time for me to move on wherever I have to go."

"Michael can throw a monkey wrench into things but that's their decision and that's the way we have to look at it. We can talk about it here in February but that's a different story in June and July when things come out."

Jackson said Jordan's strong backing of him as the only coach he will play for has been uncomfortable at times.

"It makes me feel like I am standing in the way of him continuing his career. Some of it does. The other thing is that the organization is a bit to fault in it, too," Jackson said. Jordan reiterated his stance Sunday and said he perceives Jackson's status to be based on his problems with Krause.

"I think it's more of a personality conflict," Jordan said. "His success as a coach is impeccable and I don't think that can be questioned, but I think it's more personal than anything."

For time and location of meeting, call: 1-804-272-7979

Tomorrow, Tuesday, February 10, 1998

Meeting for Notre Dame Lesbian and Gay Students Group

All Meetings are private and confidential.

Tiger cleans up at awards show

Associated Press

NEW YORK -- It was another night of honors for Tiger Woods.

Woods was the top winner at the sixth annual ESPY Awards show Monday night, taking home three ESPYs for excellence in sports performance, including the co-Male Athlete of the Year with Ken Griffey Jr.

Woods, the PGA Tour 1997 player of the year, also won the Performer of the Year and the Showstopper of the Year for his victory at the Masters.

"Last year was pretty amazing, I could have been studying for finals and midterms, but I got my Masters instead," Woods said. Michael Jordan, who did not attend the show, was the only other multiple winner, taking honors as top performer in the professional basketball and Dramatic Individual Performance for his 38-point, 10-rebound performance in Game 5 of the Finals against Utah.

Jordan's college coach, Dean Smith, was honored with the Arthur Ashe Award for Courage, Smith, who became the winningest coach in college basketball history in March before retiring in October, received the award with six of his former players -- Billy Cunningham, Doug Moe, Charlie Scott, Walter Davis, Brad Daugherty and James Worthy.

Smith, visibly emotional at the sight of his former players on the stage and a tribute to his career on the screen, initially turned down the award because he said he wasn't as worthy as past winners.

"I watched Jim Valvano fighting for his life when he got awarded and he was still fighting to find a cure for his disease," Smith said. "I saw Mohammad Ali up here helping kids while he was fighting his disease."

Smith agreed to accept the award after Ashe's widow, Jeannie, called and told him that her husband would be pleased with the committee's choice. Smith, a long-time supporter of the civil rights movement, helped integrate North Carolina during the 1960s.

"I want to thank people for pushing me to do what was right," Smith said. "Forty years ago, that was racial reconciliation. But there is still more work to be done."
Chaz Hayes has been fencing commented, "Sophomore State. head coach Stephan Aurelio again against regional opponents amassing an 7-1 record continued from page 20 Michigan, Michigan State, Air losses were all about the pres­ s strong against them and the entire team.

Stone came through on the second day of competition, amassing an 7-1 record against regional opponents Michigan, Michigan State, Air Force, Wayne State, and Ohio State.

A similar account of depth came from the men's foil team. Prior to the tournament, head coach Stephan Aurelio commented, "Sophomores Chaz Hayes has been fencing consistent for us. But the key now is depth. We need to have three guys fencing at that level."

Senior leader John Tejada answered that call this weekend, accounting for this team's only two wins against Penn, defeating Penn All-Americans David Lifow and Gang Lu. Tejada and squad captain Stephanie Aurili stepped up the attack on Sunday, combin­ ing for only one loss. The Nittany Lions held the sabre squad to a similar finish. Despite captain Luke LaValle's two wins against them, the Irish still could not cage the Lions, as they swept the squad and the entire team.

An All-American, LaValle continued to fence up to his title, turning in an 11-0 score the second day. Freshman Andrej Bednarski dueled in similar fashion, going 10-1 on Sunday. The women's foilists had a dif­ ferent story against Penn State, but much like the men's squads, finished with a loss to them. With eight wins on the board against them, and four by an undefeated Sara Walsh, the Irish were only able to tie the Nittany Lions. The tiebreaker, which tallied the amount of hits by each team, was won by Penn by five touches.

This did not slow down the All-American, as she went undefeated on the weekend, with four wins against the fifth-ranked women of Ohio State.

Sophomore Magda Krol and the rest of the women's epeeists registered a similar fate to Penn. Krol, who finished Saturday undefeated, tallied four wins against them. But once again, they failed to top the Lions.

Third on the squad Nicole Musilli went 2-2 against Penn and 7-9 on the day. "We knew it would be hard, but we gave [Penn State] a fight."

The tournament gives the Irish a finish of 25-1 for the men and 24-3 for the women, with both squads' losses coming against Penn. Despite the losses to Penn, the team was resilient against the rest of the teams.

Pointed out Musilli, "We all knew there were six other teams, and that Penn was not a pivotal battle for us. Instead, we learned that they really aren't better than us, and that we can beat them."

The individual tournaments will give the Irish an opportun­ ity to redeem with the Lions, as they make a bid for the NCAA Championships.

Said Jackson, "We know now that we can beat anyone who comes down that strip."
CAROLINA'S 97-73 VICTORY TIME VICTORY OVER GEORGIA WITH A 107-100 DOUBLE-OVER-EST SWITCH.

DUKE MOVED BACK INTO NO. 1 MICHIGAN OPENED THE WAY FOR MOVED THE TAR HEELS BACK INTO

THE ONLY OTHER NO. 1 TEAM THIS SEASON, ARIZONA, WHICH HELD THE SPOT IN THE PRESEASON POLL AND THE FIRST TWO OF THE REGULAR SEASON, SWITCHED PLACES WITH KANSAS THIS WEEK. ARIZONA HAS THE NATION'S LONGEST CURRENT WINNING STREAK, 14 GAMES.

UTAH HELD FIFTH, WHICH CONNECTED MOVED UP ONE SPOT TO SIXTH, ITS HIGHEST RANKING OF THE SEASON. KENTUCKY MOVED UP ONE POSITION TO SEVENTH AND PURDUE JUMPED TWO SPOTS TO NO. 8. UCL, WHICH WAS SIXTH LAST WEEK, DROPPED INTO ITS FOLLOWING ITS LOSS TO OREGON.


NEW MEXICO LED THE SECOND TEN AND WAS FOLLOWED BY ARKANSAS, MICHIGAN STATE, STANFORD, SOUTH CAROLINA, WEST VIRGINIA, GEORGE WASHINGTON, MISSISSIPPI, CINCINNATI AND MASSACHUSETTS.

THE LAST FIVE TEAMS WERE MICHIGAN, TEXAS CHRISTIAN, SYRACUSE, MARYLAND AND RHODE ISLAND.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, WHICH WENT 2-0 LAST WEEK TO REACH THE 20-WIN MARK, MADE THE WEEK'S BIGGEST JUMP, FROM 22ND TO NO. 17.

STANFORD, WHICH LOST THREE OF FOUR AFTER OPENING THE SEASON 18-0, HAD THE WEEK'S BIGGEST FALL, FROM NO. 9 TO 14TH. THE CARDINAL, WHO LOST 76-56 AT CONNECTICUT ON SATURDAY, HAD BEEN RANKED IN THE TOP TEN FOR THE PAST EIGHT WEEKS, INCLUDING A SCHOOL-RECORD RISE TO NO. 4.

IOWA AND XAVIER DROPPED FROM THE POLL, REPLACED BY TEXAS CHRISTIAN AND RHODE ISLAND, BOTH OF WHICH HAD BEEN RANKED EARLIER IN THE SEASON.

IOWA (16-7) SPLIT ITS TWO GAMES LAST WEEK, BUT HAS LOST FIVE OF SIX, DROPPING FROM 10TH TO 24TH AND THEN OUT OF THE POLL.

XAVIER (15-6), WHICH SPLIT ITS TWO GAMES LAST WEEK AND WAS 21ST LAST WEEK, IS OUT OF THE RANKINGS FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SEASON.

THE MUSKETEERS WERE 10TH IN THE PRESEASON POLL AND GOT AS HIGH AS NO. 7. TCU (20-4), WHICH HAS WON NINE STRAIGHT GAMES, WAS RANKED FOR TWO WEEKS BEFORE FALLING OUT SIX WEEKS AGO.

RHODE ISLAND (#17-5), WHICH HAS WON FOUR IN A ROW AFTER DROPING THREE OF FOUR, IS IN 10TH PLACE. THE TIGERS WERE 10TH IN THE PRESEASON POLL AND NEVER GETTING HIGHER THAN NO. 20.
Irish continue record season

MATT YUNG
Sports Writer

The St. Bonaventure Bonnies strode into Notre Dame on Friday afternoon and enjoyed the sights of campus. As they crept about campus, their mouths gaped at the beauty of our school.

The next day, their jaws gaped at the beauty of our swimming and diving.

Saturday, the Irish tallied the lucky seventh on their wonderful win streak and improved their season record to 10-1.

The win over the Bonnies gave Notre Dame its first 10-win season since 1993, and a win over Wisconsin-Milwaukee this Saturday would give the team its best finish since going 12-1 in 1990.

Notre Dame got out to a quick lead, winning eight of the first nine events. The 400-medley relay started the proverbial ball in motion, and first, second, and third place finishes by James Scott-Browne, Ryan Verlin, Sean Casey, respectively, gave the ball a mighty shove. Sophomore Kelly, their mouths gaped at the beauty of our swimming.

Freestyle swimmer Herb Huesman surely felt that way as he continued his one- and three-meter diving wins.

Other Irish winners were Steele Whowell in the 100-breaststroke, Scott Zumbach in the 200-breaststroke (1:43.22) against Bonaventure’s speedy Kelly.

It is said to be lonely at the top, and Irish diver Herb Huesman sure felt that way as he competed against himself and shot for perfection in his one- and three-meter diving wins. Other Irish winners were Steele Whowell in the 100-breaststroke, Scott Zumbach in the 200-breaststroke, John Lubker in the 50-freestyle, Dan Szilie in the 200-breaststroke, and John Lubker in the 50-freestyle.

After the meet, freshman butterflyer and freestyler Scott Koziar said, “We beat them pretty badly, we’ve done well all season and I think we’ll do well at the Big East too.”

Koziar, a Wisconsin native, is hungry for another win at Wisconsin-Milwaukee this Saturday, in the team’s final dual before the ever important Big East Championships in Pittsburgh.

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need to stay disciplined and keep the ball away from his forehand.”

If Kaufmann doesn’t cast a shadow on the Irish, Marcus Flatt may be the one who does.

The Observer/Rob Finch

The Notre Dame men’s swimming team is en route to its best season since 1990.

Coach Jay Louderback was pleased with Hall’s performance. “Jennifer had a very good performance. She is one of the country’s best.

There will definitely improve her national ranking with this showing.”

Dawson had previously won the Midwest regionals, beating Hall in three sets in order to advance to the nationals. She lost a hard fought three set battle in the first round this past weekend to eventual finalist Lauren Nikolaus from William and Mary 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. Nikolaus lost in the finals to Stanford’s Julie Scott 6-1, 7-4.

Michelle played very well especially considering it was her first national competition as a collegiate. She’s a great competitor and I expect her to continue to improve through-out the spring,” stated Louderback.

The 15th ranked Irish swim team plays this weekend when they host 12th-ranked Tennessee along with Boston College and Ohio State at the Eck tennis pavilion.

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Dhadphale awarded by CCHA

Special to The Observer

NOTRE DAME, Ind. University of Notre Dame junior left wing Aniket Dhadphale (Marquette, Mich.) has been named the Central Collegiate Hockey Association offensive player of the week, as announced today by the CCHA office.

Dhadphale is coming off a five-point weekend that included three goals and two assists. He scored the first goal of the game in Friday's 1-1 home tie with Bowling Green before scoring twice, once on the power play, and adding two assists for a career-best four points in Saturday's 7-1 home win over Ferris State.

Three Notre Dame players have been honored by the CCHA this season. Senior goaltender Matt Ellis was the CCHA defensive player of the week (Oct. 19), after totaling ten saves in 119 shots (.870) and allowing just three goals in Notre Dame's sweep at St. Cloud State (4-3, 4-1). Senior center Steve Noble was named the CCHA offensive player of the week (Dec. 29) after scoring the first goal and assisting on three others in a 5-1 win over Brown at the University of Minnesota Mariucci Classic.

Dhadphale is Notre Dame's second-leading scorer with 27 points and leads the team in goals (20) and shooting percentage (20.6 percent). His 20 goals rank fourth in the CCHA behind York's seven. After enduring a sophomore slump that saw him score just five goals on 109 shots (4.6 percent), Dhadphale has racked up four times the number of goals he scored last season. He is averaging one goal per every 4.9 shots this season, compared to one goal per every 21.8 shots in 1996-97.

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**Olympic Updates**

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Associated Press

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Associated Press

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**Luge**

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Associated Press

NAGANO, Japan

Haack, who has won three straight gold medals in the sport, quickly moved over and made way for Georg Hackl of Germany, who just won gold for the third straight time.

"This is awesome!" said Hackl, who also had national team coach Horst Schramm rushes to a bus to find his team that he would win by a healthy margin.

"I'm not sick or ill, but I'm 31 years old. This was different when I was 20. We all grow older. Look at yourself," Hackl said with a laugh. "This is the third gold medal, and that is something unique in luge."

Hackl became just the sixth Winter Olympic to win the same event three consecutive times, but this triumph was set against a backdrop of controversy.

After he broke the track record on his first run of the competition while wearing a brand new pair of special, aerodynamic yellow booties, the United States and Canada had protested, saying they weren't made available to the rest of the field. The protest was denied.

But, Hackl had his hands around his mouth and shouted in German as he crossed the finish line.

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**Snowboarding**

U.S. snowboarders crash and burn

Associated Press

YAMANOUCHI, Japan

One by one, U.S. snowboarders picked themselves up off the ground after their high hopes for medals wiped out.

The quest for America's first medal at the Nagano Olympics collapsed when four of the U.S. women crashed during the first run of the giant slalom Tuesday (Monday night EST). The only one who qualified for the second run finished 12th.

While the Americans faltered, French favorite Karine Rabot mastered both runs through steady snowfall to win the first Olympic gold medal in women's snowboarding in a combined time of 2 minutes, 17.34 seconds.

Germany's Heidi Kromp took the silver, 0.17 seconds behind Ruby. Eran Volf finished 12th in 2:25.56. "It's not a stellar day for us," Kohl required in the snow. "All of us had high hopes. All of our friends could have been on the podium."

"The conditions improved slightly but the race was still affected by steady snowfall and limited visibility.

"The Americans said they were not prepared for the fast, hard-packed snow.

"They watered down the course a couple of days ago," Kohl said. "That's the way to treat the course, but none of us had ever been on conditions like this before. Usually when the weather's like this, we race in powder."

"When I came out of the gate, I went, 'Oh, my God.' It felt like my feet weren't connected to the board."

"I was completely taken by surprise at what was under my feet. Everywhere else it's dry snow, perfectly packed powder. I didn't feel like my feet were underneath me. I just felt like I was hanging on for dear life the whole way down."
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ARIES — It's a fabulous time to get out and shake your thing. You're feeling extra bubbly today, so get your glory suit on and dance the floor. You will enter a boast of dazzling partners.

TAURUS — What more could you wish for? The sun is shining and you are free to do whatever you please! Make that dream a reality today and please yourself. You'll be glad you did, and you might even meet a special someone.

GEMINI — Indulge your airy nature today by pursuing foreign arts. Take your pick: ballet dancing to expressional painting. A world of sheer delights awaits you. Be wary of conflict with family members this evening.

CANCER — Make way for Cancer, you are ready to roll with the punches. You will overcome adversities and have a terrific time doing it. Just try not to step on too many toes along the way.

LEO — What have you been up to lately? Leo? Looks like you've been sticking your fingers in the cookie jar again. Fortunately for you, it's nothing too serious. Just keep away from card games will you?

VIRGO — Take a break from Virgo, and think about the more fun side of your future. You've been neglecting your beloveds lately, so make time for some extra communication. All will work out well in the end.

LIBRA — Feeling a little wary Libra? You don't have to run around like a chicken without a head to get things done you know. Take time to breathe, and smile, and others will respond much more positively to you.

SCORPIO — There's nothing wrong with you that an over-sized lullaby and some good tunes wouldn't fix. It's not the best time to go out, so make the most of your misery and stay home with video.

SAGITTARIUS — Got a case of the Monday blues Sag? Try not to freak out; remember that friends are there to lend a hand. Believe it or not, you'll achieve more than you ever thought possible today.

CAPRICORN — Why not spoil yourself today Capricorn? After all, it's been a long, hard haul lately. Take your sweats out for a night on the town. Remember, a little romance can go a long, long way.

AQUARIUS — There's no one but you to hold you back today Aquarius. So take off on the world, and the world will laugh with you. A great time is on the cards and influencing famous people.

PISCES — After a hard day's work, make yourself a martini and prepare for an adventure evening. Be sure to dress up especially sharp an unexpected turn of events will take you on an exciting journey!
Irish shine in showcase of top tennis players in nation

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

Don’t let the word consolation fool you. Three select men's tennis players were in no need of comfort- ing over the weekend as they proved themselves worthy among the best in the con- sulation rounds of the Rolex National Championships.

The fourth-seeded duo of Brian Patterson and Jakub Pietrowski won the doubles Consolation Championship match hosted by SMU, while Ryan Sachire advanced to the semi-finals in the singles bracket of the consolations.

"It was a tough tournament," said coach Bob Bayliss. "But we put on a good showing."

The Rolex games consisted of the top 32 singles players and top 16 doubles players in the nation.

"Every match is at an All-American level," Bayliss said. "It’s like an all-star basketball game."

The dynamic duo which has lately been fizzling seemed to gain back its pop in Dallas. Patterson and Pietrowski defeated Top 10 Duke pair Doug Root and Jordan Wile, 6-1, 6-2, to become the Consolation Championship winners.

"They beat us at the Clay Courts tournament in the fall," Pietrowski said. "This time we wanted revenge."

Patterson and Pietrowski lost a tough match in Thursday’s first round to sixth-ranked Pepperdine’s Kelly Gullet and Robert Lindstedt, 6-7, 7-6, 6-3. Although Pietrowski played a fairly solid game, Patterson’s serve suffered in the difficult draw.

In play on Friday, the pair rallied with vengeance to gain a pair of wins. Patterson picked up his game while Pietrowski continued his dominating play. They defeated Lauder’s Frank Poitthoff and Lain Tenentes 6-3, 7-6 and San Diego State’s Alexander Waske and Frank Morgan 6-2, 7-5. "I was excited to see Jakub and Brian playing back at this level," Bayliss said of the Irish pair ranked fifth nationally.

"They were sharp in all areas (against Duke). It was some of the best tennis I’ve seen them play in doubles."

Besting the powerful serve of Duke’s Boot and stifling Wile’s all-court game was not only a definite confidence-builder, but it also provided them with conviction in their ability.

"I think we’re finally starting to click again," Pietrowski said. "We’re getting back to the quality of play we had in the fall and last year."

Now that the duo is beginning to pick up momentum, optimism is plentiful.

"This is a ray of hope that they’re coming back as a dominant college doubles team," Bayliss said.

Clear skies were also shining above Irish sophomore Sachire in Dallas. The 6-foot-6 power server had a solid showing, splitting his matches and advancing to the semi-finals.

"I was happy to play well," Sachire said. "It was a great experience. All the top players in the country were there."

Sachire proved he too was the cream of the crop, especially in Friday’s consolation rounds.

After losing to the fourth-seeded, fourth-nationally ranked Vince Allegre of UCLA, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, Sachire powered past his competitors the following day. He easily defeated Tulsa’s Nenad Toroman, the WC Rolex Champion, 6-2, 6-1, in the semi-finals.

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In the semi-finals, Sachire faced VCU’s Daniel Anderson, last year’s NCAA and ITA All-American champ, whom he defeated twice before.

However, Sachire, slow on his feet due to six blisters, was pushed around the court by Anderson, falling 4-6, 7-6, 6-1. But Sachire did not offer excuses.

"[The feet problems] didn’t determine the match," Sachire said. "I raised his level, and I give him credit. I lost and I should have won."

However, not one of the Irish is sulking after the rigorous four-day tournament.

"I was disappointed in our loss," Bayliss said. "not in the way we played. I think we left Dallas on an upbeat note."

The Irish will try to continue this tune as they host rival Top 10 Kentucky Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

"It’s going to be war," Sachire said. "Kentucky has never beaten Notre Dame at home. We know it and they know it."

However, this may be the year for Kentucky to win the battle.

Cotric Krauffout, their No. 1 player, is ranked fifth in the nation for singles.

"He’s a real spectacular delight," Bayliss said of the threatening Krauffout. "We see TENNIS / page 16

Fencers edged out by Lions

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame fencing team finished the dual meet season this past weekend exactly as it entered it — right behind the first-ranked Penn State Nittany Lions.

Facing them on Saturday, the men and women Irish posted a 17-0 and 19-1 mark, respectively, against the num- ber one Lions.

Despite the close losses to Penn State, the Irish were any- thing but heartbroken, even with a tiebreaker in women’s foil going to the Nittany Lions. After the Irish battled strong to tie them at 8-8.

Instead, the entire team picked up right where they had left off in competitions past, especially during the most recent home tourna- ment, including Northwestern, Detroit, Cleveland State, and Lawrence University.

"After the losses to Penn, our intensity was a bit down," see FENCING / page 14