Panel discusses racial climate on campus

By BRAD UNTIET
News Writer

Students and faculty alike reached an overflowing audience last night when "A Dialogue with Underrepresented Students on Their Notre Dame Experience" brought Notre Dame's racial relations to the table.

Ten students of diverse ethnic backgrounds formed a panel to talk about their personal experiences and how they believe situations could be improved.

Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president, discussed the programs that the University has in place to help meet the needs of the students.

As a University, we are working hard to create an environment that is inclusive for all students," said Johnson. "Cultural diversity is a necessity and is taken very seriously here at Notre Dame."

Students shared their own experiences of being on campus for the first time.

"It felt very comfortable because everyone was smiling and friendly," said panel member April Davis.

Some students on the panel expressed different feelings, stating that interaction among different cultures is often difficult.

"Everyone sits in their own separate groups in the dining hall, which is something that I wish would change," said Tamera Miyasato.

Several students discussed the uncomfortable feelings they experienced when being the only minority in classes. They were expected to represent their culture instead of just themselves, which sometimes led to uncomfortable situations.

"Part of the problem is that the faculty members have no experience in teaching about multicultural topics," said panel member Daniel Roche.

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Group to march in D.C. for the 'Right-to-Life'

By LAURA UBERTI
News Writer

Members of the ND/SMC Right to Life Club will march to stamp out abortion today at the March for Life demonstration in Washington, D.C.

Close to 240 students, the largest number of Notre Dame students to attend the march, are taking advantage of the opportunity to be part of a national Right-to-Life march and rally. Along with thousands from across the country, they will march on the 26th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

Nearly 230 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students will gather at RFK stadium and proceed to a rally, which includes singers and speakers from various religious and political groups.

Following the rally, the group will march two to three miles from Ellipse Park, located behind the White House, to the Supreme Courthouse.

"This is the largest civil demonstration any student will ever participate in," said Mario Suarez, a junior who attended last year's march. "It's moving to look in front and behind you [while marching], and you can't see the end of the people. You know they're there for a common belief, it's good to have a common bond."

"The march itself is incredible," said Julie Fitch, a junior and member of the trip's planning committee. "People are singing or praying as they walk. It's so inspiring to go and stand up for this issue in such a peaceful way."

This is the 21st year Notre Dame has participated in the march. With between 225 and 235 students expect...
ANN ARBOR, Mich. — In the wake of the release of a report that identified alcohol-related deaths, many students may be surprised to learn that alcohol consumption among college students has remained relatively stable on campuses throughout the country.

"We know that drinking has not increased over the past two decades," John Schulenberg, senior research scientist at the Institute for Social Research, said yesterday. Schulenberg added that although alcohol-related deaths and accidents have not necessarily increased, the media's coverage of them has.

Schulenberg, a psychology professor, said teenage alcohol consumption 10 or 15 years ago was greater with a wink and labeled a rite of passage. Now the dangerous effects of underage drinking are becoming more well-known and are more prevalent in the media.

The same phenomenon appears in the public perception of the crime rate, said communications studies Prof. Nicholas Valentino. "Crime rates are decreasing, but public opinion states that crime is increasing," Valentino said. He attributes this to an increase in media attention to crime-related news.

Valentino said media plays a direct role in the way people view the amount of alcohol abuse, but he said he does not see a correlation between publicity and behavior.

"There is not a direct causal relationship. There are so many more people under the influence of drugs that larger affect than media coverage," Valentino said.

"People aren't likely to adjust their social behaviors only because they read about an alcohol-related death," he said.

In October, at least four students in Michigan have died after drinking.

Yesterday, LSA first-year student Courtney Cantor died after falling from her sixth-floor widow. Cantor had been seen drinking at a Phi Delta Theta fraternity party prior to her death.

Michigan State University student Bradley McCue died from alcohol poisoning in November, after drinking 24 shots to celebrate his 21st birthday.

The use of undercover cameras at a local bar has some patrons upset, while those who did the taping maintain it provides an accurate look into the way people view the society.

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
TV cameras in bar evoke controversy

BERKELEY, Calif.

The number of black, Latino and Native American students seeking admission to next year's freshman class at UC Berkeley has dwindled to its lowest number in recent years, UC officials announced Wednesday. The decline in underrepresented minority applicants comes in the second year of the implementation of Proposition 209, the voter-approved measure eliminating affirmative action in public institutions. The drop in applicants has left UC Berkeley officials disappointed and determined to reexamine and boost recruitment efforts, the officials said Wednesday. "There have been annual fluctuations in the past, but that by itself is not sufficient for us," said campus spokesman Jesus Mena. "We are not satisfied when the numbers drop, especially after what happened last year with the first time Prop. 209 was implemented."

As a result, the campus intends to implement immediate plans to reexamine and begin recruitment efforts, the officials said.

Dr. Robert Urban, along with attorney John MacKay, are representing the students in the current case. Urban, a former vice president for Health Sciences and James Rowsey, for- mer chairman for the Operating Department, Gomez, who is Jewish, had been seen drinking at a Phi Delta Theta fraternity party prior to her death.

The plaintiffs claim that top university officials were aware of the alleged discrimination by Rowsey, a born-again Christian, and did nothing to stop it.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
"Later on, we'll conspire, as we sit, by the fire"

Freshmen Brian Stonelake (left) and Josh Mayo relax in the lobby of Morrissey Manor. The fireplace draws students inside to seek refuge from the temparamental South Bend weather.

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and ask the dispatcher for the driver’s name and the cab’s license plate number. Students should avoid simply taking taxis parked outside nightclubs or restaurants, or those cruising around the city.

As far as warning people about crime, we can’t warn everyone about every single city, but I did warn a group that is going to Mexico City and Acapulco about the taxi situation,” said Kayleen Carr, who is in charge of spring break at Anthony Travel.

If students need to use an ATM machine, they should try to find one inside a protected building during business hours. Victims have been robbed and held captive while their credit cards were used at various ATM locations around the city.

Carrying travelers’ checks instead of cash, and keep your important documents and money inside a money belt are important ways of preventing theft. Students are also encouraged to not wear expensive-looking clothing or jewelry that can draw attention to yourself.

Parents should be aware of other kinds of danger as well. The Mexican military has reestablished authority in rural towns and villages, but there is still a rebel revolutionary presence in more mountainous parts of Chiapas.

Occasional assaults have resulted from increased hostility towards foreigners, and the U.S. Embassy urges Americans to exercise extreme caution, especially with military roadblocks in Chippas, Guerrero and Oaxaca.

“We haven’t really had any problems with Cancun and Jamaica, which are our two major travel spots. As long as people stay in big groups and don’t wander off alone, they should be fine,” Carr said.

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heating methods have improved drastically since the days of Father Sorin.

In the 1800's, the first buildings on campus were heated through a large furnace enclosed in sand under the first floor, but the method proved to be a fire hazard and was abandoned after two years of use. The administration then adopted the use of stoves for heat, which caused fire problems when students adjusted the heat.

Father Sorin indirectly caused a third fire himself, when he decided to replace the stoves in the rooms along the corridor of the main building with chimneys. Within 10 days of the chimney installation, a fire broke out, convincing him to take out fire insurance, according to his records in "The Chronicles of Notre Dame du Lac."

Fireplaces remained a main heating source for the University for many years and are still in use today. Though there are restrictions on using the furnaces today, many older dorms on campus retain the fireplaces that once served as the only respite from the cold outside.

Facilities operations requested that the fireplace in the common area of Morrissey Manor not be used because it becomes difficult to determine who will then be responsible for its use if a problem occurs. There are also many fireplaces around campus which can be enjoyed, with most in private residences. Dillon Hall has seven, including four in the residences of Rector Paul Doyle and two assistant rectors.

"There are no restrictions as long as the chimneys are clean," said Doyle.

The current University central heating system is run through underground tunnels, explained Gary Shoemaker, director of Facilities Operations. Before this system, each building had a boiler, which produced steam to the radiator to produce heat.

Carroll Hall is still heated through this method. "It is not on the central heating system because of where it is located. They never ran the [underground heating] tunnels out there," said Sheleman.

Legs may be winter-pale for most of the year and shorts may only be worn for a short number of days, but students continue to zip up their parkas and trudge through the snowdrifts to harness the experience of Notre Dame. And although students often complain about the bitter cold and massive snow-drifts, Notre Dame's location helped to make it what it is today.

"The proximity to Chicago, Cleveland, and Detroit, which were full of Irish German Catholics, all helped to recruit students," said Schleeh. "The University would not have grown nearly as fast if Father Sorin had stayed in southern Indiana where he began."

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ing to attend, there are approximately 100 more participants than last year, and a marked increase from only 50 students two years ago.

Jamie Kuhn and I went on the trip two years ago, and we decided we needed more people involved," said Josh Guerra, the junior vice-president of ND/SMC Rights to Life. "So last year and this year, Jamie and I organized the trip. With lots of publicity and hard work, the number increased last year and this year too. Word of mouth means a lot."

"People go on this march who aren't that involved in the issue," said Fitch. "But last year people got so inspired that they wanted to work for the cause when they came back. So we hope people will come back from this weekend and all everyone how great it was."

"I'm going to see what it's like and to learn more about that side of the issue," said freshman Winona Farias. "Not only does the group hope to make an impression on campus, but also to gain national attention."

"Ideally, Bill Clinton will look out his window and say, 'What have I been thinking?'" said Suarez.

Although the prospect of overturning legislation is slim, Guerra believes marches like these have made impacts. "They already have changed things," said Guerra. "Lines are drawn. People who care are saying something, and people in power are doing what they can to show it."

On a campus with "a stereotype of being apathetic and non-involved," Suarez sees this march as a way to make an impact. "This is our opportunity to exercise our political voices, and it's a gift to be able to do so."

"Notre Dame is the flagship of Catholic education in this country," said Guerra. "Representing Notre Dame at the march is the greatest way to show our Catholic characteristics."

"People look at us and see our banner, 'Irish Fighting for Life,' and they cheer us on. We make an impact on how people perceive the Catholic values."

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said Tricia Sevilla. "This makes things difficult for both the students and the teachers."

The panel tried to outline ways to improve racial relations on campus. Several of the members felt that diversity meetings for freshmen would help to encourage better multicultural relations from the start and could lead to improvements throughout the University.

"Because of the great amount of turnover here, improvements are very difficult. The same things go on every year because there are always new people who have not gone through these things," Davis said.

"I feel that some of the minorities come here with a chip on their shoulder," said Marisa Marquez. "Instead, I felt that I needed to go out and try to learn about other people and make friends."

Director of multicultural student affairs Iris Outlaw noted the support that is offered for ethnic student organizations by the office of Multicultural Student Affairs and the importance of its goal of "educating through culture."

"One of the most important things is for students to talk to each other," stated Davis. "This is a good start to solving the problem."
Military plane crashes, killing all 28 passengers

MANAGUA, Nicaragua
A Nicaraguan military plane delivering supplies to bases on the Atlantic coast crashed Thursday, killing all 28 people aboard, the military reported. The Antonov AN-26 plane was heading from Managua, the capital, to the port city of Bluefields 180 miles to the east. Nine soldiers, 15 civilians and four crew members were on the flight, the Army reported. The civilians were relatives of soldiers stationed at the bases. The cause of the crash was not known. The plane was four 110 miles south of Bluefields, said army spokesman Captain Milton Sandovel. The plane was still burning when rescue crews arrived and there were no survivors, he said. Air Force helicopters and Navy boats were sent to the area to recover the bodies.

Schools receive Internet funds

WASHINGTON
More than $211 million — the largest amount issued to date — will flow to schools and libraries to help pay for connections to the Internet, the program's administrator announced Thursday. The Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company didn't have a breakdown of how many schools and libraries will receive the money. That's because the 4,500 commitment letters mailed out ran over entire school districts. A list of the entities receiving the funding letters was not released. But the program's administrator said applicants in all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands received something. This batch of funding pushes the total amount of money released thus far to more than $427 million, the administrator said. The group began disbursing money late last year.

Hacker wins hard drive

COPENHAGEN, Denmark
A 19-year-old Danish student picked the wrong victim when he hacked his way into a home computer. He was arrested Thursday by the machine's owner — the head of the Copenhagen police's special computer crime unit. Detective Chief Inspector Grommengaard had installed an anti-virus program in his computer at home. On Sunday, it warned him about an intruder and enabled him to gather information about the visitor. Grommengaard investigated and an Internet provider helped track the hacker. The student confessed to hacking and said he randomly picked the cyber-cop. He was arrested Thursday by the machine's owner — the head of the Copenhagen police's special computer crime unit. Detective Chief Inspector Grommengaard had installed an anti-virus program in his computer at home. On Sunday, it warned him about an intruder and enabled him to gather information about the visitor. Grommengaard investigated and an Internet provider helped track the hacker. The student confessed to hacking and said he randomly picked the cyber-cop. He was arrested Thursday.
Conference goes co-ed to reach larger audience

By M. SHANNON RYAN

For the first time in its nine-year existence, participants from approximately nine co-educational colleges, like the College of Wooster, Hope College and The College of Wooster will join 15 women's colleges at this weekend's Play of the Mind conference.

The chairs of the typically women's college conference are hoping to spread this year's theme "Global Citizenship and the Intellectual Life," not just to students of all-female schools, but to all female students.

"Students came together to form a Play of the Mind community," said Patrick White, co-chair of the conference and director of the Center for Academic Innovation at Saint Mary's. "Their individual strengths will help each other find a way to spread the benefits of women's colleges to co-ed schools."

Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C.—attending the conference through the Southern Regional Student Conference Committee—was the first time that a school chose to attend co-ed conferences, White said.

"In the long term, it could spread the benefits of women's colleges to co-ed schools. At the same time, while we work with our colleagues, we hope to encourage creative ways to develop students as citizens, intellectuals and leaders on campus and in the larger world, " Rosenbush said.

Rosenbush and White also stated invested interest in the benefits co-ed and women's colleges could possibly exchange with one another.

"I think it can help students who chose to go to co-ed schools recognize the value of a women's college even though they did not choose to go to one," White said.

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"Through the conference, we hope to encourage creative ways to develop students as citizens, intellectuals and leaders on campus and in the larger world," Rosenbush said.

"I want to run for [student body] president... That's something that there hasn't been a lot of at Hanover," she said.

Fischer also stated disappointment that the returning alumni speakers were all male and of extreme males. She said she is hopeful that at Play of the Mind she will see ways to effectively approach this topic.

"I'd like to hear what a female doctor has to say, especially since I'm pre-med," she said.

"But when alumni come back to talk, it's all men.

The conference itself will remain all-female with the exception of male faculty members from some schools. The future, however, remains open to students of the male persuasion, although there would be definite hesitations about such an invitation.

"In two, three, four years from now it might be decided to invite males," said Patrick White. "Certainly as a person of the male persuasion, I think male students could learn a lot from coming to Play of the Mind. However, the special solidarity at the conference might not be the same... In my judgment, it's not a good idea."

Whether the following years' conferences will continue to involve women from co-educational schools will depend in part on feedback and how the students receive it.

JESSICA DELGADO contributed to this article.

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Associated Press

TOKYO

Japanese stocks rose in morning trading Friday amid increased optimism corporate Japan has begun to speed up restructuring moves designed to improve profitability. The dollar rose against the yen.

The Nikkei Stock Average rose 55.12 points, or 0.39 percent, to 14,300.54 as of midday. On Thursday, the average closed up 217.37 points, or 1.55 percent.

The dollar bought 113.90 yen in late morning trading, up 0.78 yen from late Thursday in Tokyo and also above its level of 113.68 yen in New York.

On the Tokyo Stock Exchange, stocks gained ground on buying from investors with expectations that streamlining and mergers in the banking industry and other sectors will pave the way to recovery, traders said.

"Some see that there's a light at the end of the tunnel and the market may be bottoming out very soon," said Sachio Ishikawa, general manager of the stock division at Chuo Securities Co.

Traders were also encouraged by a report Friday in the Nihon Keizai financial daily that foreign investors are likely to resume buying Japanese shares in 1999, analysts said.

The broader Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section gained 0.89 points, or 0.08 percent, to 1,165.81. The TOPIX closed up 14.85 points or 1.36 percent, the day before.

In currency dealings, the dollar continued to strengthen in Tokyo after surging in New York on rumors China was going to devalue its currency, which would further harm the struggling Japanese economy.

But the U.S. currency's gains could be capped by worry over trade friction between the U.S. and Japan, which tends to weaken the dollar.

Meanwhile, the euro was trading at 131.93 yen, up from 130.92 yen late Thursday in Tokyo.

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Christian-Muslim militant clash kills 24

Associated Press

JAKARTA

Rioters fired flaming arrows at mosques and churches and armed gangs blocked roads Thursday as clashes between Christian and Muslim militants spread in eastern Indonesia.

At least 24 people have died this week and almost 3,000 have fled their homes in Maluku province, once known as the Spice Islands. At least 30 religious buildings were set afire and thousands of police and troops have been flown in to restore order.

The violence was the latest in a series of clashes to hit the sprawling Southeast Asian nation as it struggles with its worst economic crisis in three decades. Soaring inflation, unemployment and poverty rates have all increased social tensions.

About 90 percent of Indonesia's 202 million people are Muslim, making it the world's most populous Islamic country. The riots hit areas with large Christian populations.

The worst carnage occurred on Ambon Island, 1,400 miles northeast of Jakarta, where 22 people have been killed since Tuesday.

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PATIENT'S OWN CELLS MIGHT REGROW ORGANS, RESEARCH SHOWS

WASHINGTON

A patient's own cells might someday be used to grow new organs — a development suggested by a breakthrough lab experiment that found the building-block cells that normally make brain tissue in adult mice could be changed into blood-making blocks that normally make muscle.

Researchers earlier had isolated such cells from the adult brain or bone marrow, which can change into the progenitor cells for other types of tissue. But in previous experiments, the cells had been harvested from embryos, a technique that set off a storm of ethical objections.

The new research suggests that even mature stem cells, such as from the adult brain or bone marrow, could change into the progenitor cells for other types of tissue. If such a technique could work in humans, embryonic stem cells might not be needed for such research.

"You may be able to use your own stem cells to make new tissue," said Angela L. Vescovi, head of a team that conducted the mouse experiment. "As a concept, I don't see any problem for other adult stem cells being used to make new skin, for instance."

The research shows "there are alternative strategies" to harvesting stem cells from embryos, said Dr. Ronald McKay, a National Institutes of Health researcher and a pioneer in stem cell studies.

Stem cells are the mortar and brick for growing all of the body's tissues. In a developing embryo, they produce the cells that become the body parts. After birth, some stem cells are specially programmed to replenish such tissues as blood and skin.

Researchers earlier had isolated stem cells from human embryos or from aborted fetuses, and grew the cells in a lab. When treated with specific proteins, the cells began to grow different types of tissue cells.

That work set off a frenzy of studies. But the research was shadowed by ethical concerns because it was thought that only stem cells from embryos retained the ability to grow into a variety of organs. Many groups objected to medical experimentation with human embryos and Congress forbade federal money for such studies.

It also led President Clinton to order his National Bioethics Advisory Commission to consider the moral issues of such research. Earlier this week, NIH director Harold Varmus said his agency concluded that research with lab-grown stem cells didn't violate the congressional mandate, even though the cells originated from human embryos. But Vescovi's work with mice suggests that any stem cell — even from an adult — can be reprogrammed to make any type of tissue.

Vescovi, of the National Neurological Institute in Milan, Italy, is senior author of a study to be published Friday in the journal Science.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The White House plans to propose a $4.5 million initiative Friday to counter violence at abortion clinics and improve security there.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was expected to announce the money in a speech to the National Abortion Rights Action League on the 25th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark Roe vs. Wade decision.

The money, to be included in the president's budget proposal for fiscal 2000, would help clinics purchase motion detectors and improved lighting, according to a senior administra-

tion official, speaking on condition of anonymity. It will also pay for security assess-

ments to determine which clinics are most at risk.

"I think with the escalation of violence waged against abortion clinic operators, this is a good move," said Belle Taylor-McGhee, spokeswoman for NARAL. She stressed the need for doctors, abortion providers and women to all have safe access to clinics, which provide a variety of health services.

"This is a good first step, and it's important that the administration is taking domestic terrorism seriously," said Jacqueline Londisy, vice president of public policy for Planned Parenthood.

At the same time as the announcement, those who oppose abortion opponents were expected to march to the Capitol and Supreme Court on Friday.

In November, Attorney General Janet Reno set up a national task force to protect and prevent attacks and threats against abortion providers. The announcement was made a month after abortion Dr. Barnett Slepian, an abortion provider, was killed by a rifle shot fired into his suburban Buffalo, N.Y., home.

The task force plans to train local law enforcement and abortion providers in how to respond to and prevent such attacks and establish a national database with all information on clinic violence.

A survey released Thursday by the Feminist Majority Foundation showed that in the first seven months of 1997, 22 percent of clinics experienced one form of clinic violence. Those included blockades, invasions, bomb threats and bombings, arson threats and arson, chemical attacks, death threats and stalking. This was a slight decrease from 25 percent in 1997.

The survey also found that clinics that reported law enforcement use the excuse as "excellent" experienced lower levels of violence than those that characterized local law enforcement as "poor."

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Former Vice President Dan Quayle reportedly will go on cable television tonight to outline his plan to seek the Republican nomination for president in 2000.

"I am committed," Quayle said today's Indianapolis Star and News. He is to discuss his plans tonight on CNN's "Larry King Live."

Quayle, who moved from Indiana to Arizona in 1996, said his campaign headquarters will be in Phoenix, but major campaign announcements will come in Indiana.

He is expected to announce the formation of an exploratory committee in Indianapolis early next month and formally announce his candidacy in April in Huntsville, where he was raised, The Star and News reported.

Quayle, George Bush's vice president and running mate in 1988 and 1992, told himself a credible candidate whom the public will take seriously.

"It's going to be different for me this time around, running for president," he said.

Quayle said he will push for a 30 percent across-the-board tax rate reduction and improve foreign policy.


The new research suggests that even mature stem cells, such as from the adult brain or bone marrow, could change into the progenitor cells for other types of tissue. If such a technique could work in humans, embryonic stem cells might not be needed for such research.

"You may be able to use your own stem cells to make new tissue," said Angela L. Vescovi, head of a team that conducted the mouse experiment. "As a concept, I don't see any problem for other adult stem cells being used to make new skin, for instance."

The research shows there are alternative strategies to harvesting stem cells from embryos, said Dr. Ronald McKay, a National Institutes of Health researcher and a pioneer in stem cell studies. Stem cells are the mortar and brick for growing all of the body's tissues. In a developing embryo, they produce the cells that become the body parts. After birth, some stem cells are specially programmed to replenish such tissues as blood and skin.

Researchers earlier had isolated stem cells from human embryos or from aborted fetuses, and grew the cells in a lab. When treated with specific proteins, the cells began to grow different types of tissue cells.

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Recent discussions about joining the Big Ten make it clear that Notre Dame is committed to becoming a research university, whether her daughters and sons like it or not, and regardless of voices from our medieval and not-so-medieval past wondering if this is the way to go. On that score, she ought to leave the Middle Ages behind and think about what becoming a research university really means. Then, she should commit herself to it full-heartedly.

That's right, the Prussians created the model for the research university. The Prussians were the first to realize that students must have a unified vision of civilization in their particular discipline. They will really know their students waste time taking philosophy, history, literature or foreign languages that do not contribute to specialized research outside of one's discipline? A good Prussian research university produces students that are the greatest cogs in the machine. This is how France and England became great world powers. We need not commit ourselves to being the middlemen of this country, why go at it half-hearted? Why give it a superficial attempt? This is how Prussia produced great universities and turned itself into a military and economic giant. This is how France and England became great world powers. We need not commit ourselves to being the middlemen of this country, why go at it half-hearted? Why give it a superficial attempt? This is how Prussia produced great universities and turned itself into a military and economic giant. This is how France and England became great world powers.

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Through a series of tests, Notre Dame, following the Prussian model, will decide each student what her or his major is. Once it gives a student a major, all of the student's courses will be determined for her or him, because to really be successful, you must really make a contribution to any discipline or be an expert at any job, the student needs to follow a disciplined course of study. How can a good research university let its students waste time taking philosophy, history, literature or foreign languages that do not contribute to specialized research outside of one's discipline? A good Prussian research university produces students that are the greatest cogs in the machine. This is how France and England became great world powers. We need to toughen up, and if a research university is the way to go, let's not make a half-hearted attempt.

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"The United States themselves are essentially the greatest poem."

— Walt Whitman
The March for Life is this weekend. Don't stop reading now because this is "another abortion column." If you are pro-life then a lot of people are dying and if you are pro-choice then you think I'm going to say all over women's rights in a disagreed. He ended the bill. There is right now an effort to override that veto, which Representative Steve Largent referenced in a speech to the nation that fol­lowed the State of the Union address ear­lier this week. Without pro-life citizens adamantly behind that effort to override there is no chance this measure will suc­ceed and the murder of practically-borns will continue in American hospitals.

This is not the only current, crucial abortion-related issue that has only recently come onto the scene. Also facing the nation is a new "federal government decision to fund "stem cell research." Stem cells can only be harvested from early-stage human embryos, necessitat­ing the destruction of this young life. Until now the gov­ernment has not funded the research because it cannot use taxpayer money for research that uses, and subsequently destroys, human embryos. However, working on their own, a number of American scientists have harvested enough stem cells from aborted fetuses and from unused embryos from infertility treatments that they now have a "stem cell bank" built up. The govern­ment is getting around the research has by funding only the already har­vested cells. This is a huge issue, and one that is made complicated by the potential of stem-cell research to contribute to medicine. Yet, from a pro-life standpoint, our society is being murdered and we're worried about their rights, both in theory and in practice, to in cold blood (you can read doctor's accounts of floating heads and piece-by-piece removals andVR, we haven't dealt with the arguments themselves.

After all, is anyone on that march in D.C. or at the rally that my friends have been attending for the past couple of days foolishly categorized "socially conserva­tive" portion of the American constitu­ent?...
Clinton's State of the Union Speech was Purely Republican

When Bill Clinton entered the political arena, Arkansas insiders warned that he was a centrist. They said, "Beware, Bill Clinton sways with the wind, follows the polls and tries to please everybody." They were correct, as evidenced by the President's recent State of the Union Address. Clinton not only spoke as a Democrat, he out-Republcaned the Republicans.

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Two years in office doomed his Congressional majority, but freed the President to return to his old campaign ways. As a centralist, Clinton has captured the American public's consistent support, even through his personal crisis. Students of history should pay particular attention to the President's success. By embracing a large segment of the middle of the political spectrum, Clinton overpowers the fringe elements and solidifies Democrats... including Senators who sit in judgment of him.

Republicans do themselves no favors by pressuring impeachment. They appear more partisan as they are seen on television at the State of the Union speech either sitting in disgust or not attending at all. Republican senators are desperately seeking to support their House managers prosecuting the President while trying to end the political nightmare that will end their majority in the House in 2000. The President's olive branch offering to Speaker Hastert for bipartisan cooperation helps seal the Republican's doomed fate.

In years to come, much will be written. Much will be studied about the Clinton presidency. One thing is evident today... Clinton will reach his fiftieth birthday with his primary challenge in the past. The President's approval rating surge to 76 percent in one network poll. It is ironic that Bill Clinton's cozy relationship with a Democratically controlled Congress during his first two years in office doomed his Congressional majority, but freed the President to return to his old campaign ways.

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I have been greatly encouraged that both the Notre Dame students and faculty have been making great efforts to ensure the University's discriminatory treatment of heliocentrists. Finally, even the Academic Council agrees that the University should not legally bind itself not to discriminate against heliocentrists. Whether this will survive the board of trustees remains to be seen.

What is disturbing is not so much the conservative resistance, that is to be expected, but rather the weak responses of the progressives to such resistance. The conservatives are quick to point out that the Church is very clear. The Sun goes around the Earth. If there was any doubt about that, the trial and condemnation of Galileo made the church position very clear. Proletarian astronomy is orthodox; Copernicanism is heretical. As Christians we are called to love the heliocentrists, but hate their heliocentrism. Heliocentrism is an objective disorder of the mind. Progressives here have pointed out that heliocentrism is a relatively peripheral Catholic doctrine — perhaps like the call for us to eat fish on Fridays. Progressives have also pointed out that conservatives often seem insincere in their proclaimed love of the heliocentrists. It is difficult to see how you can exhibit your love for your fellow man by burning him. Progressives have also pointed out that the Notre Dame has lost the opportunity to hire some top rate faculty that are heliocentric. The embarrassing incident recently with the heliocentric priest who felt compelled to resign is a case in point. And now another case has become apparent. A young promising scholar, Isaac Newton, has been removed from the short list of top chairs in natural philosophy on the grounds that he is heliocentric. The progressive replies are not without merit. But they miss the central point. The condemnation of heliocentrism is regrettably to natural reason. Conservatives call for an "intellectual doctivity" to the church. By this they mean that we should disregard the cries of our god-given natural reason; they invite us to commit a kind of intellectual suicide. What the Church teaches many great and important truths, it is our job to lovingly correct her when she is wrong. Tolerance of heliocentrism is now widely accepted in the academic community — perhaps like the Church's once held stance on the Earth's flatness. The progressive replies are not without merit. But they miss the central point. The condemnation of heliocentrism is regrettably to natural reason. Conservatives call for an "intellectual doctivity" to the church. By this they mean that we should disregard the cries of our god-given natural reason; they invite us to commit a kind of intellectual suicide. What the Church teaches many great and important truths, it is our job to lovingly correct her when she is wrong. Tolerance of heliocentrism is now widely accepted in the academic community — perhaps like the Church's once held stance on the Earth's flatness.
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might not inspire many students to hit the gym or any one of the on-campus sports facilities like the Sports and Recreation Center, the Rock, Loftus and Rolfs. After all, students are quite likely to be thinking of the cold walk to Rolfs during snow and training in the fitness room.

RecSports has a challenge. It's called the Challenge U Spring Break and it lets each individual set his/her own workout goals and chart progress throughout the dreary winter months, to get moving after Christmas for Spring Break and it lets each individual set his/her own workout goals and chart progress.

We wanted to give people an extra incentive to get moving after Christmas for Spring Break and summer," said Jennie Phillips, the RecSports fitness coordinator. "Matt Peterson, my intern, and I brainstormed together to come up with the idea and Matt has done most of the legwork.

The program, which has already gained over 350 participants, requires each student to choose one of three mock destinations — a short (Hilton Head, Island, SC), medium (Jackson Hole, WY) or long (Montego Bay, Jamaica). For each minute of exercise the student does toward this mock destination, he/she can call a room coordinator. Each day, when they are finished exercising, they can chart their minutes. If the student cannot be in the fitness room in person to log their hours, he/she can call Peterson at 3432 with the time.

Each student who meets his/her personal goal by Spring Break will have his/her name entered into a raffle and RecSports will draw names by Spring Break will have his/her name entered into a raffle and RecSports will draw names and give away prizes that students who intend to vacation over Spring Break might need.

We're not giving away any trips," said Phillips. "But the raffle will give away things that people going on Spring Break will find useful.

Signing up to participate in the program is free and can be done at the RecSports registration desk at the Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center. Additionally, some aerobics classes, the minutes of which may be counted towards the Challenge U program, are still open. Students interested in signing up for these classes can register and pay at the front desk of RecSports.

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Tips for Staying Healthy

1. Dress warmly in cold weather. This includes wearing hats that cover your ears.
2. Make sure to get more rest, not less. Sleep boosts your immune system.
3. Drink additional fluids. This helps prevent dehydration, combats fever and distributes medication to all body parts.
4. Take Tylenol or Advil for fever and/or body aches.
5. Make sure to eat a well-balanced diet.
6. Wash your hands frequently to avoid spreading germs.
7. Cough into your elbow region instead of into your hands.
8. Follow the advice of parents, nurses and/or physicians.
9. Most illnesses will abate with or without formal treatment.

By KRISTI KLITSCH
Scene Editor

Does the winter weather have you feeling lethargic?

Well, RecSports has a solution for the post-Christmas laziness that plagues campus every January and February. Next weekend will mark the 13th anniversary of the Late Night Olympics, which will kick off on Friday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m.

The all-night sports event originated with the current Director of RecServices and Fitness, Sally Derengoski, who brought the idea with her to Notre Dame in 1985. The first year the event was entitled "The Late Night," and was modeled after an all-night event held at Indiana University, according to Kara O'Leary, RecServices Coordinator. The next year the program was changed to "Late Night Olympics" and has maintained that name for the past 12 years, said O'Leary.

In 1987, Late Night Olympics joined forces with the Special Olympics basketball teams and each team will be comprised of either two or three dorms. Dorms will be able to participate in 15 possible events, including volleyball, basketball, soccer, football, kickball, broomball and many others. In addition, the all-night event will include a basketball game between a team of Special Olympians and a team of rectors/recesses. "We like this event because it showcases the talent of the Special Olympic team and it shows why we are all there," O'Leary said. Because the event will be held in both the Joyce Center and the new Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center, three new events have been added this year. O'Leary said.

"With the use of the Rolfs RecSports and Recreation Center, we have added team dodgeball, badminton and table tennis to the list," she said. "We also encourage people to hang around and play pool while they watch the events."
Keep You In

The Flu & You:
Everything you need to know about the influenza virus

What is influenza (flu)?
Influenza or flu is a viral infection of the nose, throat, bronchial tubes and lungs. There are two main types of virus: A and B. Each type includes many different strains which tend to change each year.

When does influenza occur?
Influenza occurs most often in the winter months. Illnesses resembling influenza may occur in the summer months but they are usually due to other viruses.

Who gets influenza?
Anyone can get influenza, but it is most serious in the elderly, in people with chronic underlying illnesses (such as cancer, emphysema or diabetes) or those with weak immune systems.

How is it spread?
Influenza is highly contagious and is easily transmitted through contact with droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person during coughing and sneezing.

What are the symptoms of influenza?
Typical flu symptoms include headache, fever, chills, cough and body aches. Intestinal symptoms are uncommon. Although most people are ill for only a few days, some people have a much more serious illness, such as pneumonia, and may need to be hospitalized. Thousands of people die each year from the flu or related complications.

How soon do symptoms appear?
The incubation period for influenza is one to five days.

How is influenza diagnosed?
Usually, a doctor will diagnose a case of the flu based on typical symptoms of fever, chills, headache, cough and body aches. Specific lab tests to confirm the flu are costly and time-consuming and are usually limited to outbreak or disease surveillance methods.

When and for how long is a person able to spread influenza?
The contagious period varies, but probably begins the day before symptoms appear and extends for a week.

Does past infection with influenza make a person immune?
Generally, no. The viruses that cause the flu frequently change, so people who have been infected or given a flu shot in the previous years may become infected with a new strain. Because of this, and because any immunity produced by the flu shot will probably decrease in the year after vaccination, people in high-risk groups should be vaccinated every year.

What are the high-risk groups?
The following groups are at increased risk for serious illness with the flu and should receive vaccine:

- All people 65 years of age and older;
- Adults and children with long-term heart or lung problems;
- Residents of nursing homes and other institutions housing patients of any age who have serious long-term health problems;
- People who have kidney disease, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, anemia, severe asthma, cancer or immunological disorders and other medical conditions for which they are under the close supervision of a doctor.

Others who should receive vaccine include household contacts of high-risk people and healthcare workers who provide care to high-risk patients.

What is the treatment for influenza?
Rest and liquids are usually adequate. A prescription drug called amantadine may prevent or reduce the severity of influenza type A, but is not effective against type B.

What can be done to control or prevent influenza?
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Track prepares for Michigan

By BRIAN HOBBS
Space Writer

The Notre Dame Men’s and Women’s track and field teams are headed north to the University of Michigan this week for their first meet of the season.

Their competition includes Michigan, Michigan State, Illinois, Eastern Michigan, but most importantly, they will be running to set the pace for many other teams and many athletes will be looking to improve their ranks.

Coach Joe Piane acknowledges the important role the meet will play in determining their marks.

"This is a great time to start the season and get things rolling," he said. "We're looking forward to making our improvements known that Saturday will be the first time this season many of the athletes run in their race.

In addition, the meet will be running to set the pace for the pinnacle of the indoor season, which is the Big East Championships. Coach Piane knows the important role this meet plays in both the indoor and outdoor seasons, "basically, it's an important test for everyone in the Big East."

Last year’s last hurdles for Errol Williams as well as Jason Reing and Barret Jungre, Piane admits excitement in finally getting to see some young athletes perform.

"I am so excited to see Liz Grow as well as Luke Watson in the long distance," he said. "On athletes to watch on the men’s side of the team will be John West and Chris Cochran in jumps and hurdlers. We know that he and many team members are anxious to get to know this team and the team according to him.

"I trained hard all summer and I just look forward to contributing in the best way I can," West said, agreeing that this was the general mood at the team.

Missy Bulk"s highlight of the Michigan Open will be the arrival of dual athletes Tony Driver and Bobby Brown who arrive this weekend after a few weeks rest on the completion of another successful football season.

Consistent scores should be contributed by the Irish distance squad as well. Members including Ryan Maxwell, Errol Williams and Ryan Shay are anxious to contribute in the indoor season but acknowledge the adjustments to be made from outdoor to indoor track and field.

"It is a hard tradition from outdoor to indoor. The shorter than usual distances of all the increase in speed," Shay said.

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Louderback expects big performance in Minnesota

By Wes Jacobs

Tonight, women's tennis coach Jay Louderback will have the chance to see what his teams are made of when the twentieth-ranked Irish tennis team travels to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to take on the Blue Demons of DePaul in the Federated Insurance Court Classic. This match will be the team's first since completing their fall schedule in November. If victorious, Louderback's squad will advance to the championship and face either 15th-ranked Pepperdine or Minnesota.

Despite the extended layoff, members of the team expect to come out strong. "A lot of the girls played during the break," said Louderback, who expects big performance in Minnesota. 

Senior Marisa Valesco will be counted on tonight as the Fighting Irish take on the Blue Demons of Depaul tonight in Minnesota.

SPORTS BRIEFS

JAZZ DANCE — Come to the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center Activity Room 2 to get more information. Classes will meet Saturdays from 12:30-2 p.m. and Tuesdays from 7:45-9 p.m. Cost is $35. For additional information, please contact RecSports at 1-6100.

SWING DANCE — All levels are welcome for this semester-long course that meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. in RSRC Activity Room 2. To find out more, please attend the information meeting being held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the RSRC. Cost for the class is $30 and space is limited to the first 25 females and 25 males that register. If you have any questions, please contact RecSports at 1-6100.

MODERN DANCE — This class will be tailored for a range of abilities. Semester long course that will meet Saturday 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Tuesday 6:30-7:45 p.m. Cost for the class is $35. For more information, please contact RecSports at 1-6100.

BEGINNER BALLET — No experience necessary for this introduction to ballet. Class meets Sunday 1-2:30 p.m. and Thursday 6:30-7:45 p.m. in RSRC Activity Room 2. Cost for the class is $35.

ADVANCED BALLET — This semester-long course meets on Sunday 2:30-4 p.m. and Thursday 7:45-9:45 p.m. Cost for the class is $85. Pointe will be offered on Sundays 1-4:45 p.m. Cost for Pointe is only $5.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLINICS — Put all this snow to good use! Pick one or more of the following clinics to attend. Jan. 27 at 4 p.m., Feb. 3 at 10 a.m., or Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. Come spend a Saturday on the snow covered Notre Dame Golf Course! Please register in advance at RecSports. Cost is only $5.

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Giegler to help 76ers measure up

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson calmly prac­ ticed free throws, and Philadelphia 76ers president Pat Croce watched with am­ usement. It was just like some of the things he’s always done.

"I like the fans here," Geiger said. "They want to see a win­ ner." Geiger said he signed with the Hornets coach Dan Cowens about the extent of a hamstring injury he had last season didn’t affect his decision.

"I had an injury, and coach Cowens said stuff like my leg ought to be falling off and sev­ ered not to play," Geiger said. "I decided I wanted to wait until it was fully healed, and at that time he decided not to play me. It just escalated into some­ thing, but it wasn’t that big a deal.

Iverson spent much of the team’s media day working on his shooting. He appears to be in great shape and a good frame of mind despite mount­ing personal problems — again involving cars.

Last week, Mercedes-Benz recalled 5.3 million, six-year-old cars, accused the team of quitting. "This will be quick," Milbury said at the time. "In the end, this is a model contract.

"In the end, this is a model contract. There’s a new energy to it." Milbury has come under heavy criticism, especially for the recent trade of 23-year-old de­ fence­man Bryan Berard to Toronto for holdout goal­ tender Felix Potvin.

Milbury, 46, who spent 20 years in the Boston Bruins organization as player, coach and front office executive, came to the Islanders as coach on July 5, 1995. He assumed the general manager’s job from Don Maloney on Dec. 12, 1995.

He had a record of 56-11-24 as Islanders coach. In two seasons coaching the Bruins from 1989-91, Milbury’s teams won only three games since Nov. 26, are 0-10-1 in their last 11 games. After they lost to Florida 5-2 at home Wednesday night, Milbury accused the team of quitting. "This will be quick," Milbury said after the game. "It’s unacceptable. It looked like they quit. We had no jump, no spunk and we were disorga­ nized. It was a stinker without much sign of effort. We’ve got to do something about it.

Fans hosted the Islanders, chant­ing, "Mike Must Go."
Timberwolf flees pack for Phoenix

Associated Press

The Phoenix Suns are close to a deal with free agent Tom Gugliotta, a source close to the situation told The Associated Press today.

No contract has been signed, but the source, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said "there is a substantial Chance" that Gugliotta would sign with Phoenix.

The Suns turned up the heat on their efforts to sign Gugliotta since they learned Wednesday night that Antonio McDyess would not re-sign with Phoenix and instead would go to the Denver Nuggets.

Phoenix renounced 10 free agents, including McDyess, today in the first step to clear the salary cap room needed to sign Gugliotta. The Suns also were expected to trade three players to Chicago for Luc Longley, another move that would allow them more cap space.

In that deal, already confirmed by the Suns, the Bulls would sign Longley to a contract they intend to keep the Suns in Utah.

They also criticized as unwise an earlier report that they had already agreed to a four-year extension. Malone has one year remaining on his current contract and will be paid $3.7 million during the abbreviated season.

"I have always been committed to keeping Karl in a Jazz uniform for the rest of his career," said Harrington," but the Jazz "will obviously have the first and best shot" to sign Malone.

If the waiver isn't granted, the Jazz will have to renegotiate the contract. Malone had dabbled in everything from pro wrestling to talk radio, since the Jazz lost the NBA Finals to the Chicago Bulls in June. He has also made a much-publicized vow to never again play in Utah.

With the lockout over and training camp set for Wednesday, Jazz players expressed confidence in their ability to compete for a championship.

"It seems to me that the Jazz are now a strong favorite to win the Western Conference," said Malone. "It seems to me that the Jazz are now a strong favorite to win the Western Conference."
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ly a fumble, which meant the loose ball wasn't really loose. The referees missed the correct call, the game would have had a different outcome.

This game was not an isolated case. In a late season game between the Seattle Seahawks and New York Jets, the officials awarded Jets quarterback Vinny Testaverde a game-winning touchdown when only his helmet, not the ball, broke the plane of the goal line. This devastated a Seahawks team fighting for its playoff life.

My personal favorite miscue was on Thanksgiving day when my hometown Detroit Lions squared off against the Pittsburgh Steelers at the fabulous Pontiac Silverdome. Here, in the fourth quarter of a tight game, Lions wide receiver Johnny Morton caught a huge touchdown when only his helmet, not the ball, broke the plane of the goal line. This devastated a Seahawks team fighting for its playoff life.

So how do we fix this situation? That is the key to remedying these mistakes. Like all of us, referees are only human. They're doing the best they can, but football is a fast paced game, and they're going to miss calls. Give them the advantage that we have at home, and get the calls right so teams can't blame losses on missed calls.

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By ALAN WASIELEWSKI

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Hockey

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Aniket know when he's on the ice. Any time they catch
Notre Dame, they love doing it." Following a predicted champ
Notre Dame's precision killing unit has started to turn things
around. In the past three games, they have not allowed a
power play goal against, and have killed 17 of 18 overall
entering the weekend.

In these games, however, they did not have to deal with any
dangerous shooting threat which is Wildcat junior J. P.
Vigier. Vigier anchors the Wildcats top scoring line, along with
junior Roger Fruteau and senior Buddy Smith. In 24
games this season, the line has amassed 35 goals and 77 points
in all. Vigier is the CCHA's lead
ging goal scorer with 17, while
Smith leads the conference in
assists with 24. More impor
tant, Vigier leads all of college
hockey with a staggering ten
power play goals.

Certainly, the focus for the
Irish will be on the Wildcats' top
two. "We're going to have to
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This has been a tough season to understand if you are a fan of the Notre Dame men's basketball team. Big wins have been followed by huge losses. Winning streaks are transformed into losing streaks. This pattern of up-and-down moments has given the team the confidence to bounce back from some crushing blows. What remains to be seen is if the team can put together a consistent string of efforts to break out of their roller-coaster style.

The contest at the Joyce Center tomorrow against the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers will provide an opportunity to accomplish that feat.

The major question on everyone's mind for this weekend is if leading scorer and forward Rob Hodgson, who averages 13 points a game along with 6 rebounds, but his three point shooting is a major question for the Scarlet Knights.

Senior Dennis Carroll is second in the range and Rutgers is first in rebouds to go with his 10

Harold Swangan continued to impress and has become a crowd favorite at the ACC. Swangan grabbed 11 rebounds to go with his 10 points and converted a crucial free throw at the end of regulation.

Another blow out at the
top two teams, either 6-0 senior guard Geifi Billet averaged 46
percent from behind the arc as a
team. All of this accurate out
denting ability was on display in front of the net and
behind the deficit against the three point shot.

It will take a team effort
to keep Vigier quiet. They must always be prepared to
play a blue collar game.

"That's going to be a big part of the series because Northern Michigan and Lake State are good down
and in the corners. We're going to have to win the battles along the back wall," Slaggert said.

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The Irish take on the top fencing teams in the country this weekend as they open the 1999 season with two critical meets.

On Saturday, the Irish travel east to State College, Pennsylvania to take on Penn State, the 1998 National Champions, Stanford, Air Force and Haverford. The Cardinal finished third at last year's NCAA championships while the Falcons took 18th.

The Irish continue their tough road trip on Sunday when they travel to New York City to take a road trip on Sunday when they travel to New York City to take


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finished third at last year's NCAA, losing to Penn State by only two matches. The Irish have finished third once and second three times since their last national title in 1994. Returning eight of 10 NCAA qualifiers and seven of eight All-Americans from last year's squad, expectations are high for this year's team.

The Irish hope that by playing top competition early in the season, they will be better able to judge this year's chances and determine where improvement is needed.

"I feel playing the top teams early is a good move for us," junior espada Magda Krul said. "Normally we don't face these teams until NCAA's. This way we will have a way to gauge ourselves against the rest of our competition and see where we are at."

"This is a gauge of how well we can do this year," men's foil captain Brian Stone said. "We won't face any tougher competition all year."

The Irish are in session.

All times are PM.

Schedule is in effect only when classes are in session.

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Men's Tennis

Fresh faces serving the path to success
By NATHANIEL DE NICOLA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame men's tennis presents a fresh look this year, opening the 1999-99 season with a combination of experienced leaders and promising talent.

Senior co-captains Brian Patterson and Andy Warford and Junior All-American Ryan Sachire highlight an impressive core of returning players, an especially valuable asset considering the team last four players from last year to graduation.

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In addition to returning stars, the team also boasts the one of the best freshman classes in recent memory.

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Notre Dame opens versus Miami, against whom they own an 8-2 overall record.

"I anticipate that we're going to be a little stronger than Miami," Bayliss said. "Last year their No. 1 beat us, but I think we've got a deeper team.

Barring a victory over Miami, Notre Dame could face William and Mary later in the afternoon.

"That will a tough match," Bayliss said. "Both No. 1 and No. 2 doubles are nationally ranked and David Kenas has a tremendous return."

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Dana Delany, Linda Hart, John Hurt, Bill Bailey, Sarah Sweet, Olivia D'Abo, Joan Smalls, Graham Kerr, Piper Laurie

Happy Birthday: Don't let your emotional involvement with your professional advancement this year get ahead of you. You need to confront the work you are doing, and not let it dominate your thinking. This is the year to confront your numbers.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are likely to find that someone you thought to be your friend behind your back. Secrets are far too revealing. You may find that some events will unfold according to your expectations.

Taurus (May 21-June 20): You must take care of all your domestic concerns before you decide to go on a trip or a vacation. Events will unfold according to your expectations. Be careful while traveling.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will have difficulty putting your personal life into perspective. You may be too eager to risk your emotional life. Letting frustrations stand in your way will be detrimental to your advancement. You must deal with situations to begin some long-drawn-out setbacks. This is the year to confront your numbers.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may be taken for granted if you are too willing to give of your own time. Do not take on problems that don't concern you. Leading more normal, harmonious, and meaningful lives will result if you have more than one love. You must take care of all your domestic concerns.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can entertain in your home or make changes in your living quarters. Activities will be necessary in order to avoid emotional stress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Secret affairs will get out of hand, causing personal problems. Put your efforts into bettering your family situation and surroundings rather than jeopardizing your position.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can entertain in your home or make changes in your living quarters. Activities will be necessary in order to avoid emotional stress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't confide in others. Your personal secrets are far too revealing. You may find that someone you thought to be your friend is spreading rumors behind your back.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Don't try to make changes in your living quarters today. You will have difficulty putting your personal life into perspective. Be careful while traveling.

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Irish look to solidify CHAA standing in Michigan

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team will look to solidify its third place standing in the CHAA this weekend when they travel north to take on the Wildcats of Northern Michigan and the Lakers of Lake Superior State.

This weekend's series represents the last long road trip the team will have to make this season, as they play in Marquette, Michigan on Friday and in Sault Ste. Marie on Saturday. In addition to missing key defenders Ryan Clark and Tyson Fraser, the team received more bad news on the injury front this past week. Team captain Brian Urick suffered a broken finger in Saturday's game against Alaskan-Fairbanks, an injury that could keep him out anywhere from three to five weeks. In any case, Urick's absence certainly misses this weekend's contests as well as next weekend's highly anticipated matchup with Michigan.

Assistant coach Andy Slaggert addressed the issue of his team playing without their captain. "I don't think there will be a void of leadership," Slaggert said. "We'll certainly miss his intensity, his speed and his goal scoring. We'll look to our alternate captains (Anket Dhadphale), Benoit (Gibons), and to Forrest (Karin) in net for leadership." In Urick's absence, Slaggert also noted that the team's top scoring line will probably consist of Ben Simon at center, with sophomore Chad Chipchase and junior Joe Dushak on the wings.

Friday night's matchup against Northern Michigan pits two hot teams against one another. The Wildcats came into the contest having won their last four games overall, including three straight conference wins. Their current four game streak is the longest since they opened their season with six straight wins.

Thus far, Northern Michigan season has been one of streaks. After starting the season winning nine of eleven, the Wildcats went through a tough stretch during which they lost seven out of nine games. Strange, they were able to end their season with their current streak of six wins.

For the Irish, they have never lost to the Wildcats. They have had a winning streak of six straight wins. Their current four game winning streak is the longest since they opened their season with six straight wins.

Saturday's contest will be played in Sault Ste. Marie. The Irish will look for a sweep of the two-game series early in the season at nationally ranked Clarkson. In conference, they defeated Ferris State in Big Rapids in addition to truncating the Wolverines in Ann Arbor 6-1.

The Wildcats are by no means a surprise team following last year's fourth place finish and CHAA Tournament semifinal appearance. During Notre Dame's late run to the playoffs last year, they managed to beat Northern three straight times in a stretch of four games to sweep the season series. In fact, the two wins at the Joyce Center last year got a bit chippy, just to add to the growing rivalry between the teams.

Currently, Northern sits just three points behind the third place Irish in sixth place in the tightly packed CHAA standings. Add all this up and the fact that Notre Dame senior Anket Dhadphale is a native of Marquette, and you have the formula for a heated season series in 1999. "I know they remember last year! because Anket knows a few of these guys and he was with them throughout the year," said assistant coach Andy Slaggert. "They'll remember it now and they'll probably let us know about it."