For nearly 380 Notre Dame students, the day of reckoning is approaching.

After countless classes in biology, chemistry and physics, the medical-school hopefuls have two more months to master everything from amino acids to aromaticity to angular momentum — all for one test that affects whether they ever earn the title “M.D.”

“I don’t think people are ready to kill themselves over it yet, but we’re all apprehensive,” said junior Kate Rowland. “You can do OK on the SATs and you’re still going to college. If you don’t do well on the MCATs, you’re probably not going to med school. There is a lot of pressure to do well.”

As the April 17 Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) approaches, most students go beyond their Notre Dame classes for test-preparation. The University focuses on providing a strong, comprehensive pre-professional curriculum, but it does not offer any formal MCAT preparation, according to assistant Arts and Letters dean Kimberly Flint-Hamilton.

“We don’t have an MCAT review course,” said Flint-Hamilton, also the advisor for pre-professional students. “We just tell them what to expect and give them good courses.”

Flint-Hamilton noted that students who do well in the core classes of physics, biology and general and organic chemistry are well-prepared for the exam.

Rowland agreed that knowing the material well is key. She advises students to prepare by studying well in class, attending office hours, and forming study groups.

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By NOREEN GILLESPIE

Officials from the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) visited the Saint Mary’s athletic department this week to reevaluate the College’s conference membership.

The MIAA will vote April 1 on whether to change the College’s membership status from provisional to full-time. Before joining the MIAA two years ago, Saint Mary’s was independent.

Evaluators looked for institutional compatibility during their visit, according to Jim Cook, assistant director of Athletics and Recreation.

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Computers to replace pencil and paper GRE

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Students who work better with a pencil in their hand will have another opportunity to take the paper and pencil version of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) on April 10.

The paper and pencil test is being replaced by the computerized GRE (CAT) that is administered year-round. The CAT allows students to rehearse for the exam only a few days in advance, take the exam privately, and almost immediately learn their scores.

The CAT's adaptive format makes it fairly different from the paper version.

Test-takers answer only one question at a time and are subsequently given questions on different levels of difficulty based on whether they answered correctly. Each question is presented only once and students may not return to any questions once they have answered them. Although the CAT has the same question types as the paper GRE, earlier questions are worth more than later ones and thus questions are weighted differently.

When the exam is complete, the student gets a score based on the student's answers and the difficulty of the questions.

Dione Dickerson, a senior majoring in nursing, took the CAT and said she is glad she chose it instead of the traditional paper format.

Enrollment drops at black colleges

DURHAM, N.C. - In the early 1990s, black high school students were drawn to historically black colleges and universities in great numbers. But today, there are fewer black students enrolling.

Observers have noted that the decline coincided with the four Teletubbies streaming out in the hills when suddenly they came upon a building, one that obviously resembled an administrative building. They all started to run towards the building in eager excitement.

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Chemists highlight career choices
By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

Career opportunities for women in chemical industries will be discussed this weekend at Saint Mary’s fourth annual Women Chemists Symposium. "The advantage of the symposium is to educate science majors about opportunities available post-Saint Mary’s." said Deborah McCarthy, assistant professor of chemistry and physics.

Speaking with professionals in the chemistry field will be a major advantage during the weekend, said McCarthy. Saint Mary’s graduates will be available throughout the presentations to answer questions and discuss available post-graduate opportunities. "This is all about careers," McCarthy said. "We want these students to be able to discover their career and make it happen."

Highlights of the weekend’s events will include a keynote address by Mary Singleton, a 25-year employee of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, where she served as the deputy plutonium facilities manager. Singleton will discuss her experience as a worker in government laboratories and opportunities available for women scientists in the chemistry field.

Junior chemistry major Catherine Goolsby will kick off the weekend at noon today with a presentation detailing research she completed in the Ohio State University molecular biology department this past summer. The presentation will take place in room 105 in the Science Center.

Senior project presentations will also take place throughout the weekend. Science majors can receive professional critiques of their resumes and participate in mock interviews to prepare themselves for the job application process.

Michelle Perez, ’97, an Allied Signal Laboratory employee, and Paulette Raczkowski, ’97, a middle school science instructor, will be two of the graduates available for discussion.

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Students help residents do taxes
By KYLE ANDREWS
News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s are sponsoring a free program to help low-income South Bend and Mishawaka families file their tax returns.

The Tax Assistance Program, now in its 28th year, matches students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s with local residents with annual incomes of $30,000 or less. The program began Feb. 6, and will continue filing state and local returns until April 15.

"The large majority involved in the program are accounting majors from Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s," said Rob Holcombe, a Notre Dame senior and public relations director for the program.

The students are divided among 10 South Bend-area locations. In addition, there are two students Working at Taxes (SWAT) teams: one travels to Plymouth, Ind., and the other visits to disabled, homebound people.

Five major centers have certified public accountants on staff, and people with complicated tax problems are directed to those locations.

"It really was worth it. To see how grateful those people were to get it out of the way in February instead of waiting until April was unbelievable," said Holcombe. "It’s a great feeling. It’s nice to be able to give something back to the community."

The program is advertised on radio, television and through news releases. To prepare for the project, student volunteers attended a series of training sessions under accounting professor Ken Milan and chairperson Ken Ballotta. Participants also must have completed Accounting 476 last semester.

The project is a two-credit, non-graded class for the volunteer students. Last year, over 2,000 returns were filed by the volunteers.

Funding is provided by the Notre Dame College of Business Administration; supplies are donated by the IRS and the Indiana Department of Revenue.

The five major locations are the Northeast Neighborhood Center, the Mishawaka Public Library, the La Salle Branch of the St. Joseph Public Library, the South Bend Public Library and the Hamel Neighborhood Center. The program will not oper- ate March 5-14 because of spring break.
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is absolutely essential to MCAT success. "It's a weird kind of standardized test. It tests how you think, but it also tests flat-out factual knowledge," she said. "There was one practice test with a section on torque. If you don't know what torque is, you're out of luck. There's five questions, and you can't answer any of them."

Father Joseph Walter, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry and the chair of the science pre-professional studies program, is responsible for providing information to students about the test and for exam registration. "There are two short essays," he said. "There are sections on physical sciences, biological sciences and reading comprehension ... The questions follow a paragraph of reading material with graphs and tables."

Each of the three sections is graded on a scale of 15 points for a maximum score of 45; the fourth part, a writing sample, is scored separately with a letter grade.

Each student approaches the test in his or her own way, but in the absence of a University-sponsored prep course, many students choose to take a series of classes offered by the Stanley Kaplan program, according to Walter. "Some students take the Stanley Kaplan prep course, which runs about $1,000," he said. "Others study on their own using the complete prep for the MCAT by Williams and Wilkins."

"Princeton Review of the American Association of Medical Colleges," said Blatt-Stamati, explained that the University's position on prep classes is that "we don't endorse Kaplan, but we don't tell them not to take it," she explained.

Junior psychology and pre-med major Rose Domingo is currently enrolled in the course and plans to take it. "I don't really worry about things that far down the road," she said. "You always hear people talking about the MCAT ... but just telling yourself it's what you have to do, you can get through it."

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Turner apologizes for Pope jokes

ATLANTA

Ted Turner apologized for telling a Polish joke in reference to Pope John Paul II, who was scheduled to visit the United States. Turner, who co-owned CNN, said he was "tired of all this." He said he had "allowed himself to be an exposing fool." Turner said he had not intended to be disrespectful to the pope, who he called "a great leader." He said he had seen the pope on television and was impressed with his work. Turner said he had been criticized for telling the joke, but he had not meant it as an insult.

Two die as trains collide in Germany

MUNICH, Germany

Two passenger trains collided near the southern German city of Biberach on Wednesday, killing two people and injuring 33, authorities said. The cause of the accident near the Austrian border was not immediately known. The trains, which had been traveling in opposite directions, were carrying about 300 passengers each. At least one of the trains was carrying passengers to Munich for a soccer game. The crash occurred near the town of Biberach, which is located in the Bavarian Alps. The two trains collided head-on, killing two people and injuring 33. One of the injured passengers was in critical condition. The cause of the accident was not immediately known. Authorities said the passengers were being transported to hospitals in Munich.

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LOS ANGELES

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Frank B. Johnson

As the White House said, there is something special about New Hampshire for President Clinton -- and not just the comeback he claimed in defeat seven years ago. It is where he put on national display the traits that led to his impeachment and the survival talents that got him through it. So it was fitting coincidence that Clinton's first political outing since the Senate acquitted him was to New Hampshire on Thursday. First to Dover, where the 1992 candidate had conceded that he was on the ropes over his personal, not his public, life, and then to Manchester to raise funds for the Democrats who helped him withstand that crisis.

"They took a chance on him and I think he's repaid that trust with his performance in office," said Paul Regala, then a campaign strategist, now a White House adviser.

There were reminders that Clinton's personal behavior had once again threatened his political future -- the "disgrace" editorial on the front page of the conservative The Union Leader, the protesters with their "Shame placards in Dover."

"But only on the sidelines."

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French to extradite U.S. fugitive

BORDEAUX

A French court agreed Thursday to extradite American fugitive Ira Einhorn to the United States, then allowed him to walk free, heightening fears he might flee the country.

Einhorn, wanted in Philadelphia for the 1977 murder of his girlfriend, skipped when the court approved the U.S. request then ordered him set free pending his appeal.

The joy felt by two of the victim's sisters at the extradition decision was tinged by Einhorn's expression, which they interpreted as a sign he might flee.

"I'm jumping all over inside," said Abraham, interviewed on WCAU-TV.

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Turkish troops chase Kurdish rebels

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ANKARA

Turkey has rejected the offer and is pressing forward with a military solution.

The military kept up its latest incursion into neighboring northern Iraq in pursuit of guerrillas who have bases there.

The clash in Ceyhan, 330 miles south of Ankara, was the first violent confrontation between Kurds and police since Ocalan’s capture.

The military released video footage with a caption reading: "This is the image Turkey has demanded that Turkey withdraw."

In southern Turkey, meanwhile, pro-Kurd demonstrators continued to sing Karadag, a freedom song written by nationalist poet Yorgun Kaya. "Karadag," they chanted, "will feel like we have climbed a major mountain," said Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi.

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WASHINGTON

President Clinton is a featured guest at the NAACP’s 90th annual meeting, which unlike in recent years will hear good news about the organization’s finances.

The NAACP, the nation’s largest and oldest civil rights group, was playing host to Clinton at a special reception tonight before the main meeting Saturday.

Through his creation of the race advisory board, Clinton has attempted to increase the discussion of racial and ethnic issues in America.

He is expected to release a report this spring on the White House’s racial reconciliation campaign.

In contrast to the recent past, NAACP Chairman Julian Bond said the future bears promising financial prospects for the association.

Bond said corporate giving to the association is up 40 percent and foundation gifts 50 percent over the past year. Revenue from memberships is up $2.7 million in the last year, Bond said.

"We will have many other good things to talk about Saturday," Bond said.

Funding has been critical since the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People weathered its insolvency during the mid-1990s. Debt totaling $3 million was repaid the association.

Bond and NAACP President Kweisi Mfume, who is responsible for day-to-day operations, will address delegates and members from the group’s 2,220 local units Saturday.

BOND will discuss the state of race relations. Other topics to be examined at the meeting are protecting affirmative action, considering the problem of police brutality and helping ex-felons have their rights to vote restored.

"We were founded in 1909 to fight a rising tide of white supremacy," Bond said. "Sadly, while legal apartheid has been vanquished, our democracy is still stained."

On Sunday, the NAACP and the American Cancer Society will sponsor a national breast and cervical cancer training workshop in Washington designed to help bring attention to the illnesses, which strike black women at disproportionately high rates.

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WASHINGTON

In a dramatic courtroom confrontation, the government alleged Thursday that Compaq Computer Corp. passed secret information to Microsoft Corp. about an upstart Microsoft competitor.

David Boies, a Justice Department lawyer, made the accusation in seeking to discredit testimony by a senior Compaq executive and Microsoft witnesses in the antitrust trial of the computer software giant.

The witness, John Bose, a senior vice president of Compaq, testified he was unaware that executive and Microsoft witness accused senior vice president of Compaq, about an upstart Microsoft competitor.

Jean-Louis Gassee, the chairman and chief executive officer for Be Inc., based in Menlo Park, Calif., said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press that Compaq had called him "a little embarrassed" about three months ago confessing what it described as an inadvertent disclosure to Microsoft.

"Microsoft is such a threat to the livelihood of PC (makers), there is a climate of fear," Gassee said Thursday. They will do things almost instinctively to propitiate Microsoft.

Gassee said Thursday that Microsoft had exerted any pressure to discourage Compaq from dealing with Netscape. "I was never aware of Microsoft wanting us to exclude the Netscape icon from the desktop," he said.

Compaq canceled plans in 1996 to distribute Netscape's browser but currently includes the software with its computers. The government alleges that Microsoft threatened in 1996 to stop selling Windows to Compaq, which was distributing Netscape's browser but had removed easy access to Microsoft's.

Compaq said it mistakenly made that change under a 1995 agreement with America Online Inc. stipulating that AOL's Internet icons would be the only ones easily accessible to consumers. And it has said that Microsoft was correct to object.

The judge cast doubt on the explanation Thursday, saying the Microsoft-Compaq agreement was dated August 1995 and was not signed nor executed until June 1996. The disparity "makes no sense at all if this was a genuine agreement," Jackson said.

Feds: Compaq gave Microsoft tips on competition

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Shimmering with suspense and emotional intensity, Message in a Bottle takes readers on a hunt for the truth about a man and his memories, and about both the heart-breaking fragility and enormous strength of love. For those who cherished The Notebook and readers waiting to discover the magic of Nicholas Sparks' storytelling, here is his new, achingly lovely novel of happenstance, desire, and the choices that matter the most . . .

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versities have taken a turn for the worst over the past generation. Date rape and gender relations at most American universities have become seriously problem areas. Some people argue that Notre Dame should put an end to multiculturalism to save the institution. This is where multiculturalism will broaden our perspective, and perhaps help students look at the problems of gender relations, demographics, and pastels as a series of isolated problems, each looking for its own rationalistic solution, but as one problem. While staying in Paris a while back, I came across a group of French women who sold their wares at the door and a deposit. In addition, they cannot leave the first floor of the dorms, and the deposit to the police. I will leave it to student housing to work out how this applies to the Notre Dame experience. Ironically, the African ladies in the group had no problems with the Asian solution. The Europeans, however, had difficulty with Notre Dame's current approach and with the Asian woman's solution. The German, for example, wondered why we have a specific administrative body within the school that tries to control gender relations at all. It is supposed in Germany there is a government, as opposed to academic, administrative body that does that. She thought that Notre Dame should dedicate all of its financial resources to doing research. Let students create their own social life, she said. Suppose this would mean abolishing student activities, and all the other programs that administrators organize to "socialize" and control the way students think and live. The Spaniard had another recommendation, perhaps the best of all. Notre Dame men should go from dorm to dorm like bands of troubadours singing their way into young ladies' hearts. So, now we can see how multicultural studies will help Notre Dame solve its gender problems. If Notre Dame learns from the examples above, it will end pastels, take more protective measures to control security in women's dorms, abolish student activities, and buy guitars and colorful singing costumes for male students.

Jeff Langan

The Gender Relations and Multiculturalism Report

Since the multicultural approach is by its nature an interdisciplinary approach, Notre Dame should turn to multicultural studies to resolve its gender problems.

The multicultural approach offers a further advantage. By studying other cultures, students will commonly find only one solution (that solves a number of problems) that those same students find in their own culture. Multiculturalism, being interdisciplinary in nature, requires that students examine one problem at a time, as rationalistic and myopic Westerners are prone to do. Instead, multiculturalism requires that students examine several problems at once. In order to see how other cultures, preferably those outside of the United States and Europe, resolve similar problems. This way, multicultural studies are superior to the stab, one-track rational approach frequently used by Western cultures.

Furthermore, multicultural studies are not just theoretical. They offer real and practical solutions to the dilemmas we modern Westerners face. To be specific, let's look at some gender issues in American universities in general, and Notre Dame in particular. In general, gender relations at most American universities have taken a turn for the worst over the past generation. Date rape and other forms of abuse are up. The culture is in general a vulgar one. Most males with a biological orientation cannot control themselves. They drink too much when they're around women. You can fill in the gaps details. National Public Radio attributes this, in part, to demographics. Beginning in the 1960s, women began to outnumber men in the society at large. That is, for the first time in U.S. History, women are the majority. Recently, it was also reported that women now have a 60 percent to 40 percent population advantage over men in most universities. As reported on NPR, this makes guys less likely to treat women as ladies. As the old song says, "There are too many fish in the sea." In cross terms, it's a big market out there, so why should a guy worry about the kind of bait he uses to catch a fish? As the fish's biological clock starts ticking, and the desire to preserve the species kicks in, it will be quite easy to hook 'em.

This is no joke. Back home, we used to fish in an overpopulated pond. We never thought of going to the store to buy worms or any fancy lures. We were used to get our hands dirty digging up worms. Instead, we turned over one rock, found one little worm, stick, or whatever else was lurking under the rock, and baited the hook. Within five minutes we had our first fish which, in turn, provided bait for the rest of the day. Fish eyeballs, gills, intestines, scales, the body parts were endless. We caught fish using just about anything with the smell of flesh. It's not pretty, but it gets us a decent fish dinner. (Fish, by the way, are cruel and heartless to their own kind. They're cannibals. They lack compassion. They'll eat their own kind. They're cannibals. They're cannibals.)

Back at Notre Dame, when students and professors raise gender issues here, they usually refer to the problem of co-ed dorms and pastels. These are definitely problem areas. Some people argue that Notre Dame should put an end to multiculturalism to save the institution. This is where multiculturalism will broaden our perspective, and perhaps help students look at the problems of gender relations, demographics, and pastels as a series of isolated problems, each looking for its own rationalistic solution, but as one problem. While staying in Paris a while back, I came across a group of French women who sold their wares at the door and a deposit. In addition, they cannot leave the first floor of the dorms. If the residence problems. If Notre Dame students examined several problems at once, they would have to leave their ID card at the door and a deposit. In addition, they cannot leave the first floor of the dorm. If the residence problems. If Notre Dame students examined several problems at once, they would have to leave their ID card at the door and a deposit. In addition, they cannot leave the first floor of the dorm. If the residence problems. If Notre Dame students examined several problems at once, they would have to leave their ID card at the door and a deposit. In addition, they cannot leave the first floor of the dorm. If the residence problems. If Notre Dame students examined several problems at once, they would have to leave their ID card at the door and a deposit. In addition, they cannot leave the first floor of the dorm. If the residence problems. If Notre Dame students examined several problems at once, they would have to leave their ID card at the door and a deposit. In addition, they cannot leave the first floor of the dorm. If the residence problems. If Notre Dame students examined several problems at once, they would have to leave their ID card at the door and a deposit. In addition, they cannot leave the first floor of the dorm. If the residence problems. If Notre Dame students examined several problems at once, they would have to leave their ID card at the door and a deposit. In addition, they cannot leave the first floor of the dorm.
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What are you giving up for Lent?

“I’m giving up lying to myself that I’m actually going to give something up.”
Jack Lenzo
Freshman
O’Neill Hall

“Coffee.”
Tiffany Roman
Freshman
Welsh Hall

“Meat. It’ll be hard ...
I’m the son of a butcher.”
Heriberto Rodriguez
Sophomore
Knot

“Smoking.”
Antonio Fonseca
Junior
O’Neill Hall

“Candy.”
Mary Nakada
First Year Graduate Student

Many Catholics also follow the custom of giving something up for Lent. This act of abstaining from something represents an effort by each individual to make his/her life better and offer each individual a chance to repent past sins.

During the first century, Lent lasted only 40 hours. These hours were spent fasting in remembrance of the 40 hours that Christ spent in the tomb. The 40 hours of fasting ended with an Easter service at 3 a.m. In the third century, however, Lent was lengthened to the six days called Holy Week.

Around 800 A.D. Lent became a 40 day season corresponding to Christ’s 40 days in the wilderness. These 40 days do not include the six Sundays during Lent, thus the number of actual days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday is 46.

The date of Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is calculated by counting backwards 46 days from Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday is a movable holiday and may fall between March 22 and April 25. The last six days before Easter are always called Holy Week and represent the time when Christians remember Christ’s activities from Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion, to His death on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday, the Sunday that begins Holy Week, remembers Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when crowds of people laid their cloaks and palm branches on the streets in front of Him. During the Palm Sunday mass, many churches distribute the palms that will be blessed and burned for the following year’s Ash Wednesday.

The Friday of Holy Week is called Good Friday, when Christians remember the crucifixion of Christ. Holy Week and the season of Lent end with the celebration of Christ’s resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The season of Lent is much more than a time to give up something trivial to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all of the Fridays during Lent.

By SARAH DYLAG
Scene Editor

Sunday Mass
11:45 a.m.
10 a.m.
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Saturday Mass
9:30 a.m.
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Saturday Organ Prelude
8:45 a.m.

University Daily Masses
• Sacred Heart Crypt
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Lenten Mass Schedule
at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart

• Basilica
Sunday Organ Prelude
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Sunday Mass
11:45 a.m.

There are a lot of standard options. No more chocolate. No more coffee. No more snacking after 9 p.m. And yet, somehow, none of the options seemed right this year. People asked, "What are you giving up for Lent?"

And I had no reply. All of the standard options somehow seemed selfish to me - not a true sacrifice, but an excuse for people to improve their appearance or eating habits. Why is it that people choose to give up things like dessert or candy or vowing to go to the gym instead of sitting in front of the television? Do they really hope to become better people by doing so?

Maybe they do, but as I considered the options for me, none of them seemed right. So I made the command decision - maybe it's not the right idea, but somehow, it seems right to me. I am not giving anything up this year.

No more half-hearted attempts to quit drinking coffee every morning. No more hopeless promises to myself that this will be the year that I make it all the way to Easter Sunday without my favorite food. No more changing the "rules" throughout the season of Lent until giving something up means giving it up on odd days of the week when the sun forgets to rise. Or something like that.

What I propose, instead, is to add something to my life. A little more sunshine. A few more smiles. A little more compassion. Maybe it sounds cheesy or like a cop-out to the challenge of giving something up, but I truly hope to take this season of Lent to become a better person in a small way.

I want to remind myself every morning how lucky I am to be here. I want to look at the friends and family around me and remember how important they are in my life. I want to take 10 seconds to recount my blessings before I open my mouth to complain or criticize or argue. I want to give to other people back a little of the joy they bring to my life.

Perhaps this idea does not seem to correspond with the idea of sacrifice and repentance that the season of Lent represents. But, in some ways, I really believe that it does. Here, beneath the glow of the golden dome, I often find myself too busy to appreciate the beautiful people around me. In a rush to "get stuff done," I take for granted their friendship, compassion and support. I forget sometimes about the time they sacrifice to listen to me, to laugh with me and to stand by my side.

If you think about it, maybe I really am giving something up. I'm giving up being too busy to say thank you to the people who are important to me. And I'm taking the time to be there for them because it's people and friendship who fill life with wonderful moments and I regret that sometimes that slips my mind.

So, to all of you - I hope you know who you are - thank you.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
The New York Yankees have landed Roger Clemens, who was traded from Toronto for David Wells. Clemens, a five-time Cy Young award winner, will strengthen the Yankees' pitching staff.

**Defending Champions are back to back, are they?**

**Roger Clemens**

The Yankees have landed another ace pitcher in Roger Clemens. Clemens, who was traded from Toronto for David Wells, will make his debut for the Yankees on Wednesday night.

**Fans mourn the loss of hometown hero**

The loss of hometown hero Graeme Lloyd has left the city of Toronto in mourning. Lloyd, a beloved player, passed away at the age of 41.

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Lemieux continues effort to purchase Pens

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Mario Lemieux is stepping up his efforts to assemble an ownership group that would ease the Pittsburgh Penguins out of bankruptcy, meeting with Gov. Tom Ridge and NHL officials to rally support for his bid.

Lemieux has appeared only infrequently in public since retiring after the 1996-97 season, but he has taken a far more visible and active role in assembling investors than might previously have been imagined.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman has not endorsed Lemieux's bid, but is encouraging it and has met at least once with Lemieux.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Bernard Markovitz will begin next month to consider offers to reorganize the Penguins' debt, estimated at more than $125 million — including $80 million owed unsecured creditors such as Lemieux.

Lemieux is due $26.2 million in deferred compensation, but would exchange much of that debt for equity in any ownership group.

Lemieux apparently will submit a plan even if he has not yet raised the necessary equity.

"I think that in a month's time, if we haven't raised it all, we'll be close. We've made enormous progress," Greenberg said.

Neither Lemieux nor Greenberg has disclosed any possible investors, but Lemieux apparently has received some firm commitments. One possible partner: golfing buddy Dan Marino, the Miami Dolphins quarterback and former Pitt star who considered buying into the Pirates three years ago.

Roger Marino, who angered Lemieux last year by trying to renegotiate his deferred compensation, has offered to work with Lemieux. But Lemieux said he will not partner with Marino, who has lost an estimated $37.5 million since buying into the Penguins two years ago.

Lemieux's legal representatives held another in a series of ongoing meetings Thursday with NHL legal counsel in New York as the six-time league scoring champion rushes to gather a viable ownership group by late March.

Lemieux's advisor Chuck Greenberg said Thursday, "I think we have a very good chance."

As US President Clinton weighs a possible request by Ontario Premier Mike Harris to buy the NHL's Toronto Maple Leafs, Lemieux has reportedly met this week with the Leafs' minority owner, Canadian businessman Howard Greenspan.
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Belles end long losing streak

By MOLLY McVOY
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary’s basketball team finished its season with a bang, ending a long losing streak by beating Anderson University 67-62 in the last home game of the season.

Forward Charlotte Albrecht, in her last home game as a Saint Mary’s Belle, not only had a team high but a career high of 24 points.

“T.V. was our intensity,” said Norman. “We got all over Anderson’s first-half rally to dim their enthusiasm. They came out in the second half playing tough, tight defense and kept it close the entire half.”

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“It was awesome,” said Albrecht. “As a senior, it was the best way to go out. There’s no better way to go out than with a win on your own floor.”

Statistically, the Belles and Anderson were even, but turnovers proved to be the deciding factor. Saint Mary’s only turned the ball over 13 times, nearly doubled by Anderson’s 21.

The Belles managed to turn their turnover advantage into scores. The Belles shot .417 from behind the three-point line and .769 from the line.

Four of the five starters scored in double figures.

Jennifer Hall outlasted 1997 senior two-time all-American Albrecht at No. 2 singles where Albrecht’s rank fell to 6-0 and will take on Wake Forest in the quarterfinals on Friday.

Notre Dame will play eighth-ranked UCLA in the consolation round.

NCAA singles finalist M.C. White 6-4, 0-6, 7-5. Florida’s Whitney Lateino won her 23rd consecutive dual singles match with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Michelle Dasso at No. 1 singles.

The Gators won in straight sets at Nos. 3-6 singles as Florida’s Jessica Lehnhoff clinched the win with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Becky Varnum at No. 4 singles in a battle of two freshmen.

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“They did a great job setting screens and getting me the ball.”

In last Saturday’s game, sophomore forward Julie Norman set a Saint Mary’s single-game scoring record with 38 points. Norman again had a strong game on Tuesday with 19 points, which puts her as the team leader in individual scoring.

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“We worked hard and it paid off. The difference yesterday [Tuesday] was our intensity,” said Norman. “We got all over the loose balls and that was really exciting.

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NCAA singles finalist M.C. White 6-4, 0-6, 7-5. Florida’s Whitney Lateino won her 23rd consecutive dual singles match with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Michelle Dasso at No. 1 singles.

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Parents: Thank you for the love

By BRIAN CHURNEY 
Space Writer

As we begin this Junior Parents' Weekend, a special weekend for many of ourselves and our parents. I ask you to reflect upon the influence these special people have had on our sporting lives. I wrote this article in the first person, but, in reality, the "I" could be anyone reflecting upon the influence these people have had on our parents, grandparents, or whoever it is that has influenced your sporting life. I offer this note...

Here's to you for driving us around from Little League games to Little League games, spending both time and money to make us happy. Here's to you for spending your anniversary every year at a Little League game, watching us search for our first exciting locations as Alturas, Westwood and Fall River Mills.

Here's to you for comforting me after a hard loss and cheering me after a great victory. Here's to you for never understanding why my coach didn't think I was as good as you thought I was. Here's to you for unconditionally cheering me on, even when I lost.

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#24 Men's Tennis

Men's Basketball vs. West Virginia
Sun. Feb. 21 @ 2:00pm

Reminder

Irish prepare for Mountaineers

By BRIAN KESSELL

Assistant Sports Editor

With the Big East Tournament just over a week away, the No. 9 Notre Dame women's basketball team (21-3) will look to gain some momentum when they travel to West Virginia (10-14) tomorrow to take on the Mountaineers at 2 p.m.

The Irish will then close out the regular season on Tuesday when they host Miami.

"I think coming off the loss to Rutgers last week, these two games will give us a chance to get our game together and improve on things before we get into the tournament," said Kelley Siemon, who had 10 rebounds in Wednesday's game against Syracuse.

The Irish are 6-0 all-time against the West Virginia Mountaineers, including a 111-90 victory over the Mountaineers on Jan. 7 at the Joyce Center.

"After that game, we started playing better defense," sophomore forward Siemon said. "It was frustrating to see them score 90 points on our home court. We should never allow anyone to score that many. We're looking to step up our defense this weekend.

Senior Danielle Green steals the show in the team's first meeting, as she scored a career-high 28 points and pulled down nine boards.

"She is just coming off a shoulder injury, but will play on Saturday," Siemon said. "I think she'll be able to do the same things this game. Their defense is their weak point, so I think we'll be able to take people off the dribble and run the floor well."

Green is ninth in the Big East in scoring, averaging 15.4 points per game this season. Irish captain Sheila McClenon added 26 points and eight rebounds in that game, while Christie Lambert had 19 for the Mountaineers in a losing effort.

Both teams have shown the ability to put up big point totals, as Notre Dame (82.6 points per game) and West Virginia (73.5 points per game) rank second and third, respectively in conference scoring.

Corner Ruth Riley leads the Irish in scoring with 17.2 points per game, while the Mountaineers are led by guard Rebecca Burridge (15 points per game). Burridge is also first in the conference in the three pointers percentage (45 percent).

The Irish are coming off Wednesday's 82-60 win over Syracuse, in which McClenon scored a game-high 20 points.

It is the ninth time this season that McClenon has gone over 20 points in a game. Niele Ivey had 17 points, while Riley added 16.

"It was tough playing without Danielle and coming off that low, but I think that we can come back and play as well as a team," Siemon said.

The Mountaineers, on the other hand, dropped a 56-60 decision at Villanova in their last outing. Maria Tchobanoff recorded her ninth double-double of the season (11 points, 12 rebounds). Senior Free Otaocele had 12 points.

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Men's Basketball vs. Northwestern
Sat. Feb. 20 @ 1 pm

Men's Basketball vs. #23 Minnesota
Sun. Feb. 21 @ 7 pm
Brant Ust and Jeff Wagner will lead an Irish offense that carried the team to just one game shy of the NCAA Championships. Ust and Wagner will be joined by a strong group of returning players, including freshman center Paul O'Toole, who looks to share the starting spot for the spring, while senior Matt Strickroth has secured a starting role.

"This is clearly going to be our most athletic and solid lineup in the last five years," he said. "Most coaches would be a little nervous knowing that so many freshmen we have, to give them exposure to college baseball."
Without Walsh, depleted Irish travel to Appleton

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

When the Irish travel to Appleton, Wis., this weekend, their opponents will contend with a slightly easier task since many key Irish fencers will not make the trip to battle.

The absence of top performers such as Lawrence, Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue and Wayne State will make the trip to battle less difficult.

All-American epeeist Magda Krol and foilists Charles Hayes and Aimee Kalogeris will remain in South Bend for Junior Parents' Weekend, and Irish fencing coach Yves Auriol is not very concerned about the absences.

"This is just a dual meet, but we still want to keep an undefeated record. We can't let these setbacks distract us," he said.

While the losses of Krol, Hayes and Kalogeris significantly weaken both the men's and women's teams, these absences can be overcome against weak Midwestern competition like that which faces the Irish this weekend.

Since each fencer is a member of a different team, each team should be able to fill the void without too much trouble.

The women's foil team will also contend without three-time All-American Sara Walsh and her 45-1 record, who will not fence because of illness.

However, the women's foil team is loaded with talent. All-American Myriah Brown and captain Nicole Paulina have posted 47-10 and 45-21 records respectively, and Chris Ffta, a freshmen epeeist, will fence foil this weekend.

"I think all three of us need to step up this weekend," Brown said. "We will definitely have to pull together and pull out all the stops."

As for the competition, the Northwestern Wildcats are one of the Midwest's top women's teams. Following an Irish loss to Ohio State two weeks ago, the Notre Dame women do not want to wrap up another Midwest loss.

"I hope we can still pull [a victory over Northwestern] off," Auriol said. "They are a strong team. They will be tough for the winner.

Auriol has other reasons for not wanting to fall to the Wildcats as well.

"I have never lost to them before," he said.

The men's team will contend with less strenuous competition during the weekend contest.

Hayes' spot on the foil team will be filled by freshman Steven Mautone, who has registered a 29-15 record in his rookie season.

Captain Stephane Auriol will also have to step up this weekend to offset the loss of Hayes.

"I have never lost to them before," he said. "But this year he has become a great fencer."

Junior Olympic silver medal winner Brian Casas will look to improve on his epee team-leading 32 wins. Casas, who was known to be a top fencer coming in this year, has also significantly improved his play this season.

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"We knew he was a good fencer," coach Auriol said. "But he needed top competition and training to reach his potential. Our epee squad has given him that this year.

"The men are very consistent," coach Auriol said. "If one doesn't fence well, the other will step it up. They are fencing well as a team. When they have to come together, they can do it."

Despite the lack of strong team competition, the Irish know they will face some talented individuals this weekend.

"No team will beat us," Stephanie Auriol said. "But there are some good individuals out there. If the men win at least six of their eight matches this weekend — they should win them all — coach Auriol will pick up his 100th career men's victory in only his fifth season as the men's head coach.

With each passing week and every victory, the Irish grow closer and closer to their final goal of a National Championship in Waltham, Mass. While they are on the right track, they know that the journey is far from over.

"We all have improvements to make," Stephanie Auriol said, "but we are happy with where we stand right now. We know there is still a long way to go."
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recent slump.
"I think you have to look to the power play," Uriek said.
"We had a five-on-three against Ferris State (and didn't score. You have to convert on five-on-threes; it's a must to win a hockey game. I think we have to turn the power play up a notch."

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Currently, the Falcons are second in the CCHA with 18.9-percent efficiency with the power play. Since their December with them.

They're a scoring team," Uriek said of the Falcons, who lead the CCHA in goals per game. "You want to slow down their forwards by finishing checks."

Overall, the team needs to re-focus after a tough weekend in order to nail down a home ice spot for the CCHA playoffs. Right now, Notre Dame is in fourth place by just one point over Ferris State, and if the Irish continue to struggle offensively, they may find themselves on the road in the playoffs.

"(A win) will give us a lot of confidence going into the playoffs," Uriek said of tonight's game. "We're kind of down a little; we haven't scored in a while, we've lost a couple straight. It's a big game in that we need to get back on a winning streak again."

Junior co-captains pull all the punches
By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Editor

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Freshman Watson qualifies to run in Ireland

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

Freshman Luke Watson will cross the Atlantic.

Watson placed first in the 1999 USA Junior Winter Cross-Country National Championship this past Sunday in Tacoma, Wash. As a result, he and the other top six finishers will represent the United States in the 1999 World Junior Cross Country Championships on March 28, in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Watson claimed victory over the rest of the field by edging out the University of Colorado's Steve Slattery with a time of 23:26.

Watson felt that the race was well-suited to his style of running.

"It had a crisp start and was not too fast," he said.

The 8K race was tight for the first three-quarters of the way, but a pack of six then emerged from the rest.

"Around the 6K, runners started to make their moves and six runners eventually formed a pack in the lead," Watson said. "We came around a sharp turn with a quarter mile to go and I was able to take the lead.

"With about one hundred meters left, I was passed by Steve Slattery," he continued. "I just dug down and found something and was able to regain the lead and win by two seconds."

By winning the race, Watson automatically qualified for the Junior World Championships. Watson's qualification makes him the third Notre Dame runner in the past four years to make the team. Current sophomore Ryan Shay made it last year.

"It's a pretty big deal to make the team," said Watson. "It is a great for each athlete, having the experience from world competition. It is also good for our program."

Once Watson gets to Belfast, he will train for a week with the national team, and the race will feature runners from around the world. He is preparing now by working out with the track team for speed training.

This past fall, Luke was the No. 2 runner on the cross-country team and an all-Big East selection. His top finishes included seventh at the Big East championships, fourth at the National Catholic Invitational, and sixth at the Wolf and Kettle Invitational in Elgin, Ill.

Watson also noted that, having participated in the World Junior Championships, he and Shay will both bring valuable experience to the team next fall.

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Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the 1999 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy.

Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,500, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

1. an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame
2. a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long term goals
3. a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow
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**Baseball**

**Sluggers lead off season against James Madison**

By BILL HART

While this week's gray, wet weather is a far cry from baseball's typical blue skies and green grass, Notre Dame's team will kick off its short campaign today at 2 p.m. with a contest against James Madison and a catching duel versus Florida International.

Expectations are high this season as Notre Dame hopes to put an end to its long losing streak. In 1998, the Irish came just short of earning an at-large spot in the NCAA Championship.

This year's Big East preseason poll predicted Notre Dame to place first in the conference, and that's the experience — 16 returning lettermen led in the batter's box by junior third baseman Brad Ust and senior catcher Jeff Wagner — helped assert that lofty expectation.

Ust, the 1998 Big East Player of the Year, was unanimously selected as the preseason player of the year by the league head coaches. Last season's shortstop, Ust is moving to third base with the graduation of first-team all-Big East teammates J.J. Brock.

In the '98 season, Ust topped the Big East in hitting (.373), the third-highest in Notre Dame history. Ust earned all-American honors before playing over the summer with the U.S. national team.

"Playing for Team USA was tremendous opportunity for Brant," said head coach Paul Mainieri, who starts the year off just two victories shy of his 10th win. "He showed that Notre Dame has one of the nation's best players."

Wagner's return to the Irish lineup will also provide a needed offensive boost. A three-time all-Big East performer and the Notre Dame career home run leader, he was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays last spring. The pick followed another solid season by the Louisville, Ky., native in which he hit .330 with 14 home runs and 49 RBIs.

In the pitching category, the Irish return 11 of 12 pitchers from a staff that ranked 13th in the nation with a 4.02 ERA last season. The staff is led by senior Alex Skilliday and sophomore Aaron Heilman.

**Hockey**

**Icemen prepare to face off vs. Spartans, Falcons**

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Coming off two consecutive conference losses, the Notre Dame hockey team will look to solidify a spot on home ice for the CCHA playoffs as it takes on Michigan State and Bowling Green on the road this weekend.

Tonight, the Irish will wrap up their season series against Michigan State at Munn Ice Arena. Two weeks ago, the teams skated to a 2-2 draw at the Joyce Center. Last Friday at Munn, the Spartans posted a 1-0 victory that advanced them to first place in the conference.

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