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**Storm Warnings**

February in Florida is typically a slow month for news broadcasts. By this time, people are sick of hearing about the tourist season and it's still months away from hurricane season. So, this New Year's Week, Florida leaves them little else to broadcast except so-called "urban interest" stories, which are ironically of no interest at all to anyone with an IQ over that of a shoelace.

Stories like this are easy to spot, because they begin with "A day at the beach turned into a brush with tragedy when..." They like the X of masking tape on all her windows, instead. I also think that part of the reason most people still don't have a defunct hurricane lamp and soup cans, the greater part of our state.

Winter is coming to an end, and so are the storms. That tells us to be prepared. This is no time to kick back or hang around the house. That means having a plan. Here are some things you should do.

1. Break, be sure to pack the masking tape, duct tape, and a big 'X' of masking tape on all her windows, instead. I also think that part of the reason most people still don't have a defunct hurricane lamp and soup cans, the greater part of our state.

2. Be sure to pack extra batteries. You never know when you'll need them.

3. Have a plan. Know what you're going to do in case of a storm. Do you have a friend or family member who lives in a storm-prone area? They might be willing to take you in.

4. Stay informed. Keep a weather radio or listen to the news regularly.

5. Be prepared to evacuate. If the storm becomes too severe, leave immediately and go to a designated shelter.

6. Have a kit. Include non-perishable food, water, medications, first aid supplies, and important documents.

7. Stay calm. A calm mind is crucial during a storm. Follow the advice of local authorities and stay safe.

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**University of Florida**

Regents to decide on medical school

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — If and where a new state medical school is created likely will hinge on what the Board of Regents and several state university presidents decide during a meeting in Orlando Wednesday. The Regents' Workshop on Medical Education comes just days after a study reported Florida State University would be the choice for a new state medical school. UF President John Lombardi said the meeting will allow the Board of Trustees and the Florida Senate to be in on the discussions that will determine what is best for the state.

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**Brown University**

New financial aid policy approved

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — In an effort to keep Brown competitive among its peer institutions, the Corporation approved a new financial aid policy at its retreat this weekend. The new policy is aimed at reducing the amount of loans and other self-help components of the university's financial aid packages, while increasing the amount of scholarships and grants. The university will spend $5 million over the next four years to phase in its new plan, which will take effect beginning with the class of 2003. While the changes will benefit students from all income groups who are on financial aid, they are aimed especially at low-income students. They are beginning with the class of 2003, while the changes will take effect beginning with the class of 2004.

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**South Bend Weather**

5 Day South Bend Forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for South Bend, Ind., where we expect clear skies with high temperatures in the mid-to-upper 40s.

**National Weather**

The AccuWeather® forecast for Monday, Feb. 24, includes clear to partly cloudy conditions with high temperatures in the mid-to-upper 40s.

**University of Illinois**

Students win MTV celebrity contest

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — While most students endured fridays, bar raids and studying for exams, Josh Kessler and his girlfriend Katie Hennessy lived up the celebrity life as winners of MTV's Reality TV show. Last Thursday MTV cameras visited the Champaign-Urbana area to capture Kessler's reaction upon learning that he would be treasured to the high life for a weekend. Kessler was surprised by a phone call from Courtney Love after his appearance on the show. Love gave him a trip to Las Vegas and a chance to win a new car, along with other prizes. Kessler and his girlfriend were married in Las Vegas, and spent the rest of the weekend enjoying the high life.

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**Dartmouth College**

Alumni support residence initiative

HANOVER, N.H. — The College has gained more money in donations than it has lost as a result of the Board of Trustees' controversial vote to raise dormitory fees in the early 1990s. The board has pledged $40,000 to the alumni fund stating that they are not as enthusiastic about the residential and social life initiative.
Honor society announces winners of essay contest

By ALISON HEINZ
News Writer

Notre Dame's chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the government honor society, honored the winning students of the third annual Young Leaders' Essay Contest Tuesday evening. "Pi Sigma Alpha began the contest in an effort to reach out to the South Bend community and increase public policy awareness among young people," said Pi Sigma Alpha president Michele Costello during the award ceremony.

The keynote speaker at the assembly, which included the winning students and their parents, was South Bend mayor and Notre Dame alumnus Steve Lucke. Lucke praised the students who entered the contest for taking the first step to becoming active, contributing members of society.

The two first-place winners, Monica Macellari and Ian Stouder, read aloud their essays. Macellari's essay, which won in the fifth-and sixth-grade group, stressed the importance of cooperation. Stouder, winner of the seventh- and eighth-grade category, used his essay as an opportunity to make suggestions for improving the community. His suggestions included stronger fine arts programs in the schools, stronger gun control and a new city park.

The essays addressed the question of "What Can Government Do To Improve Our Community?" In addition to the two first-place winners, Pi Sigma Alpha honored almost 50 students in grades five through eight from several South Bend schools.

Transfer Orientation
Co-Commissioner's Applications

*Pick up and drop off applications in Student Gov't office, 203 LaFortune.
*Applications available starting Tuesday 2/23.
*Applications due Thursday March 4.
*Sign up for interviews when you drop off your application.
*Interviews on March 16.
*Plan and coordinate transfer orientation events.

Alumni Senior CLUB

Come Join the Tradition
Applications are now being accepted for manager positions for the 1999-2000 academic school year.

You may pick up applications at the Office of Student Activities
315 LaFortune

Deadline: February 26, 1999

Business Majors:
Internships available to work with ACCION

a micro-lending organization assisting people with no credit history to obtain loans and build their businesses.

This is a 10-12 week program during the summer, offering:
* up to $2,500.00 tuition scholarship (with housing provided)
* 3 academic credits - elective


Applications available at the Center for Social Concerns - due February 26th

Interviews: March 2nd at the CSC with a representative from ACCION

The Observer is now accepting applications for Wire Editors. Call Tim at 1-5323.
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Church’s social doctrine, and the National Conference of American Bishops has stated that this (social doctrine) is an essential aspect of one’s faith,” Whitmore said. “Graduates from Notre Dame go on to take positions of power and authority, and they have immediate influence. This concentration helps them lead in regards to Catholic principles.”

The 15-credit concentration consists of one core seminar, three one-credit courses taught in the dorm and three three-credit electives. The core seminar consists of close and careful reading of classic texts in social traditions such as official Church documents and source documents.

The students in the core seminar will also submerge themselves into their future profession and learn how to act according to Catholic teachings within their prospective field. They will accomplish this by working with South Bend businesses in their particular field and interview the workers of that organization. The final project in the seminar is designing a workplace incorporating Catholic social tradition.

Whitmore hopes that students from all of the different colleges will participate in the concentration. So far, 30 students have shown interest in the concentration, and a representative of the concentration will be at the College of Arts and Letters fair on March 16.

Pangborn senator Susan Roberts added that Pangborn supported the proposal. It passed by a vote of 24-1.

• The senate voted unanimously on two issues. One was to allow the president of the senate to discuss student input and concerns about commencement exercises when meeting with the assistant provost and the University registrar. The senate felt that the seniors should have more say in the commencement events.

• Keenan senator Matt Mamak raised concern about the security problems and vandalism caused by intoxicated visitors at Reckers on the weekends. He urged the senators to speak with their hall councils and remind students of the imminent danger of the revocation of the 24-hour space. “Past senators have worked too hard to have the 24-hours space we’ve gained, which still isn’t enough,” he said.

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**World News Briefs**

**Eighth-grader holds principal hostage**

MARYVILLE, Tenn. — An eighth-grade boy described as a very good student took his principal hostage Wednesday afternoon and held him at gunpoint for about three hours before freeing him unharmed. The boy surrendered about 6:30 p.m. at the Daniel Boone Elementary School principal Jim Hettleberg. Blount County sheriff James Berrong said the boy began his act of rebellion by shooting his science teacher, who he said did not want to hurt anyone. — Gary Pack, the Blount County Schools superintendent.

**Austria**

Austrian military personnel rush to assist a skier injured in an avalanche Wednesday. Repeated avalanches in the region have caused hundreds of injuries.

**Kosovo**

Setting aside deep mistrust that hampered past efforts to press for independence, Kosovo's rival Albanian factions announced Wednesday they had formed a coalition to push for an international recognition of Kosovo's independence.

The surprise announcement came a day after Kosovo peace talks concluded without an internationally brokered deal to end a year of fighting that has left more than 2,000 people dead in the southern Serbian province.

Serb negotiators in the peace talks in Rambouillet, France, returned home to Belgrade and declared victory, saying they succeeded in keeping foreign troops out of the ethnically Albanian-majority province.

Serbs were jubilant about coming away from 17 days of talks without conceding to a key demand from the West: the deployment of thousands of NATO peacekeeping forces on Serbian soil to police any Kosovo agreement.

State media controlled by Yugoslav hard-liners President Slobodan Milosevic joined in the exultation, saying the Serbs had prevailed against an international pressure.

Besides the high casualty figures, some 300,000 people, mostly ethnic Albanians, have been displaced in the battles between Kosovo Albanian guerrillas seeking independence and the ethnic majority Serb police and the Yugoslav army.

Kosovo is part of Serbia, Yugoslavia's major republic, but more than 90 percent of its population is ethnic Albanian and most want independence.

No documents were signed at Rambouillet, and although the Kosovo Albanian delegation said it was ready in principle to sign at a new meeting, Serbian remained steadfastly opposed to the stationing of a NATO force on their soil.

But the announcement that rival Kosovo factions were ready to work together spelled success for a long-term American and European goal: getting ethnic Albanians to speak with one voice.

**Market Watch: 2:24**

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**S&P 500**

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**Amount**

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**Avalanche kills 16, leaves five missing**

Convoys of helicopters rescued stranded tourists in western Austria and another killer avalanche brought new heartache Wednesday, striking just miles from where rescuers were digging for victims of Europe's worst avalanche this winter.

The latest torrent of snow, three stories high and 600 feet wide, smashed into the town of Vaelue, where a dead woman and three survivors were pulled from the snow and debris.

Five people remained missing, the Austria Press Agency said. Seven miles away, in Galtuer, the death toll rose to 16 and rescuers searched for 12 others still believed buried by another avalanche on Tuesday.

"This is a catastrophe such as we have not had for centuries," said Wendelin Weingartner, governor of Tyrol province in western Austria. Authorities said among the dead in Galtuer were eight Germans, including two children, two Danes and six Austrians, all residents of the village of 700.

More than 60 people across Europe have died in avalanches so far this year as the area endures its worst winter in decades. In Chamonix, France, 12 people were killed in an avalanche earlier this month.

Austrian television showed scores of rescuers using long metal probes to detect survivors. But they have so far been unsuccessful, despite the use of avalanche trained to locate people buried under masses of snow.

A steady stream of helicopters landed and taking off from the Postlazz Austrian army base took rescuers into Galtuer and by afternoon, soldiers in Landeck were quickly loading the choppers with pallets of fresh fruits, vegetables and other foodstuffs. Survivors and tourists were flown out on the return trip.

Many of the people arriving refused to talk to reporters. Some had tears in their eyes, others looked relieved and a few described digging in the snow in search of victims.

"My husband and I raced out and found two small children in the snow. They were probably dead," said a Belgian woman who gave her name only as Anita. Authorities never told her whether the children survived or not.

Local police in Merenburg, Germany, arrived with her daughter and husband after spending the night in a hotel basement. "Another once-in-a-century avalanche hit Galtuer," she said. "I thought it was just a storm,"

said Hanno Heinz, 17, from Badenstatt, Austria. He said the snow came with such force that it blew open the hinged windows of the guesthouse, dumping 4 inches of snow on the floor.

About 1,000 people, most of them tourists, were evacuated Wednesday before bad weather and darkness stopped the flights.
Pastors continued from page 1 with at least six other individ­
uals. "From the pulpit it looks like a bunch of ants on an ant hill
running back and forth. It is the best sight," said Ferguson-
Patton.
There is also a need for the church to meet its neighbors.
"At this one church I was at, we did a door-to-door cam­
paign, and people three hous­
es away didn't realize the church was on the corner. It shows how the signs and the
exterior of the building need to be inviting places," said Tina Velthiuzen, rector of the
Church of the Holy Trinity.
The discussion also focused on how age differences within
a congregation call for more
creative approaches within the
service. "People 65 and older are
used to the oral tradition of church whereas people under
30 are accustomed to elec­
tronics, color, sound bytes,
action and the Internet. The
church has a real problem
reaching that generation
because those that do the
planning don't relate," said
Ferguson-Patton.

Forms of "electronic market­
ing" are already in effect,
according to the panelists. In
one non-denominational church in California the pas­
tors use PowerPoint during their sermons. The congrega­
tion can view the presentation at computer stands located on
the sanctuary.

Junior David Melander made his way across campus Wednesday
as winter returned to South Bend with a sudden snowfall.
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also directs Spiritual Book Associates, the country's
leading Catholic book club. He holds an M.A. in theology
from the University of Notre Dame as well as an M.Div.
degree. He is the author of numerous books and articles
on spirituality and family life. He and his wife, Kathryn, have three children —
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(Francesco was chef at ND for 38 years)
Company fails to pay scholarships, others cover debt

By BRAD UNTIEDT
News Writer

In a scholarship snafu that touched students nationwide, Notre Dame freshman Justin Burt saw his anticipated $10,000 aid package disappear. Fortunately, other sources came through at the last minute and made up the difference.

Burt was the winner for the state of Texas of a scholarship sponsored by Adams Vision, a Houston-based special events coordination company. The scholarship, which was awarded to one student from each state, was worth $10,000, renewable for four years.

Due to a lack of funding, the company was unable to award the scholarships.

"I was really counting on that scholarship to help finance my education at Notre Dame," Burt said.

He added that it was disappointing to find out that the scholarship wouldn't be awarded.

"I received letters saying not to worry, the money is there," he said. "That was the first clue that something might be wrong." Burt said that he applied for and won the scholarship during his senior year of high school in Uvalde, Texas. At the time he said it never occurred to him that the company wouldn't have the money.

They (Adams Vision) kept telling us that they were just in negotiations with other companies to cover the cost of the scholarships," Burt said. "They seemed odd since that is their business.

The company sent out letters to parents and schools in late January, stating that they would be unable to award the scholarship. Burt said. When this happened, reports of the circumstances circulated quickly.

Burt said former Texas governor Bob Bullock and his wife Janey, former residents of Uvalde, contacted Burt about covering the entire cost of the scholarship.

HEB Grocery, a Texas-based grocery store chain, also contacted Burt about covering the cost of the un-awarded scholarship. When told of the previous offer, HEB still wanted to contribute, Burt said, so Brisco and HEB are both contributing amounts equivalent to the scholarship.

"My parents told me one day, and by the next afternoon, two groups had offered to cover the amount, so I really didn't have to worry about the situation for too long," Burt said.

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Thursday
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Feb. 25, 1999, @ 7:30 pm (Free Access)
Hesburgh Library Lounge, University of Notre Dame

"Whatever Happened to Racial Progress? or Does It Feel to Be a Problem?"

By

Dr. DUANE CADY
Professor of Philosophy, Kennesaw University, Minnesota
Author of From Marcus to Paulino: A Memoir

Feb. 27, 1999, @ 7:00 pm
Main Auditorium, Kroc Institute of International Peace Studies,
Hesburgh International Center University of Notre Dame

"From the Cult of Violence to Non-Violence: Sartre's Views on Violence: A Curious Ambiguity?"

By

Dr. RONALD E. SANTONI
The Morris Helen Oramy Chair of Philosophy, Dartmouth University, Ohio
Author of Real Faith, Good Faith and Authoritative in Sartre's Early Philosophy (Claremont University Press, 1995)

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- 2/25. Thursday. LaFortune Huddle. 0900PM-1200AM.
- Newt Gingrich lecture tickets on sale now (for April 13 event) at LaFortune Box Office. $6 students.

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### CCC (CLUB COORDINATION COUNCIL)

**Marketing Club: Marketing Week (continued).**
- 2/25. Thursday. 158 COBA 0730PM.
- Speakers from Weber, Leicht, & Gohr Advertising: "Creativity in Marketing and Advertising."

**FASO Fiestaang Filipino**
- 2/27. Saturday

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**Fazoli's Class Dinner**
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### CLASS OF 1999

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- 3/2. Tuesday. Bruno's 0530-0700PM. $3

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**Neighborhood Roots Program**
- 2/27. Saturday. 1200-0300PM.

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- 3/2. Tuesday. HCIS Auditorium 0700PM.

### MISCELLANEOUS/CAMPUS-WIDE

**Bengal Bouts Finals**
- 2/25. Friday. JACC 0800PM.

**Department of Music: Faculty Chamber Concert**

**Deadline for 1999-2000 Financial Aid applications:**
- 2/28. Sunday
Senate passes largest military pay raise in two decades

The Senate voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to give the nation’s military the biggest benefits increase since the early 1980s, including an across-the-board 4.8 percent pay increase with further boosts in future years.

The pay raise for the nation’s 1.4 million active-duty military is half a percentage point more generous than one proposed earlier this month by President Clinton. It was approved 91-8.

Republican leaders said they wanted the first Senate bill passed this year to telegraph support for U.S. troops, particularly in light of a possible new deployment to Kosovo — even if it wasn’t known exactly how the package would be financed.

“This is the right way to begin this year,” said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. “It comes at a time when we’re asking more and more of our military with less and less. It would be insanity for us not to do this bill, and do it now.”

The package, which now goes to the House, would also boost retirement and educational benefits under the GI bill.

Democrats tried to get the Senate to consider a series of taxes to pay for the measure, but were turned back on an 80-20 procedural vote. They then lined up with Republicans in support of the overall measure.

The pay increase, which would take effect next Jan. 1, for the nation’s 1.4 million active-duty military, is about half a percentage point higher than a military pay increase President Clinton proposed in the fiscal 2000 budget he submitted earlier this month.

That could cost at least $7 billion more over five years than the package Clinton proposed. Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., complained that the added cost could rise to $16.5 billion over 10 years. The Clinton plan itself would cost $35 billion over five years.

“That is not the message we want to send to the American people,” Graham said, warning it would start the United States “down the slippery slope to more deficits.”

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Abolish the Death penalty

Why should we oppose the death penalty? In addition to its moral arguments, articulated by Catholic leaders and many others, the death penalty should be opposed as a matter of commitment to international human rights law. The aim and effect of the international community to abolish the death penalty is clear, and is manifested in international law, the practice of nations, and authoritative rulings by international bodies, all of which are progressively restricting the application of the death penalty toward the eventual goal of abolition. State interests should see the relevance to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and to both the European and American Conventions on Human Rights. The United States is one of a small and decreasing number of nations which practices the death penalty and which maintains that this practice is a legal exception to the right to life. While the lack of a blanket prohibition is often used as justification for the existence of the death penalty, there is certainly no "green light" for its use, either. Since international law is made by the consensus of nations, the will to maintain a contrary position prevents the death penalty from being strictly prohibited under international law, despite its clear inconsistencies with other human rights commitments. The actual application of the death penalty in the United States, at both the state and federal levels, has been ruled to violate existing international law and undermines the interest of several major nations which view the US as a party. (I'm happy to provide references to these decisions to anyone so inclined.) Primarily because of the death penalty. Amnesty International chose the United States from among all nations as the subject of its major report of 1998, in that report and elsewhere. Amnesty has roundly condemned the death penalty as "the ultimate cruelty. But so what? It is an argument from human rights law relevant where white men have dragged a black man behind a truck, killing him out of pure racist hatred." Human rights advocates oppose the death penalty for several main reasons, including the following: that proceedings are too often arbitrary or unfair, that they are too often subject to the racial prejudices of the people involved in the trials, that the death penalty may simply never be applied to juveniles or those with mental impairments, that the death penalty fails to deter irrational murder, that the death penalty is inimical to our nation's commitment against inhuman and degrading treatment and punishment, and that the death penalty in no way contributes to "due process," or to "rational and unambiguous." In the case of the murder of James Byrd, Jr., it is admittedly difficult even for me as an opponent of the death penalty to argue that any of these particular reasons should win out over the counterargument: that this murder simply needs to be condemned—actually and symbolically—with the greatest possible punishment. Opponents of the death penalty in America are currently split over two efforts: the traditional effort to abolish the death penalty entirely, and a recent move to enact a moratorium on its use. The purpose of a moratorium would be to scrutinize the death penalty, and to decide after scrutiny whether to reenact it. This split among opponents parallels a split in reasoning over why we should oppose the death penalty in the first place. To call for the strict abolition of the death penalty, even in cases like the Byrd murder, it seems that one must oppose state sanctioned murder, period, as a matter of principle, no matter the case. To call for a moratorium and to seriously consider the question of whether the death penalty may be applied seems to acknowledge that capital punishment might be appropriate in terribly unusual cases like this. I believe the international movement toward abolition of the death penalty pushes us to continue to call for abolition. The international criminals for the former Yugoslav and for Rwanda, encouraged to hand down sentences for crimes of genocide and crimes against humanity, have no power to authorize a death sentence. As tempting as it is to endorse the symbolism of punishing horrible crimes with death, we should rather endorse the symbolic effect of saying that we will not endorse premeditated murder, by the state or otherwise. Law is our means of embodying ourselves as a just society. We must embody this commitment at all levels, irremediably. But so what? Is there really any need to refer to human rights law within the borders of the United States, when it is clear to the fact that our nation is defying the international community, or that we're in violation of international law on a particular point. The Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights of the United Nations, in a report issued in January, 1999 after a visit to the United States, declared his concern that the reservations entered by the United States in ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights "seriously reduce the impact of that treaty," and that "a serious gap exists between federal and state governments concerning implementation of international obligations undertaken by the US government." Furthermore, he reported "that the US appears not to have been sensitized to state authorities and that knowledge of the country's international obligations is almost non-existent at state level." The only clear way for the state of Indiana to fully respect the right to life would be to abolish the death penalty. The Center for Civil and Human Rights of Notre Dame Law School encourages the Indiana legislature to fully review and consider its obligations under international law regarding the death penalty, and especially to consider the abolition of the death penalty. The Center offers its full assistance in such a review. Certain aspects of the current Indiana law appear to clearly violate international law, in particular, the application of the death penalty to juveniles and persons with mental impairments. Even where the application of the death penalty is arguable to be an allowable exception to the right to life, its application must then comply absolutely with the highest safeguards and fair trial standards, in addition to international commitments against inhuman and degrading treatment and discrimination. Various aspects of the death penalty, all of which are manifest in Indiana law, were noted by the Special Rapporteur as raising concerns in these areas; namely, the independence of the judiciary in situations where the trial judge declares sentence, the role of prosecutorial discretion where prosecutors are elected, and the jury selection process, among others. Peter Tomas-Morgan graduated from NJ in 1999. He is currently a J.D. student at the Center for Civil and Human Rights. For A More Just And Human World is a bi-weekly column sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns. The author's views do not necessarily reflect the views of the Center for Social Concerns or The Observer.
Are Traditions Killing African American Students?

Mel Tardy

Most of us, by graduation, will have attended or participated in at least one Notre Dame tradition. We were part of the Notre Dame game, the Koo Koo Run, and the Concert in the Dome. There are no stops for the football season, although in other years, we were part of Notre Dame’s softball tradition. As with most traditions, Notre Dame’s traditions are fun and exciting. But the question remains: are Notre Dame’s traditions killing African American students?

Since the beginning of the fall semester, we have heard about the need to change Notre Dame’s traditions. Many feel that Notre Dame’s traditions are too racist and that they need to be changed. However, we must ask ourselves: is changing Notre Dame’s traditions the best way to address the issue of racism on campus?

We have heard that Notre Dame’s traditions are racist, but what evidence do we have to support this claim? Are we not forgetting that Notre Dame has a history of welcoming all students, regardless of race?

Furthermore, we must consider the impact of removing Notre Dame’s traditions. What will happen to the traditions if they are removed? Will they simply be replaced by new traditions? Or will they be entirely eliminated?

In conclusion, we must weigh the pros and cons of changing Notre Dame’s traditions. While we must address the issue of racism on campus, we must also consider the impact of removing these traditions. We must strive to create a more inclusive environment on campus, but we must also be mindful of the impact that our actions will have on Notre Dame’s traditions.
ROAD TRIPS: Chicago and Windsor, Canada

Activities in Windsor
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Do you ever find yourself going crazy in South Bend? Does the University Park Mall just not do it for you? Are you frustrated with the food and service offered on Grange Road? How does a road trip sound?

The month of February is the shortest month of the year, but it seems like the longest when you live in South Bend. Sometimes it helps to try something fun and get away for a day or the whole weekend. There are several popular places that are less than a few hours away from campus.

Taking a road trip to Chicago

Chicago is the perfect getaway for many students. It is a mere 90 miles away from campus. You may either take the South Shore Train for $10 or take the Skyway into the city for the simple cost of a few tolls and gas. You can tour the Windy City for the day, or stay the weekend with friends or family in the area.

As soon as you approach the skyline you will forget how close you really are to campus. Lake Shore Drive is a beautiful way to drive into Chicago. Lake Michigan is a striking sight, especially once you approach Navy Pier.

Chicago offers students a wealth of options that range from museums, shopping, fine dining and exciting nightlife.

"Chicago is always the perfect place to go for either a few hours or the weekend. It's an exciting and fast-paced atmosphere sharply contrasts South Bend," said junior Kristin Grove.

Some students enjoy the exhibits at the Field Museum of Natural History or the Science and Industry Museum. The Shedd Aquarium offers an interesting scope of underwater life. Its oceanarium is set on Lake Michigan and has hourly shows that exhibit dolphins.

Lovers of Asian culture may discover something new at the Oriental Museum located on the City's south side in Hyde Park. Art lovers may enjoy a tour such as the Mary Cassatt exhibit at the Art Institute on South Michigan.

Gentlemen and young ladies may both find something of interest on North Michigan Avenue. Interesting sights include Nike Town, FAO Schwarz, Borders Bookstore, Water Tower shopping center and Bloomingdale's. There is something for every shopper.

There are fun restaurants, such as Chicago's famed Hard Rock Cafe, Planet Hollywood, Michael Jordan's and Ed Babeck's.

Getting down in Windsor, Canada

Windsor, Canada, is a fun getaway that many students also enjoy. Although it is not the cultural metropolis of Chicago, it attracts many students under the age of 21. The legal drinking age there is 19.

It is about a three-hour drive from campus and it is just outside of Detroit.

Windsor is the perfect place to visit with anyone from Detroit if you want to eliminate the cost of lodging. Otherwise, hotels are priced reasonably. The average hotel costs $130, which is reasonable when you split it amongst a group of people. For example, the Days Inn on the main strip of casinos is $120 per night. Don’t forget that you earn money on the Canadian Currency exchange rate.

Students of either sex enjoy the rocking Windsor Casino and trendy shops. You may find anything there from Cuban cigars to the perfect leather boa.

There are fun restaurants, such as Poppers, to eat at once you get hungry. It is reasonably priced and has a fun dance floor. Poppers is famous for its delicious appetizers, such as their spinach dip.
Michigan City and nearby college towns

Michigan City, Ind.

Michigan City is a nice getaway for students who just need a quick breather from the stress of school. It is a low-key place to spend the day and the perfect place to do some bargain shopping, and only about 30 miles from campus. You may either drive or take the South Shore Train. The Lighthouse Mall offers a wide selection of outlet stores that include inexpensive American food, and is set on the picturesque lake along the railroad.

Michigan City also offers fun outdoor activities like cross-country skiing on the dunes or snowmobiling.

Other college campuses:

Students who still want to enjoy the college scene but need to escape from the Notre Dame campus may enjoy visiting friends at nearby colleges such as University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Michigan, University of Illinois, Marquette University or University of Dayton.

All of these campuses are all less than four hours away. You may enjoy the opportunity to check out the fraternity scene at any of those schools. Marquette and Wisconsin offer big-city advantages that we do not enjoy in South Bend. The Universities of Illinois and Michigan are set in fun college towns that have a wide range of cafes and bookstores to choose from if you need a little while to unwind.

Student Dave Melander recalls his visit to Madison: "The girls are hot! State Street is fun, because of the shops, bars and restaurants. The atmosphere is different than ours on campus, because it is a laid-back, relaxed and fun environment," he said.

Another student recalls a positive experience at Dayton: "It is a college campus atmosphere, because students rent houses from the University that are all in the same area. The Ghetto. It makes it easy and fun to hop from house to house."

So, next time you and your friends start to feel restless in your dorm rooms or apartments — step back and review these options. Why not take off for a trip to Chicago, Windsor or Michigan City. There is no excuse to complain about the social scene here when you can take off and visit your friends at a different college campus.

NEARBY COLLEGES - POPULAR ROAD TRIPS:

* University of Wisconsin-Madison
* University of Michigan
* University of Illinois
* Marquette University
* University of Dayton

All of these options are less than four hours away from a fun and different college atmosphere that includes fraternities and sororities.

By SARAH DYLAC
Scene Editor

It happened somewhere in West Virginia while trying to merge left without cutting anyone off and looking for an exit with a McDonalds.

My roommates feared for their lives as I screamed at the other cars taking up the lane I wanted to move into. The other drivers seemed oblivious to my frustration until I finally cut them all off and forced my way into their lane. I heard the car behind me blare its horn and I waved and smiled at him.

All seemed fine until my roommate spoke up from the backseat of my car:

"Full over right now, you psycho driver. You're done, she said.

My turn at the wheel — my job as speed racer and captain — had ended.

Near-death experience number two happened somewhere in Virginia. I swear that I followed all of the rules from Drivers Ed — mirror, signal, blind spot, go — but somehow, I did not see the car in the right lane. I certainly heard his car horn, however, as he followed behind me for the next few minutes.

"Don't get me wrong: I am not a bad driver. I've never even been pulled over. No warnings, no tickets, no crashes (knock on wood). I just seem to have a problem when I don't know where I am going, which, with my stellar sense of direction, is just about all of the time.

Lucky for me, however, the near death experiences have yet to put a damper on my participation in one of the best weekend activities ever invented — the road trip.

What is it about the combination of a full tank of gas, a loud radio, a road map and a car full of friends that makes even the longest trips seem like adventures? I cannot give an exact answer, but I prefer to believe it's the sense of possibility that makes it all so much fun.

Taking a road trip — a real road trip — means not following a specific minute-by-minute plan. It means getting some vague directions, hitting the road and seeing where it goes. Want to stop at that sketchy restaurant with the big neon sign that says "Oasis?" Then stop. Want to get off the highway and drive through a different city or a famous place? Then get off. Through truck stops and rest areas, side roads and highways, there is always someone new to meet or something new to see.

Besides the speed limit, no one makes rules when you take a road trip. It's you, your friends, the car and the open road, driving away from reality and into the unknown. And when that happens, as Bruce Springsteen told us all in a Thunder Road, "These two lanes can take us anywhere."

It's the feeling of going somewhere that matters on the road. Not where you get there, not how you get there, not even if you get there at all. Just going, with endless possibilities ahead and miles of highway behind. It's the good conversations and the good radio stations. It's watching out the window as you drive by pieces of America.

Never mind the near death experiences, the speeding tickets or the other angry drivers on the road. They cannot erase the adventure and the freedom of a road trip.

So what are you waiting for? Hit the road.

The views expressed in Scene Through Our Eyes are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer.
Fencers’ home meet provides chance for student-athlete

By MIKE CONNOLLY

If you are like most students on this campus, you probably know as much about the elections in Lithuania as you do about fencing. But you think you know everything there is to know about fencing, so something your mom used to wrap your sandwich in a pipe and that you were thinking about the problem until you found something your mom used to wrap your sandwich in a pipe? No, that’s not what you’re thinking about.

The epee clash between the Irish and Lawrence this weekend is certain to be a bout to see.

Two women’s epee teams will also have several bouts that should not be missed this weekend. Two-time All-American Magda Krol and All-American captain Nicole Mustilli lead the Irish against the Buckeyes of Ohio State and the Wildcats of Northwestern. Both squads have previously defeated the Irish.

Look for the epees, then, to strengthen this weekend’s fencing competition and send the Norse and the Wildcats home with sound defeats.

The men’s full team should continue its stayplay this weekend. The Irish are a formidable, leads the Irish squad into relative anonymity. I hope that perhaps some simple beginner’s guide to fencing might enlighten you to this great sport and its history. The Observer reserves the right to edit.

The basic premise behind fencing is very simple: Hit your opponent before he hits you. From this basic goal, strategy and tactics arise that give fencing its excitement and drama.

There are three weapons in fencing: foil, epee and sabre. Men compete with all three weapons while women compete in foil, epee and sabre. Men compete with all three weapons while women compete in foil, epee and sabre.

The epee is a thinner weapon and has a smaller target area. A fencer may touch the torso — not the head or arms — of his opponent.

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The sabre is the most unique of the three weapons. A sabre touch can be anywhere on the body except the head, arms or legs. A fencer may use the weapon anywhere on the opponent’s body except the head, arms or legs.

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The Irish have Lawrence in their house and in the words of two-time All-American C.J. Jackson, “I have nothing but revenge on my mind.”

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Calendar of Events

Retreat for Ministers at the Basilica
Topic: “Ministry in the Church”
Saturday, February 27, 9:30 am-12:30 pm
Speaker: Beverly Rieger, Director of Liturgy, Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese
followed by an optional tour of the Basilica led by Father.

Confirmation Program - A Day for Recollection
Sunday, February 28, 2:00-6:00 pm, Center for Continuing Education

Freshman Retreat #22
(March 26-27) Sign-Up
Beginning Monday, March 1, 103 Hesburgh, 112 Badin Hall or see your hall rector.

Targeted Dorms: Farley, Fisher, Howard, Gospel

What Am I Going to Do with My Life?
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

“I’m not sure.”
There is only one other phrase, probably, that I’ve spoken more often than “I’m not sure,” and it’s, “I don’t know.”
When I was younger I thought that as I grew older, with more education and experience, I would have fewer and fewer occasions to use these phrases. And yet, as I have gained so much in the way of education and experience, I find myself using just such phrases all the more.

Some years ago, a senior here at Notre Dame told the story that when she was a first year student she was pretty sure she wanted to be an attorney. She studied like a future Supreme Court justice, giving herself entirely to that future goal. She even began to pick out law schools. As time passed, and with more education and experience, she became less certain. For various reasons, some which she didn’t understand herself, she grew less sure about being an attorney by the time her second semester senior year rolled around. When asked about what she was going to do after graduation some four short months away, she would say, “I don’t know.” This was difficult not only because she felt the need to be certain, but because she felt like she owed it to others, especially to her parents, to be certain, and to be successful.

Although the story of Jesus tells us that what we do is important, it also tells us that how we do what we do is often more important. Jesus was somewhat of a wandering preacher and teacher who told people who seemed sure of what God wanted of them, and sure of an exact way to be saved, that perhaps they ought to think again. Jesus welcomed with love all people, especially those most brutally excluded by society. It was not just what Jesus did that revealed him as God, but how he did it. Christianity is first and foremost a way of living in the world.

We are well into the second semester. At times it may seem like the pressure is on. There is that popular question, “What are you going to do?” Anxiety seems to go hand-in-hand with uncertainty; and at this point in our lives we expect to grow in certainty, not uncertainty. Perhaps many of us, especially seniors in their final semester, are realizing that when it comes to discerning a job choice or a career, 100% certainty is at least unlikely and probably impossible.

Maybe one of the most important benefits of education and experience is a dispelling of the ways in which we are tempted to oversimplify the complexities of life. There is something about dying and rising in all of this, a dying and rising which takes place during this life, and which we celebrate during the Lenten and Easter seasons. Hopefully, we die to old ways of seeing ourselves that were narrow and exact in order to continually rise to new ways of seeing ourselves and others; a dying and rising that allows us the freedom to change and appreciate the ability of others to change; a dying and rising that heightens our appreciation of the Paschal Mystery. Maybe we have to let go of that image of ourselves that is so sure of ourselves, and that seems not to need God. Perhaps this dying and rising calls us to be a little more comfortable with not being so sure all of the time, and not knowing everything there is to know, exactly. What else is faith for but to give us the surety to rest comfortably in the unsurety.

I don’t need to say that what we do with our lives is important. Our choices can have a great impact on ourselves and on our world. However, maybe the question which should precede “What do I want to do?” is “How do I want to be?” And maybe then our uncertainty can move us ever closer to the truth of our lives, and of our faith; and ever closer to our God. Maybe the most important thing is not always what we do with our lives, but how we do it. Maybe it’s time to rest, even revel, in the uncertainty, as a means by which we surrender our own wills to the will of our God. It’s time to consider not so much what we do as the measure of our success, or how much money we make, or the status of our particular job or occupation; but rather, to consider how we choose to live our lives in whatever we choose to do; and whether we have welcomed the surety of God into the unsurety of our lives.
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In focus their efforts on beating Miami in the swimming races.
"This team gets faster every year since I've gotten here, and this is the most talented team I've been on," Whowell said.
Like the women, the men are also using the meet as a way to qualify swimmers for the NCAA Championships. The men's meet will take place in Indianapolis a week after the women's meet. Ray Fitzpatrick, Dan Szilier and Scott Zumboh are the most likely candidates to be the first swimmers to ever represent Notre Dame at the meet.
Fitzpatrick squeezed under the consideration time with a 1:39.20 in the 200 freestyle a year ago. His current season best is nearly a second over that, but he has a good chance of bringing it down enough to secure an bid to the NCAA meet.
The best chances for three-time MVP Zumbach are in the 200 butterfly and 400 individual medley, events in which he holds team records.

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Senior class takes look back at four years in the pool

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

After nearly four years of wearing the "ND Irish" swim caps, when the senior swimmers look back on their tenure under the Dome, they are awed by how much the team has changed.

Now that the first day of their last championship meet, the Big East Championships, is under way, the seniors are taking pride in how much they contributed to this improvement.

Men’s co-captain Chris Fugate described his four years as "an incredible and challenging journey."

For the women’s team, the journey began with a surprise. Soon after arriving at Notre Dame in the fall of 1995, they were introduced to their new coach, Bailey Weathers. Not only did this mean that the men’s and women’s teams would be separated for the first time, but it also marked the beginning of a heightened level of dedication for both teams.

"It was hard for our class when all of our goals and commitment levels changed," women’s co-captain Anne Iacobucci said. "It was hard for us when we came in as freshmen for different reasons than what Bailey had in mind."

Nevertheless, Iacobucci, Meghan Eckstein, Brittany Klime and Jill Matalavage chose to stick with Bailey’s tougher standards until graduation.

From an original cast of eleven freshmen, the Class of ‘99 men are now represented by Mike Doyle, Scott Zubich, Vince Kuna and captains Fugate and Steele Whowell.

The same year the women’s and men’s teams separated was Notre Dame’s first year in the Big East. Not even the upper-classmen could give advice or make predictions about the new conference. With the new conference to face and Weathers was hired at the last minute, the team’s direction was uncertain.

"The first year was almost chaos," Kline said. "We didn’t even know we were getting a new coach, and we didn’t know what to expect from him."

Fortunately, the change proved to be for the better.

"Since Bailey came in when we were freshmen, we’ve been on our way to our long-term goals," Iacobucci said. "I was sad about the break-up of the team, but I’m glad I’ll be part of this history."

"We’ve done a complete 180 since freshman year," Kline said. "I know a lot of it’s due to Bailey coming in."

Upon entering the Big East, the Irish Sports Report picked the Notre Dame men’s swimming team to finish last and the women near the bottom in the Big East Championships. With significant contributions from the freshman Class of ‘99, the men placed seventh and the women third.

Since then, the women have won the conference title twice and the men are aiming to take second place this year.

"Our main goal of the first year in the Big East was not to win the meet. It was to place as many people as we could in the top 16," Kline said. "Now we’re trying to qualify as many as we can for the NCAA Championships."

"All of us have been through some tough times at the beginning of our career, and as we got older, we’re really excelled and gotten faster over the years," Fugate said.

But it is the team culture that has undergone the most change, according to Fugate. In the past, group activities outside of the pool were often allowed to interfere with performance in the water; the seniors now stress that they let nothing come between them and their goals.

"Our freshman year, being on the team was more of a partying thing," Kuna explained. "Since then, we’ve curtailed the partying and focused on getting faster as a team."

The uniqueness of the men’s Class of ‘99 has always been evident. When they were freshmen, coaches Tim Welch based them the most talented class Notre Dame swimming had ever had.

"Ever since our freshman year, we were really the dominant class," Welch said. "The closeness of our class and our leadership skills both in and out of the pool have brought the team to where it is."

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McGwire in spotlight again after offseason

Mark McGwire was back behind the microphones Wednesday, laughing off predictions of 80 home runs and defending his use of muscle pills.

"I don't need it anymore," he said. "As about 20 reporters watched the androstenedione contour during spring training, McGwire sidestepped questions about his alleged use of the supplement that is prohibited by the NFL, NCAA and International Olympic Committee. At a drug conference last month, IOC vice president Dick Pound said baseball had allowed McGwire to become "a souped-up hero" by not banning androstenedione.

"Major league baseball is not the IOC," McGwire said. "And it has absolutely nothing to do with me hitting a baseball. I don't endorse the produce. I never did. Someone stuck a nose in my business."

At spring training last year, only about 20 reporters showed up for the first full-squad workout. But that was before McGwire beat Roger Maris' single-season record by nine home runs.

On Wednesday, fans crowded around the fence to watch McGwire and his teammates go through their first full-squad workout, a mostly humdrum routine. They kept track of the hour-long news conference by counting报表.
Men's Basketball

Irish unable to weather Storm

By ALAN WASIELEWSKI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hung in as long as it could Wednesday night, but Irish turnovers and fatigue allowed seventh-ranked St. John’s to achieve a 73-53 victory.

In the first half, Notre Dame’s zone defense forced the Red Storm to work for every point and stopped each of the team’s 12 three-point-shot attempts. The Irish controlled defensive rebounding and slowed down the first-half tempo enough to stay with St. John’s.

“We did a lot of things we wanted to do,” head coach John MacLeod said, “but we started taking quick shots and picking up the tempo.”

That fell right into line with the St. John’s game plan.

Led by freshman Erick Barkley, the Red Storm converted almost every Irish turnover, but Notre Dame freshman Troy Murphy, in his first collegiate game at Madison Square Garden, did his best to keep the Irish in the game.

Two fast-break dunks—one in classic hand-behind-the-head Karl Malone style—and an NBA-range three-pointer to beat the shot clock kept the Irish struggling during the first half.

Notre Dame led by nine points with six minutes left in the half, and while a run immediately before halftime let St. John’s inch back in the game, the Irish were still in good shape. Behind by just two points at the buzzer, the slow-down game plan was working perfectly.

However, just like the West Virginia game last Sunday, Notre Dame came out flat after halftime.

Missing their first five shots, Notre Dame allowed St. John’s to push the ball up the floor and convert some easy layups. With Martin Ingelsby out of the game with a sprained ankle, the Irish were hurting for ballhandlers, and St. John’s head coach Mike Jarvis took advantage by applying full-court pressure for the rest of the contest.

“We started to succumb to the pressure and taking quick shots, exactly what they wanted us to do,” MacLeod said. “We started running a ‘circle offense,’ running around in circles, and that is not something we practice.”

This “circle offense” allowed the Red Storm to go on a 32-11 run in 10 minutes. The Irish couldn’t get the ball to Murphy enough, and he eventually tired.

Meanwhile, St. John’s began to hit the three-pointer.

Lavor Postell broke Notre Dame’s back with consecutive three-point shots midway through the second half, pushing the Red Storm’s lead to 14. David Graves spurred a short-lived Irish rally with a three-pointer followed by a Murphy alley-oop dunk, but Barkley and St. John’s running game pushed the lead back to 16. Notre Dame would get no closer.

“We could not control the ball, the kids were trying to execute the game plan but we eventually let them back into it and take control,” MacLeod said.

Postell and Tyrone Grant both scored 19 points for St. John’s. Ron Artiest put the game to rest at the three-minute mark with a windmill jam topped off by an alley-oop dunk.

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Early-night knockouts set tone

By ALLISON KRILLA

125-pound Division

Kevin "K.G." Overbeck may have been unsure of his stamina before stepping into the ring last night, but that feeling didn't last long. "I was glad my corners were out tonight supporting me," the senior said. "After I heard them cheering me on, I couldn't go another 20 minutes in the ring."

Overbeck had his jab working against Hick "Lil" Pan's Holcomb in the semifinals, securing himself a spot in the finals by unanimous decision. But unfortunately, securing his future comes before a Bengal Bouts title. A previously scheduled medical-school interview in Kansas City on Friday will prevent Overbeck from boxing Jason "Vegas" McMahon, McMahon defeated Mark "There Can Be Only One" Aramini when the referee stopped the contest. "The biggest disappointment in not being here on Friday is that I'll miss watching all these guys, the friends I've made fighting in the finals. That really means a lot to me," Overbeck said.

135-pound Division

Charlie "The Montana Mauler" Madden continued his Cinderella romp to the Bengal Bouts finals with a split decision victory over Dan "Too Short" Gallegos. The smaller Gallegos tried to get inside on the seventh-seeded Madden in the first round, but the Keenan Hall senior took advantage of his height and a strong right jab in the second round to seize control of the fight. "I felt better (tonight) than I did on Monday," Madden said. "Gallegos really came after me, especially in the third round."

But a bittersweet cheering section pulled Madden through the grueling third round, and into this Friday's finals. "It felt really good between rounds to head back to the corner and hear all the cheering," explained Madden. In the finals, Madden will face top-seeded Mike "The Exander" Shacklett by unanimous decision. Shacklett came out strong and controlled the early part of the first round. The junior used a distinctly longer reach and momentum from the crowd to catch Will off guard. But Shacklett's approach sparked a more aggressive Will to emerge. The captain worked Shacklett inside and overpowered him with a barrage of hooks, setting up a highly anticipated final round match up with Mike "The Roof, The Roof, The Roof is The Fitor" Maguire. "I was really rusty having not fought in a while," explained Madden. "Going into the fight, I was really excited to get back on the mats."

In another match, Mike "The Pitbull" Salvino came out punching in the second round against Mike "The Bishop" Romero. The punishing Salvino did not waste time delivering some heavy combinations. The contest was ended 23 seconds into the second stanza. "I was just really excited to get it over there," said Salvino. "Heading into the crowd getting into it provides a big boost when you're in there."

Upper weight classes round out Wednesday bouts

KEVIN THOMPSON

185-pound Division

Nothing can stop destiny — not even guys with nicknames like "Buster" or "I'll make your face look like mine."

Brian "The Nutty Irishman" Gaffney and Mike "El Principe" Romancheck advanced to the finals of the 185-pound division Wednesday night, setting up one of the most highly anticipated finals match-ups of the year.

Gaffney, the three-time champion, knows the pressure that comes with being the favorite and he felt it Wednesday night against Ben "Buster" Johnson. "There was tremendous pressure. Every fight brings more," said the senior captain. "It's good — you felt alive. You're doing something special."

If Gaffney felt pressure last night, it was impossible to detect. He dictatied the pace throughout the fight, causing the quick and tactical Johnson to reel in the third round after a barrage left him grounded. Johnson could not recover to make a run at the dominant champion.

Shortly after Gaffney's bout, the wily Romancheck made his claim to the finals. At the sound of the third-round bell, Romancheck took it right to Carey "I'll make your face look like mine" Clay, leading to a unanimous decision.

After the fight, an exuberant Romancheck said he looks forward to facing his old sparring partner in the finals. "It's something we've both been looking forward to for a long time," said the Keenan Hall junior. "We have a golden opportunity to be the best 185-pound men." Clay could not deliver the knockout blow, Seerveld landed enough punches to prevail.

195-pound Division

In a contest that came down to the wire, Dave "Bell-Vegas" Butz eliminated Dave "The Tank" Shenk in a draw-out, three round unanimous decision. Shenk and his unorthodox stance were unable to counter Butz's vicious combinations. The patient, contemplative Butz rode a third-round flurry to victory.

On the opposite side of the card, the match-up of Adam "Monsoon" June and the yet unproven Mike "It hurts more than it feels good" Velten was anything but illustrious. Both fighters went right at each other relentlessly. Velten shook off all signs of rust, battles to a unanimous decision.

"Going into the fight, I was worried about coming out cold," said Velten. "I wanted to be the aggressor. I didn't know how I would come out, but I guess it worked."

195-pound Division

In another match-up of a relatively unknown characters, the untied Pete "The Lap" Ryan battled Chris "Lucky" Larchefield to the final bell. The momentum of the match changed several times, but Ryan's quickness prevailed.

"I was really rusty having not fought on Monday," explained Ryan. "The crowd really lifted me up tonight. Having friends and family out there really helped me out tonight."

In a highly anticipated match-up, sophomore Alex Kent squared off with rookie Jason "J-20" Rodriguez. Both fighters excelled the crowd with three-round decisions. Kent came down to the final round when, in a serious exchange of blows, the eader Kent left Rodriguez bloody. The decision was evident.

"As a fighter, you don't want to lose knowing you still had something left over," explained Yatarola. "You want to leave everything you've got out there."
Field narrows to two per class in hard-earned wins

By KERRY SMITH

The 180-pound division provided another big surprise. Underdog Willie Kent earned his second-straight upset by defeating No. 1 Josh "Gaffney Who?" Thompson in an evenly fought match. Thompson's injured right arm put him at a disadvantage as Kent's strong rights were the fight's deciding factor.

"My right was working well," said Kent. "That was something that I didn't use on Monday. When I started landing them it made a world of difference."

Exchanging punches, both Thompson and Kent looked strong in the first round. Kent pulled away late in the second delivering a steady stream of punches to a tired Thompson. Kent's split-decision victory earned him a spot in the finals against No. 2 Paul "You Better Recognize, Chump!" Chen. Chen's patient attack and adaptation to his opponent's fighting style led to a split decision win over freshman Mark Criniti.

"Mark's a big guy, so I tried to throw more rights and powers instead of my normal jab," said Chen. "That seemed to work well out in the ring.

Criniti had a good second round and was able to land several punches while fending off Chen's attack. The freshman tired early in the third, and Chen was able to take the win.

Friday night's finals, filled with seasoned favorites and underdog surprises, promises to be a competitive set of matches. Nowak's two fights to propel them to a final victory.

By KERRY SMITH

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fight. With a swift blow, he sent Matt Lynn to the mat just 47 seconds into the second round.

Hernandez dominated the first round of his fight. He not only controlled the ring but used a patient attack to take him to the finals.

A solid attack and several strong combinations took their toll on Kevin "Boom Boom" Bucchellato, who received a standing eight count in the second round.

Hernandez dominated almost every aspect of the fight and advanced to the finals by unanimous decision.

Bengals

Kevin Murphy met his opponent in the first round, the two went blow-for-blow. Nowak registered a huge second round and took advantage of every slip in his opponent's defense. The fighter knicked up more energy as the round proceeded, parking more power behind each punch he threw.

In the third round, Murphy appeared weak. The top seed had been battling the flu all week and fell by unanimous decision to Nowak.

Second-seed Travis Alexander started off with a big opening. His opponent Billy McMurtie rallied and turned in one of the biggest brawls of the evening.

The two went blow-for-blow as the round wound down. Alexander landed a couple of big rights and sent McMurtie struggling. By the end of the third round, both fighters appeared winded and tired. Alexander advanced by unanimous decision.

"I'm stronger, faster, quicker and better looking than me," Kirley said about his final's opponent. "Mostly, I'd be honored to be standig after three rounds with him."

Kirley is modest but he has proven he deserves to be in the finals after two solid victories.

163-Pound Division

Kevin Murphy met his match in opponent Sean Nowak and the two met as the seed split and advantage and patient attack to defeat the top-seeded Murphy.

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Perimeter barrage carries Arkansas past Auburn

Associated Press

Arkansas likely played its way into the NCAA tournament with a 104-88 victory over No. 2 Auburn Wednesday night.

Walker finished with a career-high 21 points, all while the Razorbacks (20-8, 9-6 SEC) were building a 21-point lead. Bradley scored 23 and broke the SEC leading rebound, had 13 rebounds and 18 points.

Arkansas didn’t trail the final 29 minutes although Auburn (25-2, 12-2) pulled even once. The lead changed hands nine times during the first half after Porter’s three bounced off the rim to give Kansas a 64-53 lead.

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Arkansas scored 10 straight for a 12-7 lead, but Pohlman’s three that made it 22-20 halted the Tigers back in front.

The lead changed hands nine times during the first 11 minutes that last time on Chris Walker’s three that made it 22-20.

The Razorbacks exhibited the same tenaciousness last Saturday when they led the final 24:24 in a 74-70 victory over then-No. 6 Kentucky.

Prior to the loss, Auburn’s average margin of victory was 23.2 points per game and the Tigers had only one victory under double digits. They were allowing an average of 59 points per game.

Auburn tied it at 49 when Scott Pohlman faked Bradley and made a 3 and Chris Porter — who led all scorers with 24 — followed with a high arching jumper. Hood rebounded Karon Reeds’ miss and got the ball to Bradley out front for a 3 for 52-49.

Walker chased down a rebound and put it back for 56-51 and Hood slipped around Mammou N’Daye for a buyup.

Ten record by playing its seventh overtime game this season.

The Hoosiers went 12 minutes without scoring a basket in the second half but took a 54-53 lead on three-pointers, including two straight by Foerster.

The game was sent into overtime when Damir Krupatija made one of two free throws for Illinois 111-117, 5-131 to tie the game at 54.
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By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

It's finally here:
It's the meet the Notre Dame men's and women's swimming and diving teams have been preparing for all season, and it begins today in Unidine, N.Y.

They splash into the grueling three-day, six-session Big East championship meet.

While the men engage Miami and Syracuse in a fight for the No. 2 spot, the women are the strong favorites to finish on top for the third straight year.

"We're expecting to have an incredible meet, so hopefully they (the competitors) won't be able to touch us," Brittany Kline said. "The first day will set the tone for the whole meet."

The women's toughest competition will likely come from Villanova and Miami.

Both schools feature strong sprinters who will challenge the Irish in the 50-yard freestyle, the 100-yard events, and the 200-yard medley relay.

Miami beat the Irish 140-80 in an October dual meet. Fatigue and a lack of readiness were cited as reasons for the loss. However, the Irish now seem to have more confidence in their season of training to help them defend their Big East title.

"Everybody is confident, positive, and upbeat during practice," Kline said.

"We rely on one another and on what everyone contributes to the team. That's what will make us win the meet," said co-captain Anne Iacobucci.

Iacobucci also notes that Notre Dame has a much deeper squad than most schools. This is important, since the first 16 places in each event score points at championship format meets, as opposed to just the first five places in a dual meet.

The highest-scoring events for the Irish could be the three-meter and one-meter diving. Heather Mattingly, Jessica Johnstone and Gina Ketelson represent what might be Notre Dame's strongest diving squad ever. They hope to keep Miami from sweeping the top three places in both events.

The women also hope to qualify a number of swimmers for the NCAA championships, to be held March 18-20 in Indianapolis. All-American Shannon Suddarth, Allison Lloyd and Kline each hope to accomplish this in one of the breaststroke events.

Sophomore Carrie Nixon, who has already achieved consideration times in the 50 and 100 freestyles, will seek to shave off enough time to secure an invitation to the NCAA meet.

Co-captain Liz Barger holds consideration times in the 100 and 200 butterfly events, as does teammate Kelly Flecking in the 100 backstroke.

An individual win by the Irish at the Big East championships could come from any of these stars. In addition, Notre Dame holds the edge on the 400 medley relay and the 800 freestyle relay.

On the men's side of the meet, the Irish hope to improve on their fourth place finish last year. Since Pittsburgh is expected to win its third straight title, this means defeating Miami or Syracuse to break into the highly competitive top three.

"Syracuse, Miami and Pittsburgh have dominated the Big East ever since I've been here, but we have a great shot at Miami," co-captain Stone Whowell said. "This team is certainly capable of moving into the top three."

"In the past we've been a second-tier team," co-captain Chris Fugate said. "Last year we jumped up to the first tier, and now we want to be up there with Pittsburgh, Miami and Syracuse."

Miami has lost some talent in many swimming events, but is almost sure to see SWIM! page 16