Debate team dominates tournament

By LAURA UBERTI
News Writer

The debate team's first-place overall finish at the Frankly Speaking Debate Classic at Illinois’ College of DuPage on Jan. 22 helped contribute to the team's nationally recognized image, according to team coach Christ Huck.

"They call it closing out a tournament," he explained. "It is protocol for the same school not to compete against itself. Ending a tournament in this fashion is significant. It's a really great accomplishment.

"This tournament was all about establishing ourselves in the Midwest and preparing for nationals," said Dan Pease, a junior team member. "We really wanted to make a name for ourselves in the region. The debate community knows we are a force nationally.""Huck described the victory as "one of the finest moments in the 100-year history of the Debate Team."
A day for all

There are many holidays that are blatantly discriminatory, yet we, as the skewed American public, make such decisions without taking into account the feelings of another group or another part, obliviously over exploited Christian holidays like Christmas and Easter, and then a slew of holidays like Labor Day (how about a day for working class people?) and the Fourth of July. "Call me a Jew, call me an American, I'm just an American Jew." What about the unexploited Christian holy day of Groundhog Day?

That right there summed me up a little myself. "They were invi­ ted here and I told them specifically we didn't want them to do, but they got a little bit out of control." Mitchell said the show drew a posi­ tive response from the several hundred women who attended. But, now that the dust has settled, Mitchell said he expects negative feedback from UI officials regarding the event.

"They don't even know what they should have, some things I wasn't even aware existed, but now I'm aware, now I'm down as much as I could, but once they did it, what can you do?" Penza, who said she enjoyed the event, was surprised of this nature was held in a UI building. "They would take the women up on stage, and [the men] were straddling them with their legs up in the air and [the dancer's] face in their- crotch," she said.

BRIGHTON YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Olympics scandal in cross country

BYU and two other Utah colleges were issued subpoenas Thursday by the U.S. Justice Department, which is investi­ gating the Salt Lake Olympic Committee scandal. The Justice Department is requiring BYU, Utah Valley State College and the University of Utah to submit school records to aid in their investigation. BYU has actually received two subpoenas. The first was received the middle of last week, and the second was late Wednesday," said Carr Jenkins, director of media communications for BYU. Jenkins said the Justice Department subpoena requested the transcripts of nine individuals. One on the list is Ithel Attarbulsi, son of former International Olympic Committee member Bashir Attarbulsi of Libya. Attarbulsi, who attended the BYU English Language Center, received funds for tuition and expenses through a SLOC scholarship, Jenkins said.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Scientists claim truth to biblical flood

Though the story of Noah's ark has long been consid­ ered a biblical myth, two Columbia oceanographers have found evidence that a vast and deadly flood did occur around the same time the Bible indicates Noah's Flood occurred. In their book, "Flood: The New Scientific Discoveries About the Event That Changed History," Walter Pitman and William Ryan, senior scientists at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, attribute the biblical story to the Black Sea surge that occurred around 5600 B.C. The evidence for this book came from the scientists' 1993 expedition to the Black Sea with the Russian Academy of Sciences. Pitman and Ryan were invited on the expedition by Russian scientists with whom they had maintained contac­ t even before the Iraq Conflict fell. The trip was the first time the former Soviet shoreline was open to researchers from the West.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Tennis players testify on harassment

Senior Daria Kornechuk and 1998 graduate Kirsten Ericson were not the first to be sexually harassed by head tennis coach Jesse Dwive and mistreated by Syracuse University, according to testimony by former SU tennis players. After learning of allegations of sexual harassment against Dwive and the university, former play­ ers who played for SU more than 15 years ago came for­ ward to detail stories of unwanted sexual massages, inap­ propriate touching, and constant threats and intimidation. Kornechuk, Ericson and their parents filed a $762 million lawsuit last year against SU, head tennis coach Jesse Dwive, Athletic Director Jake Crouthamel and other members of SU's athletic department. They main­ tain Dwive sexually harassed them until they committed to physical and spiritual, created a hostile environment and threatened their scholarships and playing time.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Laundromat and bar combo opens

The future of laundry has established itself in Madison. A new laundromat/cybercafe will radically transform the way students traditionally use the washing dirty socks and stained T-shirts in antiquated machines. Laundry 101, Madison's first laundromat, cafe and bar, opened its doors last Friday. "We've essentially waged war on laundromats," Zach Brandon, Vice President of Laundry 101, said. "We're rein­venting what laundry is for the college student." The idea for the laundromat was based on their college experience, Brandon said. The store, painted in jarring neon colors, con­ tains an eclectic mix of old and new machines, bar stools and computer equipment. "We wanted to build a bright and fun atmosphere for students, we've developed a place where students could do anything from getting a beer to doing a load of laundry," Brandon said. "This is definitely a place oriented towards college students."

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Midden/Little suggest study day, winter carnival

By M. SHANNON RYAN

Saint Mary’s Tribune

Initiating a study day during finals week, creating a technology commissioner position and offering career counseling are some of the ideas on the list of campaign goals for student body presidential and vice presidential candidates Janet Horvath and Gina Guerreso. We have a very packed platform, but we’ve concentrated on the issues that really matter to the students.

All goals are attainable. We’re in this for all the right reasons.

"I want to ensure that everyone we’re working with is having a good time. If everyone can relax and feel that what we’re doing matters, then I believe we’ll be very successful."

EXPLOG

Midden and Little suggest study day, winter carnival.

Midden and Little, both juniors, have an extensive background in Student government Association (SGA) and experience working with each other. During their sophomore year, Midden served as class president with Little as the junior class president. They share the experience of working as tutors in the writing center as well.

As student body vice president, Midden’s duties include acting as coordinator for the Student Government Association (SGA) and attending the Student Government Association (SGA) meeting. She is also involved in various activities such as the National Honor Society, the Saint Mary’s College Board of Directors, and the Student Government Association (SGA). She is an economics major and she has also served as a presenter at an Association of College Unions International conference.

Little is a double major in English and Communications and Business. She was the McCandless Hall resident advisor and also served as an editor of Blue Mantel. Guerreso has also dedicated time to volunteering as a presenter at an Association of College Unions International conference.

Little and Midden have been a political organizing team for years and have known each other for a long time. They are experienced leaders and have taken the initiative with various projects.

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"We know it’s a need. We’ve heard what the students have to say," Midden said. "As SAC coordinator, I’ve done research as other institutions and seen that it has worked."

The idea has previously met opposition, Midden said, because proposals called for two days instead of one.

"Because Saint Mary’s and our Dame Dorms are far from each other, students have a study room for the study day, the candidates said.

Little mentioned that some administrators have been hesitant about allowing study days because they fear students will abuse the study days without classes.

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Celebrate a winter carnival: Reinvigorating a winter festival would promote cultural opportunities on campus. Midden and Little said the day would be a chance to relax and have fun in between Saint Mary’s Day in the fall and SM Trot in the spring.

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Horvath/Guerresco aim to improve dining service

A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step

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Key goals of student body presidential and vice presidential candidates Janet Horvath and Gina Guerresco include improving dining hall services, linking campus organizations to students and promoting open dialogue.

"A lot of the time things are said, but nothing is done about it. I have no doubt in my mind that we’ll follow through," Guerresco said.

Guerresco is a political science major and minor who will take what direction with a project. She is good at delegating and Angie makes sure everyone can feel as good as I do when I working with is having a good time. If we’ve done all the research, “ Midden said.

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Guerresco, a mass communications major from Louisiana, Minn., is currently serving as a campaign volunteer for Saint Mary’s SGA. She served as the elections commissioner and registration chair of sophomore class board representative, an orientation counselor and a member of the Play group.

Guerresco said it would be a chance for freshmen to get acquainted with the Gallog。“We want to get to know the institution through the course," she said. "You wouldn’t be intimidated to get to know Saint Mary’s and learn about the Sisters of the (Sarah Siefert) and vice president (Nancy Duff),” she said. "Things are open to ideas."

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The winning team's members suffered first-round losses. They compiled a collective 17-7 record, even after they each said Huck. "There I expect us the Air Force Academy, too." said. "Last semester we took Smith and Mark Styczynski.

Michelle Peterson, Rachel Smith and Joyce Bohms, Will McDonald, Michelle Petersen, Rachel Smith and Mark Styczynski. This outing is representative of the strong season the team has produced so far, according to Huck. "We're a young team, but 'we're doing very well," he said. "Last semester we took first place at a tournament at the Air Force Academy, too." The team is comprised of 12 members, with only three upperclassmen and nine freshmen.

"We're going to the Novice National Tournament, for freshmen and sophomores," said Huck. "There I expect us to finish in the top ten, if not the top five. Even winning the tournament isn't out of the question."

When the team competes, it is not only against the host school, but also against all other attending teams. That number can range from four to 50. The best teams now are Colorado State and Carroll College of Montana, according to Huck. "It's difficult to compare (our results to Colorado State or Carroll) because, unless you go to tournaments with them, you don't know how you'll do," he said. Those teams compete mainly in the west, so Notre Dame may not meet them until nationally, he explained.

Although Notre Dame is as big as some schools it competes against, students do not receive debate scholarships. Instead, the team is funded through the Student Affairs department.

"We compete all the time. It's a little-known thing," said Huck. "We travel all around the country.

Students typically prepare for tournaments by practicing twice a week in front of their coach but must read on their own to keep up on current events, Huck explained.

During tournaments, students are put into two-person teams and are given a topic either to affirm or oppose, with only 15 minutes of preparation.

Competition began with tournaments in August, and will conclude two weeks after spring break. The team will travel to St. Louis Feb. 12-14 for a tournament at Washington University, then attend one at Willamette University in Salem, Ore. They will conclude the season with the national tournament in Point Loma, Calif., Huck said.
Aftenposten left for Cuba on Monday to join the search. Aagaard is a veteran photojournalist who published a book about the country. Norwegian authorities are attempting to trace him through the internet this weekend. He arrived alone in Havana for a study trip. He returned to Oslo from a three-week trip to the Tequesta Indians, a group that disappeared hundreds of years ago. The circle, which is 38 feet in diameter, consists of stone carvings and post holes. Some of the formations resemble the shapes of sea animals.

Chinese arrest Catholic clergy

BELING

Police have arrested two priests along with an unknown number of other members of China’s underground Catholic church, a U.S.-based group reported Monday. Police in northern Hebei province arrested the Rev. Pet. Sunchang and the Rev. Chen Hekun on Jan. 25, the Cardinal Kung Foundation reported. The group provided no other details, but said priests and seminarians were possibly among the others taken into custody. The arrests are the latest moves against Catholic religious worshiping outside China’s state-approved church. Worried about challenges to its authority, the ruling Communist Party has targeted illegal religious gatherings in a broad crackdown on dissent.

Journalist disappears in Cuba

OSLO

A Norwegian photojournalist has been reported missing in Cuba after failing to return to Oslo from a three-week trip to the island. Rolf M. Augaard, 34, a photographer for Oslo’s Aftenposten newspaper, was last heard from on Jan. 7, shortly after he arrived alone in Havana for a study trip. He was to return to Oslo on Friday, but his airline tickets were not used, Augaard said Monday. His family reported him missing this weekend. Norwegian authorities are attempting to trace him through the international police organization Interpol and diplomatic channels. Two top editors from Aftenposten left for Cuba on Monday to join the search. Augaard is a veteran photojournalist who has visited Cuba often and published a book about the country.

Excavation begins on downtown ruins

MIAMI

A developer agreed to give archaeologists another month to complete their excavation of a downtown site they believe contains prehistoric ruins. In an agreement reached Sunday, Michael Areschi promised to allow archaeologists to continue their excavation without interference through Feb. 26. With the reprieve, Baumann asserted the possibility of a legal fight that could have delayed construction of a $180 million residential-commercial complex. During a routine survey of the 2.2-acre site last summer, archaeologists discovered a circle made up of dozens of holes carved into stone. The spot is believed to have been a settlement of the Tequesta Indians, a group that disappeared hundreds of years ago. The circle, which is 38 feet in diameter, consists of stone carvings and post holes. Some of the formations resemble the shapes of sea animals.

Security agent slain in Gaza shootout

A Palestinian security agent was killed Monday in a shootout with three fugitives from the Islamic militant group Hamas who had been under police surveillance. The incident occurred during surveillance. The three were arrested several hours later in the Shati refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip. The second shootout left another Palestinian girl injured, but not seriously, Asfour said. Palestinian police said the three were members of Hamas’ military wing.

Lawyers apologize to Lewinsky

WASHINGTON

President Clinton’s lawyers on Monday offered Monica Lewinsky an apology “on behalf of the president,” for the difficulties their investigation has caused her. They turned down the chance to ask any questions during sworn testimony by House prosecutors. The deposition of the former intern took place behind closed doors in the Mayflower Hotel’s presidential suite, but was videotaped for senators weighing the impeachment charges.

Rep. Ed Bryant, R-Tenn., spent about four hours posing questions on behalf of the House prosecution team that fought to persuade the Senate to sum- mon Ms. Lewinsky. Bryant, who closely tracked her earlier account to a federal grand jury, according to sources familiar with the testimony, who commented only on condition of anonymity. The sources were not associated with the House prosecution team and worked outside the White House. Bryant himself would not discuss the substance of the questioning, which lasted far less than the eight hours set aside by the Senate, but he said he “felt it was a productive session.”

Four senators sat in on the session as referees but would give no details later. They are bound by a Senate admonition not to discuss what they observed. The rest of the Senate is expected to review the videotape as early as Tuesday as part of the trial to remove Clinton from office.

Presidential friend Vernon Jordan will be questioned on Tuesday and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal on Wednesday in depositions in a private room at the Capitol.

At one point in Monday’s session, the president’s chief advisor, Attorney General Janet Reno, denied a reporter’s question about the president’s state of mind. Earlier, Reno had said she had asked the president, “Are you feeling well?” and the president had replied, “I’m good.”

Reno also would not discuss Clinton’s state of mind, and said the president was not resting. Asked if the president had regained any of his former energy, Reno said, “I doubt it.”

Reno said she had not seen evidence of the president’s state of mind. Asked if there was any evidence indicating the president was under stress, Reno said, “I’ve seen no evidence that the president is under stress.”

Reno’s last answer, made in the presence of Ms. Lewinsky, was brief. She said, “I’m not going to talk about Ms. Lewinsky.”
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ded concern about student-athletes as well. "Many of the schools do not have the same academic standards. Competing against these teams doesn't help us compete as a student-athlete," he said.

The traveling schedule also demands student-athletes adapt.

Like Brown, Berticelli said he would rather take a "plane to Pittsburgh than a bus to Bloomington." MacLeod, however, does not see this as a hindrance.

"The benefit [of joining] is that you don't have to travel west, which is the middle of Big Ten country. The geographic thing is a problem," he said. "We could take five or six bus trips as opposed to plane trips, so it's a lot easier and a lot shorter.

Changing conferences may not be drastic to the near-dynasties that women's teams like basketball, soccer and volleyball have built in the Big East, but it does make a difference as far as the comfort level at which many of these teams compete.

Volleyball and women's soccer have dominated as four-time conference champions since joining the Big East in 1991-92. The Final Four appearance and appeared at the NCAA tournament of the Big East tournament for three consecutive years. Currently, it is ranked sixth in the nation.

Women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw said, "We've been busy. We've got to get the same feel for them as we have for the teams in the Big East. We're very comfortable in the Big East."

McGraw said that her team should fare well in the Big Ten, but would feel like it was a starting over point.

But some advantages for women's basketball, McGraw said, are bigger crowds and more money.

"From top to bottom, the Big Ten puts more money into their sports," she said. "The Big Ten leads the nation in attendance."

Many coaches, however, don't see the scales tipping in either direction.

"I don't have a strong opinion on it either way. The Big Ten is a great conference for us. The competition in the Big East has a lot more top quality teams ... than the Big Ten," Berticelli said, noting that almost half of the teams in the Big East consistently land a spot in the top 25.

"We're going from one good conference to another. From a men's soccer perspective, the trade-offs are pretty even. I don't think we have anything to gain by going into the Big Ten."

One challenge Berticelli will face is making a schedule outside of the conference. Currently, the Big East schools have each other's men's soccer. With Michigan's recent vote for a program and Notre Dame's possible move, the number would be up to eight fully-funded groups.

The men's soccer team is also at a disadvantage because it has fewer fully-funded scholarships to offer than most Big Ten schools. Berticelli said he has already encountered this in the Big East as well.

What can Berticelli do about the unequal funding?

"Nothing. You can't combat it," he said. "You have to match financially if you want to compete in this league."

At this point, hockey still isn't sure at what level it would compete if Notre Dame joined the Big Ten.

There is no Big Ten hockey conference, but with Notre Dame joining Ohio State, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota and Wisconsin there would be six Division I Big Ten schools with hockey -- the number needed for a hockey conference. Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State make up the Big Ten schools in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association with Notre Dame, while Minnesota and Wisconsin compete in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

"I'm very happy in the CCHA," said Irish hockey coach Dave Poulin. "We'll just have to sit back and wait for an overall decision.""[/quote]

The move may actually have a bigger impact on other schools' programs. Small powerhouses like Lake Superior State and Alaska Fairbanks will especially be affected by the decrease in competition if a Big Ten hockey conference is created.

"We play a variety of schools; it's sort of a weird mix with lots of Division II powers," Poulin said. "Any of those schools are going to be concerned with a Big Ten league."

Whether coaches are in favor of or opposed to joining the Big Ten, many agree that they will have to adapt.

"They're not huge adjustments," Brown said. "We'll have to look at things a little differently. We can't look at it like it's huge obstacle or like we're starting over.

February is Black History Month, a time for all students to reflect on the achievements of African-Americans, to celebrate the trials and triumphs that echo in remembrance of such events as the March on Washington, the assassination of Malcolm X, the release of Nelson Mandela from prison, Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Throughout the month, Saint Mary's will be hosting events such as workshops, brown bag lunches and lectures to provide students a chance to present opinions and promote insight into problems that still exist between cultures.

Special prayer services will be held each Thursday during February, beginning on Feb. 4 to celebrate Rosa Parks' birthday. The following Thursdays will highlight Nelson Mandela's release from prison and the assassination of Malcolm X. The last service will be a student reflection. These services will all be held at the Sacred Heart Chapel in Holy Cross Hall from 9:30-10 p.m.

Students can enjoy lunch and trivia Friday, Feb. 5, in the Saint Mary's dining hall, when the Student Activities Board host "Think Fast" from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The game will test players knowledge of Black History trivia. Teams will compete to win up to $20.

A brown bag luncheon will take place in Stapleton Lounge on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at noon. A slide presentation will be shown and materials such as a social dynamics in Haiti will be discussed. This event is being sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

"A Win As Much As You Can" workshop will be sponsored by Student Activities and the Office of Multicultural Affairs at noon on Friday, Feb. 12, in the Wedge Room of the dining hall.

"Black Student Movement of the New Millennium," at 5 p.m.

The Saint Mary's Clubhouse will hold a Black History Month workshop entitled "Building Sisterhood" on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, a brown bag luncheon will be held in the Stapleton Lounge from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Students can finish the week by watching the movie "Beloved" in Carroll Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26. A panel discussion will follow the film. This event is sponsored by the Student Activities Board and the Sisters of Nefertiti.

For more information contact Maria Oropeza of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 284-4344 or Rachel Bodnar at 284-3434.

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Clinton proposes $1.7 trillion budget for next year

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WASHINGTON

Ushering in the new millennium with the promise of huge federal surpluses, President Clinton proposed on Monday a $1.77 trillion budget for the year 2000 that would bustress Social Security and bestow billions on everything from troops in breach of faith.

Republicans who control Congress immediately vowed to rework much of it. Staking out this year's political battlefield, they insisted that hundreds of billions of the $2.41 trillion in surpluses Clinton envisions over the next decade should be returned to Americans in tax-rate cuts, not used for new spending.

"Basic fairness dictates that some of this overpayment should go back to the taxpayers," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois.

"We don't want to invent programs to spend the surplus on," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

Economists caution that a deep, protracted recession could erode the projected black ink, which began abruptly last year with a surplus of $69 billion.

But Clinton exulted that after three decades of unrelenting deficits, the mountains of money give Washington "a special obligation" to address problems gnawing at the country. He would not only brace the government for the looming retirement of 76 million baby boomers, but reduce the $3.6 trillion national debt built over decades of federal borrowing — and spend money for scores of other purposes.

I N T E R N A T I O N A L W O R K I N G O P P O RT U N I T Y

The partisan positioning underlined how even in a time of budget plenty, the two parties are largely continuing familiar appeals to their political bases.

Democrats are rallying behind Social Security and expanded domestic spending, while Republicans are raising their twin banners of tax cuts and smaller government.

Clinton would spend $39 billion, or 2 percent more, than Congress authorized for fiscal year 1999, which runs through Sept. 30. But thanks to the humungous economy, he anticipates $77 billion more in federal revenue, allowing this year's expected $79 billion surplus to swell to $117 billion in 2000.

If those numbers seem surreal, so did the juxtaposition of the day's two chief events. As the president was releasing his budget, lawyers from his Senate impeachment trial were in a Mayflower Hotel room block away, questioning Monica Lewinsky about her affair with Clinton.

The impeachment fallout could leave both sides eager to build records of legislative achievement, or it could make them eager to draw political distinctions as the 2000 elections approach. Initial signs pointed to confrontation.

Republicans agreed with Clinton that most of the surpluses should be set aside to trim the national debt and strengthen Social Security. But the two sides are already fighting over how to do that.

And while Republicans want to use most of the remaining surpluses — nearly $400 billion over 10 years — largely to cut income tax rates, Clinton proposes using that money at Medicare, new retirement investment accounts and defense and domestic programs.

"We have a rare opportunity that comes along once in a blue moon to any group of Americans," Clinton said as he outlined his plan at the White House.

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Radicals Not the Head of 'Right to Life'

In her Inside Column on Monday, Jan. 25, Laura Petelle addressed the issue of abortion in light of the March for Life held in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 22. After cautioning March participants not to align themselves with the radical culture's prevailing, accepted attitude of killing doctors and bombing abortion clinics, she offered an insight to those who choose to keep their children. The Women's Care Center in South Bend is an example of this loving work that has saved the lives of many children and the health of numerous young women. Centers such as these provide education that abortion clinics and the government cannot offer, such as information concerning fetal development, the risks incurred from abortion, and abortion alternatives.

The driving force behind abortion is our culture's prevailing, accepted attitude of "Me first, then ask other questions." Because our society generally follows this selfish manner of handling our own problems, this mentality often shapes our psychological needs will be better served through crisis pregnancy centers throughout the county reach out to women, offering counseling, adoption services, and financial support for women who choose to keep their children. The Women's Care Center in South Bend is an example of this loving work that has saved the lives of many children and the health of numerous young women. Centers such as these provide education that abortion clinics and the government cannot offer, such as information concerning fetal development, the risks incurred from abortion, and abortion alternatives. When a pregnant girl feels she must abort her baby because her parents or friends do not want to support her children, the Women's Care Center in South Bend is an example of this loving work that has saved the lives of many children and the health of numerous young women. Centers such as these provide education that abortion clinics and the government cannot offer, such as information concerning fetal development, the risks incurred from abortion, and abortion alternatives. When a pregnant girl feels she must abort her baby because her parents or friends do not want to support her children.

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A long time ago, I heard there was originally only one lake in my city. As the stories went, there was an Indian law which mandated that a lake of a certain size had to be open to the public. Fr. Sorin alleg¬edly filled the lake in the name of the other smaller Lac’s, and thus, our campus, could be kept private.

Cappy Gagnon

Cappy Gagnon, '66, Coordinator of Stadium Personnel (the latter-conjures the student body for the dignified manner through- out of octopus) in which they behave themselves before the L.S.F. Gagnon is well known for his drooping mustache, his lectures could also prove very useful if you find yourself on Death Row in a Texas prison.

Cappy Gagnon, a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, has been a member of the editorial board since 1992. He is known for his humorous and irreverent commentary on campus life. In this column, he discusses the history of the lake on campus and how it was created.

The Bella of Saint Mary’s

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The Gender Line of Shopping

The fundamental difference between men and women has always been fraught with the danger of being misunderstood. But the gender line is drawn by the magnetic strip of the credit card. For example, compare the way in which an average man and an average woman announce a shopping trip.

**Male:** I am shopping.

**Female:** I have to buy some clothes.

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Progressive Student Alliance

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To Serve, Protect and Present and prospective resident assistant to lead dorms with friendship at Notre Dame...

By LOUREL CRUZ
Assistant Scene Editor

Most people on campus understand the academic and social expectations that come with being a Notre Dame student—studying until dawn, serving on student government or playing a varsity sport. Each of them would be a resident assistant.

To those expectations add the pressure to counsel fellow residents and build a sense of peace, comfort and security in your dorm. Does it seem impossible to be that student?

But R.A.s have to meet all of these expectations and more in their duties. But each one has the desire to, in some way, make their dorm and the people living there better just because they were an R.A.

"The role of the R.A. covers so many things," said Mike Ferguson, R.A. of Knott Hall. "It is being there for the freshman who is just not quite adjusting to college life and university rules. Many of them are also on duty during SORs, formal and informal dorm activities.

But, as an R.A., the students need to be prepared to serve their dorms and the residents at any given time; whether it be sitting in the emergency room after a fall, helping them with their homework or just talking it out.

"The hardest aspect of being an R.A. is balancing time between being on duty, studying and everything else," said Sabol. "There are a lot of things that come on your schedule and you have to be flexible.

But enforcing the rules is not the only concern for R.A.s.

"Many people think the R.A.s are just there for discipline, but I look at it as more of a counseling role," said Ferguson. "First and foremost, I believe that we must be friends and leaders to the people in our dorms.

"The best part of being an R.A. is the interaction with all the people in the dorm and being able to help when they need to talk," said Sabol.

Many resident assistants tend to develop close relationships with the women/men in their dorms through their counseling and advising.

"I love my section. They have been a blessing because of their enthusiasm and their constant happiness," said Ferguson. "I will say I have a good relationship with the guys of my dorm. I have known many of them for years, so I am the same old Mike to them."

This friendly relationship is especially true in smaller residence halls with lower populations. "I believe I have a close relationship with the girls in Badin because we are so close, and it makes it easier to meet and know people," said Sabol.

Applications for resident assistants for the 1999-2000 academic year were due this past January.

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DIANE SABOL
RESIDENT ASSISTANT, BADIN HALL

"You are always on duty in this respect, because your whole section looks at you as a role model," he said.

Here at Notre Dame, residence hall living is one of the most important aspect of campus life. The dorm takes on the role of a community within the dorm. He/she acts as a leader to all the students in the dorm and also as a mentor. There are currently 162 resident assistants in the 27 dorms on campus.

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To be an R.A., a student must complete an application from Student Affairs. This application includes a statement of philosophy and three letters of recommendation. A number of resident assistant applicants are already very involved in their dorms—Althoff, Grugan and Pasquillera. East resident Molly O'Brien are their Hall Presidents, and Mendoza serves as Senator. They would like to carry on their service to the dorm as R.A.

"I think I have tried to fully immerse myself in the dorm and its activities, which I believe is important for an R.A. to have such experiences," said Grugan.

"I am one of P.E.'s hall presidents this year and would like to continue my leadership role in the dorm," said O'Brien. "I hope I will get the chance to know some of the residents better and strengthen friendships that I already have.

Many of the resident assistant candidates have wanted to be an R.A. since their first year at Notre Dame.

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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR R.A.

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"My relationship with the residents in my sections is one of friendship interlaced with respect. They consider me a resource, friend and confidant, but they understand that it is my duty to make sure everything is in order."

BETTY SMITH
RESIDENT ASSISTANT, HENDEE HALL

"An R.A. I have learned to be more patient when dealing with people. You need more patience dealing with 30 or 50 people in your section than just a roommate. More importantly, you see more into people's lives. There is more comradery and a sense of sharing between an R.A. and his residents."

KEVIN KRUEGER
RESIDENT ASSISTANT, STANFORD HALL

RACIAL HEALING BEGINS WITH YOU

"Why do they always sit together in the dining hall?"
"It's a black thing, you wouldn't understand."
"Comment made by African-American student on campus. "You must be a football player."
"Why do you always try to talk and act so White?"
"You know, I really don't see you as Mexican-American."
"I'm tired of always hearing about racism."
"Have I got a good racial joke for you."

Without doubt, you've either made or heard one of these statements or been asked one of these questions. The common thread for all the above statements and questions is that all are based on limited information and stereotypical generalizations about race. Unfortunately, it's these types of generalizations about race that lead to racial slurs or jokes being made, racial literature being distributed and physical confrontations occurring between different racial groups. Given that one of the traditions at Notre Dame is that of providing a familial atmosphere for students, faculty and staff, it's time that we all take an active stance to make sure that all racial groups on this campus feel included in the Notre Dame family. Healing and harmony between the races begins with you.

"So you ask, why should I make a commitment to be an ally for racial harmony?" When you become an ally for racial harmony you have the opportunity to gain greater self-awareness, gain greater awareness of others, develop new friendships, develop better interpersonal skills, become better able to challenge stereotypes and prejudices, promote more unity between racial groups and become better equipped to live in a multicultural world. In other words, you have the opportunity to grow both emotionally and intellectually. Through this growth, you contribute to the development of a society where all races are valued and appreciated.

One step in building the bridge toward racial harmony and tearing down the walls of racism is to begin with inter-racial communication. While we all know that it is sometimes emotionally difficult and risky to speak candidly, openly and honestly about race. It is only through this type of dialogue that we are able to become more aware, sensitive and knowledgeable about each other. Given that the topic of race can be a sensitive and emotional area, it's important to keep a few pointers in mind:

• Do use "I" statements.
• Do not react rush.
• Do not cite what you've heard about a person's experience.
• Do allow questions, no matter how trivial they may seem to you.
• Do promote up-stairification and elaboration by asking for examples.
• Do try to define or downplay a person's experience.
• Do listen to the experiences of others in their racial group.

Now that you have some pointers for communicating about racial issues, here are some questions to ask others and yourself. With each question, fill in the blank with a racial group.

Q: What experiences have you had that impact your current feelings toward ___? How have your significant others in your life influenced your attitudes about ___? If you haven't had much contact with ___ what prevents this from happening? When you have a racial prejudicial thought or feeling, what do you do? What types of generalizations about race lead to racial slurs or jokes being made? What have been your experiences with racism? What will you do today to increase your racial awareness?

Now that you've made the commitment to become an ally for racial healing and harmony, here are some suggestions for increasing your racial awareness, sensitivity and knowledge.

• Volunteer at a school or agency with a racially diverse population
• Go to an multicultural holiday
• Visit an ethnic art gallery or museum
• Visit your local office of minority student affairs
• Learn a foreign language
• Read a book on a group who is racially different from you
• Invite a friend to lunch who is racially different from you
• Take a multicultural diversity course
• Go to an ethnic restaurant
• Watch TV movies or plays with racially diverse actors/actresses
• Attend in music in artists who are racially different from you
• Read the newspaper on coverage of diversity issues

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Michigan with three straight victories, starting with a season-best time in the 400-yard medley relay.

Freshman Heather Mattingly and sophomore Kristin Van Suin led the Irish in scoring, both tying their individual marks. Mattingly won both diving events against a surprisingly strong Michigan squad. She has won all but three diving events in meet-action.

Van Suin won both the 1,000 freestyle and the 400 individual medley at team season-best times. She also placed second in the 500 freestyle.

Also scoring a nine-point in the Irish was co-captain Liz Barker. Her 2:03.35 in the 200-yard butterfly was over three seconds faster than her nearest competitor.


Michigan's Jenny Chrismas and Shannon Shakespeare dominate the meet, earning winning three individual events.

The Irish women now prepare for the Big East Championships to be held 25-27, and the NCAA Championships which take place March 22-25.

"I'm pleased with where we are," Connelly said. "We're going to have a big conclusion to the season, and we're really looking forward to that."
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**University Village Volunteers**
Campus Ministry is looking for two students who are interested in doing some volunteer work at University Village, the Married Student Housing Complex on campus. Students are needed to volunteer in a "Parents' Time-Out" program that meets in the community center on Mondays from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. when the University is in session. This ministry would entail working with two mother's to plan activities for children ages 1-4 and to assist in general child supervision. Please call John or Sylvia Dillon at 631-5242 if interested.
Irish lose heartbreaker to No. 7 Longhorns

By NATHANIEL DeNICOLA
Sports Writer

In what became an annual affair, the 24th-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team battled tenaciously against seventh-ranked Texas, only to fall 4-3 in the last set of the last match. Despite the loss, the Irish, which fell to 3-1 on the season, can take solace from the fact that the defeat did not come from a lack of hustle or intensity.

"I thought we put forth a great effort," said head coach Bob Bayliss. "We broke down a bit in doubles, but Texas is a good team and they exposed our weaknesses." For the first time this season, the Irish were swept in doubles, as the Longhorns cruised to an 8-3 victory at No. 3 doubles, setting up Brandon Hawk and Nick Crowell's triumph over Ryan Sachire and Brian Patterson to clinch the doubles point. The tandem of Matt Horsley and Trent Miller fought hard for the Irish, though they too fell to Gwanael Gueit and Paul Martin, 9-7.

Trailing by one, heading into the singles matches, Notre Dame quickly saw its deficit increase to 3-1, as Gueit defeated senior captain Andy Warford, 6-4, 6-3, and 83rd-ranked Martin downed Matt Daly, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3). Martin saved two set points against Daly before finishing the match in a 7-3 tie-break, a theme that would become unfortunately common for the Irish.

"Matt battled the entire second set and came within six inches of tying the match 1-1," Bayliss said. "I think he had Martin breathing hard and would have done well in a third set, but you can't make excuses.

Notre Dame did earn an early point at No. 1 singles where Sachire continued his tear against top-10 players, this time defeating seventh-ranked Jack Brasington in straight sets 6-2, 6-4. Last Tuesday, Sachire defeated fourth-ranked Mark Loughrin of Wisconsin on the way to Notre Dame's 5-2 victory. "Ryan consistently was able to hold serve against one of the top players in the nation," said Bayliss. "He has been playing at that level for us all year." Exhibiting a never-say-die attitude, Casey Smith and Andrew Laflin brought the Irish back into contention with a straight-set victory, knotting the match at 3-3.

But reality finally set in as the singles matches concluded.

Hawk is one of the more talented players we've seen, but I wasn't the only freshman going through a maturing process on Saturday, as Laflin provided a crucial victory over Jorge Haro at No. 6 singles. With his undefeated streak on the line, Laflin forced Haro to a second-set tie-break, where he sealed the win on a powerful serve to Haro's backhand.

"Andrew demonstrated a lot of poise today, he played like a veteran," said Bayliss.

Fittingly, the match between Notre Dame and Texas (which Texas had won 4-3 for the last four years) came down to one match between senior captain Brian Patterson and 31st-ranked Brandon Hawk at No. 2 singles. The script was straight out of an old Hollywood Western & a duel between Hawk, the fresh- man young gun out of Texas, and Patterson, the veteran defending his home turf. Hawk built an early lead for the Longhorns, taking the first set 7-6 (7-9) in the tie-break.

Patterson quickly answered with a 6-1 victory to set up a climactic third set showdown. Hawk drew first blood by jumping out to a 5-0 lead in the third set, all but obliterating Notre Dame's hopes for victory.

Patterson refused to go down without a fight as he battled to win the next three games, flirting with the impossible conquest of coming back from a five-game deficit. But reality finally set in as Hawk held serve at 5-3 to win the set and the match for Texas.

"We had the matchup we wanted out there," said Bayliss. "Hawk is in a position where we have a lot of unexpe ted players we've seen, but I have a lot of confidence in Brian. We need to work on taking advantage of the opportunities that arise."
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No. 16 Irish claim two dual meets

By KEVIN THOMPSON
Sports Writer

A week after losing a close 5-4 match to Pepperdine, the 16th-ranked women's tennis team dominated Kansas State and Oklahoma in separate dual meets over the weekend.

On Saturday, the women were out to prove that the Pepperdine loss was an aberration. They did so by coming out and dictating the flow of the match, losing only 10 games in No. 1-5 singles.

"Last week was a disappointment. It provided a spark for us. We did not want to let up this time out," commented senior Michelle Dasso, ranked 23rd nationally.

Against Pepperdine, the doubles tandem of Dasso and Hall dropped a tough 9-8 (8-6) match.

Saturday, the duo outplayed Kansas State's No. 1 doubles Eva Novotna and Martina Pospislova in an 8-4 decision. Dasso also picked up a first singles victory against Pospislova, the 73rd ranked player in the country.

Bounding out the Kansas State match was a victory by Becky Varnum and Marisa Velasco in No. 2 doubles.

Sunday brought on the Sooners of Oklahoma, the 45th ranked team in the country.

The Irish were 3-0 all-time against Oklahoma and looked to improve on the mark. The women stayed on task, sweeping the competition.

Dasso, Hall, Velasco, Varnum, Kelly Zalinski and Lindsay Green succeeded in the singles categories. On the doubles side, Dasso and Hall (39th nationally) posted an upset of 21st ranked doubles team, Danielle Knipp and Viviana Mraznova, 8-4.

The teams of Varnum and Velasco, and Nina Vaughn and Zalinski picked up doubles matches.

The weekend marked the homecoming of senior captain Jennifer Hall. The two-time All-American and Oklahoma City native racked up two singles victories including a tight 7-5, 7-6 tilt against OU's Mraznova Sunday.

Next up for the women is the Rolex National Tournament featuring Dasso in the 32-player singles draw.

The women open the home season with a dual match against Ohio State at 6 p.m.
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Walsh’s victory over Kalkina was made even more difficult by a leg injury which pinned her for the entire day. Walsh, however, overcame her injury and continued her undefeated season, boosting her record to 27-0.

After falling into an early hole, the Irish rebounded strongly winning nine bouts in a row to win the match, 11-5.

Brown registered a 12-1 record on the day and raised her season record to 31-8. Her 31 victories gave her 251 career wins, moving her into first place for both wins and second place in overall wins.

The 20-12 victory over Ohio State raised the Irish record on the year to 10-2. More importantly, the Irish recovered their confidence after a tough road trip last weekend.

"I try to forget about the weekend before," Brown said. "But it is definitely a big boost to actually fence well and to have things clicking together."

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Irish fencers sweep competition over weekend

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The second-ranked men's team and the fourth-ranked women's team dominated the opposition in the JACC fieldhouse this weekend, as each team posted 5-0 records.

The men's epee team, led by senior All-American Carl Jackson's undefeated, nine-win effort, blanked Cleveland State 26-1, Purdue 23-4, Cleveland State 24-3, Illinois-Chicago 25-2 and Ohio State 20-7.

Jackson was not surprised by the lack of competition that the epee team faced this weekend. "We knew that we had already faced our toughest competition this year," Jackson said. "So this weekend we just tried to get hyped up to destroy anything we faced. It was also good that some of our non-starters got a chance to fence. They work hard and this is a chance for them to have some fun."

Freshman Brian Casas, whose 7-1 record over the weekend boosted his season record to 21-7 on the year, continued to be impressive in only his first collegiate season. Casas' fast start, however, was not unexpected. "I knew he was really good," Jackson said. "Seeing him fence gives me a lot of hope for the future after I leave. He will keep improving and be even stronger in the future."

The men's foil team, behind a combined 24-5 record by senior captain Stephanie Auriol, junior Charles Hayes and freshman Steven Mautone, had no trouble with their weekend competition. The foilists blanked Case Western and downed Purdue and Illinois-Chicago 8-1 and 8-1, respectively.

Cleveland State and Ohio State each proposed more formidable challenges to the foil team, but the Irish defeated both teams by a 6-3 margin.

The Irish saber team continued to leave no doubts that they were one of the best in the country, as they shut out Case Western Reserve, Purdue and Cleveland State.

Illinois-Chicago and Ohio State were also no match for the Irish sabremen, as they cruised to 8-1 and 7-2 victories, respectively.


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The women's team also had a strong showing over the weekend, as each proposed more formidable challenges to the Irish team victory. The Irish women used their competitiveness at both the faster and slower ends of their roster.

Senior captain Stephanie Auriol (right) helped the Irish foil squad to a 24-5 record this weekend.

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