CSC hosts educational forum on Iraq

By TIM LOGAN

"A teach-in" concerning the threatened United States assault on Iraq was held yesterday afternoon in the Center for Social Concerns.

The event was held to bring awareness of the current situation in Iraq and provide a forum for members of the Notre Dame community to discuss the issue.

There were short talks given by a number of professors, clergy, students and other local experts who presented facts about how the crisis de-veloped and discussed their opinions on what the U.S. should do next. Each speech was followed by an audience discussion.

"Everybody expressed their views. It was a pretty open discussion," said freshman Kevin Kuhn, who attended a portion of the five-hour event. "I thought it was very informative."

There was a good deal of discussion of alternatives to a bombing campaign as well as the ramifications of military action. Speakers also considered whether the U.S. has the right to use bombs to enforce U.N. resolution 687. The resolution mandates that Iraq turn over all of its weapons of mass destruction and allow U.N. inspectors full access to suspected sites.

George Lopez and David Cortright, both of whom spoke at yesterday's teach-in, delivered a lecture last Wednesday entitled "Dealing with Saddam: Bombing, Bargaining or Bailing Out." In that lecture, Cortright said that bombing "offers no guarantee to eliminate Iraqi weapons," and may make matters more difficult for the United States by inflaming anti-western passions in the Arab world.

The sanctions which were imposed on Iraq at the end of the Gulf War "have wreaked havoc on Iraqi society and "created a humanitarian emergency," said Lopez.

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"It was, I guess you'd have to say, different," said student Tony Goldsby. "I came into the administration in 1972."

Hesburgh believes more effort towards civil rights needed

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Fourth-year architecture students will show their work this week end and all next week at the Expo Roma. The Expo is centered around Junior Parents' Weekend. Students in the College of Architecture are required to spend their third-year of studies in Rome. Therefore, they do not have the opportunity to take part in the JFW festivities.

The Expo Roma enables them to display their work to parents and fellow students.

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This weekend, Saint Mary's College will function as both a host and a first-time participant in the Indiana Resilience Hall Organization Conference (IRHOC).

IRHOC is a student-run organization that "facilitates communication between Indiana schools, recognizes outstanding student and organization accomplishments, serves as a resource and a reference and develops positive leadership skills," according to its mission statement.

During Saturday's conference events, student representatives from 13 Indiana schools will attend 30 workshops with topics ranging from residence hall government to personal development, leadership, and other issues pertaining to on-campus life. The planning committee expects a total of 140 participants throughout the duration of the conference, marking this the longest conference in the program's five-year history.

"We're ecstatic about hosting the conference," said Amy Moskalick, one of the conference co-chairs, who are both members of the Residence Hall Association (RHA). "We hope it's the best one yet, and that people will really remember it and are able to take something from it.

Saint Mary's joined IRHOC last year, and hosting the conference in its second year is a "major accomplishment for SMC," said Moskalick.

Preparation for this week...
Following in your footsteps

When I wrote my college application essay for Notre Dame a few years ago, I selected Amy Tan's "The Joy Luck Club" as one of my favorite books, because of its theme — mother-daughter relationship. It was the last thing that I will write for The Observer, my own mother.

Last November my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. The lump was detected by a mammogram but not visible on a breast exam; it was smaller than a dime. Something so small has changed my life and my family's life forever.

I spent my Christmas vacation taking my mother to the University of Michigan centering her around much like she did for my sisters and I in our days of soccer, basketball drill team, and field trips. I accompanied her to her first radiation treatment, much like she did with our countless doctor appointments. I sat in the waiting room while she faced the doctors and medical staff, probably feeling much like a child. I was there for her first injection of the medication that she will receive for the next five years, much like she was there for my own first shot.

This past March she finished with her radiation treatments. Her breast is swollen, burned, and peeling. As soon as she is cleared through, she will do another mammogram to confirm what the doctors suspect — that the lump is gone.

I have had the opportunity to observe my mother in her other life — her place of business. I have seen the same helping, healing and listening to patients. In watching her do this I came to know my mother as a woman. She is one of the strongest human beings I have ever known.

Perhaps one of her greatest qualities is her ability to listen without judging. Her patients feel her because she may be one of the few people in their lives who take the time to listen to them. Most of her patients are poor women on some form of social or federal assistance programs. She takes the time to let them about their families, redemers children's names, she congratulates them on their marriages, she lets them know that they have options they need in.

I have been blessed to inherit my mother's sense of humor, her generosity, her creativity, and some of her goodness. As a woman, I respect my mother for the job that she does, for the pride and integrity with which she approaches her work, and for her compassion for her patients. As a daughter, I love my mother for her heart, her generosity, her patience, and her encouragement. I am often told that I look like a younger version of her; I can only aspire to be as she has become in living life.

I spent the spring of my junior year abroad and was invited to participate in Junior Parents Weekend with the class of 1999. Because of my mother's treatment and the travel restrictions for her parents, I will not be attending. I am sad that I will not be able to share her with my classmates and friends from London and Notre Dame. However, I can only hope that those of you who know me have come to know a little of her.

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**Inside the Dome**

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**Family of murder — suicide victim sues Harvard**

Cambridge, Mass. — Nearly three years after her mother's death, the family of Trang Phuong Ho filed a lawsuit against the university yesterday. Ho, a junior biology concentrating at the time of her death, was stabbed to death 45 times by her roommate, Sinedu Tadesse, on the morning of May 7, 1995. After fatally wounding Ho and injuring 26-year-old visitor Thao Nguyen, Tadesse hung herself in the shower of her Dunster Hall suite.

The suit — filed in Middlesex Superior Court on behalf of the daughter's older sister Thao Ho — alleges "wrongful death, conscious pain and suffering and emotional distress," charging the university, as well as Dunster House Master Kariel Lem, former Dunster House senior tutor Suzi Nauirg and Ho's entryway tutor David Lombard, with negligence.

**Stetson University**

Prospective student shot with BB gun

Deland, Fla. — A visiting prospective female student was shot in the face with a BB pellet last week, Will Smith, an RA from Smuth Hall, contacted police when the incident occurred on Feb. 8. The victim was standing on a sidewalk outside Smith Hall when the incident occurred. She was taken to the hospital and was out of the dorm, Ed Gill, when she felt an object strike her face on the right side of her cheek. The object caused a wound that resulted in minimal bleeding. However, if the entry of the BB was a little bit higher, she could have been shot in the eye. The victim was instructed to clean the injury with soap and water in order to avoid infection. The object was not recovered, nor was the offender identified. Gill declined comment. The victim was staying with a friend. Michelle Cross, who is currently a student at Stetson, Cross was unable to be reached for comment.

**Brigham Young University**

Alleged rapist charged in kidnapping

Provo, Utah — The man accused of raping a BYU student was also charged with aggravated kidnapping Tuesday morning in addition to the charges of aggravated sexual assault, said County Attorney Kay Bryson. Bryson said Luis Alonso Rivera faced a felony first court appearance Tuesday and probable cause hearing for one charge of rape against another, and one for each of the people Rivera attacked, Bryson said. In this time, "Killpack said. There are two separate cases, said the judge. There is no response纽带 have been filed yet.

The suit does not specify monetary damages. According to one of the plaintiff's attorneys, Max Stern, the family waited to file suit in order to prepare evidence and to present to Harvard's admissions office the matter for the family to decide it was something they wished to pursue," Stern said. "They would not have done it if they had not believed Harvard was truly at fault."

University spokesperson Alex Huppe declined to comment on the suit, noting that he had not yet read the document.

"I can comment on something we haven't seen," Huppe said.

"I'm stating the university stood to the 'duty to maintain a reasonably safe and secure environment,' the court papered note. Tadesse had been accused of "desperate and antisocial behavior" about which university officials "should have known." The 20-year-old native of Ethiopia had missed three of her four final exams the week before the murder-suicide, and had sent letters to her parents expressing her desperation with her life. The suit claims Ho's death "was proximately caused by the failure of the defendant to have adequately monitored Tadesse's situation and progress after having knowledge that she was troubled, and their failure to inform [the] Tadesse's troubles."
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New system makes library catalog more user-friendly

By ANNE MARIE MATTINLY

Next fall, the University will replace the University of Notre Dame Library Online Catalog (UNLOC) with a more user-friendly, Web interface catalog system called ADELPH.

"The transition from the card catalog to an online system was like switching from the horse to the Model-T, and the changeover to this system is like moving from that Model-T to a BMW," said Doug Archer. Archer is a reference librarian who helped to adapt the basic program to the needs of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities.

"Ninety-nine percent of UNLOC's features will be retained [with ADELPH], we didn't want to lose capabilities," Archer said.

The most noticeable difference between the new program and the old system is that ADELPH works through high-level technology that operates the catalogs of other libraries through a system called Z39.50. The Z39.50 interface, according to Archer, is compatible with the company is very flexible and is willing to adapt the software to the needs of each institution.

"As new features become available this system can adapt," commented Archer.

Archer credits much of the success of the project to the University.

"The University has supported the upgrade; they wanted the catalog to be a world-class system. The University has provided the hardware and the software," he said.

The target date for the completion of the system setup is the beginning of the summer term, so that it can be ready to use when the fall classes can be worked out before all the students return next fall.

SMC to host Readers’ Theater production

By P. COLLEEN NUGENT

"Offending the Audience," a one-act play produced by Peter Handke's Readers' Theater will be featured at Saint Mary's College on Sunday.

Professors Ted Billy, Ronne Kingstedt, Katie Sullivan, and Max Wilson will perform their dramatic performances. These professors represent the departments of English, Modern Language, Communication, Dance, and Theatre, which are jointly sponsoring the event.

"This is going to be a good opportunity for the faculty to see the audience's reaction," said Billy, chairman of the English department.

"This is going to be an experimental change to the usual ways Saint Mary's College has formerly produced the annual plays and musicals here on campus," he said. Fortunately, Billy continued to mention that the event is unique in its visit and can work with the company is very flexible and is willing to adapt the software to the needs of each institution.

"The audience will be able to watch the performance while reflecting upon the experience firsthand. Attendance at this event is not a requirement. It's just a really good idea to participate in, it shows a sense of school spirit," said the English Department.

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earlier. Saint Mary's presented a
written bid and delivered an oral
presentation at the IHROC business
meeting last May at Ball State
University. Saint Mary's request but Valparaiso
University won it for the host
position for the 1998 conference.

"The conference staff is really
excited to see the conference. We've
been planning for a long time and
it's been nothing but hard work. We're
delighted to see it played out in the
conference," said Lari Gander, conference
coorindator.

As soon as students returned to
campus last August, preparation
work for the conference began.
The committee, composed of
nine people, has planned all aspects of the
conference, including registration,
accommodations, meals, rooms
for meetings/programming, entertainment, security and
hospitality.
The committee has been aided by the
various Student Government Association
branches as well as the admin-
istration.

Saint Mary's will have 10 offi-
cial representatives at the con-
fereuce as well as one communi-
cations coordinator and one
advisor. The Saint Mary's dele-
tation includes representatives
to campus last August, prepara-
ing and four branch representatives
as well as the administration.

The conference begins Friday
evening at 8 p.m. with "Roll
the Dice," an opening speaker and
event. Any Saint Mary's student
may attend that session, which
will be held in Carroll
Auditorium.

University and college students
seeking representatives to the
conference include Ball State
University, Manchester College,
Purdue University, Rose-
Hulman Institute of Technology,
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President Dwight Eisenhower
appointed Hesburgh to the six-
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Civil Rights. Although the initial
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the organization's successors continuously
renewed it, and Hesburgh
served for 15 years.

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FBI charges two men in alleged plot to use biological weapons

Associated Press

Las Vegas

Two men were charged Thursday with possessing the deadly germ anthrax for use as a weapon. The FBI said one bragged in Las Vegas he had enough to “wipe out the city” and last year laid out a plan to unleash biological weapons on New York City subways.

The men were arrested in suburban Henderson late Wednesday as they were allegedly trying to arrange a lab test of the substance. Their beige money belt and black baseball caps were handed off to a military base for tests to confirm whether the material really was the germ warfare agent.

An informant said one of the men told him he had a “military grade anthrax” in flight bags in the trunk of the Mercedes, according to an FBI affidavit. The informant said he saw eight to 10 bags marked “biological” in the trunk.

A detention hearing for the pair was continued until Monday while the government ran tests to determine whether the anthrax was military grade or simply an anthrax vaccine.

The FBI said the pair were trying to arrange to have the informant’s testing equipment for $2 million up front and another $15 million later.

Bobby Siller, special agent in charge of the Las Vegas FBI office, told a news conference Thursday that the affidavit was released there was no indication the men had access to Siller’s measured residents of the Las Vegas area there was no contamination and no danger.

Anthrax is an infectious disease that usually afflicts only animals, especially cattle and sheep, but the germ can be produced in a dry form suitable for weapons and can be fatal to humans even in microscopic amounts.

Anthrax can also be used in germ warfare; many of the troops who fought in the Persian Gulf War were inoculated for the bacteria.

Harris, identified by the FBI as a member of the Aryan Nations, was previously given probation after pleading guilty to illegally obtaining tabiicin from a New York subway station, where it would be broken by a passing subway train, causing hundreds of thousands of deaths. Harris stated that the Iraqis would be blamed for that event.

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Singer to perform classics

Cape Canaveral

They came dangerously close this past weekend when the worst fire ever aboard a flying spacecraft broke out. The fire began on the Mir space station just after 4 a.m. on Sunday, and the cosmonauts pulled out the escape capsule once the smoke cleared.

The blaze was first noticed by the crew of the Mir space station, which included a Russian, a Canadian and a German. They used a fire extinguisher to control the blaze, but it quickly spread and forced the crew to evacuate the station.

The fire started in the fuel tank of the Mir's Progress 31 spacecraft, and it quickly spread to the other parts of the station. The fire burned for several hours and caused significant damage to the station.

The fire was finally brought under control after several hours. The crew was able to containing the fire to the Progress spacecraft and prevent it from spreading to other parts of the station.

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Tobacco companies add nicotine

**Associated Press**

America’s third-largest tobacco company is secretly adding genetically altered, high-nicotine tobacco to cigarettes it exports to Asia, the Middle East and Western Europe, a company executive has testified.

Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. uses twice as much of the high-nicotine leaf in cigarettes sold overseas as it does in brands marketed in the United States, said Roger Black, the company’s director of leaf blending, in a deposition for New York’s class-action lawsuit against major tobacco companies.

The genetically altered tobacco packs twice the nicotine of natural leaf.

The Jan. 16 deposition was conducted in private, and tobacco industry lawyers requested it remain confidential.

However, a copy of a portion of the transcript was obtained by The Associated Press on Thursday.

During his deposition, Black testified that:

• The Viceroy King Size and Viceroy Lights cigarettes exported to Europe, the Middle East, Hong Kong and other parts of Asia are 6 percent high-nicotine tobacco.

• Export brands began packing lead in leaf in 1995.

• Brown & Williamson uses genetically altered leaf to at least eight brands sold in the United States. Black mentioned Prime, Summit, Raleigh 100s, Pall Mall, Plain King Size, Lucky Strike Plains, Raleigh XLP and Private Stock.

• The company last week said the Richland brand also uses the leaf. These brands are 2 percent to 4 percent high-nicotine leaf. The reason for the lower levels for American cigarettes was not explained.

• Hundreds of strains of high-nicotine leaf have been developed, with at least five used in Brown & Williamson cigarettes sold in the United States.

• Souza Cruz, a Brazilian company owned by BAT Industries PLC, the same British conglomerate that controls Brown & Williamson, grew and supplied a large part of the high-nicotine tobacco used in the American cigarettes. Souza Cruz most recently shipped the tobacco to Brown & Williamson in 1995 and 1996.

• A small quantity of genetically altered, nicotine-rich tobacco — code named Y-1 — was grown in Kentucky in 1984 and 1985 and added to Brown & Williamson cigarettes sold in the United States.

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**U.S. House questions Arlington burial sites**

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Bogs Bob Stump and Lane Evans, both military veterans, have introduced legislation that would deny them — and a lot of others — burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Stump, R-Ariz., chairman of the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee, and Evans, D-Ill., the ranking minority member, said their bill would clear up the recent controversy over who is eligible to be buried at the cemetery.

“Our bill meets head-on the concerns raised in recent months over the discretionary waiver process,” Evans said.

All allegations arose last year that the Clinton administration had given waivers to big campaign donors who normally would not be allowed burial at Arlington.

Subsequent hearings and an investigation by the congressional watchdog office, the General Accounting Office, found no evidence of improper waivers but concluded there was a lack of clear guidelines for the waiver process.

Under the Stump-Evans bill, which will be discussed at hearings next week, eligibility would be terminated for the vice president, members of Congress, Supreme Court justices, high-level diplomats and other senior government officials who served in the military but do not otherwise meet criteria for Arlington burial.

That would disqualify Stump, who was in the Navy during World War II, and Evans, who was a Marine during the Vietnam War but did not serve in Vietnam.

The president and ex-presidents would continue to be eligible, as would service members who die on active duty, retired members of the armed forces, recipients of major combat medals and former prisoners of war.

The bill would allow certain close family members of eligible veterans to be buried in the same grave with loved ones without a need for a waiver and would codify regulations allowing the cremated remains of any veteran with an honorable discharge to be kept at the cemetery.

Only memorials honoring military service would be allowed on the grounds.

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Chirac called Annan’s mission “extremely difficult and important” and said that the U.N. leader had France’s full support. “I hope, thanks to him, wisdom and reason will prevail,” he said.

The U.N. Security Council postponed a briefing Thursday on the progress of weapons inspections and prepared for a Friday vote to delay Iraq to more than double the amount of oil it can sell under a U.N.-oil-for-food plan.

Both moves were seen as an effort to increase Annan’s chances of negotiating a peaceful solution to the crisis.

The United States wished Annan success, but made clear it reserved the right to reject any deal he makes — and to attack Saddam to open all suspected weapons sites to U.N. inspectors.

The draft weapons inspections report to be presented to the council claims Iraq has failed to fully disclose its chemical and biological weapons ability or to provide information on its missile warheads.

The report by Richard Butler, the chief U.N. weapons inspector, also says Iraq may possess enough material to manufacture as much as 200 tons of the deadly VX nerve agent.

Saddam sent a message Thursday to his Diplomatic President Boris Yeltsin saying he remains committed to a diplomatic solution, the official Iraqi News Agency reported. Yeltsin, who has been isolated and blunted among world leaders in opposition — and to his U.S. use of force to end the crisis.

The Polish Embassy, which has handled U.S. interests in Iraq since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, sent 10 of its diplomats and their families to Poland.

The six remaining diplomats would follow, Polish Ambassador Roman Chalaczewicz said, without saying when.

The U.S. Embassy in Jordan said Washington played no role in the Polish decision to evaucate, which Polish officials predicted could prompt an exodus of foreign missions from Iraq.

Annan carrying 29 U.N. relief workers pulled out of Baghdad before dawn Thursday. Another 30 were to follow Friday.

The move was a precaution “in case everything does not work out,” said Denis Halliday, the temporary humanitarian coordinator for Iraq.

About 230 workers, out of a total of 400, remain in Iraq to run the U.N.-approved oil-for-food program distributing aid to Iraqis.

**Cuba**

Cuba frees prisoners

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY

The Cuban government said Thursday it has freed 299 prisoners as a result of Pope John Paul II’s visit last month, and may free another 20.

Cuban Foreign Ministry spokesman Alejandro Gonzalez told a news conference in Havana the prisoners were freed last Friday and Saturday, although word of the releases trickled out slowly over the following days.

Gonzalez said the released prisoners had been convicted of both ordinary crimes and political crimes, according to the Cuban government and U.S. government agency Pressa Latina, monitored in Mexico City.

Among the freed prisoners, 224 were released for humanitarian reasons, including old age and ill health.

During the papal visit, the Vatican presented Cuba with a list of more than 300 prisoners, although 106 of them already had been freed. The list included 116 political prisoners.

Gonzalez said 20 political prisoners on the Vatican list remain under study. But the government decided not to free another 60 to 70 on the list because of the seriousness of their crimes.

The government has not released the names of those freed.
King's wedding cake sells for $26,000 at auction

NEW YORK
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When Strong Bodies Fight

Could Mother Teresa have had a connection to the Bengal Bouts? Surely not as a competitor. And we have never had a weight class that went that low. Instead, the connection was, and is, more basic.

Charles Rice

Her life, her death, drew world attention to the efforts of her Missionaries of Charity in a part of the world where Holy Cross missionaries in Bangladesh do the same work with the support of the Bengal Bouts.

Mother Teresa’s task, as she defined it, was to provide “free service to the poor and the unwanted, irrespective of caste, creed, nationality or race.”

“The poor,” she said, “give us much more than we give them. We have so much to learn from them.”

This thought was frequently echoed by Father Edmund Goedert the 1997 posthumous recipient of the Bengal Bouts Award, who worked 38 years in Bangladesh and served as chaplain to the Boxing Club after his return to Notre Dame. “Proceeds from the Bouts,” he said to the boxers, “bear in the Holy Cross student body because of his idea to a 23-year-old student assistant in the physical education department... For anyone who has attended Notre Dame, the words ‘Bengal Bouts’ have only a little less meaning than ‘The Fighting Irish.’”

“In the beginning,” wrote Gleason, “one college kid said to another, ‘Let’s have a team for the team.’ And that was the start of the kind of recruiting which led to the current scandal caused by phony transcripts of credit. Every now and then there is an event that reminds us of how campus sports were supposed to be run in the time before athletic directors and huge coaching staffs. The Bengal Bouts are...as purely amateur as a sport can be.”

“One of the most special things about the Bengal Bouts,” said Coach Tom Suddes, “is that you may end up in the ring with your best friend, and after the final bell rings the relationship is even stronger than it was before you stepped onto the mat.”

As Coach Terry Johnson noted, “The Bouts attract the same type of guys every year. They are out to try something new and really listen and work hard. We teach traditional, stand-up boxing style the same way Nappy taught 50 years ago, and we have always approached boxing as a sport, not a fight. The guys understand this and are dedicated to the idea of sportsmanship, camaraderie and boxing for the mission.”

The principle changes over the years. Johnson pointed out, have been continual improvements in the safety of our programs. “Nappy always made sure that injuries were not a part of the Bouts,” said Johnson, “but now with the contribution of Dr. Moriarity and the medical staff, the safety factor has been formalized and risks are minimal for the boxers.”

The student officers of the Boxing Club run the program under the supervision of Coach Johnson, a Chicago attorney, Coach Suddes, a Columbus, Ohio, developer, and Coach Pat Farrell, who is the University pilot.

“Any member of the Club,” said president Ryan, “will tell you that participation in this program is the most memorable experience of his Notre Dame career.” The other officers are Lucas Molina, Jean Sharpe, Fred Kelley, Tommy Will, Mike LaDuke and Brian Goffrey.

“Our primary emphasis,” said Molina, “is on safety. We have never had a serious injury in the program and we mean to keep it that way.”

Dr. James Moriarity, University chief of medicine, maintains a close watch on the program. No contact is permitted in practice without EMTs in attendance. Trainer Jack Mooney and his assistants, Jack Zimmerman and Sweet C. Robinson, maintain a high level of skill and efficiency which itself is a protection against injury. Jack Mooney, 85-years-young, was with Nappy at the beginning. He was Knute Rockne’s paper boy, and Rockne himself smuggled Jack onto the sidelines at home football games. Jack has been an inspiration to countless members of the Boxing Club.

Junior Emily Schmidt is indispensable in her handling of the administrative details of the program. Assisted by Molly O’Rourke, Emily has the title of office manager, but she is really the brains of the outfit. Her dedication and ability explain why the Bouts netted a record $23,000 contribution to the missions in 1997.

“The reason for being of this program,” she said, “is to send the maximum possible contribution to the Holy Cross Missions.”

On the 25th anniversary of his ordination, Goedert wrote, “What do I have to show for 25 years besides a bunch of used calendars? Not much. But, through the masses, I have made Him present to thousands of people over thousands of times. Often the places where He’s never been before. I have made Him present to some who might otherwise never have known Him in His Good News. I have made a few more aware of the Christian calling and a Christian’s duties toward others. And, with your help, I have made the lives of some a little easier, a little happier, a little more Christian.

The 66th Bengal Bouts will be held this Monday and Wednesday with the finals on Friday. We hope you will support this effort.

Mother Teresa would approve.

Professor Charles Rice is on the Law School faculty and is advisor to the Boxing Club. His column appears every other Friday.

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From Boys to Men

We hear all the time: “Who’s the man?” Who’s the strongest, and who dominates? Who takes what he wants? Who is the man? Who can accept and learn from weaknesses and subordination? Who can be a better man? And who deserves the most respect? Who is the man?

The better man obviously turns his choice, maintaining his integrity, but as a true man he applies “more important is the experience.” In the competitive community, there is little weakness? Does he recognize his mistakes and accept fully responsibility for his weaknesses?

Unfortunately, in our increasingly competitive community, there is little room for mistakes and “men” cannot afford not to be “the man.” Notre Dame is a symbol of excellence and perfection, and how can you accept the closer grade to excellence and perfection, but this is a symbol, this is an ideal.

The problem is that too many of us cannot appreciate the value of an ideal, and too many of us forgot our natural limitations. Man was never created with the ability to embody a symbol or an ideal, but God blessed him with the capacity for humility and love.

As Notre Dame men, we are blessed with the opportunity to grow in the shaping of our true manhood. We are blessed to be able to contribute to the excellence of our community. Despite the common misconception, we are unable and not expected to be the “man.”

If you are still determined to be “the man,” remember that the first step is not to be the man. In The Four Quarters: East Coker, T.S. Eliot explains:

"In order to arrive at the way you do not know. You must go by the way which is the way of this you do not possess. To possess what you do not possess. You must go by the way of dispossessing.

"In order to arrive at what you are not, you must go through the way in which you are not."

Before you know everything, you must first know nothing; before you possess strength, you must possess weakness; and before you are a man, you must lose your masculinity. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Bob Kerr is sophomore English major. His columns appear every other Friday.

Two decades ago, the juniors who would accompany their parents this weekend at Notre Dame were barely toddlers. Jimmy Carter, the last Democrat in the White House, wrestled with such issues as the oil embargo, terrorism from Iran, and in the Middle East and gasoline shortages and stagflation. He initiated new human rights promotion experiments by government agencies. Disco dominated the music charts, and clothing fashion had changed with the ability to embody a symbol or an ideal. Most of the kids were wearing outdated clothes, speaking in overarticulated phonemes and being quite different from everyone else. Most of the moms and dads knew the reference style change, but probably had no idea that anything like “Flop Hop” would ever exist. None of those moms and dads could have anticipated the explosion of our language caused by the computer lingos of bytes and RAM, moderns and Zip drives. Certainly, changing existed only in science fiction movies, and rap was not a form of music but a description for conducting deep conversations with teenagers.

Some contend that many, including society and educational systems, prefer to freeze their thinking in the image of the 1970s. Disco is dead and so the shoes are making somewhat of a comeback today and the Brady Bunch has enjoyed two feature-length films. Today, the world is a smaller and less private place, but we can look forward to our new introducing the privacy is currently focused on the leader of the free world. However, for all the personal questions swirling around the last Democrat president, Bill Clinton has done a stellar job compared to Jimmy Carter.

The strides in genetic studies to prolong life and fertility procedures that assist couples in beginning families has overturned any 1970s imagination. Could anyone have written a script where one twin brother is born seven years after another? A long-looked-for embryo was brought to term recently with the birth of the younger twin this past week.

Telecommunications strides have given each of us constant communication with anyone around the world or beyond the nation. The ability to communicate with a loved one in the military during the 1970s sometimes could make two weeks feel like two minutes.

Today, families can exchange e-mail several times a day with their sons and daughters serving in the military.

Twenty years ago students at Notre Dame advocated co-educational housing options, but settled for apartments while I volunteered on a soup kitchen. I often wonder if the corny Carol and Mike Brady would have offered simple but more loving solutions to these two troubled Domes? I believe so. In fact, in these instances, the 1970s would need no updating because Carol and Mike would have put family and love above pride and social rigidity.

As the babies of the 1970s now walk as adults, it is interesting to note that 20 years ago the Vatican effectively removed itself from the issue, especially in today’s constantly expanding Notre Dame campus with its 1990s occurrence. Just last year, she was fighting the demons of loneliness and child abandonment. She wanted her child and needed to somehow find fulfillment and inner peace. Her strained relationship with her parents seemed to be doomed on a collision course when I last saw them together. Each party avoided the issue, yet she hungered for a solution.

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Although no one in the family has ever attended Notre Dame or is Irish, they’ve always been very big Notre Dame football fans ... particularly Mr. Robinson. He grew up in the middle class suburbs of Baltimore. Every Saturday afternoon he watched the Blue and Gold wreak havoc on opposing teams. When it came time to apply to colleges, he wanted to apply to Notre Dame, but his family’s finances would not support his dream. John attended Catholic University where he lettered in football all four years.

It was shortly after he graduated from Catholic that he met his future wife, Thelma. It was anything but love at first sight. He tried using one of those timeless pick-up lines like, “You must be tired, you’ve been running through my mind all day.” Eventually however, the street smart, young vixen, Thelma, a real estate broker at the time, saw through his rough exterior. They eventually got married and had a wonderful son, Era, (they’re not obsessed or anything) who is now fulfilling John’s dreaming of going to Notre Dame. They bought a nice house in the middle class suburbs and bought a few dogs and cats, all who have the name of same famous ND football player. Little do the older Robinsons realize that Era really wanted to go to NYU film school and become the next Stephen Spielberg. The only problem is, he is prone to breaking cameras.

The Williams family hail from the Washington, D.C., where father, Earl, and mother, Andrea, are both well-established lawyers. They commute together everyday to the city from their home in Fairfax, a mere twenty minutes from their five bedroom, four bath, split-level ranch home. Their three car garage, stocked with three Jeep Cherokees, is adjacent to the fully furnished basement which provides the children with a recreational room and Earl with a place to watch Monday Night football on his 48-inch television.

Earl, who graduated from Notre Dame Law School, met his beautiful wife on a blind date for the Saint Mary’s All-Campus Formal. He was impressed with the way she handled herself in light of the behavior of peers (and how good she looked in a dress). Since then they have been dance partners as well as husband and wife.

Earl and Andrea raised their children so that one day they can come back to South Bend and visit their clones in the very same dorms in which they resided.

Tony, their son, spends his time on the computer trying to decide which sequel to a video game he should make. Super Mario Brothers 13 or Pac-Man: The New Adventure. No matter what he does, he will be successful. It seems to be in the blood.
Irish Eyes

The McCarthy family hails from a suburb right outside of Boston, Mass. Pat, head of the McCarthy clan used to be in the Irish Guard and is quite excited about his return to the "homeland." Mom, Mary Kate, is the type of mother who knits matching hat, scarves and mittens, all stitched with the Notre Dame emblem for her children and their roommates. She is also a professional business person, who actually strives to have her own talk show. Look out Rosie O’Donnell.

At least twice a year, Pat and Mary Kate fly out for a football game and take everybody (kids and roommates) out to Maori's or CJ's. A point of interest, the McCarthy family throws great tailgaters, but you have to get there early, or Pat may charge a cover.

Pat and Mary Kate met nearly forty years ago, when young Patrick fell off a swing set at the wholesome young age of eight. Mary Kate rescued the ill-fated Patrick from the ground with a kiss on the knee. At the ripe old age of ten, she was an older and more mature woman. Since that fabled day, the couple has not spent more than two days apart, joined at the hip one might say.

Their daughter, Samantha, a promising young biologist, wants to one day save the world from what she calls "The Willies." She is also looking to get herself out of a "self-imposed" hiatus from men.

Notre Dame?

The Johnsons come from the back bayous of Louisiana and have a very powerful hand in the "craw-daddy" industry. One might say a monopoly. The patriarch of the Johnson family, who goes by the name of Jack, is the son of a fish farmer and grew up in the murky swamps of Louisiana. He never heard of football, let alone Notre Dame, until his son got the acceptance letter three years ago. But he sure knows how to fish. His wife Marge, on the other hand, is a city girl from Frankfurt, La., a thriving metropolis of 3,000. She met her beloved, Jack, at an alligator wrestling match. Jack was not the one in the leather. Marge was intoxicated by his bruiting dark looks and his ability to throw around a reptile. True love? I guess so, they’ve been together for the past twenty years. Happy Anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Their love child, Jack Jr., known as J.J. by his very close friends, aspires to be an awarding winning poet, and hopes to one day escape from the pitfalls of bayou life. Notre Dame seemed like the way out. To J.J., attending college in South Bend was like moving to New York City, but there was a foil in his plan. He longed for those Cajun "craw-daddies." They just aren’t the same in the Midwest.
Clippers send slam dunk champ to Heat

Associated Press

Scottie Pippen was on the move.

Pippen shocked those three-pointers in the season opener.

The team announced Saturday that Pippen decided to leave.

"Scottie made his decision today," Clippers spokesman David Alpert said.

Pippen is on three-year contract with the club.

According to reports, Pippen will join the Chicago Bulls.

The move has come as a surprise to fans and analysts alike.

"Scottie Pippen is a superstar," said one fan.

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Canseco starts spring training with Blue Jays

Associated Press

Joe Canseco got a quick wakeup on his first day with the Toronto Blue Jays. When he stepped to the plate Thursday, he saw a very familiar face.

"It was the first time facing live pitching and I've got to face Clemens," Canseco said. "I let Ed Sprague go first so Roger could work out the kinks on him."

Canseco and Clemens were teammates on the Boston Red Sox in 1995 and 1996. Now they're trying to turn around the Sox in 1998.

"We're trying to turn a corner," Canseco said. "Ed Sprague went first so Roger can work out the kinks on him."

Canseco homered off 1996 Cy Young Award winner Pat Hentgen during batting practice at Dunedin, Fla. He knows his home run and stolen base totals have been cut by the injuries.

The last four or five years has hurt my career. I should have had 450 home runs by now," said Canseco, whose career total is 351. "I'd like to achieve 30-30 this year, and if I'm healthy 40-40 is possible. Right now I want to play the game and be the player I was four, five years ago."

At Kissimmee, Fla., Andres Galarraga hit the first home run as Atlanta began full-squad workouts.

Galarraga, hitting third after Andruw Jones, drilled a drive onto a grassy hill just beyond the left field fence.

"It feels good to hit the first one," said Galarraga, who signed a $24.75 million, three-year deal. "Now I can relax."

Galarraga, who hit 318 with 43 home runs and a league-leading 140 RBIs with Colorado last season, had just blooped a ball into short right field.

"That would have been out in Coors Field," quipped Ryan O'Keefe, waiting on deck to hit after Galarraga.

"That's part of the game, just having fun," said Galarraga, who drove from his home in West Palm Beach, Fla., in a Mercedes with his nickname, "Big Cat," on the license plate.

At Jupiter, Fla., St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Alan Benes did his best to quash rumors he aggravated his surgically repaired shoulder.

"I'm just trying to take it easy enough not to have any setbacks," said Benes, 9-9 with a 2.89 ERA in 23 starts last season.

"I'm not worrying about it," Benes said. "I'm just trying to take it easy enough not to have any setbacks."

Benes, 27, wasn't expected to be ready until May after surgery for a torn rotator cuff last September. It could be late March before he starts pitching.

"We're shooting for May 1," Benes said, "but that's not in stone."

At Phoenix, the usually late Ricky Henderson reported to the Athletics' camp on time. In the past, Henderson typically didn't show up until shortly before the team started its exhibition schedule.

Henderson, signed as a free agent, said the heavy rains in California in recent days had interrupted his workout regimen so he decided to get to spring training to work on conditioning.

Boston's Naehring recovers from elbow injury

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. - The eight-inch scar runs along Tim Naehring's elbow, a bright red reminder that his career may be over.

He couldn't brush his teeth, feed himself or shampoo with his right arm. He couldn't even wear a tie to recent business meetings because the arm wouldn't bend enough for him to put it on.

"It was tough packing my stuff to come to spring training, knowing that I was throwing a glove in a bag and wouldn't be able to use it for a while," he said.

The Boston Red Sox third baseman knows about serious injuries. He had operations on his back and right shoulder and spent time on the disabled list in six of his previous seven seasons.

But he was enjoying one of his finest camps when he made an off-balance toss last June 23 at Toronto. He knew immediately something was wrong when his elbow

It turned out to be a torn ligament and a torn capsule that held the joint together. Dr. Arthur Pappas, the team physician, said Thursday he knows of no other case like that.

Pappas performed surgery on July 30 and the rehabilitation seemed to go well. Naehring even played racquetball in November. But in January, there was a problem. His range of motion was restricted.

A cortisone shot didn't work, so about four weeks ago he had a procedure in which scar tissue inside the elbow was broken. That enabled him to bend the elbow again, Pappas said, but the tightness returned whenever he threw a ball or swung a bat.

Now, Pappas said, Naehring must regain that range of motion before he can take the next step.

"Will he play again? I expect he will," Pappas said, although he doesn't know when.

"I have a feeling I'm going to stay, but you never know," Cangelosi said. "I think if I do stay, I'll play a lot more than last year."

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Marlins may lose two more

MELBOURNE, Fla. - The Florida Marlins lost four starting pitchers, two top relievers and the leading hitter from their World Series championship team.

The best of the bench may be the next to go.

Reserves Eisenreich and John Cangelosi helped to give Florida perhaps the best depth in the major leagues last year. They were the garnish on the roster, but it's unclear whether the budget-conscious Marlins can afford even garnish anymore.

Eisenreich and Cangelosi arrived for spring training this week wondering whether the Marlins will trade them before the season starts.

"We're pretty laid back and not worrying about what they're going to do," Cangelosi said Thursday. "But I hope they keep us on both."

That's doubtful. Eisenreich expects to be dealt away because he'll make $1.4 million this year, more than the Marlins want to pay for a backup outfielder-first baseman who turns 39 in April.

"I understand, I am an old man," he said with a laugh.

Cangelosi, 35 next month, has a better chance to stay because his salary is only $550,000. He would provide a much-needed outfield experience, particularly in center, where 25-year-old rookies Mark Kotsay and Todd Hundley will battle for the starting job.

"Cangelosi is still a question mark in this mix," manager Jim Leyland said. "If you're able to keep a guy like Cangelosi, you're able to protect the young guy a little bit from throwing him to the wolves too much."

Another potential plus is that Cangelosi is a switch-hitter, while the two rookies and new left fielder Cliff Floyd bat left-handed.

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**JOCK STRIP**

U.S. hockey team fails to meet expectations

Disappointing. This one word sums up the feelings of every member of the United States Olympic hockey team. In a week that brought us Gene Brulik's first Daytona 500 win, Herman Maier's recovery from a devastating crash to win two gold medals, and the U.S. women's hockey team winning the first gold in women's hockey, the fifth place finish of the men's hockey team was one of the most embarrassing moments in U.S. Olympic history. Here is a team made up of professional hockey players and the only team they could beat was Belgium. Let's assess the problems.

Rumors are swirling about this team. They spent too much time out having themselves a good time. But I believe it was the players who wanted to rough it in the Olympic village unlike their basketball Dream Teamers who lived lavishly. The whole idea of living in the Olympic village was to keep guys after they get back from the competitions, like a bunch of drunk college kids. Maybe living with the other athletes wasn't a smart move. More caused another problem at these winter games. The U.S. hockey team came in all mighty, hearing their medals from the August 1996 World Cup of Hockey. They figured if they showed up, they would win. Right now, they are reevaluating that decision. Every U.S. player was so confident they would win the gold medal, that they thought the preliminaries didn't matter that much. Their coach, Ron Wilson, even agreed with this strategy. He figured by the time the medal round rolled around, Team USA would hit their groove and play in the gold medal game. The team's lackadaisical approach landed them a game against the Czech Republic in the medal round. This meant they would have to face one of the NHL's best goal tenders and the MVP of the league last year. Ron Wilson also must be blamed for this embarrassment. He didn't make the adjustments that needed to be made until the medal round. Overall, the players didn't play up to expectations. With six 50-goals scorers, the team should score more than nine goals. They had open nets and they couldn't put the puck in the goals. The U.S. hockey team's performance was a disgrace to the loyal hockey fans who expected them to win more than one game. Hopefully when the games go to Salt Lake City in 2002, Team USA will be more focused and have their priorities straight.

**SOFTBALL**

Irish set goals to win Big East

By BETSY BAKER

The Notre Dame softball team is wasting no time testing its ability to compete with the top-ranked teams in the nation as it kicks off its season this weekend at the Gladstones Tournament at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

The Irish will take on ninth-ranked Kansas and 10th-ranked South Florida today, and Auburn and DePaul tomorrow in an effort to see where they stand among the nation's best, and whether they can return to being one of them.

Last season was the first time in four years that the Irish did not advance to the NCAA tournament, due to a pitching staff that was not 100 percent healthy. However, head coach Liz Miller hopes that will change this year.

"What happened last year is that we had the strongest hitting lineup we've ever had, but one of our best pitchers got injured and we didn't have a strong enough pitching staff to take us as far as we had gone in the past," Miller explained.

"This year, we've added two new pitchers, and Kelly Nichols is back, so we should have a solid staff." Nichols, one of the team's two senior captains, will be looking to fill in the hole left by the graduation of all-American Joy Batterby, and with her 21-12 career record and 18 saves, she appears to be on the right track. Nichols only needs two more saves to become the NCAA all-time saves leader, a record currently owned by Cal Poly Pomona's Lori Thompson with 313. Miller will be joined by junior Angela Brissolo and freshmen Jennifer Sharron and Melanie Aikre who are expected to come in and make an immediate impact.

The biggest question for the Irish remains one of filling in the gaps in the left by the five graduated starters, three of whom started all four years at Notre Dame.

Miller maintains confidence in both her returning players and a talented corps of freshmen, however, and hopes that the early-season tournaments like the Gladstones will give the team the unity and camaraderie needed to be successful.

"Our focus is in going out and playing hard, and throwing it down without worrying about what happened in the past," Miller commented. "Of course we always go out to win, but it is more important for us now to develop some unity among the players and a consistent rhythm in our play."

The fact that the Irish will immediately face two top-10 teams is actually a matter of coincidence. Miller explained that the tournaments are scheduled a year in advance, but teams do not exactly know who they are playing until a few months prior to the tournament.

Still, both Miller and the players aren't confident the Irish will perform well and agree that it is the best thing for the team.

"I think it is good for us," Miller said. "It is definitely giving us an idea of where we are and what we need to improve upon."

Senior Jenn Giampaolo, an all-American outfielder who, after limited time with the team last season, has returned to the starting lineup, in center field, concurred.

"It's the best way to start - throw yourself out there and put it all on the line," Giampaolo said. "We've never started out so good in the early-season tournaments, but this year we are a lot more confident."

In the past, we've kind of sold ourselves short because we haven't practiced outside or had any games, but this year we're going in saying we are the team to beat."

Although this weekend should shed some light on where the Irish can set their goals, nationally, they have already set one definite goal in our press conference.

"Our No. 1 goal is to win the Big East," Miller said. "We've been in it for three years and have never won it, so that is what we want to do this year."

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Men's Lacrosse

Returning seniors will lead Irish lacrosse team

By TOM STUDEBAKER and DAN LUZIETTI
Sports Writers

Aiming for the title, the Notre Dame men’s lacrosse team is back. Expectations are high for the Irish, with seven returning starters and a solid recruiting class. This year’s squad is comprised of quality depth and experience which could make the difference for Notre Dame over the course of the season.

Headlining the list of Irish returnees are four players who are arguably as good as anybody in the country at their positions — seniors Jimmy Keenan (midfield), Todd Rassas (defense), and Alex Cade (goalie), along with junior Chris Dusseau at attack.

"With the experience and depth we have returning this season, guys are going to have to earn their way onto the field," said head coach Kevin Corrigan. "This is a team whose strength will be in its senior class. I expect, too, that we will have some freshman who will help us out."

Some of the freshman the team will look to are Dave Ulrich and Steve Bishko. Both hope to contribute to the Irish success as they see more playing time.

On the Notre Dame attack, Dusseau and senior Ned Webster promise to be a potent scoring combination. Dusseau has led the team in scoring in the past two years for a total of 58 goals and seven assists. The Irish will count on them to continue this success as they head into the 1998 season.

The Notre Dame midfield unit has the potential to be the most productive in school history, and is capable of scoring a lot of goals. The heart and soul of the midfield unit is Keenan. He was a two-time honorable mention all-American honoree and scored 12 goals while passing off a team-leading 28 assists last year.

The Irish defense is led by the outstanding play of Rassas. There may be no finer defensemen in the country than the two-time Irish all-American. Notre Dame will count on his play as they look to the upcoming campaign.

The last line of defense is Cade. He has been Notre Dame’s most prolific goalkeepers and has ranked among the nation’s leaders in goals-against averages in the past three seasons. Last year he posted a 5.76 save percentage and registered an 8.86 goals-against average. The Irish expect Cade to maintain his standard in the net this year.

The team’s first regular season game is March 1, when they play Penn State. The team will be fine-tuning its skills against Brown this weekend, the scrimmage is at noon this Saturday at Moose Krause Stadium.

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Irish head south to face Hurricanes

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

Weather forecasts in Miami call for strong storms this weekend, as the Notre Dame baseball team heads south to fight through a three-game series with the No. 7 Hurricanes.

The Irish (2-0) are coming off a two-game stint in New Orleans where they lost an 11-inning thriller to UNO and earned a come-from-behind victory against Loyola (La.).

Junior righty Alex Shildiday, who settled for a no-decision after throwing seven innings against UNO, is slated to start Friday's game. Shildiday and the rest of the Irish pitching staff face a formidable 'Canes lineup with "a heart of the order that's probably the best in the country," according to Notre Dame head coach Paul Mainieri.

Senior rightfielder Jason Michaels (.378, seven HR, three 2B, 17 RBI) bats third for the Hurricanes, followed by junior third baseman Pat Burrell, the No. 1 professional prospect in college baseball, and junior first baseman Aubrey Huff (.361, three HR, three 2B, eight RBI) in the fifth spot. In 1996, Burrell became the first freshman to be named Freshman All-American and hit .397 with 21 HR, 17 RBI.

Aubrey Huff (.361, three HR, seven walks), an all-pro first baseman, is already on a torrid pace this year, batting .484, and is already on a record pace this year, batting .484 with seven homers, three doubles, 18 RBI and seven walks.

"It will be an interesting matchup," said Mainieri, "with our pitching against their hitting. Pitching is our strength, and hitting is theirs. We don't expect to shut them down completely, but to work hard against their No. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, and 9 batters, so the heart of the order comes to bat with no one on base."

Offensively, the Irish have struggled with clutch hitting, leaving 12 men on base in the loss to UNO.

"(Leaving men on base) is an area of concern," said Mainieri. "But we've worked hard at hitting in the clutch during practice. I think we can attribute the way we've been hitting lately to the fact that it's still early in the season. We traditional­ly start off swinging the bats slowly, until we play on a more regular basis."

"I was happy with the fact that we hit well enough last weekend to get the opportun­ity to put that many guys on base," said Mainieri.

Mainieri will rely on Brant Ust and Jeff Wagner to carry the bulk of the offensive load, although the key to beating Miami will be "multiple run­nings," Mainieri commented.

Ust and Wagner are hitting a combined .375 with 10 RBI, but the entire Irish starting lineup has contributed with at least one RBI apiece.

"I think the difference has been hitting," said Mainieri. "We've worked hard at hitting in the clutch during practice.

"I don't think it's fair to say that the way we play this weekend is a true test of where we are right now," said Mainieri.

"The University of Miami is one of the hardest places in the country to visit and win. No matter what happens, we're just going to go out and play hard."
Boilermakers line-up will challenge Irish
By SHANNON RYAN

Playing at home has its advantages. Unfortunately for the Irish, one of the traveling Boilermakers will also experience a kind of home court advantage at the Eck Pavilion this weekend.

Derrek Myers, a South Bend native and one-time pro-digy of Irish coach Bob Bayliss, will be making a homecoming this weekend with a strong showing from Ryan Sarchie and Matt Horsey. Danny Rothchild and Vijay Freeman have also become a deadly combination, while Ryan Patterson and Jakub Pietrowski have recently unscotched their early tangles.

Rothchild's consistency and Patterson's decisive determination will also be key for the 23rd-ranked Irish to win a third straight.

However, Sarchie will have to play the role of the smoking gun once again. Last week, the sophomore boasted a win over the No. 3 player in the nation and lost a close battle against the second ranked player.

This week in practice has been a good one for the Irish. "Without going into particular details, we focused on team play," said Noble. "We had short and intense workouts, and hopefully that will carry over into the games this weekend."

In addition to intensity, the Irish hope to revive their coveted power play. They have the third-best power play in the league, trailing only Michigan and Michigan State. Last weekend, especially against Western Michigan, it was not as effective as usual. The Irish went zero for six on power play chances Saturday night.

If the Irish can play with intensity and revive their power play, they will indeed create the momentum that they will need to carry them into the post-season.

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Tracksters ready for Big East

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field team will compete in its biggest team meet of the season this weekend — the Big East championships in Syracuse. They hope to bring home a first-ever title on the men's side and improve on last year's sixth-place finish for the women.

A Big East title for the men would indicate that Notre Dame track and field has risen to a new level of competition. Georgetown is favored but Connecticut, Villanova, and Miami could also present challenges.

"We want to contend to be in at least the top two teams on the men's side," said head coach Joe Piane. "There are those people that think that Georgetown is unstoppable, but if we compete up to our capabilities, we have a legitimate shot at beating them.

"On the women's team, we would like to improve on last year's sixth-place finish if we can, and that's going to be difficult. It's a great conference for track, especially for the women's events with Georgetown, Villanova, and Miami.

"The key to success will be being able to be aggressive and step up in the next level of competition. A lot of kids are doubting themselves in order to contend for the title, the men will need all of their athletes to score well in the events they are expected to. That's going to help our team get some points from other schools in hunting Georgetown in the 800-meter and 1000-meter runs.

All-American Jason Rhexing will be looking to claim his third straight Big East championship in the 100-meter run and junior Mike Brown will be returning from a hamstring injury with hopes of defending his title in the pole vault. Brown is the third straight Notre Dame athlete to win the event, as is Marshall West in the long jump. Other men with running shot at individual victories are senior captain Errol Williams, the defending champion in the 55-meter hurdles, Chris Cochran in the 500-meter dash, and All-American Danny Payton in the 800-meter run.

"The goal is to win the team championship. That's what every team's got on their mind," said Rhexing. "Personally, I've just got to take it one race at a time with two races each day and score as many points as I can. It's always a big help to have all your teammates helping you and cheering you on at this meet.

Payton believes he would have qualified for the 100-102s to come out victorious in the 500-meter run, with his personal record being 1:02.79 at the Moya Invitational Feb. 7. Cochran also wants to achieve the team goal of winning the Big East while doing whatever he can to help the team win in his events — the 55-meter, 400-meter, and 4 x 400-meter relay.

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Coach Schmiedt

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Bengal Bouts captains motivate fellow competitors

By DAN LUZIETTI
Sports Writer

Bengal Bouts has been a long-standing tradition on the Notre Dame campus since 1931. One of the reasons for its great success has been the strong student support of both the tournament's participants and viewers. In its 57 years of existence, it has relied heavily on the student captains. This year is no different.

This year's captains include seniors Fred Kelly, Lucas Molina, Ryan Rams and Sean Sharpe and juniors Brian Gaffney, Mike LaDuke, and Tommy Will. The coaches rely on the captains, and expect a lot from them.

"Captains drive the whole program. It's really the boxer's club, and who better to lead than a fellow student," explained Terry Johnson, a Bengal Bouts coach. "Not only are they in charge of trying to get themselves in shape and win the tournament, they are responsible to promote ticket sales, help with advertisement sales, and keeping everybody else motivated. It is definitely a great pleasure to work with these guys and they mean a lot to the program."

Each captain brings his unique talents to help instruct and motivate over 100 members of the Bengal Bouts this year. Sharpe always rises to meet this challenge, but he also recognizes that the Bengal Bouts give him a unique opportunity.

"We help guide the new guys and give them instruction along the way," said Sharpe. "This can be a difficult task, but Notre Dame is the only place where boxing is a team sport. We help each other as much as we can, in hopes of improving each other's skills along with our individual ones."

The boxers have six weeks to refine their skills and they are always looking to the captains for motivation. The captains, along with the coaches, teach the newcomers the techniques of boxing while continually training with the veterans. The captains' role as coaches is very important to the program. Many participants and Molina recognizes his responsibility.

"Personally, I love to coach," he said. "I have been around boxing since I was 16, and I think I have more to offer as a coach than I do as a boxer. This opportunity with Bengal Bouts brings me a lot of fulfillment."

Many of the other captains learn a lot from boxing as well. Boxing demands dedication and hard work to maintain top physical condition. Kelly also recognizes what the sport has done for him.

"Boxing is a great confidence builder," explained Kelly. "It gives you a mental toughness that you'll never lose."

The boxers learn a lot from their experience, but the most important part of their participation is the good they bring to others. Bengal Bouts raise money for the Holy Cross Mission working in Bangladesh. In the past, the tournament raised $20,000 through its ticket sales and advertisement sales. This year's captains have taken the challenge of doubling that to earn $40,000.

"We support a school, a mission and a church, and the money we raise goes a long way," said Rams. "We have had an opportunity to bear some of the Holy Cross priests who have been to the missions, and it always makes us feel good to know we are doing something so special. You're having a good time here, but also helping so many over there."

The captains have put in a lot of time, and their efforts culminate in next week's tournament. The students appreciate these efforts and so do their fellow boxers.

"The captains are really important to the program," said Steve Lecher, a sophomore Bengal Bouter. "They do a lot of work both behind the scenes with the business side, and teaching the younger fighters the proper techniques for the tournament. They drive the whole program. They put in so many hours of work, and without them, the program wouldn't run as smoothly as it does."
There is no reason to do anything like that at the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics. The USOC is not a babysitter."

All the fans who were disappointed are deeply disturbed by the behavior of some of our athletes," said USOC president Bill Hybl.

"I don't condone it. I can't accept it. I'm upset. I'm appalled to hear someone say something so offensive."

"I've never skied on. It was a real demanding race." Meissnitzer said. "It was the course 1 like most," Compagnoni said of the slalom course and likely will race in the slalom remaining Saturday (Friday night EST). Compagnoni, who has overcome a series of physical problems throughout her career that include surgery on both knees, a broken shinbone and intestinal surgery, finished the first run with a lead of 19.4 seconds over France's Sophie Lefranc. Compagnoni also held a big lead after the first run of the slalom a day earlier, only to lose the gold to Germany's Holte Gerg by six-hundredths of a second. But Compagnoni's specialty is the giant slalom, in which she is two-time defending world champion. It's the event in which she won nine straight World Cup races, a streak that ended just last month.

"It's a very difficult and technical course, the kind of course I like most," Compagnoni said of the Olympic giant slalom. "It's a course where you must use your brains in addition to your legs." The soft-spoken Compagnoni is uncomfortable in the spotlight, but has become the target of Italian paparazzi and headline writers because of her romance with Alessandro Mezzalira, heir to the clothing company fortune.

"This gold is very important to me because it came after yesterday's silver medal, which was a great achievement but disappointing to me because I came so close to the gold," she said.

Lefranc finished third, behind Germany's Martina Ertl and Andrei Elefimov of Norway, third fastest on the first run, finished fourth.
Irish hope to break out of rut

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

It's a dangerous rut for a team to fall into. Playing to the level of one's competition rarely leads to success.

Just ask the Notre Dame basketball team. Over the last few weeks, the Irish have gone head-to-head with both the best and the worst the Big East conference has to offer. And for the most part, they have held their own.

The trouble is, no matter who the opponent is, the Irish seem to be one step behind. Whether it's No. 6 Connecticut or league doormat Rutgers, the outcome has been decided in the game's final minutes. Unfortunately, the Irish have ended up on the losing end.

"We've played the good teams tough and have struggled against some of the teams we know we should beat," said point guard Martin Ingelsby. "We need to be more consistent and find a way to finish a step ahead instead of a step behind."

This Sunday at the Joyce Center the Irish will encounter another one of the "good" teams in the Big East — the Miami Hurricanes. Last Saturday, the Irish matched the Hurricanes stride for stride before falling 66-57.

Notre Dame committed an eye-popping 23 turnovers and connected on just 38 percent of its shots from the field. To make things worse, the Hurricanes knocked down 14 three-point shots without its leader Johnny Hensley, one of the "good" teams in the Big East should be beat, said point guard Connecticut league door mat the Irish have gone head-to-head from Tim forcing 23 turnovers. We were able to control the defense early, but then we just hit a skid."

Although the Hurricanes own an impressive 17-6 record, they have struggled somewhat after starting the season 12-1. Thus, despite last Saturday's outcome, the Irish are confident they can turn things around this weekend.

"It's the time of year when we've got to come together and avoid making mistakes," said senior forward Pat Garrity. "We know what we've got to do and we're going to do the best that we can the rest of the season."

Fifth-year head coach Dave Poulin's team has averaged 12.5 points per game over its last two efforts. The Irish are one point behind sixth-place Lake Superior State and two points behind eighth-place Ferris State. The Irish will need to win both of their remaining games to finish in the top four teams in the league.

Although the Irish have struggled against teams around us in the standings, they still have plenty of reasons to finish strongly. The Irish are tied with No. 6 Connecticut for the lead in the Big East steals leader, surpassing the former mark of 194 held by Georgetown's Nadira Hicks. "It's a great opportunity for us," head coach Noble.

"Icers look ahead to playoffs

By CHARLEY GATES
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The Notre Dame hockey team is on the verge of clinching its first playoff birth in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association league playoffs in three years. The Irish currently sit in seventh place in the 11-team league, one point ahead of eighth-place Ferris State and two points behind sixth-place Lake Superior State. The top eight teams in the league advance to the post-season.

"Our first goal is to be in a good spot for the playoffs," remarked senior captain, Steve Noble.

One of Notre Dame's goals a week ago was home ice advantage in the playoffs, which goes to the top four teams in the league. However, two CCHA losses last weekend have put the matter largely out of Irish hands and Notre Dame would need teams ahead of them to fall fast and furiously for them to reach fourth place.

On the other hand, Notre Dame is almost a lock to make the playoffs, as they lead ninth-place Alaska-Fairbanks by eight points. For the first time in head coach Dave Poulin's three-year tenure, the Irish will most likely be headed for post-season action.

Our goal is to get on a roll for the playoffs," said Noble. "We'd like to get some momentum going as we head down the final stretch of our season, and then hopefully that will carry over into the playoffs."

Notre Dame still has plenty of incentives to finish strong. If they finish higher in the standings, they will play a lower-ranked team. The Irish will have a better chance of sweeping in the playoffs if they play a lower-ranked team.

"We are focusing on the battles we have with the teams around us in the standings," mused Noble. "We're competing with Ferris State and Lake Superior State and we are going to do the best that we can to get ourselves ready and go on a roll headed into the post-season."

This weekend, the Irish play two away CCHA games. On Friday night they will battle at National Indoor Champions, February 19-22

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