Cracking into the computer boys’ club

Women entering computer science careers in growing numbers

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

When senior Faye Lenahan walked into Technology Service Group, she was one of nine candidates applying for a computer programming position at the consulting firm. Lenahan is one of 14 computer science minors at Saint Mary’s this year who are looking at entering a field that has been traditionally dominated by men. Saint Mary’s women have found a competitive edge in the field, however, according to associate professor of mathematics Mary Connolly. “We have been very successful placing women in this field,” she said.

According to a recent study by MIT, men typically outnumber women in the computer science field even though the women are equally qualified. Which is exactly what Lenahan found out in her job search. “I found a lot of things differently about men,” Lenahan said. “Generally, they have better interpersonal skills, which is something that employers look for.”

Lenahan recently signed with Technology Service Group for a following her graduation. Edging competitors for the job - most of them male - is something that she attributes to her undergraduate education at Saint Mary’s. “Studying computer science at Saint Mary’s has definitely been an advantage,” she said. “Studying with women, we didn’t notice that there are fewer women in the field. It’s not glaring at you in the face. It wasn’t something that we had to worry about.”

Studies completed by MIT and the Association for Computing Machinery revealed that out of all undergraduate computer science degrees awarded nationally, only one-third are earned by women. That number is lower for women who pursue the field in graduate school, and even lower for those continuing on to receive doctoral degrees.

Connolly said that the all-women environment at Saint Mary’s reduces or eliminates many of the factors that contribute to keeping women out of the computer science field. “[Gender] problems simply don’t exist here,” Connolly said. “Male dominance in the classroom isn’t a problem. Women don’t have to fight men in the

ICTC offering mixes teaching, volunteerism

By MAGGY TINUCCI

When considering options for life after Notre Dame, service often emerges as a plausible choice, and the Inner-City Teaching Corps (ICTC) provides graduates with the opportunity to work towards earning certifications or degrees in Education by dedicating two years of service towards educating underprivileged children. Similar to the ACE program, the Inner-City Teaching Corps is a service program that places recent college graduates in positions as full-time classroom teachers in the inner-city parochial schools of Chicago.

“We look for those graduates who demonstrate a commitment to service and the values of service,” said Greg Mooney of ICTC. “Our teachers are people who want to reflect upon that service and place it in the broader context of their lives.”

Pat Ryan, a graduate of Georgetown University, established ICTC seven years ago in response to a need for service-based teaching in Chicago. He began teaching in the urban-most areas of the Windy City and called some of these graduates to desire to do the same, but did not know how to go about it. He subsequently established the ICTC, which would enable graduates to provide some valuable service to those who needed it the most - underprivileged children.

“We focus on Chicago because there is a tremendous need specifically here. In concentrated urban areas, we are able to see TEACHING / page 4

Student Business Board, which runs Adworks, N D Video and Irish Gardens.

The Shirt made a profit of $207,900.47 in 1998, according to lauded head of Student Union treasurer, Brian Sweet. That amount exceeds the $200,000 goal for the project, and provides $107,900 will be donated to $100,000 in funds for the Student Union. The remaining $107,900 will be donated to charitable organizations.

The Student Business Board saw $10,235.65 in profits from July through October, according to assistant student union treasurer Brian Sweet. That amount was quadrupled from the profit of $2,592.32 for the period. Most of the increase came from Irish Gardens, which, in October, saw a more than $9000 increase in performance over last October. Sweet attrib-

Student Senate learns moribund finances improving

By TIM LOGAN

The Student Senate received an update on Student Union finances through the first third of the fiscal year from treasurer T J Wolfe on Wednesday. The Union, which is still recovering from last year’s $66,000 deficit, is in good shape financially this term, according to Wolfe. Many of the organizations within the Student Union, including the Office of the President and Student Union Board, are working with reduced funds in an effort to pay off last year’s debts. “We’re pleased with what’s going on,” Wolfe said, noting that the major offices are thus far on track to stay within budget. “There’s been a lot of improvement over last year.”

There are several organizations that are over budget for this time in the year, currently at the one-third point. SUB spent more than half its allotted concerts budget, an amount expected to increase when bills for last month’s Third Eye Blind show come in. The class of 2001 also spent more than half of its budget in the first four months of the fiscal year, which ran from July 1 to Oct. 31.

Wolfe, however, expected these numbers to even out as the fiscal year progresses, noting that costs for many of these groups are higher when school is in session. He also pointed out that some organizations, such as Off-Campus Council and four groups within the Office of the President, spent none of their allotted funds in the first third of the year.

Ultimately, the treasurer was optimistic about the state of Student Union finances. “If we can stick with this … we can come out where we want to

Senator on the improving status of The Observer.

The Senate also received an update on the financial performance of The Shirt and the

The Chicago Cubs re-signed free agent left fielder Henry Rodriguez.
The Great Swear

NYE HAVEN, Conn. — It's time to light a cigar and celebrate. Two weeks after 46 states dropped their lawsuits against the tobacco industry in exchange for fat settlements, tobacco stocks are soaring to their highest prices in years. And good news for Big Tobacco means more money for Yale. Yale's tobacco investments totaled $16.9 billion in June 1997, the last time the University announced its holdings. Heavy investment in Philip Morris made the tobacco company one of the 20 largest holdings in Yale's domestic equity portfolio.

Despite the ethical objections of members of the Yale community, last spring the Yale Corporation dropped its policy of divesting its tobacco holdings. And the recent deal should make Yale's tobacco addiction even more irresistible.

While the states' attorneys general claim victory for negotiating the $206 billion settlement the largest in U.S. history, market analysts agree that the real winners in the settlement are the tobacco companies and their stockholders.

"Clearly there is a realization that the overwhelming risk has been removed," said David Adelman, a Morgan Stanley tobacco analyst.

Until recently, political and legal tobacco uncertainties darkened the industry's fiscal future. Then, this summer, the national tobacco bill fell apart in Congress, and a federal appeals court denied the Food and Drug Administration the right to regulate tobacco as an addictive product.

The political threat vanished in a puff of smoke. The recent settlement eliminated the bulk of the industry's legal risk. In exchange for the $206 billion payoff to the states and a promise to curb advertising, tobacco companies snuffed out a legal liability that had threatened to bankrupt the industry.

"I don't think we need to look at the two green slots on the roulette wheel," said Edward C. Gabriel, a former political analyst who studies the tobacco industry for Prudential Securities. The advertising curb further stacks the chips in favor of big tobacco companies like Philip Morris, which dominates 50 percent of the industry's market share.

Yale's tobacco stock shoots up as a result of settlement

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LeMans Hall Spirit Week readies students for Christmas

By SARAH MAGNESS
News Writer

Holiday scents of pine trees and cookies permeate LeMans Hall not just as preparation for Christmas, but also as part of the celebration of Le Mans Hall Spirit Week. “We are trying to bring residents together to create unity and excitement before our dance,” said Le Mans Hall Council president Johanna Tario. All dorms at Saint Mary’s have a spirit week, which coincides with their hall dances, except for Regina Hall, which will have its spirit week second semester because of a delayed fall election.

Committees within the LeMans Hall Council have been meeting for several weeks to plan the week-long event, according to hall director Jill Aitchison. The group hopes to bring the hall residents together as a community and to give students a good opportunity for a break from studying in part by sponsoring activities every day this week in the Le Mans Hall lobby.


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LeMANS HALL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Tree decorating on Thursday will highlight the week’s mood. “This is the first tree in Le Mans that the residents have put up. There has been a tree put up every year by the administration, but this is the residents’ tree,” said Amy Johns, a member of the spirit week committee.

Tario expects a good turnout for this function and notes there has been good attendance in the past. “Unfortunately, this week is a bad week for people because of finals coming up, but we want the residents to know we have planned fun activities,” she added.

Mask decorating took place Wednesday afternoon in preparation for Friday’s Masquerade dance. Tickets remain on sale until Thursday.

When you turn in your coat or jacket October 26, 1998 through December 4, 1998 at the Center for Social Concerns, the Hammes Bookstore and other prominently displayed locations around campus, Project WARMTH® and the University of Notre Dame will donate a coat to someone who can really use it this winter. In return, you will receive a certificate good for 25% off a new GEAR for Students® jacket at the Hammes Bookstore.

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MARCH FOR LIFE

Each January 22nd and 23rd, Notre Dame Right to Life sponsors a trip to Washington DC for the National March For Life on the anniversary of Roe vs Wade. We encourage you to join us this year as we work to protect the unborn.

WASHINGTON

Register for the trip in the Dining Halls and LaFortune Tuesday Dec. 1st, Wednesday Dec. 2nd, and Thursday Dec. 3rd. Look for sign-up tables during lunch and dinner.

For more information call 1-9006

"Irish Fighting For Life"
Gender
continued from page 1

The decision not to have a computer science major is something that was a deliberate decision to remain faithful to the liberal arts core," said Connolly. "Computer science is a field that you must be able to cope with changes and continually learn on the job. Equipment has changed. The more students we can reach in high school, the better," she said. "This is a fun field. If we can get them hooked, they can start earlier."

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Bloodbank warns of contaminated blood

The nation’s largest independent blood bank issued a public warning to thousands of transfusion recipients in three cities, saying they might have received blood that was improperly tested for the AIDS virus and hepatitis. The move comes more than a year after the death of 21-year-old University of Wyoming freshman who died five days later.

World Buddhist Conference held at Buddha’s birthplace

LUMBINI, Nepal

Amid loud religious chants, hundreds of monks from Nepal, neighboring India and nine other countries made a pilgrimage to Lumbini at least once a year after the problem surfaced in any of the cities from 1991 to 1996, blood center officials said yesterday, adding that the risk of infection was very low.

Men plead innocent to murder of gay student

LARAMEE, Wyo.

The two men charged in the murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard both pleaded not guilty yesterday and expect to find out before the end of the year whether they could face the death penalty.

Israel suspends plan to pull troops out of the car and, as he covered on the pavement, was struck repeatedly on the head with rocks.

Protests began after a Palestinian was stabbed to death yesterday by an Israeli extremist. Protesters continued throughout Jerusalem with Palestinians rioting in the streets.

U.S. urges return of war property

WASHINGTON

The United States urged central European countries yesterday to quickly return to Jewish groups synagogues, schools, community centers and cemeteries taken by Nazi Germany and kept for decades by communist governments.

Delay and obfuscation could simply run the clock out on Holocaust survi­vers,” Stuart Eizenstat, undersecretary of state, told an international con­ference. "To delay justice further would dishonor us undersecretary of state, told an international conference. "To delay justice further would dishonor us...

The conference will reach consensus before it ends today on broad guidelines for returning property and art hosted by the Nazis in World War II and, if pre­war owners or heirs aren’t found, offering unspecified redress if possible.

Although the guiding principles will be nonbinding on participating gov­ernments at the confer­ence, Eizenstat said dele­gates have indicated a "sense of urgency" in righting past wrongs. He suggested there’s no turn­ing back after such a pub­lic examination of morally tainted art and property.

"The art world, insofar as dealing in Nazi-looted art, will never be the same again," Eizenstat said. Eizenstat said he expects a general agreement, too, on an international commis­sion’s goal of paying off an estimated $800,000 wartime life insurance policies owned by Jewish families. Six European insurance companies already have contributed $90 million, and Hungarian and Czech offi­cials pledged at the confer­ence to work toward a set­tlement.

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Fire destroys Pullman building

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Fire destroyed the last remaining structure of the Pullman Works, the railroad car factory where one of the most important battles of the American labor movement was fought during the 1890s.

The factory once was famous for its elegant railroad cars, and the company was also at the heart of a dispute that increased the status of black workers. The neighborhood itself once was a city created and owned by the company.

“It all started there,” said Leslie Orear, president of the Illinois Labor History Society. “You talk about history of the labor movement, the civil rights movement, or even the Democratic Party without talking about Pullman.”

An extra-alarm fire Tuesday night tore through the 220,000-square-foot administration building that was the capitol of George Pullman’s one-time empire beginning in the 1880s, toppling its landmark clock tower and collapsing the roof.

Police charged a man with arson Wednesday. Anthony Buzinski, been in custody since Tuesday night, when authorities found him at the scene of the fire, said police spokesman Pat Camden. He would not elaborate on what led to the charges. Buzinski was scheduled for a bond hearing Thursday.

The building had been empty since Amtrak stopped manufacturing sleeping cars there in 1982, but it served as anchor of the historic Pullman district on Chicago’s South Side. The state of Illinois bought the building in 1990.

Thousands of tourists visit the neighborhood each year, mostly to see the architecture of the community Pullman designed to house workers from the new factories he began building in 1880. On empty land south of Chicago, the sleeping car mogul built one of the finest 19th century company towns — with comfortable homes for some 2,500 workers, schools, parks, churches, and even an elegant hotel.

Although the homes were not large, their harmonious red-brick architecture, reminiscent of Baltimore or Philadelphia rowhouses, offered a charming relief from the chaos of early Chicago.

Pullman, the man, was born and bred in a small town of industrialists; and Pullman, the neighborhood, was annexed by Chicago in 1889 as the jewel of the South Side.

But when a recession hit in 1893, Pullman cut wages at his plant while leaving rents unchanged. The workers rebelled, and about half of the 6,300 workers went on strike.

Pullman responded by locking them out.

The American Railway Union, under the leadership of Eugene Debs, then refused to handle any trains containing Pullman cars.

The railroads countered that move by coupling mail cars to Pullman cars, and President Grover Cleveland, over the loud protests of his fellow Democrat, Illinois Gov. John Peter Altgeld, ordered federal troops onto the trains to ensure that the mail got through.

“There was a great deal of violence around the country, but none in Pullman itself,” Orear said. About 13 people were killed before the strike collapsed in August.

Debs, who was jailed for his role in the strike, quit the union and became head of the Socialist Party. Altgeld went behind the scenes to purge Cleveland’s supporters from Democratic Party leadership and shift the once-conservative party to a pro-union stance.

The second Pullman labor struggle was a longer and less spectacular affair, but it resulted in a victory for the union and increased status for black workers.

Pullman had begun hiring freed slaves to work as porters and attendants in his cars as early as 1867, possibly opposing them because they would work for low wages.
**STUDENT UNION HAPPENINGS**

**STUDENT UNION BOARD**

*Movie: Sliding Doors*
- **12/3.** Thursday. Cushing Auditorium. 10:30 PM. Tickets: $2.
- **12/4.** Friday. Cushing Auditorium. 8:00 PM & 10:30 PM.
- **12/5.** Saturday. Cushing Auditorium. 8:00 PM & 10:30 PM.

*Acousticafe*
- **12/3.** Thursday. LaFortune Huddle. 9:00 PM-12:00 AM.

**HPC (HALL PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL)**

*SYRs.*
- **12/4.** Friday. Walsh, Sorin, Lyons.
- **12/5.** Saturday. O'Neill, Stanford, Lewis, Morrisey

*Formals.*
- **12/4** Friday. Knott, Zahm
- **12/5** Saturday. Carroll

**CCC (CLUB COORDINATION COUNCIL)**

*AAA: Asian Allure.*
- **12/5.** Saturday.

**CLASS OF 2001**

*Quiz Show.*
- **12/6.** Sunday. LaFortune. 8:00 PM-12:00 AM.

*Quiz Show Primaries*
- **12/6.** Tuesday.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

*Saferide: 631-9888.*
- **12/3.** Thursday. Where the Action Is. 10:00 PM-12:00 AM.
- **12/4.** Friday. Where the Action Is. 10:00 PM-12:00 AM.
- **12/5.** Saturday. Where the Action Is. 10:00 PM-12:00 AM.

*Kellogg Institute: Julian Casanova, visiting fellow, Universidad de Zaragoza: “Revolution and Counter-revolution in the Spanish Civil War: A comparative Analysis”:*

*Writing Tutors:*
- Sundays: Rm. 117 Learning Resource Center in FYS Bldg. 7-8 PM
- Mon-Thurs.: Rm. 400 Hesburgh Library; also Reckers 7-8 PM

**MISCELLANEOUS/CAMPUS-WIDE**

*Dept of Music: Student Chamber Music Class Recital.*
- **12/4.** Friday. Annenberg Aud. in the Snite 8:00 PM.

*Dept of Music: ND Collegium Musicum.*
- **12/4.** Friday. SMC 8:00 PM.

*VFG Choir Concert*
- **12/6.** Sunday. Band Building 8:00 PM.

*Dept of Music: ND Jazz Bands*
- **12/6.** Sunday. Band Building 8:00 PM.

*Spring Registration Ends.*
- **12/7.**

*Last Day of Classes* 12/9

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Can be used with invisible tape as tattoos.

[Submissions for next week’s tattoos can be sent via campus mail to SUB, 201 LaFortune]
The most stressful time of the year has come around again: finals time. That two-week rush of last-minute papers and exams is just around the corner, and I can already see the veins in my neck getting a little bit bigger with every passing late night. Add in the pressure of securing that perfect summer job or internship, or perhaps even foraying into that unknown world of graduate school, and the stress can be almost intolerable.

We become absorbed in the world that we see, the world of lectures and exams and late nights at the hacker's drinking coffee and pounding out papers. We become absorbed in and consumed by the desire to be successful — search for a way to find glory and financial security.

It is difficult to focus on the humanity and the suffering of the children and women who were starving and men and women who were starving because their children were suffering because there are benefits that our mothers and others didn't have the knowledge or money or interest to raise a child. It was born out of the vague idea that I really was a good person down deep, and that this was a way to prove it, to myself and to others.

However, I really had no idea how I would react when thrust into an alien land with people unlike any I'd ever had more than fleeting contact with. I had to see the welfare cases, the men and women who were starving because their benefits ran out, the children neglected because their mothers didn't have the knowledge or skills to be successful.

Mark Godish

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Tis the Season to be Jolly ... and a Happy New Year

It is now time for the holiday season of 1998, which marks the beginning of a new calendar, gift-wrapped, sanitized holiday cheer, frantic last-minute getting-a Christmas-present-for-your-boyfriend's-sister cousin's-fiancé shopping, credit-card maxing, and New Year's resolutions.

I have always found it to be an unnecessary — nay, downright superfluous — complication of school and college life that all of us scholars are forced to study, read and comprehend times by Nietzsche, Steinbeck and J.S. Mill smack for the precise time we are supposed to be backing in holiday cheer, gorging on eggnog and buying outrageous expensive gifts for ourselves that we can’t afford and will spend the rest of the year paying off.

To study or not to study? That is the question. Is it better to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous calculus proofs? Or is it infinitely preferable to shuffe off this academic coat that binds us and instead head immediately into the innumerable seeming to be a straitjacket that will bind us in — or maybe free us?

Forgive me. It’s the holiday season. I am amazed at the trend. All of these suggestions, of new ideas for the administration to have been straitjacket that will move us to compete with such academic powerhouses as Harvard and Yale, who continue to mold, educate and send from their students through the noble process of grade inflation. Moreover, if my suggestions are adopted, then we’ll have increased enrollment. And that means increased dollars. Just consider it my present to the administration this year.

Nakashah Ahmad

Teacher's Pet

Ideas No. 1: Let’s have finals we can really use. Finals measuring stuff we will need to know for the holiday season. Such as, how to get out of being ripped off spending the Day of the Turkey cooped in the kitchen with generations of gimmeback marks. Or a final on how to grab bargains for gifts — the best location for this final would be the Waide Student Center in Chicago. English classes should give finals on Charles Dickens’ classic story “A Christmas Carol” — the movie, of course, not the book. Thus, finals would become a time for us to move beyond the mere academic grind and prepare us for the grueling marathon shopping and face-stuffings ahead.

Ideas No. 2: We just do away with them. Altogether. Just get rid of all the blemosome things. But, some might object, how will we know if you’re learning anything? Such stuff. We don’t need to be measured on the knowledge. Just the fact that we’ve been through the course is enough. Why add unnecessary tension to the family meal? Besides, we might not do well on the finals anyway. And then our collective self-esteem would dip down into the negative degrees. This would poison our vacation. The administration wouldn’t want that, now would they?

Ideas No. 3: We give one final. Those who do well will pass. Those who do not will be forced to spend their entire winter vacation at school, practicing. The subject of this final? The art of whining. It might be the one final every college student could pass.

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A Catholic View on Contraception Debatable

After reading Mr. Kiehne’s letter of Tuesday, Dec. 1, I felt the need to respond. In his letter, Mr. Kiehne asserts that “there is no need for the Women’s Resource Center to distribute information about abortion and contraception. Procuring abortions and using contraceptives are mortal sins.” Although Mr. Kiehne is knowledgeable about Catholic dogma, Mr. Kiehne still argues with conclusions and mistakenly associates abortion with all contraceptives. His circular reasoning, however, may be the sini qua non of all religion.

First, while some contraceptive devices do work like an abortion (i.e., not allowing a fertilized embryo to implant), this ignores other contraceptives which do not. I suspect Mr. Kiehne’s assertion toward contraceptives goes beyond their possible abortive effects, but he fails to explain this. Instead, he simply states the conclusion that “procuring abortions and using contraceptives are mortal sins.” Thank you, Mr. Kiehne, for your opinion.

The expected response is that Mr. Kiehne is stating fact, not opinion. But his argument is based on his view of the nature of the person and the sin of St. (Differences of opinion can exist within the Catholic Church as to what constitutes the Catholic view. Mr. Kiehne is his, and one should not accept his opinion as fact. But even if the Catholic view was discovered, it is still not morally dispensable for the religious diversity of our world. In intellectual debates, one should think beyond the Catholic or even Christian boundaries.

Second, Mr. Kiehne has a valid point concerning the autonomy of Notre Dame. Our school is private and has the right to govern its affairs according to its beliefs. However, Mr. Kiehne goes beyond this and states “there is no need for information about contraceptives and abortion on this or any other university campus.” This is because “no one can ever need something that destroys her soul.” But the soul-destructing capability of abortion and contraceptives are debatable matters, not fact. Such religion-based views should not be imposed on other universities.

Finally, those who strongly believe in their religious views should always remember that there are billions of people in this world who believe just as strongly in a different religious tradition. How can we believe that our tradition is always the one and true concept of God?"
Try a Trivia Test!

To help prepare you for the QUIZBOWL here are some practice questions:

1. What is a California Long White?
2. What did Woody Allen call the Japanese gangster film he dubbed "Ty is a No Vice"?
3. What is men's par on a 455-yard golf hole?
4. Who declared in 1964: "Extremism in the defense of liberty is a no vice"?
5. What is the Crystal Anniversary?
6. What novel has the ghost of Catherine appearing to Mr. Lockwood?
7. What woman was Times man of the year in 1952?
8. Where would you be if your train's engine had S.N.C.F. painted on it?
9. Who won the first overtime championship in NFL history?
10. What film did Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward star in?
11. What was the date when the sun passes through the sign of Capricorn?
12. Where did Phileas Fogg begin his trip around the world?
13. What is the name of Dick and Jane's little sister?
14. Who recorded the 1959 hit single "Mack the Knife"?
15. What is the date when the sun is directly over the Tropic of Capricorn?
16. What four U.S. states have active volcanoes?
17. How many squares are there on a checkerboard?


By COURTENAY MYERS

Do you know the human head weighs eight pounds?

If so, you could be the next contestant in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore Quiz Show. This event, organized by the Class of 2001, is open to all students and promises to be a worthwhile post-football, pre-finals diversion.

The multi-tiered contest will officially kick-off on Tuesday, December 8. There a competition involving general trivia will determine the three finalists who will compete for all the marbles on Thursday, December 10.

Just wait, there's more. The try-out tests will also produce a list of the top 100 scoring students, who will be rewarded with vouchers for $3 off a large Marco's pizza and a free side order of cheesy bread. Each dorm with at least 15 people participating in the try-outs will be considered for the dorm competition.

The try-out exams are open to anyone who wishes to come but time is of the essence. After all scores are compiled, the top nine scorers will advance the semi-final round to be held on Tuesday, December 8. There a competition involving general trivia will determine the three finalists who will compete for all the marbles on Thursday, December 10.

The three students competing in the final will face a first round of questions of varied point values (Jeopardy) from 10 categories as pre-selected by the Official Testing Committee.

The first round of questions will be followed by a second round of questions that will be equally as difficult. Following the second round of questions, the top three students will be chosen as the finalists. The finalists will advance to the final round to be held on Thursday, December 10.

The final round will consist of a first round of questions of varied point values and a second round of questions that will be equally as difficult. The top three students will be chosen as the finalists. The finalists will advance to the final round to be held on Thursday, December 10.

Each candidate will have an opportunity to rank the results of their performance in the first round of questions. The top three students will be chosen as the finalists. The finalists will advance to the final round to be held on Thursday, December 10.

"The original idea was to sponsor something small and unphysically oriented for the sophomore class, maybe hand out a couple of prizes," said Callais. That idea was short-lived. Callais and two other members of the testing committee made up the testing committee and they are the last individuals who have access to any of the questions used in the contest.

"The questions were provided by the Quiz Bowl team, so to maintain absolute fairness any members of the Quiz Bowl team from the past two years or any roommates of the testing committee members are not permitted to tryout for the trivia contest," said Callais. At the conclusion of the second round, the contestants with the fewest points will be congratulated and awarded the third place prizes: $100 to be used for spring semester books and $20 to be used at Woolie's. And then there will be two.

The final round of the final round of the first annual quiz show promises to be a dramatic finish. The remaining contestants will answer the same 20 questions vying for the first place title and prizes: free semester books, a shelf stereo unit, 15 CDs from WSND, dinner for two at Colorado Steakhouse, and free Marco's pizza and cheesy bread. The second place winner will not go unrewarded, and will take home 50 percent off spring semester books, a $20 gift certificate for Disc-Go-Round and dinner for two at Chili's.

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DOMER!
Campus to show its pledge

Thursday, December 3, 1998

QUIZBOWL TRY-OUT INFO

FIRST ROUND:
What: 50 question test
Who: all students
When: Sunday, Dec. 6, anytime between 2 and 6 p.m.
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* Top 9 scores go to semifinals Dec. 8.
* Top 3 scores go to finals Dec. 10.

PRIZES:
* Grand Prize: Free spring semester of books, shelf stereo unit & 15 CDs, dinner for two at Colorado Steakhouse, free Marco's pizza and cheesy bread.
* Second Place: 50 percent off spring semester books, $30 gift certificate to Disc-Go-Round, dinner for two at Chili's.
* Third Place: $100 for bookstore resource materials, $30 of Wolfie's food
* Top 100 scores: coupon for $3 off any large pizza and a free side order of cheesy bread. From Marco's Pizza.
* Smartest Dorm Award: dorm with highest average gets 30 pizzas — at least 15 participants from dorm.

It's that time of year again. People running around in a dazed craze, students checking completed items off lists and the smell of winter permeating the cool, December air.

It might appear that I am referring to the hustle and bustle surrounding the Christmas holiday, but I am not. Rather, I am talking about the temporary insanity that consumes campus during the weeks leading up to and including semester final exams.

You all know what I am talking about. The air is so thick with stress and anxiety that you could cut it with a knife. It suddenly seems as if all the work that you forgot to do during the course of the semester is finally coming due, in addition to the all the 10 and 20-page unfinished papers.

You don't understand it — why do all my teachers think that I have nothing else to do but work for their classes? — you ask yourself. How is everything going to get done? For first year students, the "oh my god, there's only one week until finals" syndrome is something never experienced before.

But before you camp out in the library or lock yourself in your room, I encourage you to take a new approach this finals season. Because of the time of the year that finals week falls in, many students lose sight of the world outside Notre Dame, and become immune to the real-world holiday cheer.

Many forget that Christmas is right around the corner. This finals disillusionment also brings a loss of the childhood anxiety that surrounds the holiday. But this year don't let this happen. Take time for the small stuff.

Everyone has a lot to do, but if you don't take time for the small stuff, stress and anxiety will consume your life. Looking back at the past three years, I admit that I fell prey to the finals syndrome, and didn't always take full advantage of the small stuff. That is why I encourage all of you underclassmen to enjoy your time now, and not be filled with regret.

Last night my roommates and I decorated our Christmas tree and strung lights throughout our apartment. We all had bad things to do, but taking the time to celebrate the season together was more important to us. This is what I mean by the small stuff.

Whether it be baking cookies, hanging decorations, or just talking, take time for the small stuff. Take a few hours one afternoon and volunteer at the Center for the Homeless or another service organization, helping those less advantaged. I guarantee that you will get more out of this than you will spending the same time at the library.

If it snows, go sledding. If it rains, cuddle up with a cup of hot cocoa and a good book. If the hockey or basketball teams are playing, go watch them. If your roommates are all home, eat dinner together. If you don't usually send Christmas cards, start a new tradition. If you have been wanting to start another service organization, helping those less advantaged. I guarantee that you will get more out of this than you will spending the same time at the library.

When you look back at your four college years, are you really going to remember that you got a 92 percent on a test instead of an 85 percent? That you studied 10 hours for a test instead of seven? I don't think so.

What you will remember, however, is time spent laughing with friends and enjoying the holiday season.

Christmas only comes once a year, and it doesn't stop and wait for anyone. If you don't take advantage of every aspect, it will simply pass you by. Unfortunately, first semester finals come at a bad time, but you can't let that stop you.

Pretend that you are five years old again, and I guarantee that you can rekindle that Christmas magic deep within your spirit. I encourage all of you underclassmen to enjoy your time now, and never to be filled with regret.

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The Observer — SPORTS

Rangers win war of New York

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. Mike Richter stopped 25 shots as the New York Rangers beat the New Jersey Devils 2-1 Monday night for their third straight victory.

Mike Knuble, Petr Nedved and Wayne Gretzky scored for the Rangers, who clinched a playoff berth with a streaking look at Nasam Coliseum since a 5-2 victory on Feb. 8, 1997.

The Rangers have beaten the Islanders three straight games overall. The Rangers are currently on a 4-1-2 streak, and have three straight games overall. The Rangers shot from the right point.

The Sabres defeated the Florida Panthers 2-1 on Sunday at the First Union Arena, extending their streak with Kidd in goal for three of the four games.

Ray Sheppard and Keith Primeau scored 5 minutes apart to lead the Sabres to victory.

The Rangers tied the game at 14:30 when Knuble skated past two defensemen and faked Salo down with a forehand move before putting a backhand into the open net.

Salo made the save of the game later on while the Islanders were killing the second half of a five-minute major to defenseman David Harlock.

Salo dive across his crease and made a backhand mid-air glove save off a quick shot from John MacLean at 11:22.

Gretzky, who hadn't scored in his last four games in the previous nine games they faced each other, gave the Rangers the lead 1-0 at 8:11 with a backhand from the left side, at 4:10 of the third period. The streak was the longest Gretzky had been blanked by any goalie in the league.

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The streak started the last seven home games, the Rangers had been 0-7-2 when opponents score first.

Hurricanes 4, Canadiens 1

Ray Sheppard and Keith Primeau scored 5 minutes apart and the Carolina Hurricanes won their fourth straight defeat the Montreal Canadiens 3-1 at the Palace Wednesday night.

Sheppard's game winner came with 4:19 left in the second period, while Primeau scored his team-leading 13th goal 1:09 into the third period just seconds after Canadiens' Trevor Kidd had made several key saves.

The Southeast Division-leading Hurricanes have now outscored opponents 13-3 during their season-high winning streak with Kidd in goal for three of the four games.

Carolino won the game without third-scoring goalie Gary Roberts, who sat out with a foot injury, and top defensemen Steve Chiasson, who Reinback his back during the second period.

Montreal, in last place in the Northeast Division, lost its fifth straight road game and fell to 0-9-2 when opponents score first.

Ward, who leads the NHL in shooting percentage, scored the game-winner at 12:01 of the second period in a 1-0 overtime loss to the Rangers in which Brian Leetch scored the tying goal with one second left in regulation and Adam Graves won it in overtime.

Aeroprene, who also scored during a brief visit to the United States, said: "I am feeling well. I have not been feeling well in Canada, and I think here in Carolina I will feel better.

"I have been working on my recovery since my surgery two weeks ago, and I am hopeful that I will be able to return to the ice soon," Aeroprene added.

The Rangers have won three straight games overall. The Rangers are currently on a 4-1-2 streak, and have three straight games overall. The Rangers have scored four goals in the last two games.

The Rangers shot from the right point.

New Orleans Saints 28, New England Patriots 20

The New Orleans Saints defeated the New England Patriots 28-20 Sunday at the Superdome in what was the first meeting between the two teams in 19 years.

The Saints scored three of their seven touchdowns in the first quarter, and quarterback Drew Brees threw two touchdown passes to tight end Jeremy Shockey.

The Patriots held a 14-10 halftime lead, but the Saints scored on a 1-yard touchdown pass from Brees to tight end Shockey with 3:57 left in the third quarter.

The Saints have scored 24 touchdowns in their last seven games, the most in the NFL this season.

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Calendar of Events

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday, 11:30 pm until Tuesday, 10:00 pm, St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall
Fridays, 12 noon until 4:45 pm, Lady Chapel, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

NDE #53 Retreat
Friday-Sunday, December 4-6, Fatima

RCIA- Rite of Welcome
Sunday, December 6, 11:45 a.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Rejoice! Black Catholic Mass
Sunday, December 6, 4:00 pm, Sorin Hall Chapel

ND Handbell Choir Concert-Holiday Music Concert
Wednesday, December 9, 12:45 pm-1:15 pm, Main Lounge of LaFortune

Advent Penance Service
Wednesday, December 9, 10:00 pm, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Posada- Traditional Christmas Procession
Wednesday, December 9, 8:00 pm-10:00 pm

Second Sunday of Advent

Weekend Presiders
at Sacred Heart Basilica

Saturday, December 5 Mass
5:00 p.m.
Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C.

Sunday, December 6 Mass
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter D. Rocca, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings for this Coming Sunday

1st Reading Isaiah 11:1-10
2nd Reading Romans 15:4-9
Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

What Are You Waiting For?

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

There is no time in one's young life when one more longs for Christmas, for family and for home, than as a college student just before final exams. It is a remarkable thing. With all that stands between now and the end of the semester, one cannot help but look to the other side, and long for it. Not since childhood when one waits for Santa, and to open gifts on Christmas Eve, has the anticipation for anything been so real; and never again will the longing be as palpable for the coming of Christmas as it is in these days. And yet, what are we waiting for?

That waiting which you do in these days before Christmas, heightened as it is by the seemingly secular circumstances of this academic milieu, only proves to highlight the waiting which we do as a Church during these days of Advent. As a community of people who call ourselves Christians, we wait. We wait and we long for the birth of Jesus. We wait and we make ready for the coming of Jesus into our hearts and into our homes.

In both cases, we long for the other side of Advent. In both cases, we long for Christmas. But these are very different waitings, very different longings. What we need to do is translate our longing, our burning desire for the other side of term papers and final exams into a burning desire for the Lord Jesus. Our palping longing must surely be for something more than just a break from the academic rigors of college life. The peace that we seek on the other side of finals, if it is truly to sustain us, must surely be something more than a respite from our present circumstances, because there will always be "present circumstances." There will always be something that we long to get just beyond; something that somehow gives us permission to wish away our days for a better time. The ultimate truth, however, and that to which Advent points, is that the only peace we will ever find beyond our present circumstances, and even in them, please God, is found in the Lord Jesus.

The great irony in it all is that if we do manage to translate our longing for the one into a longing for the other, we will find the peace now that we assume that we have to wait for until then. Advent is a time to wait, yes; but for what? For the Lord who is already among us? We make ready during this time not only for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, but also at every moment of our lives, at every moment that Jesus would be the peace that we seek if we were only to welcome him. The question for each of us is: Is there space enough in us? Will we turn away the very one who can save us, especially right now when we are most in need of being saved? Let your longing in these days be for the Lord; let your hope rest in the other side of Advent; only he can give us what we truly need right now.

So what are you waiting for? Let it be Jesus, and let it be now.
Clemens available for trading

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Available: The only five-time Cy Young Award winner.

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Roger Clemens, angered the Toronto Blue Jays won't spend enough money to field a contender next season, told the team Wednesday he wants to be traded, and the club said it will comply.

Clemens, seven-time Cy Young Award winner and the top free agent available this winter, said Tuesday night he was unhappy with his contract negotiations.

"This is certainly not done with any acrimony or with any anger on either side," Blue Jays general manager Gord Ash said. "Mr. Clemens and the Blue Jays have met a great deal of the time and have added the team will make every effort to complete a deal within 10 days."

When Clemens signed with the Blue Jays in December 1996, team president Paul Beeston said the club was "the one in the division that Toronto would contend and asked for a trade, the Blue Jays would deal him. Beeston left the Blue Jays during the 1997 season to become baseball's chief operating officer, but Ash said he will honor Beeston's commitment.

"It's a two-prong situation," Ash said. "There's a desire to closer to home or with a club that has a better chance to provide him with a World Series ring."

The World Series champions New York Yankees, Houston Astros and Texas Rangers are considered the top contenders to land the 36-year-old right-hander.

"Who wouldn't have an interest in Clemens?" Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said.

"I'm sure Toronto will have many discussions with us, but believe this is over with."

Ash visited Clemens at his home in Katy, Texas, outside Houston last week along with the Blue Jays' two assistant general managers, Dave Stewart and Tim McCarver.

The team's owner, the Belgian company Interbrew SA, does not want to spend as much money on players as the Yankees, Baltimore or Boston.

Clemens became discouraged when the Blue Jays did not make a competitive offer to retain Jose Camacho, who hit .280 and drove in 173 runs this year.

Toronto was 88-74 last season, the third time the Blue Jays have had a winning record since 1988 when the Blue Jays won the World Series.

Rodriguez has 93 homers, 91 doubles and 271 RBIs.

He went unbeaten in his final 22 starts, winning 15 decisions after starting 5-6. He led the AL in ERA and strikeouts and tied for the lead in wins after finishing first in all three categories in 1997.

Ash said the Blue Jays wanted to work out a deal quickly.

"I think it's important not to let this drag out," he said.

Ash also said Toronto was looking to acquire players to help now, not prospect. But he isn't limiting the positions he wants help at.

Catcher Hernandez lands new contract

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Slowly reassembling the team that made it to the World Series, the San Diego Padres on Wednesday gave free agent catcher Carlos Hernandez a $6.5 million, three-year contract.

Remaining on the market, however, are ace Kevin Brown — targeted as the Padres' top offseason priority — and center fielder Steve Finley.

In the last three seasons, the Padres have had Brian Johnson, Brad Ausmus, John Flaherty and Hernandez behind the plate. Last season was Hernandez's first as a starter after spending one year as a backup here and seven years as a backup with the Dodgers.

Towers and Hernandez's agent, Elliott Vail, said they hope re-signing Hernandez has some effect on the Padres' pursuit of Brown.

Vail said Hernandez signed with the Padres from his home in Venezuela. Neither Brown nor his agent, Scott Boras, could be reached for comment.

One guy who definitely won't be back is third baseman Ken Caminiti, who turned down San Diego's token offer and signed with the Houston Astros.

Towers spoke Tuesday night with Finley's agent, Tommy Tanzer, and said the two sides remain apart, more so in money than in years. Neither side would confirm it, but baseball insiders say Finley is seeking a multyear deal paying $6 million per season.

Rodriguez signs $8.9 million deal with Cubs

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Free agent left fielder Henry Rodriguez returned to the Chicago Cubs on Wednesday, agreeing to an $8.9 million, two-year contract.

Rodriguez, acquired by the Cubs from Montreal in December 1997 for pitcher Miguel Batista, hit .251 last season with 31 homers and 85 RBIs.

During the last three seasons, Rodriguez has hit 93 homers, 91 doubles and 271 RBIs.

The 31-year-old outfielder said a .253 career average during the last three seasons.

Rodriguez, who made $2.7 million last season, gets a $200,000 signing bonus, $3.6 million next year and $4.5 million in 2000. Chicago has a $2.5 million option for 2001 with a $600,000 buyout. If the option is exercised, the contract would be worth $13.5 million over three years.

Chicago also signed right-hander Scott Sanders, released by San Diego on Nov. 17.

Sanders, 29, pitched in 23 games for the NL champions, going 3-1 with 26 strikeouts, five walks and a 4.11 ERA in 30 2-3 innings.

Sanders, acquired by the Padres from Detroit in May, has a 30-38 career record.
Frosh Barkley scores big in St. John's win over Hofstra

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Freshman Erick Barkley scored a season-high 25 points, including five 3-pointers, as No. 25 St. John's beat Hofstra 70-49 in Colonial Athletic Association play on Wednesday night.

Barkley hit three consecutive 3-pointers as St. John's jumped out to a 10-0 lead. He finished 9-for-14 from the field, including 5-for-8 from 3-point range, and also had seven assists.

Tyrone Grant grabbed 11 rebounds for St. John's.

Claxton added 10 for the Flying Dutchmen, who trailed 40-35 at halftime.

St. John's, which has never lost to Hofstra (2-4), led 34-25 at halftime.

Six grants are awarded each year for up to $3,000 by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies.

For more information, come to a meeting this Friday, December 4th at 12:30 p.m. in the Library Lounge or contact Professor Robert Wegs, 1-5253 (419 Planner Hall).

The 1998 Sheedy Award: Posthumously Awarded to Dr. Erskine Peters, Prof. of English

March 16, 1948 - March 9, 1998

In his honor, Dr. Nellie McKay, Prof. of English and Afro-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin, will deliver an address entitled:

“From Phillis Wheatly to Walter Mosley and Essex Hemphill: Teaching African American Literature in the Multicultural Curriculum

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East Championships and NCAA Championships in March.
"We're probably not ready to see best times from upperclassmen, but we probably will for the younger swimmers," Weathers said.
Performance against Michigan is important, according to Weathers, as this will be the first of three meetings between the teams this season. The Irish will swim against the Wolverines in January at the Rainbow Invitational in Honolulu, and again in the last dual meet before Big East Championships.
"They [Michigan] have some swimmers who are really going to make significant contributions to the women's team score. Heather Mattingly is a favorite to win both the one-meter and three-meter springboard events. Both the 400 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke feature four Notre Dame women ranked among the meet's top 10 swimmers. Allison Newell and Liz Rager begin the weekend ranked first and second in the 200 butterfly, while Kelly Becking is the favorite to win both backstroke events. Also look for sprinter sensation Carrie Nixon to out-touch competition for wins in the 50 and 100-yard freestyles."

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"early," said McMillen, who had 14 second-half points.
Notre Dame did just that. Niele Ivey scored eight of her 10 points in the second half, helping the Irish take a 25-point lead.

Women's College Basketball
VanGorp, Gingrich lead Duke to victory
Associated Press
DURHAM, N.C. — Michele VanGorp and Krista Gingrich each scored 22 points as No. 16 Duke beat Florida State 91-72 Wednesday night.
Nicole Ericksson added 15 points for the Blue Devils (5-3) in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both teams.
Latavia Coleman scored 18 points for Florida State (2-3). Jen Robinson had added 15 for the Seminoles.
Fifty-two fouls were called in the game and three Florida State players fouled out, including Tynesha Lewis.
VanGorp and Gingrich each scored 12 points in the first half for Duke, which built a big lead before Florida State rallied. Coleman scored all but two points during a 13-0 run that got the Seminoles within striking distance.
Clemson won 73-40.
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The Observer • SPORTS
Flying Dutch decimate Belles in conference play

By MOLLY McVOY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's was second for the Belles in scoring, with eight points. Unfortunately for the Belles', their shots stopped falling and their defense could only hold out for so long in the first half. Hope pulled away to a 24-14 lead at halftime.

Although the Belles’ defense held the Flying Dutch’s leading scorer Tara Hafford to a less-than-average night, their second leading scorer posed a threat. Kristen Knorrnczuk, who averages 10 points a game, exploded against the Belles, racking up 16 points.

Saint Mary’s held their own on Wednesday against Olivet, which will be a conference game. Here, they hope to show the league the talent they have and start the season they want to have.

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By CRISTIN MANARY

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McMillen scores 23 points to continue Irish win streak

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior captain Sheila McMillen scored a game-high 23 points and Danielle Green and Ruth Riley both had double-doubles, as sixth-ranked Notre Dame overcame a lackluster first half to defeat Toledo 82-64 last night at the Joyce Center.

The Rockets closed to within four at the break, after Toledo's Jennifer Markwood hit a jumper to cap a 10-0 Toledo run. The Irish, however, had the hot hand in the second half and pulled away behind an outstanding shooting performance by McMillen.

"In the second half, we came out with a little more intensity and shot the ball extremely well from the perimeter," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. "Sheila did a good job of shooting the three and Ruth did a good job on the boards and under the basket.

McMillen hit four second-half three pointers and was a perfect 6-for-6 from the foul line.

"If you hit a couple of threes at the beginning of the half like she did, that tends to get you pumped up and gets the crowd back in the game," Toledo head coach Mark Ehlen said.

The Irish dominated the boards and quickly built a 16-point lead just six minutes after the Rockets had closed within a basket.

"I thought Ruth and Danielle Green did a nice job in there in both halves," McGraw said. "They rebounded extremely well. I was really pleased with their effort.

Riley hit 17 rebounds to go along with her 15 points. Green finished 12 points and 13 rebounds.

"They are a tremendous rebounding team," said Ehlen, who watched his team have a guard out there who has 13 boards. And then Ruth Riley is like a vacuum cleaner. We talked about getting a body on her, but we didn't.

"It's obvious that we got pounded on the boards," Ehlen continued. "I thought our half court defense was fine, but you can't allow a team to get that many second and third shots."

The Irish defense did a good job of shutting down Toledo's Kim Kracht, who entered the game averaging 28.4 points per contest. Kracht was held to just 2-of-10 shooting in the first half and finished with just 17 points on the night.

"I thought we looked better when we went to the box-and-one," McGraw said. "I think that was our best defense against her. In overall she's a terrific player. She did a nice job of not forcing things in the first half. We were really trying to not let her get off, but I think she had six assists and just one turnover in the first half."

Mark Kracht kept Toledo in the game early, as well as the Rocket defense, which forced 13 first half Irish turnovers.

"It was their defense and our turnovers, but I think it was a lack of intensity more than anything," McGraw said. "We worked against the zone in practice and we weren't doing what we worked on. We missed a couple of shots and didn't rebound and I think they got a bit more confident."

Notre Dame had a 12-4 lead early and stretched it out to a 28-15 lead, following a 10-0 run in which freshman Shavonda Hills scored seven of the nine points. Hills finished with 12 points on the night.

"Now that we're rested and shaved, we're ready to show everyone how fast we're capable of going."

"We are preparing for this meet as the focus meet of the season. We've prepared all fall to now be the time where we go faster than we've ever gone," Welch said.

"This distance freestyle should be the men's greatest strength, according to Welch. James Scott-Browne will likely place in the top eight in today's 200 freestyle. Scott-Browne and teammate John Pierre will make a run at the top two spots in Saturday's mile. Scott Zumbach enters the meet ranked first in both the 200- and 400-yard individual medley. He also holds the second place spot in the 200-yard butterfly.

The Irish have the potential to dominate the breaststroke events with captain Chris Fugate and freshman David Horak. Intense training will continue through the meet, with a focus on Big Ten."