Garrick resigns, protests gay policy

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
News Editor

Father David Garrick, assistant professor of communications and theater, announced his resignation from the University last night in protest of the administration’s handling of gay and lesbian students and faculty at Notre Dame. "I think of taking this action as my last, best chance to help my alma mater," Garrick said. "I hope that a protest of this size might draw attention to the fact that this is everyone's problem. If any people are denied their rights, everyone else's rights are diminished." He quoted a letter that he received from one of his students in response to the announcement. "You have opened my eyes to a problem I didn't think was mine. It is," the letter reads. "As a Christian and as a student here it's my problem too, and I know others will realize the same."

Garrick, a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1992, came out as a homosexual, celibate Holy Cross priest in a letter to the editor of The Observer on April 4, 1996. Since then, he claims, in a letter to the editor today that he has been wrongfully suspended from his duties as a minister in the Basilica. "Suppose I was a poor preacher and that they were waiting for a chance to get me out," he said. "So in August of 1996, they finally decided to say, 'We've had enough, Garrick is done.' Why was I not notified for weeks?"

"They supposedly received letters protesting my homilies," he added. "If that is the case, where are they? Haven't I seen them? Who read them?"

Lenten Lights ...

Throughout the Lenten season, candles at the grotto have been burning brightly as Catholics prepare for Easter.

Organization seeks to increase national ratings

By TIM LOGAN
News Writer

As the current Student Senate term winds to a close, a slew of resolutions came up for debate at last night's meeting. The University's funding priorities, student response to an upcoming Ku Klux Klan march in Elkhart, and several constitutional amendments were among the items on the agenda.

A resolution proposed by Keough senator A.J. Boyd challenged the University's priorities in spending, pointing out the continuous construction and renovation of buildings, despite Notre Dame's inability to provide total financial aid to students in need. The proposal suggested a moratorium on building projects until "every student with demonstrated need has those needs met."

"We have buildings going up with no apparent reason, but with all that money, there doesn't seem to be enough to pay tuitions," said Boyd. He noted that of the $767 million being raised in the Generations fundraising campaign, only $178 million is earmarked for unrestricted financial aid. The resolution proposed that all monies for future building projects, including those planned by Generations, be used for financial aid purposes.

The Student Senate considered various methods to raise Notre Dame's ranking in U.S. News and World Report's annual listing of top colleges and universities.
Cults Are Cool

If you are extremely sensitive, intolerant of impure heresy, and believe that a single indiscretive group is distorting the Christian religion, you may be a victim of the witch hunter mentality. This group may be heard to claim that the Bible is the only true guide to life, and that any deviation from its teachings is a sin. They may also claim that they are the only true believers, and that anyone who disagrees with them is a heretic. They may even go so far as to threaten violence against those who do not accept their beliefs.

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EAST LANSING, Mich.

An MSU official said that the campus is not allowing students to organize any more political events in the future because of safety concerns. The decision was made after a student was arrested for优异在地的实习生。

But Rukia Draw, president of the MSU Black Student Alliance, said that using race-based admissions policies can only enhance the education experience.

“I don’t think the problem is with religious beliefs, but there are differences everywhere you go, like with veterans and athletes,” said the social relations junior. “If people think that minorities shouldn’t get preferential treatment, we all know it’s not true. I think MSU is doing a service to themselves by recruiting students that have multicultural experiences.”

James Cotter, associate director of MSU’s office of admissions and scholarship, said race is not at all a factor in admissions decisions but that diversity is sensitive to diversity in recruitment.

The University is committed to a diverse population, but making decisions on freshman admissions for student admission to the University on the basis of race is not something that the Michigan State University does,” Cotter said. “In terms of where we are today, the admissions process is not made free of one’s racial or ethnic background.”

The Center for Equal Opportunity, a conservative think tank based in Washington, D.C., reported in January that eight Michigan universities, including MSU, admitted minority students with lower test scores than white students in 1995.
Nurse provides information on women’s health

BY JENNIFER D'ANASTASIO
New Writer

Sandy Lasky, head coordinator of the Breast Center at the South Bend Memorial Hospital, provided a plethora of information about breast and pelvic exams and their importance. The information was part of a presentation that included slides and a demonstration of a self breast examination last night. Lasky believes these procedures are essential for every woman.

"It's getting over that fear of the examinations to take care of yourself that is the hard part," Lasky reflected. "At the breast center we go through the procedure with the women. Helping the women become more comfortable and familiar with their tissue enhances the effectiveness of the exam."

Although mammograms are not recommended until the age of 40, it is never too early for health awareness. Lasky explained. Breast cancer is second only to lung cancer in the leading causes of death among women, killing nearly 45,000 women annually. Primary risk factors include being over 50 years of age and a family history of the disease.

Scientists have isolated two of the breast cancer genes so far. Patients who carry the gene have a 65 percent chance of developing cancer, although only seven to 10 percent of all breast cancers are inherited.

Lasky also mentioned that there are ethical concerns over expensive genetic testing, although there are laws preventing discrimination by insurance companies on those found to have the cancer gene.

"It's getting over that fear of the importance of pelvic exams. Pelvic exams should begin when a woman becomes sexually mature, whether or not she is sexually active."

"The (pelvic exam) is really for everyone," Lasky commented.

With the increase in sexual activity among teens, the risk for cervical cancer — which is completely preventable, detectable and treatable — also increases, she explained. Risk factors include having more than one sexual partner or having a partner who has been active with more than one partner, according to Lasky.

"Not only do I get to become more familiar with the patients, but I have learned to appreciate life on a day to day basis."

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Other senators disagreed with the complete ban on construction, but recognized the fact that more funds should be allocated to helping students in financial need.

"It's a good idea in theory, but you can't deny that Notre Dame has more students than it should just say 'we should direct more funds to financial aid.'" said Dillon senator Pat Coyle.

"The University doesn't just get money and build. It's all planned out," observed O'Neill senator Rajit Basu. "It would be better stated if we were focusing on getting more money for financial aid rather than any other purpose at the moment.

Members of the senate also stated that the proposal's wording was too harsh, and asked too much of the University.

"A proposal to stop building is not going to be met with agreement," predicted Fisher senator Chip Ward. "We can send a message to the administration to go through with full financial aid."

Ultimately, it was agreed to strike the section proposing a stop on building, and simply suggest that Notre Dame place more funds on meeting the financial need of students. A resolution will be discussed further at next week's meeting.

Another bill which was dis- cussed proposed an organized community demonstration where Ku Klux Klan march in Elkhart on April 4.

"We should make clear that we don't want them here, and they want to be here, they came from, and, preferably, stay there," said Boyd.

The proposal suggested a collaboration between the Student Union and any other campus groups which would like to join in the demonstration.

"We should specify that this is a nonviolent event and show that the University really cares," said Cavanaugh senator Lauren Wiser, and Club Coordination Council member Leah Nasso presented the finalized forms of changes discussed at the March 4 Senate meeting.

A resolution clarifying the role and responsibilities of the Student Union was also proposed by Mark Higgins, who will continue to go to meetings and keep records but who is not in a full and helps facilitate communication between the Senate and the Executive Cabinet," predicted Higgins.

The amendment includes changes to "Secretary-General" and clarifies the officer's responsibilities to provide information to students and government members and to maintain records of Senate and Executive Cabinet activities.

In other Senate news:

- A resolution proposing a letter to President Clinton denouncing the United States' "economic war on the citizenry of Iraq" was tabled for further discussion next week. The proposed letter, to be signed by Griffin and student body vice president Trey Nasso, echoed similar requests made by the Council of American Bishops and numerous other organizations around the world.

- A resolution passed, urging that Catholicism itself be explicitly discussed in the demonstrations of the University. It "involves a very important role," said Keenan senator Matt Menask.

Many senators were concerned that the letter which would be signed by only the two leaders of the Student Union, but would not speak for the entire faculty body.

"It's a very daunting effort, but in the Senate it has no place, because we can't represent ourselves in this way," said Pangborn senator Eliza Gavlik.

"A better form for this proposal would be a general student body response," said O'Neill Senator Basu.

- A resolution on Food Services' plan to reduce service in the new 14 meal plan, to be introduced next fall. The plan will allow students to eat 14 meals at dining halls each week, and receive $200 in credits at the Huddle. Frecknelli predicted that future additions would enable students to use their credits at other restaurants on campus, such as Waddick's and Greenfields, and possibly even at concession stands in the Joyce Center and Stadium.

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and do they still exist?"

The major suggestion to improve faculty resources is reducing class sizes. Smaller classes are more desirable to students because they increase the amount of student-faculty interaction. The senate also wants the University to incorporate an additional 150 faculty members to its staff. This increase in the number of faculty would cause an increase in financial demands.

The Academic Affairs Committee estimated that nearly $200 million would be needed to complete the expansion. While Academic Affairs Committee Chair Greg Sterling said this figure may seem like "pie in the sky," expenditure are necessary to achieve those goals.

Faculty Senate Chairman Michiel Detlefsen also warned that money will be the University into the top ten and a 9:1 student/faculty ratio.

Notre Dame's urgency to make the ten also involves the hope that the University might be chosen. Arts and Letters is especially demanding of space for faculty and graduate students. Over the last 15 years the University has increased its enrollment from 5,000 to 6,870. It estimated that Arts and Letters meetings need an additional 96,000 square feet.

"Arts and Letters needs a building bigger than Planner to meet its needs," said Sterling. "This was a very realistic effort just at the time that we need it."

"I just got here last fall and only got to know Father Garrick over a short period of time," said Donald Crafon, chair of the communications and theater department. "But I consider him a friend and a good colleague. I have an affection and respect for him as a colleague and a teacher. It is certainly sad to see him go.

"Garrick's students seemed to echo this sentiment.

"I think we are all really pulling for him," said junior Jason Seewer, a business major who is in Garrick's class this semester. The speech that he gave in class (when he announced that he would resign) was amazing. He went into a lot of stuff that we didn't know about. It would be nice if the University could use its eyes as a result of this.

Last year, the Student Senate, Faculty Senate and Campus Life Council all asked the administration to consider including sexual orientation in the official non-discrimination clause.

In response last September, University President Father Edward Malloy presented the "Spirit of Inclusion," a University policy that named homosexual students and facult- y as welcome members of the Notre Dame community.

"We would have done without all the pretty language," Garrick reiterated. "They could have put 'sexual orientation according to the teachings of the Catholic Church,' and that would have solved any problems. But they didn't."

Father John Jenkins, the Superior of the local Holy Cross community, said that it was not certain when Garrick's resignation would happen. He was not coming further on the situation.

Provost Nathan Hatch said that he was not surprised to hear of Garrick's resignation but would not comment further on the review of the situation, and Malloy could not be reached for comment.

Garrick sounded hopeful when asked to the situation changed that he might return. "Father Malloy. "You never know where this story will end."

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Tuberculosis epidemic worsens

Associated Press

LONDON

A tuberculosis epidemic is out of control in many countries and, unless action is taken, nearly 1 billion more people will become infected and 70 million will die in the next two decades, the World Health Organization says.

"This year, more people will die of TB than in any other year in history."

World Health Organization

Since the 1940s, there have been drugs to treat tuberculosis. But WHO said poorly managed TB treatment programs are causing drug-resistant strains of tuberculosis to emerge, "which could render TB incurable."

Up to 50 million people may be infected with drug-resistant strains, WHO said. TB treatment costs around $2,000 per patient, but rises 100-fold to about $250,000 for patients with drug-resistant strains, WHO said.

Thursday, March 19, 1998

Amex, Nasdaq approve merger

Clinton and chief executive officer of the National Association of Securities (NASD) Frank Zarb (L), and chairman and chief executive officer of the American Stock Exchange (AMEX) Richard Syron (R), shake hands before a news conference to announce the merger of AMEX into the NASD family of companies.

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WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration told a dubious Congress Wednesday it had a legal right to keep thousands of American soldiers on peacekeeping duty in Bosnia without a pull-out deadline and asked for nearly $2.5 billion to upgrade the mission.

Washington Post

The USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service said it would move them into the 21st century and preserve Wall Street's capital.

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Hey Gang, It Isn’t Over Yet!
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

What isn’t over yet? You ask. Well, I’ll tell you: none of it! And this isn’t only for the Seniors; this is for each and all of you. None of it is over yet: the hope for a reasonably respectable semester academically; the possibility of actually making something of Lent in the three weeks we have left; the hope of meeting, in these remaining days of the semester, the person who might most significantly impact our lives on the longer term. Those are but three examples. The fact is that the remaining weeks of this semester, few though they may seem, offer us endless possibilities with regard to who we are and who we could become.

The great danger is that we have settled into a routine or a mindset which doesn’t make room for the possibility that God may have something to say to us in these seemingly waning days of the school year. We can’t seem to muster enough energy to imagine that these may be the days during which we could become more completely the people we most deeply want to be. Oh, it’s all about the self-help movement; it’s about satisfying friendships and love relationships; it’s about balance in our lives and finding peace at the center even when it seems that the world offers us everything but; it’s about becoming the people we’ve always said we wanted to be, trim and fit, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

It’s just that that self-help, that self-improvement project, isn’t often found in the places to which the world would direct us to find it, or sadly, in the places that we all too often seek it. It isn’t found in a weekly alcohol binge; it isn’t found in the “eat-all-you-want-and-still-lose-weight diet plan; it isn’t even found in that daily work-out routine that you’re so remarkably faithful to; it isn’t found in that job that you’ve always wanted, or in that professional school that’s finally going to give meaning to your life.

Let me put it to you simply: It is only found in God. Yes, it is that simple. It is only found in God. You may be in the best shape you’ve ever been, physically, and still not find peace at the center; you may have a great time partying with friends on the weekends and still there’s an emptiness; you may be headed toward that job or professional school that you thought you always wanted and still be wondering if you’re headed in the right direction. Listen gang, there’s only one “right direction.” It is only in relationship to God that we will ever find the peace that we seek. It is only found in God. It may come as a shock to you, especially if you haven’t attended to that relationship in a while, or ever. I suppose if you’re a self-described atheist then you have no worries; you can continue to pursue peace in all the ways that you have up to now. But if you’re not, if you’re like me, then we need to be about the business of seeking God in our lives. Because those of us who believe in God, believe that we are nothing without God, and that peace will never be ours except in God.

The real trick in life is to be fat, have no friends, and no job and still find peace and contentment. And believe me, there is only one way to do that and it is in God. Okay, so I’m kidding slightly, but I do think that there is great irony in the fact that when we put aside all that the world deems important, when we surrender all the things that are false props in our lives, like pride, control, alcohol, sex, or almighty independence, for a relationship with Jesus Christ, all that we think that there is great irony in the fact that when we put aside all that the world deems important, when we surrender all the things that are false props in our lives, like pride, control, alcohol, sex, or almighty independence, for a relationship with Jesus Christ, all that we will need will come to us. There will be a contentment in us that inevitably draws others to seek it for themselves. There will be a balance in our lives that doesn’t always seek immediate pleasures but long term joy. There will be in us a greater appreciation for the things that do matter, and the friendships and pursuits that do give us life.

So just how do we do that? How do we put God at the center of our lives? This University offers a multitude of ways that might aid you in the ultimate of self-help projects; but to be honest, it’s going to be different for every one of us. Some things will work for one person and not for another. Ultimately, I think we know what we need to do. Somewhere deep down inside of us, we know. Let the remaining weeks of Lent be the time that we pursue the Lord in earnest. Let this be the time when we at least pray, and reflect, and listen, to all the ways in which God might speak to us about the joy that we seek.
Wisconsin experiments with new welfare system

By ERICA THESING

The welfare system in the United States is changing rapidly, and states need to be responsible for monitoring the people affected by those changes, according to Professor Tom Corbett of the University of Wisconsin. Corbett has watched numerous changes in the welfare program of his home state of Wisconsin. He is especially concerned with the high numbers of Wisconsin. He is especially concerned with the high numbers of people who seem to disappear from the rolls of welfare agencies.

"Where have the people gone? I'm here to report that no one has the foggiest idea. My personal belief is that they've all been taken into outer space by aliens and will be the next episode of X-Files," he said with a smile.

Corbett feels that the states who are reforming their programs need to develop a system for tracking the former recipients who become ineligible for aid.

That's something I fail the state on -- for not setting up a monitoring system for not only people who have left the rolls, but also for those who don't come into the social services office anymore because they don't think they can get help there," he said.

Unlike others who point to high prices or increasing case loads as the impetus for reform, Corbett believes that the push for change stems from a public perception of a connection between welfare recipients and certain social behaviors. These include teen pregnancy, single parent families and child abuse.

"People realized that there were these fundamental flaws with the old system," Corbett said. "As people began making the connection between welfare and behavior, people began to have expectations for the [welfare] program.

Corbett recognizes that, despite the many conflicting theories on methods to reform welfare, there is agreement that change is necessary.

"We have a consensus on at least one issue: the old welfare system was flawed and deserved to be changed dramatically," he said.

In Wisconsin, that change meant creating a new program called Wisconsin Works, or W-2.

Corbett feels that the states are still far from perfect, but that "the process is still evolving and should be continuously studied.

"You have to remember that the key to a good relationship is communication, which is difficult to have..." he said.

"When you tell something personal about yourself to someone else and your relationship ends, they will always have a piece of you that you have given them," according to Vachon.

"Something to always remember is that the key to a good relationship is communication. The key to good communication is listening to the other person."
Court strikes down restrictive law

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

California's voter-approved law denying education, social services and some health benefits to illegal immigrants is completely unconstitutional, a federal judge said in a ruling made public Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Mariana Pfaelzer already had struck down most provisions of the measure in November. This week, she got rid of the rest of the law, which voters passed overwhelmingly in 1994 as Proposition 187.

The decision resulted from a consolidation of several lawsuits filed against the state over the initiative, which has not taken effect because of the court challenges.

Gov. Pete Wilson, a staunch supporter of Proposition 187, vowed an appeal of Pfaelzer's decision.

"Her analysis of the measure is fundamentally flawed," Wilson said in a statement. "This action will allow us to finally appeal her decision to the Ninth Circuit so that the will of the people can be upheld.

"The states have no power to legislate in this area," the judge reiterated in the decision issued late Tuesday. "We are pleased," said Tomas Saez, counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. "It vindicates the important constitutional principal that we cannot be one nation unless we have one immigration policy set by the federal government.

The American Civil Liberties Union branded the final decision "an overwhelming victory.

The ruling meant "teachers and doctors are not to become substitutes for immigration officers," said Mark Rosenbaum, legal director of the ACLU of Southern California. The proposition relied on public employees, including teachers, reporting undocumented immigrants to authorities.

Rosenbaum noted that no other states had followed California's lead, as often happens with initiatives from the state.

Wilson contended that recent federal welfare reform, which denies payments to illegal immigrants, actually empowers states to regulate public benefit issues. But the judge said the federal law ended any further debate about what the states could do.

El Niño season nears end; storms diminish

The Associated Press

MIAMI

El Niño-driven storms should start to dwindle in the next month, but will likely limit the number of powerful Atlantic hurricanes that menace the coast this year, a top government forecaster said Wednesday.

Forecaster Arl Levittma with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said it's likely that storms that have battered South Florida and other parts of the country will taper off in the next few weeks.

El Niño refers to warmer-than-normal water in the Pacific, a condition that disrupts weather worldwide.

Levittma said there are already some signs of cooling, but he said conditions won't be close to normal until the summer. He said Florida should get about two more weeks of El Niño rainsstorms.

"There is a light at the end of the tunnel," he said of the storms.

"We are forecasting conditions to start to return back to normal this summer," although the Pacific will still be slightly warm," he said. "There will be a mild El Niño out there.

He said the remnant of El Niño should still have an effect on the Atlantic hurricane season that starts June 1.

"Historically, when the Pacific is warm, the number of class three, four and five hurricanes will be less," Levittma said of the most powerful storms. "So one might anticipate this coming year will have somewhat fewer storms. But that does not preclude the possibility of one big storm coming into the Southeast.

Liftoff preparations damage space shuttle

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

Space shuttle Columbia was banged and part of its outer thermal layer damaged during routine preparations for a launch next month, NASA said Wednesday.

The mishap occurred in the Vehicle Assembly Building late Wednesday. Technicians had just hoisted Columbia into a vertical position and attached its two booster rockets and an external fuel tank. As the powerful lifting sling was removed, it struck near the lower left belly of Columbia, said NASA spokesman Joel Wells.

Part of a protective thermal blanket was ruined and had to be replaced, Wells said. Engineers found no evidence of structural damage underneath, and there also was no damage to the thermal tiles, he added.

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The Trials of a Lenten Sacrifice

Mary Beth Ellis

Most of my female friends are within the same ability and knowledge range. “But I suck at basketball,” they’d say when I’d ask them to play.

As do I. As the bulk of teams who enter Buckstock, which of course is the beauty of it. Everybody sucks! Everybody plays! It’s America at its best! You’re practically not allowed in the tournament unless you have at least one 4’9” kid whose shooting style consists of holding the ball at knee level and chucking the ball in the direction of an evervarying 747.

Anyway, a teammate and I decided to practice, so we gathered with a few of our male friends who suck less than we do. This was a highly valuable practice session during which all the men used our great deal in honing our basketball skills by conducting the game as follows: 1. One of the men makes a basket. 2. A male member of the opposing team buries the ball down the length of the court to one of his male teammates. 3. The rest of the men standmple after the ball and congregate around the basket in order to show each other around.

4. Rebut.

My friend and I weren’t terribly tired even after two full hours of being bossed about down the length of the court because we touched the ball a combined total of maybe once. Not that I can blame the men in my class, for my entire offensive strategy consists of climbing the ball while screaming, “WHAT DO I DO NOW?!” before flinging at the general vicinity of a teammate. As opposed to my defensive strategy, which consists of running after whomever has the ball while yelling “Gimme!” A typical play sounded like this:

ME: “I’M OPEN! I’M OPEN! I’M OPEN!” BUCK STOCK: “NO ONE NEAR ME! BACK—I’M—MALE MEMBER OF MY TEAM. CHOOSES TO PASS TO ANOTHER PLAYER CURRENTLY GUARDED BY FOUR GUARDS.” ME: “You person having sexual intercourse with a female partner. It was frustrating as, well create marketable skills and have you the chance of getting a position for a future MFA’s simply aren’t blessed with great game. We get to craft marketable skills instead. Yeah, the other team might have gone and being powerful and amazing, but can they analyze the dominant themes of class/gender dichotomies in American Copperfield?”

Huh? Can they? The little-bit regional orifices.

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The views expressed in the column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Cheer Fencers On To A National Championship

Do you want to win a National Championship? It’s been a while since Notre Dame brought home a National Championship, but we could win one this weekend.

From Thursday through Sunday Notre Dame hosts the NCAA Fencing Tournament, and our very own fencing team is battling for the championship right now. Consistently ranked in the top three year after year, the fencers enter the tournament ranked third in the nation. Yes, the rankings place them behind perennial national power Penn State, which is all the more reason to make the most of our home turf advantage.

We have ten of the best fencers in the country representing Notre Dame this weekend, including several All-Americans and a defending National Champion. The fencers have an impressive 22-1 record for this season, but there is one thing left to do.

There is a National Championship Trophy to be won, but not without your support. Odds are that the Penn State fans will travel all the way here, but all we have to do is cross the street. From approximately 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday our strongest fencers will embark on a quest for the title. It’s a short walk over to Mary’s, and it’s free.

Surely you can spare a few hours to cheer the fencers on to their best and to show the spirit that makes Notre Dame famous. Be a part of the National Championship and cheer the Irish to victory!

Theresa Urbanic
Brady Phillips
March 17, 1998

Jeremy Lingeman
Senior, Monastery Manor
March 18, 1998

Boxing With The Tiger

A time when there is so much negativity, greed, and ego involved in sports, it is amazing to me that someone would make the time to write about something so removed from what all sports should aspire to. The only explanations I can think of are jealousy, ignorance, and hypocrisy. Mr. Kessler, do you have an understanding of the origin and evolution of the Bengal Bouts, but I wonder — have you ever stepped foot in the boxing ring? There are so many inaccuracies in Mr. Frick’s short piece that it is hard to know where to start. Since it titles your article, let’s start with the jackets. Yes, the winner of the buckle-up gear gets the buckle, but it’s the boxes — not the team or the University — pays for T-shirts, shorts, hand-raps, mouth pieces, shoes, and bandages at an above-average cost. It’s hard to know where to start when you then proceed to rule out the only method in which the soon to be delivered varsity-style warm-up jackets were purchased at an expense of $75 to each boxer. Should the champions not even be allowed one trophy free-of-charge in recognition of all their hard work and accomplishment. The factorial jacket is the only tangible thing any boxer has the opportunity to receive without payment, yet that is what you chose to focus your article on.

You claim to be tired of reading about the boxers acting as if they are doing some great charitable thing, for starters, saving lives and funding the construction of school and medical buildings are great charitable things, and who are you to condemn people for feeling good about doing something truly worth being proud of. Last year we raised $24,000, and this year is expected to net in excess of $35,000. Every boxer must raise at least $100 even to have the right to purchase gear. Every practice involves a discussion about what things are to be done in order to raise the desired amount of money for Bangladesh. In reality Mr. Kessler, $35,000 is not a large sum. Just ask the University while we have been beating each other up and hitting on women. In the weeks leading up to the Bouts, when training time is at a premium, the boxers are asked to raise money for the next bout. Those of us who box are for the most part, athletic, emotionally resilient people. That is what we do, and we do it for the love of the sport, not the fame and glory. I don’t think it’s fair for you to make light of our efforts and to say that we don’t warrant us holding a bake sale or putting on a play, and neither of those could consistently raise the kind of money we do, while at the same time teaching that the Bengal Bouts are being done about sacrifice, hard work, disappointment, discipline and facing your fears. That is the University and that is how they fairly-laid back guys outside the ring, and in reality the team is a lot more about compassion than it is about aggression. Ask any novice boxer if it’s a natural feeling to step in the ring and let the wear-out really beat him up in the ring. It never happens. The championship is for the boxers who earned it. The ones that showed the most amount of another boxer’s comparative weakness. As for glory, yes, it is involved in the Bouts. But what sporting event isn’t motivated by some degree. Boxers experience elation and pride at the moment of winning, but most experience at least twice as much disappointment and frustration in the process. Just ask me, a boxing team, Ryan Rans, who ruptured his spleen freshman year and recently broke both his hands leaving him with casts for the rest of his senior year and possible permanent damage. Ask yourself Mr. Kessler, how many of the 15 varsity basketball players can you name? What’s the name of any player that hasn’t had an injury? Fame and glory indeed! I won’t even dignify the comment about picking up women with a response, but I will say that due to our time commitments, more girlfriends are lost during the season than gained. I can count on one hand the number of times I left my apartment socially this semester leading up to the Bouts.

As for your analysis of Mr. Frick’s article it’s worth noting that you again focus on the one small thing you could twist around. Unlike you, Mr. Kessler, I do not purport to know what Mr. Frick really thinks about while boxing. I will say that anyone who has been in the ring would tell you that the extreme struggle of a boxing match, inspiration is drawn from many different things. I myself have the initials of closest friends or close friends over my heart to remind me of the support I have back home. In the nervous moments leading up to a bout, I calm myself down and keep things in perspective by thinking about all that I have already accomplished by raising money and getting into great shape. In any case, weeping generalizations like the ones you make about what all fighters think about in the ring, or that the entire team is a bunch of liars are never accurate.

I think the basic misunderstanding you are communicating in your article is that the boxers claim to be motivated solely by raising money for Bangladesh. That is not the case. We are motivated by a desire to get in the best shape of our lives, learn how to box, compete at a high level, and be part of a group of guys who work together — among other reasons. What we do claim, Mr. Kessler, is that regardless of what draws each individual to the ring, raising money for the mission is the most important aspect of the Bengal Bouts and the driving force of our actions once we join the team. Not only do we temporize to be fighters, but I and all those involved (including the women managers and boxers) are proud to be part of such a noble organization. I simply refuse to let a negative, ignorant opinion prevent me from speaking of something that means so much to me go unanswered. In the end, your article is much more about what I feel about you than Mr. Kessler about it is about what the Bengal Bouts stand for.

You claimed the Bengal Bouts are inspired by aggression and greed. I am based on your assumption that they are the same. If you go through the Bengal Bouts and you don’t have the first clue what the Bengal Bouts are all about.

Kevin Murphy
Senior, Monastery Manor
March 18, 1998
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Indians lose to Tampa Bay after Ramirez incident

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Weekend tourney pits netters against top ranks

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

The Notre Dame's men's tennis team, recently bumped up to No. 21 ranking by the ITA, is craving a hectic weekend. The first round of the four-day Blue Gray National Classic in Montgomery, Alabama will begin today for the Irish against No. 25 Tulane.

If the Irish are successful against the Green Wave, they will most likely go on to compete against other high level teams in attendance. Depending on their performance, Notre Dame may get to prove themselves against Harvard, Virginia Commonwealth, or No. 2 Illinois.

On a six game winning stam-pede, two of which were 7-0 sweeps, the Irish are not about to stroll this weekend. "It's going to be a great competition," said junior Brian Patterson, playing No. 3 singles and No. 1 doubles. "We're really pumped for the weekend."

The biggest threat of deflation may come with Tulane's Robert Samuelsson. Ryan Sachire, now 9-2 at No. 1 singles and 22nd in the nation, will have his hands full as he takes on the Swedish sensation. Samuelsson boasts a ranking of second in the nation for singles and 21st in doubles.

Patterson and Jakub Pietrowski, slipping two slots in the polls to No. 7, will face the international pair of Samuelsson and his Netherlands partner, freshman Ronald Kloppert.

The Irish duo lately have gained the momentum to down the Green Wave combo, by winning five consecutive pairs matches.

Notre Dame, 9-2 on the season, will also need to rely on the dependable play of Danny Rothschild. The senior captain at No. 4 has proven a sure bet, remaining undefeated on the season at 11-0.

The tournament has become a highlight for the Irish in their five years of participation, which is reasonable considering their success rate. Last year, the netters won three out of four matches and finished second in the event. They defeated Alabama-Birmingham, VCU, and Illinois before losing to South Alabama on the final day of competition.

The Irish squad is confident that they again deserve to occupy the courts with the best teams in the nation. "I always think we're going to win," Patterson said.
LaValle

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LaValle and his two younger brothers joined a general sports program of Olympic events. He immediately took to the fencing unit, and began taking lessons in the sport. The club recruited a premier Russian coach, Igor Pleskun, to lead the advanced students in the local tournaments, but he also worked with the beginners of the club, which included LaValle. “I dedicated myself to fencing because I knew it would be easy to excel if I remained focused. Being coached by such a top coach also helped,” LaValle commented.

It wasn’t long before LaValle represented the New York Athletic Club in local tournaments. His mastery of the saber weapon soon led him to compete in Junior Olympic qualifiers for the NYAC, where the team has consistently been dominant in New York. His achievements also led him to Vassil Efropoulos, a Bulgarian who won the 1965 world champion in saber, to train with. Fencing still in the NYAC, LaValle became nationally recognized after he became the Midwest Division II National Champion. A year later, he stepped up to become the Olympic Champion, and competed in the U.S. Olympic festival.

“That year, I was recognized by Sports Illustrated for my fencing in its Foires in the Crowd feature. It was surprising to know that I was fencing well enough to be nationally known,” stated LaValle.

This recognition led Notre Dame to LaValle, where he has continued to fence, this time on the collegiate level. “It was a difficult transition to make in fencing for Notre Dame. Most of the tournaments are team-oriented, but the goal must be the same — to focus on the opponent on the strip. No matter what, it was all about one step at a time,” said LaValle.

The same attitude has bred the same results for the sabre-squad captain. He has forced his way to being named a two-time All-American and one of the top fencers on the collegiate level. His recent three-peat as the Midwest Regional Champion has given LaValle a third trip to the NCAA Championships.

Just as important for the Irish is his leadership role. As the captain of the squad, LaValle has helped freshman Andrej Bednarski make a successful transition to the collegiate level. “Just like myself, the main goal for Bednarski is to remain focused on fencing each match, and not worrying about the tournament as a whole,” said LaValle.

The results have been the same for Bednarski, as he will fence alongside LaValle this weekend in the NCAA Championships. He will begin competition on Friday with the same outlook that has got him this far. “I’m going into [the Championships] worrying about it one step at a time, one duel at a time,” stated LaValle.

LaValle still has a number of duels to dominate in for the Irish before that. LaValle’s current focus is this weekend’s NCAA Championships. He will begin competition on Friday with the same outcome that has got him this far. “I’m going into [the Championships] worrying about it one step at a time, one duel at a time,” stated LaValle.

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Murray. Marshall registered 7 saves and Murray picked up 5.

"We didn't capitalize as much as we wanted to," Callahan
said.

While the score at halftime remained somewhat close at
3-2, that is as close as Notre Dame would come.

As far as scoring goes, the second half proved disastrous
for the Irish. For seventeen minutes the team was held
scoreless and Notre Dame watched as the score went to
11-2.

"We played a good game and we played hard," junior
Stephanie Fox said. "We kept with the pace. They were a
challenge for us. The score really did not represent how
we played."

Notre Dame spent the majority of the second half in
Colgate's end of the field but some bright spots came in
the second half, especially from the play of Callahan and
Calabrese.

Calabrese initiated an offensive opportunity for the Irish
with a quick check and Callahan collected the loose
ball. Callahan patiently waited for an opening and found a
cutting Doyle who drilled a shot into the net. Doyle's goal
came too late in the contest, as the Irish found themselves
down 11-3.

"I worked hard on defense," one of the team's leading
scorers last season, junior Stephanie Fox
hopes to assist the Irish upfield this Sunday
against Vanderbilt.

Calabrese said. "I created some turnovers with good
checks but I still have lots to
improve on."

With the win, the Red Raiders improve to 5-1 on the
season. Notre Dame's record
goes to 3-1. The Irish have
some time to recuperate, their
next game coming on Sunday
against Vanderbilt. Notre
Dame hungers for revenge
after losing to Vanderbilt last

\section{MEN'S GOLF}

Transfer golfer
not new to links

By GENE BRETLIK
Sports Writer

barely does a transfer stu
dent-athlete come in a new
school and perform to par
as Notre Dame junior golfer
Willie Kent has.

Kent, a native of Paraguay,
transferred to Notre Dame
this semester from St. Louis
University where he was a
member of its golf team.

Kent in his first tournament for
the Fighting Irish carded a
72, the lowest round ever for
a newcomer in his first
tournament.

Kent's finish coupled with the
scores of sophomores Todd
Vernon (221), Jeff Connell
(228), and Brad Hardin (228)
helped the Irish finish in fifth
place at the Golden Gals
Invitational one spot higher
than last year's performance.

The team improved with
each day carding
scores of 307, 294, and 291
for a total of 892, ten strokes
improved to 75.94, Connell
now stands at 300.63, which
would qualify for third best in
the school and all my team-
mates are very supportive and
are helping me adjust," he
said.

He also has an optimistic
view concerning the future of
the team. "I am looking for-
ward to playing in the upcom-
ing tournaments, and possibly
we can win some of them and
make it to the tournament real
soon."

Over the next two months we
will know if Kent's optimism is
correct as the team looks to
play in three tournaments
all involving many of their key
district rivals.

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Freshman Shay takes the long-distance in Morocco

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Freshman Ryan Shay's talent and strong dedication to running has kept him from missing a beat in the transition to collegiate cross-country and track. His efforts will pay off this Sunday as he represents the United States in the World Junior Men's Cross-Country Championships in Marrakesh, Morocco.

Shay will be one of six men running for the U.S. in the race. He qualified for the team by finishing fourth at the U.S. Junior National Cross Country Championships in Portland, Ore., in December. About 300 runners from around the world will compete in the 8,000-meter event, with the top five finishers from each country counting towards team scoring. Along with the Junior Men's Championships, the Junior Women's, Senior Men's, and Senior Women's Cross Country Championships will be held Sunday.

"I kind of expected to make the team, but once I crossed the finish line and knew that I made it, I was pretty excited," said Shay. "It was helping one of my teammates make it, too, though." Shay adds that his hard work and determination is paying off. "I've become a quiet leader. The kids recognize his dedication and focus, Shay may be to the Olympics someday, and maybe to make a profession out of it." If his past achievements are any indication, with continued dedication and focus, Shay may someday be found on the victory stand at the Olympics.

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**Women's Golf**

**King swings top games at Snowbird Classic**

By GENE BRTALIK
Sports Writer

Last weekend at the Snowbird Intercollegiate Classic Katie King continued to rewrite the Notre Dame golf record books.

King's 72 give her the three top rounds in Notre Dame history, and her combined score of 150 for the tournament is second only to the 149 that she carded at the recent Midwest Classic.

Her season stroke average of 79.94 is set to best her own Notre Dame record of 80.17. King's current career average of 81.68 is two strokes ahead of Kelly Phares' record holding career average.

King struggled through the early part of this year but since then she has rolled through competitions.

"We [Katie and I] realized that her grip was too tight and that she was shanking and hooking shots," coach Ross Smith said. "We worked on the grip and adjusted it so that she could play her best."

The Irish now play in three very important tournaments in the upcoming weeks.

They are currently ranked 11th in the district and strong performances in the upcoming contests could vault them up to either third or fourth and possibly a trip to the NCAA tournament.

By adjusting to the conditions the team cut 13 strokes off of its previous round, and it helped the move into eighth place ahead of James Madison and one stroke behind Rollins College.

King's 72 help her achieve a fourth place finish two strokes behind leader and eventual winner winds. These factors resulted in the team shoot-helper helped her achieve a fourth place finish two strokes behind leader and eventual winner.

**Fencers**

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that the Irish are expecting.

Once again, the Irish focus is not on defeat, but rather a winning mentality. "If we worry about those big bouts that we might lose, we'll lose the lower bouts that we must win," said Walsh.

Key for the Irish's hope lies in their women's epee. In order to upstage the Nittany Lions, the squad will look for sophomore Magda Krol to repeat as the epee champion.

She will fence alongside junior Nicole Mustilli, who will fence in the championships for the first time. Coming off a respective first and second-place finish at the Midwest championships, Krol and Mustilli hope to carry that momentum into this weekend.

On the men's side of the epee event, the senior tandem of Carl Jackson and captain Brian Stoner will dual for the Irish. Both fenced last year, with Jackson placing 19th and Stoner 13th. Stoner also goes into this weekend with the 1998 Midwest Championship under his belt.

"We are looking to bring our intensity up," said senior John Tejada, who rounds out the ten fencers and will compete in foil. "As a senior, this is my last shot, and I'm sure that no other fencer wants it more than I do."

"This is why I came to Notre Dame to represent us in the championships. Now is the time to do it," Tejada said.

Notre Dame's first ever fencing NCAA Championship came in 1977 when the Irish defeated NYU, a loss at home. The Irish hope that with the mental edge and the home field advantage, they will be the time to do it again.

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**IRISH ICE CCHA ALL-AMERICAN AND ALL-ROOKIE HONORS**

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ANN ARBOR, Mich.

Seven Notre Dame hockey players have combined for 10 postseason Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) honors this season, led by freshman defenseman Mark Eaton and senior center Steve Noble.

Eaton was named to the six-player CCHA All-Academic team and is considered a leading candidate for CCHA rookie of the year, to be announced at the CCHA banquet on March 19. Eaton also was one of four Irish players to receive votes for the All-CCHA team, joining Ohio State goaltender Jeff Mazurkiewicz and Michigan defenders Mike Van Ryn and senior center Ben Simon (Shaker Heights, Ohio). The Irish players receiving seventh-most ever by an Irish defender and most since 1966. He helped the Irish set school records for team goals against average (2.74) and save percentage (.899) while playing a key role in the best Irish season penalty-killing (1.843) since 1975.

Eaton and senior center Steve Noble received all-CCHA votes. Michigan defenseman Mike Van Ryn received votes for the All-CCHA team, tied with Lake Superior's Gary Irish ice CCHA All-American and All-Rookie honors.

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CCHA All-Academic honorable mention were Dhadphale, senior center Lyle Andrusiak, and junior goaltender Forrest Karr. Cotnoir received All-Academic special mention.

Eaton's 29 points tied with Cotnoir for third among all CCHA defensemen, behind Miami senior Dan Boyle (14G-26A) and Ferris State senior Brett Colborne (7G-30A). Eaton tied for fourth on the Irish scoring list, highlighted by a team-best 18 points on the road—including a pair of first goals in last week's playoff series at Michigan. He ranked second on the team in plus-minus (+13) and power-play goals (7) while totaling just 16 penalties in 41 games. Eaton's 12 goals are the team lead in shorthanded goals (4) and second in plus-minus (+13) and power-play goals (7) while totaling just 16 penalties in 41 games. Eaton's 12 goals are the

**Central Collegiate Hockey Association Awards**

**CCHA ALL-ROOKIE TEAM:**
- Mark Eaton

**CCHA ALL-AMERICAN:**
- Steve Noble

**HONORABLE MENTION:**
- Lyle Andrusiak
- Aniket Dhadphale
- Forrest Karr

**SPECIAL MENTION:**
- Benoit Cotnoir

Noble has nabbed 31 A's, three A-'s and one B+ in his first seven semesters as a finance major, including a 3.58 in the 1997 fall semester. His 24 points (8G-16A) ranked eighth on the 1997-98 Irish squad, highlighted by a pair of game-winning goals and a four-point game versus Ferris State. Karr carries a 3.77 cumulative GPA as an accounting and computer applications major, including a 3.92 in the 1997 fall semester. He went 6-3-1 this season while ranking eighth in the CCHA with a 2.68 goals-against average plus an .875 save percentage. Cotnoir carries a 3.15 cumulative GPA as an economics major, including a 3.07 in the 1997 fall semester. He is tied with Eaton as the third-leading scorer among CCHA defensemen, with 29 points (10G-19A) while his 19 power-play points (4G-15A) ranked third among all CCHA players, behind forwards Mark Hutchins of Michigan (27) and Sean Berens of MSU (23).

To be eligible for CCHA All-Academic Team consideration, a player must be at least a sophomore and have a 3.00 GPA on a 4.0 scale. The all-academic team is selected by the faculty athletic representatives of the 11 member institutions, considering both academic and athletic achievement. The players receiving the top six vote totals are honored as first-team members, with all others receiving votes earning honorable mention recognition. Anyone nominated receives special mention honors.

**KELLOGG INSTITUTE**

**TODAY, March 19**

Annual Distinguished Lecture on Democracy and Development

James C. Scott, Yale University

"Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed"

4:15 p.m.

Hesburgh Center Auditorium

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**Christmas in April**

**Benefit Run**

5K & 10K Runs
Plus 2 Mile Walk
Saturday, March 28, 11:00 AM
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Register in Advance at KeepSports
$6.00 in Advance or $7.00 Day of Race
Student and Staff Divisions
All Proceeds to Benefit Christmas in April
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**“America’s Greatest Appalachian Artist”**

Tom J. Whitaker
Sat. March 21st
CSC Multi-Purpose Room
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Tom Whitaker will be sharing his entertaining musical talents, including guitar and mandolin, through his original composition. This afternoon will be a great opportunity for students to experience the culture of Appalachia.
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EUGENIA LAST

Thursday, March 19, 1998

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MEN ABOUT CAMPUS

DAN SULLIVAN

THERE is a change of priest during Mass this morning. The Rev. Daniel Carroll is said to be the new pastor of Notre Dame's church. He replaces Father Kieran McTigue, who has been transferred to another parish. Father Carroll is known for his energetic preaching style and his ability to connect with young people. He is expected to bring fresh perspectives and energy to the church community.

AQUARIUS: The early-morning aspects reinforce spiritual ideas and aims. Guard against pesty accidents in the home and around the grounds during the later afternoon.

PISCES: Sensual patterns during the morning can make for uncertainty regarding children, pets, neighbors, and in-laws.

ARIES: Painstaking efforts and attention to minor details will get you through a tryking morning. Your health is well aspected during the afternoon.

Taurus: Planetary vibrations uphold health gains as well as support preventive-medicine routines during the entire day. There is good potential for early-morning and late-evening travel.

GEMINI: Today you're in the driver's seat where travel, health, shopping, and social matters are concerned. You can write your own ticket and carry loved ones along with your enthusiasm.

CANCER: Ideal aspects govern health, travel, and keeping on the go in your own community. A good sense of personal freedom is evident.

LEO: The accent is on tasks that tend to increase your status and prestige. Distractions are pleasant.

VIRGO: More promising aspects are evident today, with good stimulation of employment matters, business transactions, budgets, interviews, and cooperation.

LIBRA: Consider agreements reached today as possibly being only temporary. There can be delays in long-distance travel. Employment matters improve during the morning.

SCORPIO: The aspects today are favorable for business or financial matters this month. Travel plans and expenditures should be controlled and not permitted to fester during the evening.

THAT WOULD BE FIFTY HOURS A DAY. SO WE'RE RECALCULATING FOR 'ADEQUATE' RESULTS. THAT WOULD BE FORTY HOURS PER DAY.

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JOBS SEARCH ORIENTATION FOR JUNIORS: This presentation is designed to give juniors an overview of the types of activities involved in preparing for the job search in their senior years as well as how Career and Placement Services can assist in the process.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: Presented by Paul Reynolds, Associate Director, Career and Placement Services. Thursday, March 19, 1998 in room 133, Dillartum Hall from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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**SPORTS**

**FENCING**

**Fencers duel for the NCAA Championship**

**Junior captain Luke LaValle leads Irish, one step at a time**  
*By ANTHONY BIANCO*  
*Sports Writer*

The sport of fencing is much like a chess match. The opponent battles each other in a mental game that seeks to put themselves on top with each move. The serious competitor knows the goal of this game is to duel your opponent to the death.

If fencing is a chess match, then junior sabre squad captain Luke LaValle has constantly checkmated his opponents. When he steps onto the strip, he dominates.

"But on the strip, everyone's an enemy. It's a mental chess game. I take one touch at a time to defeat my opponent," said LaValle.

A two-time All-American, he also finished fifth as a sophomore in the NCAA Championship and fourth place as a freshman. He is a three-time defending Midwest Regional Champion and holds a 138-14 collegiate fencing record. He has the 1995 Junior Olympic under-17 national champion and a 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival fencer. With a list of accomplishments that contains these marks, it is easy to see why LaValle is the king of the strip.

LaValle first picked up the sword ten years ago in his hometown of New York. His father, a member of the New York Athletic Club, enrolled Luke in the club's fencing program when he was nine years old. He progressed so fast that when he was 13, he was paired with his father to fence in the United States Olympic Festival. He had already won a number of local and state championships.

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**Lax takes first loss of season**

**By KATHLEEN LOPEZ**  
*Sports Editor*

"We played really well," Calabrese said. "We worked hard, but they were a good team. Even though we lost I thought we were very successful."

The Irish look to continue building on the team's successes by focusing on each bout this weekend. The Irish begin championship tourney at home today.

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The edge the Irish fencers bring with them this weekend to the NCAA Championship isn't only on their swords. The team knows that in order to unseat three-time returning champion Penn State, they must have the mental advantage on their side of the strip.

"Last year, we lost mentally to Penn State. We know we could have won, we had the depth and the physical dominance to do it," commented foil captain and NCAA Champion contender Stephanie Auriel. Auriel qualified for the tournament after winning the Midwest Championship in men's foil, and hopes to improve on last year's 16th place finish in the tournament.

The advantage the Irish have been working on gaining isn't with the weapon, but in their mindset. The key to winning the tournament is breaking it down, match by match.

Two-time runner up in the NCAA Tournament in the women's foil, Sara Walsh explained the strategy of the team going into the competition.

"We're trying to be relaxed and calm," she said. "We need to focus, going point by point and concentrating on each bout. But mentally will give us the win."

The women's foil squad will also send captain Myriah Brown to compete. Finishing fifth in last season's tournament, the pair with try to unseat reigning champion Yelena Kalkina of Ohio State. The Irish have the advantage in numbers going into the tournament.

Notre Dame was only one of three teams to qualify 10 fencers for the championships, with a school qualifying no more than two fencers in each of the five events. The other two schools to send 10 fencers are Penn State and St. John's, who finished first and third, respectively, last year around the second-place Irish.

Much of the competition that held Notre Dame from winning the tournament last year remains, and is only coupled with a new crop of freshmen.