If I had a million dollars

Yearly operating budget exceeds $1 million a day

By CHRISTINE KRALY

What could someone do with a million dollars a day? Most people would consider that they were living a dream, a fantasy only to be toyed with in one's mind.

The University, however, has to essentially answer this same Publisher's Clearing House-type question every year when deciding on the annual budget. It currently boasts a yearly operating budget in excess of $500 million. To those with jaw-dropping incomes like Sejdinaj, director of Finance and Budgeting, says this exorbitant amount is normal.

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What have you done for me lately?

I'd like to address the University in the words of Janet Jackson: "What have you done for me lately?

I love this school — its reputation, its spirit and its mission in making me a better person.

What I do not love, however, is the school's need to put the backs of visitors, while the students hack away at their work and studies.

There is no denying the beauty of the new Eck Center, and especially, the new Hammons bookstore, two new large wooden bookshelves give the store a touch of elegance.

As you pass by the glass case full of Irish knickknacks, you walk into the apparel section, where the sweatshirts and hats are arranged with such fantastic pizzazz, you feel you're in Bloomingdale's instead of a college bookstore.

It's Barnes and Noble meets Foot Locker, with a touch of sophistication.

I heard on a radio announcement that the bookstore now holds more than 75,000 general title books. While this is great for the campus tourist looking for a bestseller to read on the plane ride home, what does this do for the campus? What have you done for me lately?

I live on South Quad and loved that the bookstore was not too far away. It was a +20 degree day yesterday. Christmas, Vacation, or even visit my friend Gina who works in the class ring department.

Going to the bookstore is now more of a hassle than it used to be. Why couldn't you have moved the book returns to the one-minute job of dropping off films?

And what about poor north quad residents? What have you done for them lately?

The University has streamlined us of the convenience of the bookstore. It has pulled a rug out from under us, and we are left with nothing to do but yet again "go the extra mile" for books, cards and the occasional new T-shirt.

I agree that the bookstore needed some sprucing up. It was in desperate need of a facelift. What it was not in need of was a change in the layout.

The bookstore served the students well when it was on South Quad. Though it was still a trek for us on North Quad, it was much closer then it is now.

The new bookstore is not designed to serve the students. It caters to one group, and one group only — those who do not live on campus.

On the day I was at the books store, the crowd went up and the line for the bookstore seemed never-ending. Now what will happen when football frenzy begins and the crowds spilt out onto the nearby streets? How will we get to the bookstore?

I love the beauty of the bookstore, but I hate the pretension under which the beauty was built.

Fans and clowns may "oooh" and "aah" over the place, but I am spending a half hour looking for the new perfect Fighting Irish shirt and never have to give the store another thought.

I fear only ask, as my back goes un-patted: What have you done for me lately?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

ANNA ARBOR, Mich.

"We won't take resegregation, we want our own education.

Dozens of students chanted this slogan as they marched across the University of Michigan campus as part of yesterday's Student and Youth National Day of Action in defense of affirmative action.

This is a real movement," said Rackham student Jessica Curtis, a member of the Coalition to Defend Collegiate Action By Any Means Necessary.

The rally was a way to support "complete equality and complete integration of society," said Curtis, a Michigan Student Assembly representative.

She added that Day of Action participants fought for equality in areas including K-12 education, employment and housing.

"That is our goal in defending affirmative action," she said.

Curtis said about 20 other colleges and universities nationwide also participated in yesterday's Day of Action, including the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Virginia.

Many student group leaders on campus used the Day of Action as an opportunity to speak about other ongoing struggles, including the Graduate Employees Organization negotiations, sweatshop labor and the U.S. Government's participation in theopoulos on Iraq.

Center student Cecile DeLeon said one issue currently being debated in GEO is the problem of the "women and people of color" for at least two terms of teaching and improving training conditions for international students.

"Don't believe a second that this University is 100 percent pro-affirmative action," he said, urging participants to support a possible GEO strike. "Honoring our picket lines means honoring women and people of color at the University...defending our picket lines means defending affirmative action.

Speakers at the rally included Detroit Cass Technical High School senior Agnes Alobua, who plans on attending the University in the fall.
Nussbaum explores need for universal list of human rights

By DEREK BETCHER
Assistant News Editor

Accelerating sex equality through the implementation of a universal list of essential human rights formed the centerpiece of a lecture about women and development given by Martha Nussbaum, a University of Chicago professor of law and ethics.

Nussbaum says that women face special disadvantages. "All workers are badly paid but women face special disadvantages," said Martha Nussbaum, University of Chicago professor of law and ethics.

Nussbaum's examination of women's issues focused on developing nations, especially India. Women across the world desire economic self-sufficiency, Nussbaum noted, but her talk largely addressed reform efforts in India because she recently participated in a U.N. research project there.

The challenges Indian women face resemble those of women elsewhere. "The body that labors is in essence the same body around the world," she noted. "All workers are badly paid but women face special disadvantages."

By working to improve education, employment opportunities, land rights and nutrition, governments and volunteer organizations can make great progress towards ensuring progress on sex equality, Nussbaum said.

"We need to be highly alert to the variations of need," she added.

While exact circumstances vary, the issue does not, Nussbaum said. She emphasized the universality of feminist issues and explained that because of these universal characteristics, disciplines such as philosophy and political theory can supply common solutions to aid sex equality around the globe. They can also help dispel persistent criticisms against the international feminist movement, Nussbaum explained.

International feminists still encounter charges of westernizing when they try to export their ideas to the developing world. These charges are "not fair at all," Nussbaum told her audience. Arguments raising questions of culture, diversity and paternalism all fail to counter the need for greater sex equality in the developing world, Nussbaum emphasized.

Thursday's lecture was the fifth annual Theodore M. Hesburgh lecture on ethics and public policy. Nussbaum will present a second lecture today at 3 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center on the topic of tax internships.

Nussbaum is a professor of law and ethics at the University of Chicago. She holds appointments in the school's law, philosophy, divinity and classics departments. She has authored several books on feminist issues.

Méndez takes over law school center

Special to The Observer

Juan Méndez, executive director of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights in San Jose, Costa Rica, has been appointed director of Notre Dame Law School's Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Méndez, a native of Lomas del Plata in 1970 and for five years practiced labor law and defended political prisoners. During Argentina's military dictatorship, from 1976-83, he was twice imprisoned for his political and professional activism. He was adopted by Amnesty International as a "Prisoner of Conscience" in 1976.

After his release, Méndez moved to the United States and soon acquired a reputation as a leading international human rights lawyer. From 1982-88, he directed the Washington, D.C., office of Americas Watch, a human rights organization principally concerned with Latin America nations.

He was executive director of Americas Watch from 1989-94, leaving that position to become general counsel for Human Rights Watch in New York from 1994-96. He has directed the Inter American Institute of Human Rights since then.

Méndez has taught and lectured at the Aspen Institute, Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University and Oxford. He also was a fellow of Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies during the 1996 fall semester.

He has written numerous articles on international human rights law for a wide variety of scholarly journals and several opinion pieces in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times and the Miami Herald.

The Notre Dame Law School's Center for Civil and Human Rights was founded in 1973. At first, the center's efforts concerned civil rights in the United States, largely because of the work of Father Theodore Hesburgh, then-president of Notre Dame and a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

In recent years, largely due to the efforts of Father William Lawers, its director from 1988 until his death in 1997, the center has become increasingly concerned with international human rights, undertaking such projects as study of the draft and military justice systems during the Vietnam period and developing a computerized database of human rights violations by the former military regime in Chile.

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dering how much of this money they actually see. According to Sejdinaj, they can see a lot of it. He pointed to services people may overlook, such as the fire department and Notre Dame Security/Police.

Much of the budget, not surprisingly, goes to faculty salaries. The 1997 average salary for a full professor was $90,300 a year.

Financial aid, a godsend to those parents shelling out tuition payments, receives a major portion of the budget as well. Notre Dame donated $43.6 million in scholarships and fellowships in 1998.

Another large portion of the budget is distributed among University departments, such as the various academic colleges and Facilities Operations. Whether it’s invested in supplies for the College of Engineering, or mulch for a new patch of grass outside the library, all the money goes to facilitate the school.

“I think that does surprise people,” said Sejdinaj. “Those amazed at the staggering numbers might ask, Who runs the show? Who is the man behind the curtain controlling the funding for the city we call Notre Dame?” According to Sejdinaj, there is no one man, but many people pulling the strings of the money machinery.

The officers of the University decide every year what the budget should be used for and approximately how much it will cost. They send their proposal to the Board of Trustees who either approves it or denies it. The funding is then allocated to each of the individual departments.

The departments, however, do not always receive all the money they originally request. “The budget’s always too small,” said Mary Ellen Koepfle-director of Restricted Funds.

Regarding the College of Arts and Letters, Koepfle says that this year’s allocation is similar to last year’s.

Koepfle, though, knows that Arts and Letters “suffers cut-backs, especially in the areas of travel,” when it does not receive all its money. The administration takes measures such as creating its own set of statutory so they do not have to spend any unnecessary money. The University, when denying the departments their requested budgets, usually responds “just that funding’s not available,” she said. Koepfle is quick to point out that preparing a budget is “very labor-intensive” and that there are other facilities that need funding, too.

“You just have to be patient and wait for it,” she said. It is unusual, according to Sejdinaj, that the University would witness any monetary surplus at the end of the year. In the rare occasion that it does happen, though, the leftover money is added to a financial aid endowment that has been receiving funds since 1990.

According to Sejdinaj, Notre Dame students can witness the influence of the University’s budget whether listening to a lecture in class, or sitting on freshly-cut lawn in the middle of the quad.

“It’s really like a little city,” said Sejdinaj.

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of 2002 offices against Tim Lyden and his running mate, Rossman’s ticket received 31.2 percent of the vote, while Lyden’s garnered 21.7 percent. Lyden and his running mates made it into the run-off by the narrow margin of six votes over the ticket headed by Tim Jarokievicz. There were six groups of candidates vying to lead this year’s freshman class, doubling the number of candidates in any other class.

“A lot more freshmen tend to run,” said Nicole Borda, Judicial Council vice president for elections. “It seems to be a good thing for them to get involved in student government.”

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ANNOUNCING THE 1999 ANNUAL AWARDS OF ALBERT RAVARINO ITALIAN STUDIES TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

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 Padas, UCLA in Paia, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandinavo. 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 of the program they intend to follow
4. a budget indicating the level of support desired
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Gertken and Pat Foy will continue their campaigns for all-campus senator over the weekend, as neither was able to garner the required majority of votes Thursday. Foy and Gertken, who are both members of the current Student Senate, were the only two candidates entered in the race.

While Gertken edged Foy 96 to 93 in the vote totals, there were 31 registered votes to abstain. As a result, neither candidate received a majority, and a run-off will be held to determine a winner.

Run-offs will be held Monday, with voting in residence halls from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Off-campus students can vote from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in LaFortune Student Center.

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Feminist professor causes trouble for men

A radical feminist professor at Boston College has been expelled from the school: admit men to her classes or stop teaching in the United States, she said she won’t back down. Opening her classes to men would compromise her belief that women need to defer to a man whenever they do, she said. Daily took a leave of absence from the Jesus college this semester rather than how to demands that she admit senior Diane Naquin into her class in feminist ethics. Naquin, who claimed discrimination, has the backing of the Center for Individual Rights, a conservative law firm in Washington whose lawsuit ended affirmative action at the University of Texas.

HIV infects 3 million in 1998

Six young people are infected with the AIDS virus every minute, the United Nations said Thursday as it launched a new campaign to slow the spread of the epidemic among youth. Nearly 600,000 children under 15 and 2.5 million people aged 15-24 caught HIV over the last two months, the agency said. “Too many children are still being deprived of AIDS information and skills that increase sexual activity when evidence shows that they are putting their health and lives at risk,” it said. “Listen, Learn, Live,” is aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of HIV risks among youth.

Man sues over misspelled tattoo

ROSEVILLE, Mich.,—A man who used guesswork instead of a dictionary when getting a tattoo is now suing the tattoo parlor over the mistaken spelling of “Villain.” Lee Williams was left with “villain” instead of his forearm, said his lawyer, Paul Clark. The tattoo parlor over the mistaken spelling cost him $1,900 and left a “scar as long as his forearm,” said his lawyer, Paul Clark. Williams, 23, is seeking $25,000 in damages against Eternal Tattoos. To cover legal fees, Williams has been given an ultimatum from the Circuit Court lawsuit filed Wednesday. Williams, 23, is seeking $25,000 in damages against Eternal Tattoos. To cover legal fees, Williams has been given an ultimatum from the Circuit Court lawsuit filed Wednesday. Williams, 23, is seeking $25,000 in damages against Eternal Tattoos. To cover legal fees, Williams has been given an ultimatum from the Circuit Court lawsuit filed Wednesday. Williams, 23, is seeking $25,000 in damages against Eternal Tattoos. To cover legal fees, Williams has been given an ultimatum from the Circuit Court lawsuit filed Wednesday.

Old rifts return to Nigerian politics

Nigerian politicians are split by hard ethnic differences and held together by fragile alliances, short on ideology and long on ambition. Days before Nigerians vote on Saturday to elect the man who will provide over the last two months, the party won most of Enugu State in legislative races last Saturday. The rival, dominant party’s choice of a presidential candidate from outside the region reopened an old wound in the country’s complex history of ethnic rivalries. It was a wound that politicians for the Alliance for Democracy were balking to deepen before the presidential election. Feeding on the region’s longtime sense of ethnically motivated exclusion was their best, and maybe only, chance to claim the nation’s highest political office.

Man gets death in dragging case

JASPER, Texas—Smirking and cursing his victim’s family as he was led away, former supervisor John Williams King went to death row Thursday for chaining a black man to a pickup truck and dragging him to his death. Eleven white jurors and their elected black foreman took less than three hours to sentence King to lethal injection rather than life in prison, taking about the same amount of time they needed to convict him Tuesday in murder-dering James Byrd. The savage killing — one of the grisliest racial crimes since the civil rights era — shocked the nation and horrified residents of Jasper, a timber town of 8,000 people about 180 miles northeast of Houston.

President, had been rejected by the leading People’s Democratic Party. Instead, the party chose General Olusegun Obasanjo, 61, a Yoruba from the southwest who is popular with Nigeria’s third main ethnic group, the Hausa-Fulani in the north. Twenty years ago he became the country’s first military leader to give up power voluntarily, winning respect here and abroad.

The Alliance for Democracy and another group, the All People’s Party, have joined forces by presenting a common presidential candidate, Olu Falae, 60, a former finance minister and a Yoruba from the southwest. It is a union of two parties that share almost nothing except a desire to win the presidency — what Nwankwo described as “an unholy alliance.” It’s a pragmatic alliance, not an unholy alliance,” corrected an official who said he was not Nwankwo’s political consultant but cheerfully kept giving him advice.

A woman looks Thursday at a campaign advertisement in Lagos for presidential candidate Olu Falae, showing the candidate on one end and a faceless general on the other. The elections will take place Saturday.
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mates tonight with the first annual Stanford Dance-a-Thon.

"The Dance-a-Thon is a ten-hour dance challenge. The guys in Stanford are dancing for pledges. The campus is invited at the cost of five dollars per person, and it's open to everyone," said Gaughan.

The proceeds will benefit Stanford's Lenten Project, the Hogar San Jose orphanage in Talagante, Chile.

Dancing gets underway at 9 p.m. tonight in the Stepan Center with live bands playing until 1 a.m., followed by a disc jockey until 7 a.m.

The death penalty: faith and human rights

A panel including representatives from the Indiana State Public Defender's Office, the Notre Dame Law School and Saint Mary's College gathered Thursday in the Stapleton Lounge to discuss how the death penalty concerns persons with faith.

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GOP leaders seek budget unity

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A year after Republican divi­sions led to an embarrassing stalemate, House and Senate GOP leaders told their budget committee chairmen Thursday to work together and quickly produce a fiscal 2000 spending plan.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate majority leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., made the comments in a closed-door meeting as Republicans from the two chambers began designing a budget they hope to push through Congress by April. The remarks were described by offi­cials who spoke on condition of con­fidentiality.

House Budget Committee chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, told reporters afterward there was a consensus to produce 10­year tax cuts totaling $800 bil­lion to $900 billion, far more than President Clinton wants.

Panel supports missile defense

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A House committee over­whelmingly approved legislation Thursday that declared a na­tion­al goal to deploy a countrywide defense system against ballistic missiles but did not set a timetable to do it.

The House Armed Services Committee approved the mea­sure, introduced by Reps. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., and John Spratt, D-S.C., at the behest of congressional Republicans since then-President William Clinton abandoned it unilaterally in 1993.

President Clinton has included $6.6 billion for beginning construction on such a system but has delayed setting a timetable to do it.

Kasich also said there was general agreement to set aside about $1.5 trillion for Social Security, roughly what Clinton wants to use to balance the program for the baby boomers' retirement needs, which begin in a decade.

But Senate Budget Committee chairman Pete Domenici, R­N.M., wants to set aside more than that, and that issue is unresolved, said one official.

Participants also said the leaders have decided on which taxes will be cut and whether spending limits enacted in the 1997 budget-balanc­ing deal with Clinton will be honored.

The group plans to meet again next Tuesday.

Republican leaders are intent on producing a budget to show the public that the GOP has moved past Clinton's impeach­ment trial, and to avoid Democrats' assertions that the GOP is running a "do-nothing Congress.

The budget is also important because it will be a road map for several high-profile mea­sures Republicans want to pro­duce this year. These include tax cuts, spending increases for defense and education, and possible overhauls of Social Security and Medicare.

Last year, arguments between Republicans over tax cuts prevented Congress from passing a budget for the first time since the current budget process began in 1975.

Also attending the session Thursday were House majority leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, and Domenici.

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Feds defend light truck crash test

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Last year when the federal government was looking for ways to make light trucks less dangerous to drivers, automakers and officials should have eliminated or alter a government crash test that was blocking design changes.

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President Clinton has included $6.6 billion for beginning construction on such a system but has delayed setting a timetable to do it.

Kasich also said there was general agreement to set aside about $1.5 trillion for Social Security, roughly what Clinton wants to use to balance the program for the baby boomers' retirement needs, which begin in a decade.

But Senate Budget Committee chairman Pete Domenici, R­N.M., wants to set aside more than that, and that issue is unresolved, said one official.

Participants also said the leaders have decided on which taxes will be cut and whether spending limits enacted in the 1997 budget-balanc­ing deal with Clinton will be honored.

The group plans to meet again next Tuesday.

Republican leaders are intent on producing a budget to show the public that the GOP has moved past Clinton's impeach­ment trial, and to avoid Democrats' assertions that the GOP is running a "do-nothing Congress.

The budget is also important because it will be a road map for several high-profile mea­sures Republicans want to pro­duce this year. These include tax cuts, spending increases for defense and education, and possible overhauls of Social Security and Medicare.

Last year, arguments between Republicans over tax cuts prevented Congress from passing a budget for the first time since the current budget process began in 1975.

Also attending the session Thursday were House majority leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, and Domenici.

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White House tape carried a tantalizing snippet: President Nixon talking about the break-in and telling his lawyer, 'That thing was part of the burglars' plan, as a cover.'

The comment was included in 54 minutes of taped conversation from Nixon's secret tapping system that were released on Thursday at the National Archives. The conversations - ranging from just a few seconds to several minutes long - had been withheld from earlier releases for national security reasons.

The conversation occurred on May 16, 1973, the eve of Senate hearings on the Watergate affair. White House counsel John Dean was going to be a witness at the hearings, and the president and his lawyer, Fred Buzhardt, were in the Oval Office discussing what Dean might disclose.

Nixon spoke of the break-in that had occurred at the Chilean Embassy one year earlier. On May 13, 1972, persons entered the embassy, rifled files and stole official documents, books and radio.

'But when we get down, for example, to the break-in, the Chilean embassy - that thing was part of the burglars' plan, as a cover. Those (expletive) are trying to have a cover or a CIA cover. I think Dean concocted that,' Nixon said.

Buzhardt agreed. 'I think Dean concocted it.'

On Thursday, in a telephone interview, Dean disputed Nixon's suggestion. 'I didn't,' Dean said. 'They've all of baboonry. But at that point they had me concocting everything back to original sin.'

Dean, who pleaded guilty in October 1973 to one count of conspiring to obstruct justice in the Watergate scandal and served three months in jail, said he has never heard that the White House was behind the break-in at the embassy.

Dean said he believes Nixon's talk of a 'cover' is a reference to an attempt by lawyers for James McCord, one of the burglars arrested at the Watergate, to get his case dropped on grounds further investigation would reveal national security secrets.

McCord, a former CIA agent and security chief for the Committee to Re-Elect the President, was trying to get the government to stop investigating the Watergate break-in by saying theprobe would lead to the revelation that there 'had been some sort of surveillance of the Chilean embassy,' Dean said.

The embassy break-in occurred one day after Chile's legislature to nationalize the Chilean Telephone Co., which was largely owned by International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. ITT had opposed Allende's election in 1970.

In other conversations:

• Nixon talks in the Oval Office on July 2, 1971 with his assistant, Peter Flanigan, about giving ambassadorships to large contributors. They discuss making one GOP donor ambassador to Belgium. "Understand, that's only if he gives a quarter-million," Nixon says.

• Nixon talks in the Oval Office on July 1, 1971 with domestic adviser Ehrlichman, aide Charles Cobin and chief of staff H.R. Haldeman about the 'Pentagon Papers' - a classified study on the U.S. involvement in Vietnam prepared by the Defense Department and leaked to the press - and what they contained about the 1963 assassination of South Vietnam's President Ngo Dinh Diem.

• Nixon blamed President Kennedy for Diem's death. "Kennedy decided to go forward and got us involved and it shows that Kennedy was the one who got us in the damn war," Nixon said. "We got the Kennedys in this thing now."

As the tapes were opened to the public, the Nixon Library in Lima, Calif., provided - for the first time - released transcripts of the conversations on the Internet.

John Taylor, executive director, said the library provided the transcripts and commentary so the public could read them and compare them with the released audio tapes.

Except under court order, the archives never makes transcripts because there is no way to ensure the accuracy of the interpretation, says Karl Weissnag, director of the Nixon project at the archives. Transcripts are hard to prepare because of background noise, people talking at once, the difficulty of identifying voices and the quality of the recordings, he said.

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LANDECK

The smile of a resuscitated four-year-old boy — given up for dead when rescuers found him under a massive snowslide — brought hope and joy to this snow-deluged valley Thursday, even as the death toll from two avalanches rose to 33.

In the western Austrian village of Galtuer, where at least 28 people were killed, scores of rescuers used long metal probes to search for at least three people still believed buried beneath tons of snow. Videotapes brought back by rescue teams showed cars crushed by walls of snow or hurled like toys by the force of Tuesday’s avalanche. The top floor of one house was missing, as if sliced off by a giant razor blade.

Beams into the mountainous area remained blocked Thursday, but maintenance crews worked steadily, hoping to clear them by Friday afternoon.

Dozens of helicopters ferried food and supplies into the stricken area, and brought out tourists. Choppers from the German army and police, Switzerland and U.S. army bases in Germany reinforced pilot service from the Austrian army.

The U.S. Blackhawk and other helicopters shuttling survivors out to Landeck landed in a swirl of snow on a blocked-off autobahn outside of town. A string of buses there took vacationers to an army camp where psychological counseling was available. From there, the travelers boarded trains for the final leg of the journey home.

The four-year-old Austrian boy, whose name was not released, was dubbed "the miracle of Valzur" for surviving 100 minutes under the snow in the second of two deadly avalanches that killed dozens in western Austria.

When rescuers found him late Wednesday, he was frozen and had no circulation. He was rushed to nearby Galtuer. Three doctors saved his life by slowly "warming him up" before sending him to a hospital in the town of Zams.

"When he arrived at the hospital he had a pacemaker in his mouth, and he even smiled a little," Dr. Alois Schranz told the Austria Press Agency. "The boy is well. He eats normally; he talks and plays."

Pediatrician Irene Walch told The Associated Press. She said he would remain under observation.

Meanwhile, authorities warned that the risk of more avalanches remained extremely high due to rising temperatures and fresh snow. Another slide hit Neustift in the Stubai Valley south of Innsbruck late Thursday, but initial reports said no one was missing.

Another avalanche in Switzerland, set off artificially Thursday with explosives, injured at least one person.

Among the 28 people confirmed dead in the Galtuer snowslide were five Dutch — two fathers and their children. Twenty-three people, eight of them injured, had been rescued from the village. The search continued Thursday, concentrating on two ruined houses where 10 bodies, including several children, were pulled out of the deep snow, the Austria Press Agency reported.

The other five confirmed dead were from the neighboring village of Valzur. Three more bodies were uncovered there Thursday and at least two others were missing.

Suffocation is the most likely cause of death in an avalanche, followed by being crushed by the weight of the snow.

About 2,500 tourists were helicoptered out of Galtuer on Thursday and hundreds of others were flown from nearby villages. Hans Weimann, 77, said the avalanche started with an incredible noise that "got louder and louder," before everything went white.

The Galtuer avalanche is the worst to hit central Europe this winter, as the region endures its heaviest snowfall in 50 years. More than 70 people across Europe have died in avalanches this year.

In Switzerland, the man-made avalanche that hit the southern resort of Luekerbad on Thursday sent one person to the hospital with a suspected heart attack. Several others were treated for shock.

In the past few weeks, officials have set off hundreds of controlled avalanches to limit the potential for devastation. But there is currently so much snow that even deliberate explosions have become risky.
The Death Penalty is All Wrong for the U.S.

Darryl Mease, a triple murderer, had been scheduled for execution by the state of Missouri on Jan. 27, the day Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass in the Trans World Dome before 104,000 persons. Mease’s execution was postponed because of the Pope’s visit. After the Mass, the Pope walked over to Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan and said, “Have mercy on Mr. Mease.” The Governor commuted Mease’s sentence to life without parole.

“The death penalty is three times more expensive than life imprisonment without parole,” says one poll. “In North Carolina, each execution costs $2.16 million more; in Florida, $3.2 million more.” Life without parole could save millions of dollars, says former Texas Attorney General Jim Mattix. “It’s cheaper to lock ’em up and throw away the key... As violent crime continues to escalate, it’s something to consider.”

While opinion polls generally show support for the death penalty, that support has dropped to about 50 percent in some polls where the alternative presented was guaranteed life without parole. “The means of protecting itself, without definitively denying criminals the chance to reform. I renew the appeal I made most recently at Christmas for a consensus to end the death penalty, which is both cruel and unnecessary,” Pope John Paul II affirmed that the State, which derives its authority from God, has the right to impose the death penalty. But he restricted the permissible use of that penalty to “cases of absolute necessity,” and if there would lack the ability to keep a murderer securely imprisoned. Although the death penalty could be argued to be absolutely necessary in such cases, even there it is debatable. But the criterion is protection of society from this criminal.”

The final text of the Catechism makes it explicit that a Catholic can no longer argue for the death penalty from an undifferentiated need to “protect.” (The traditional teaching of the church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor. If, however, material means are sufficient to defend and protect people’s safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means... Today... as a consequence of the possibilities which the state has for effectively preventing crime by rendering one who has committed an offense incapable of doing harm... the cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity are very rare, if not practically nonexistent.” No. 2267, emphasis added.)

A Catholic could still argue for the death penalty in exceptional cases, such as where a prisoner murders a guard. Should you give him another life sentence? Or would it be consistent with his dignity to wall him up in a cell, with food and water passed through a slot and with no direct contact ever with any other human being? Other cases could be argued, such as a rebelion or other disturbance in which the authorities would lack the ability to keep a murderer securely imprisoned. Although the death penalty could be argued to be absolutely necessary in such cases, even there it is debatable. But the criterion is protection of society from this criminal.”
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Last year I was going to be graduating this year, I have learned so much more than I ever thought I could. I graduated from Notre Dame, Academically, yes, but more importantly, I have learned about society and the world. The volumes of information I crammed into my head the night before my senior prom I would never forget. I have already forgotten—but the experiences here I could never forget. Among those many experiences for me is boxing, which taught me more than I ever thought it could. Boxing gave me an outlet, a focus and organization, and it gave me much needed support.

I began my freshman year with the novice program, but did not fight in the Bengal Bouts because my father didn't want me to. He didn't think it was a safe or good idea I had made the mistake of actually being honest with him. I should've just forged the damn insurance form. The following summer, my family and I went through a scare when I had a tumor the size of a lemon removed from the bone in my left arm. I still hear the words as a bumbling reminder of the surgery and recovery I went through afterwards. Because of this I could not box my sophomore year. Finally for my junior year, my arm was recovered and I could box in the Bouts. I went into those bouts with a lot on my mind.

On January 9, 1998, on the day my father was supposed to return to our home in New York City, he awoke in our grandmother's house in Miami, Florida, where we were staying. He awoke from pains in his chest. Moments later, my grandmother woke me up because something was wrong with my father. I ran into my parent's bedroom and found my mother on the phone and my father lying motionless in his bed, eyes open. After performing CPR on my father I found out later that morning that my father had died of a heart attack. I do not tell you this to saddle you or your pet.

I tell you this because I honestly believe boxing helped me get over it. Getting punched at 100+ mph is even more difficult to recover under continued assault. But being able to keep one's composure can usually get you out of that situation. Just like they taught me as a child, "Don't take straight punches... don't get hit!"

When I walked into my parents' bedroom just a few minutes ago, I knew I had something to do with it. Soon after, when the 1998 Bengal Bouts began I had a lot of things on my mind. I threw myself into training for Bengal as soon as I returned to school. I didn't miss a single practice last year. Psychologists may say I was projecting, or channeling, or something like that, but I believe it helped me considerably.

I had a lot of things to think about, a lot of anger to release, and emotions to get under control. That's the thing very few people talk about. The biggest reason for why boxing is about control—is not power. It's about controlling yourself. And that's what I did, I needed to get myself under control. I could not find much more than I expected during training. I found a true friend in Kyle Smith, who is a great kid. "The Boxer Romancek" was my opponent in the final round, but boxing has to put it in its proper perspective. It is not so big a part of my life, regardless of how much I would have wanted it to. I forgot of my mind before I received my photo of you receiving a strong right hook and probably a bloody nose?那 you will probably see stars? That you will swoon over me after I win. Boxing will consist of something more than everything boxing may have taught you and I are being used. Do you feel cheap or dirty? I feel good. My mother once asked me, "If you want to raise money for the missions, why doesn't the boxing team all pray the rosary together?" I simply said, "Mom, no one's gonna pay money to watch us pray the rosary." But if you get a bunch of guys to go in a ring and beat each other up, then I'll give money to the poor. What does it say about you and I that such extremes are necessary to get money for the poor? Can you honestly say that if whoever sold the ticket had simply asked for $10 with nothing in return you would have given him the money? I'm pretty sure I wouldn't. I'm not going to tell you that my sole reason for joining the Notre Dame Bengal Bouts was for those poor in Bangladesh. That was not the reason I was getting to you and to me. Honestly, I had never really thought about them, except when Tom Suddes or Fr. Bill Seetch would talk to us about their visits to Bangladesh and the important role giving our money was doing. And even then, I usually was just glad I was giving and taking a breather, instead of doing pushups, sit-ups, or God forbid, arm circles! Why did he do the Bengal Bouts? Why do most of the guys do Bengal Bouts?

Boxing is something different, not everybody wants to do it, or can. But something most of us have never done before or will ever do again. Yes, there is a lot of vocational suicide going through us when we admit we are boxers, something no other student on this campus, but there is more than that. There is a personal challenge to see if one can really do it. Can you step into the ring and fight against your opponent, knowing that you will get hit, knowing that you will get a bloody nose and probably a bloody nose? That you will probably see stars? That you may lose in front of all your friends, in half of South Bend, and the reporters from The Observer, and that the next day's back cover will consist of a photo of you receiving a strong right from your opponent? There is no such thing as an easy win. Every fight is a challenge—physically and mentally. You will see that most fights will be one by one who can maintain control over themselves the best. Herein lies the challenge: to look beyond the ring and fight against yourself while another is trying to take you lose control.

Critics may say that we are hiding behind the excuse of the Bangladesh Missions to seem righteous. I think the critics, like all of us, boxers included, should feel ashamed that we do not give more time and money to help others, and this is one of the best ways to raise money for the poor. I ask that you do not waste your time criticizing those of us who, in our self-righteous ignorant way, are helping others—there are more important things to talk and write about. People should look upon the Bengal Bouts as an inspiration and question their own presence. Is this the way it should be to raise money for the poor? I write this contrived article around the fact that I will never be able to think of these things without thinking of boxing. I cannot think of my father without thinking of how I wanted to box him in the final of the Novice Bouts. I cannot think of that photo of you receiving a strong right hook and probably a bloody nose? That you will probably see stars? That you may lose in front of all your friends, in half of South Bend, and the reporters from The Observer, and that the next day's back cover will consist of a photo of you receiving a strong right from your opponent? There is no such thing as an easy win. Every fight is a challenge—physically and mentally. You will see that most fights will be one by one who can maintain control over themselves the best. Herein lies the challenge: to look beyond the ring and fight against yourself while another is trying to take you lose control.
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Irish search for first-ever Big East title

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Assistant Sports Editor

The shot is open for the Irish to take, and landing it means more than winning another game. Actually, Notre Dame will need to win its next three games before it can score the biggest victory of the season. With coach Muffet McGraw at the helm, the Irish have been able to turn their way through the NCAA Championships, including a run to the Final Four. But the team has yet to pick up a Big East tournament title.

That third win has eluded the Irish in the past three seasons. And every time, the blow has come from Connecticut. In fact, the Irish have never defeated Connecticut, losing all nine meetings. On paper, McGraw’s task this season seems all the more improbable with No. 7 Rutgers in the mix of teams with shots at the title.

But basketball is played on the hardwood, and the Irish know that now’s their chance to steal a piece of the show.

“I think the Big East tournament is really up for grabs,” said Miami coach Feme Labati after her team finished seventh in the nation. The Scarlet Knights pose one of the strongest defenses in the nation. Leading the way will be Tammy Sutton-Brown in the paint and Shawnta McMillen. “Early on in the season, we beat the teams we wanted to beat, but we’ve also lost a couple of games that we probably shouldn’t have. I think the key thing from that is that we rebounded after those losses. Now it’s time to turn our focus onto the tournament. This is like a second season for us.”

The Irish beat themselves in both of those losses by allowing the opposition to dictate the game’s momentum. “Run and gun” might be Connecticut’s style and a stifling slow-paced game could shut us down by shutting down a couple of players, but this team you can’t key on one or two players, because the other three will step up. That’s what makes us real tough to stop.”

When the shot is open for the taking, it’s difficult to stop the scoreboard from lighting up.

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No. 1 Connecticut
Starting the season on top of the polls and virtually untouched in the Big East, the Huskies had a rough second half for a team that only lost one game all last season. After losses to Tennessee and Louisiana Tech., Boston College proved that it is not invincible in the Big East. With five players earning double-digit points-per-game averages in the conference, and Paige Sauer, Svetlana Abrosimova, and Shea Ralph all earning conference player-of-the-week honours, Connecticut has the muscle to blast through the tournament.

No. 2 Rutgers
Tynging Connecticut for the conference regular-season crown, Rutgers’ 17-1 mark not only landed it a No. 2 seed heading into the tournament, but also a ranking of seventh in the nation. The Scarlet Knights pose one of the strongest defenses in the nation. Leading the way will be Tammy Sutton-Brown in the paint and Shawnta McMillen in the backcourt. Their defense can give them the springboard to bounce from the title.

No. 3 Notre Dame
Wielding one of the most varied offenses in the conference, the Irish have counted on a number of scorers to drop the ball this season. The biggest problem is the defense has failed in the three conference losses. Notre Dame will need to focus on the defense in order to outclass teams like Connecticut, Rutgers and Boston College and have a shot at the championship.

No. 4 Boston College
The first team without a first round bye, the Eagles have recorded their first-ever 20-win season. Alison Murphy has been the team’s most consistent, with 15.8 points per game. With two wins against lower-ranked opponents in the first and quarterfinals, Boston College could find itself in the semis against Connecticut.

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The Big East has never been as open as they shared the regular season to assure Connecticut wouldn’t be able to play like champions at such a late stage in the year. On paper, the Big East is really up for grabs,” she said. “The Final Four team, I think you could shut us down by shutting down a couple of players, but this team you can’t key on just one or two players, because the other three will step up. That’s what makes us real tough to stop.”

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Championship

4 Boston College
5 Seton Hall
2 Pittsburgh
3 Syracuse
1 Connecticut

Quarter Finals
1 Connecticut vs. 4 Boston College
1 Connecticut vs. 2 Pittsburgh
1 Connecticut vs. 3 Syracuse
1 Connecticut vs. 5 Seton Hall

First Round
9 St. John’s vs. 8 Syracuse
7 Miami vs. 10 West Virginia
13 Seton Hall vs. 6 Villanova
11 Providence vs. 12 Pittsburgh

Semi-Finals
1 Connecticut vs. 2 Pittsburgh
1 Connecticut vs. 3 Syracuse
1 Connecticut vs. 4 Boston College
1 Connecticut vs. 5 Seton Hall

Final
1 Connecticut vs. 2 Pittsburgh
1 Connecticut vs. 3 Syracuse
1 Connecticut vs. 4 Boston College
1 Connecticut vs. 5 Seton Hall
McMillen leads Irish into conference tourney

CAPTAIN SHEILA McMILLEN ENJOYS A SENSATIONAL SENIOR SEASON

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Growing up on a farm in Rochester, Ind., few would have thought that Sheila McMillen would make her living downtown.
The senior captain, however, has done just that.
McMillen already holds the single-season Irish record for three-pointers made (84) and has entered her name into the Notre Dame record books for three-pointers made (235).

"It's quite an honor to be mentioned with Morgan," said McMillen. "I played under her for two years and she's a great player, so it's definitely an honor.

"Those records are something I'll be able to enjoy when the season and my career are over," McMillen continued. "Right now, I'm just focusing on our team's success.

McMillen has been an integral part of that team success. The lone Irish captain is averaging 15.8 points per game, ranking her eighth in conference scoring. The senior is about it, but I feel really comfortable there.

"I'm looking forward to a successful postseason," said McMillen. "I think I'm pretty loose going into the conference tourney. Knowing that any game could be my last. I'm going to be missed next season.

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"The one Irish captain is enjoying an outstanding senior season and has provided invaluable leadership for the young squad.

"Sheila has had a tremendous season," head coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think she's improved a lot," said McGraw. "She's come up big in every game for us and she's played as well as she has all season long. She's probably been the staple on our team and definitely the person we can count on the most during the year.

"People say I have a knuckle ball rotation, but I just focus on the quick release and getting the shot off," McMillen said. "McMillen, who was a member of the 1997 Final Four team, said.

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"Being as close, I grew up with Notre Dame," said McMillen. "I'm looking forward to playing there," said McMillen. "I'm looking forward to playing there," said McMillen.

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"I'm looking forward to a successful postseason."
Versatile comic looks to make his mark on the entertainment world

A. J. Jamal is perhaps one of comedy's hardest working comedians, having conquered internationally the territories of television, film, concerts, colleges and comedy clubs with his captivating style. With credits that include "Vibe-TV," "Keenan," and "The Tonight Show," the comedian also served as host of his own show, the AEU nominated, "Comic Justice" which still airs on the Comedy Central network. Many remember Jamal from his early days, as part of the comedic core of "In Living Single."

He has worked in venues from Radio City Music Hall to Caesar's Palace, and performed in concert with a bevy of top recording artists, including Diana Ross, Aretha Franklin, Cher and Kenny Loggins. His enchanting G-rated persona has been captured on the screens of "The Arsenio Hall Show," "Comic Strip Live," A&E's "An Evening at the Improv," and "Def Comedy Jam." He has also served as the host of "Comedy in the Caribbean," for the Arts & Entertainment Network.

The, Cheapest Movie Ever Made, however, is Jamal's greatest venture to date. Adding filmmaker to his list of accomplishments, A.J. recently wrapped up production on the movie, a vehicle which he directs, produces and stars in. A labor of love, laughs and not dollars, "The Cheapest Movie Ever Made" stars film veteran Art Evans ("Die Hard"), Garrett Morris ("Saturday Night Live"), and Tiny "Zeus" Lester ("Fifth Element").

A former IBM computer engineer, Jamal's analytical approach and perceptive range is brilliantly parlayed into a comic vision that evokes laughter the moment he touches the stage. He possesses a theatrical gift and versatility that is evidenced in his every move, whether he is impersonating a wide range of characters or simply recalling some hilarious facet of human nature.

Jamal has consistently demonstrated that he is more than simply a funnyman of comedy. As the host of "Comic Justice," Jamal broke comedic ground, presenting us with images that ran the gamut of entertainment to information. A fun paced, urban showcase, "Comic Justice" spotlighted ethnic humor while incorporating stand-up and sketch comedy, as well as celebrity interviews. Arsenio Hall, Reverend Jesse Jackson and Sinbad are only a sample of the personalities who have been interviewed by Jamal for the show.

With "The Cheapest Movie Ever Made," Jamal once again presents us the opportunity to glimpse his comedic genius at its best. The movie details the trials of a young filmmaker, Sherlock (Jamal), and how he is involves the help of his homies to produce his screenplay, entitled, "The Final Exit—008," the story of the first black James Bond. The lively spoof incorporates action, thrills and suspense.

Jamal is on a career path that is continually expanding. And as long as comedy continues to be one of America's favorite pasttimes, A.J. Jamal will remain in the forefront. A prolific talent, he is fast on his way to becoming a comedy legend.

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Jamal
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Tonight Recker's will play host to comedian A.J. Jamal, who has appeared on The Tonight Show, The Arsenio Hall Show, Def Comedy Jam and has hosted his own program. Jamal is now wrapping up production of "The Cheapest Movie Ever Made." Catch his act after the Bengal Bouts Finals.
Jamar Suninoff finished off a rush with Steve Sullivan by tapping Sullivan's cross-ice pass past Solar with 26.8 seconds left in the game. kort gave the Devils their first lead of the game, and the franchise record 5-1 lead over the Flyers and the Devils a 3-1-9-8.

Hasek erase lost his second straight game of the Regular season, but deflect­

The Devils lead the NHL with 14 points. The Devils 1-0 lead in the first period.

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42. Jackson's 173 career epee wins place him second in career epee wins in Notre Dame history.

The men's sabre and full team should have no trouble with any of the competition this weekend.

Charles Hayes rejoins the foil (over) from competing last week's competition while attending Junior Parents' Weekend. Freshman Steven Mautone who leads the team in victories after picking up 16 wins last weekend and captain Stephanie Auriol who won the 1994 Midwest foil title will combine to form a lethal ombination.

The sabre team will be without the services of freshman Andre Crompton again this weekend. Crompton will be competing at a Junior World Cup circuit in Montreal. He has a chance to make the World Championship team and needs to do well at this meet to pick up points.

While Crompton is an extremely talented fencer, the tremendous talent and depth of the sabre squad should be able to overcome his absence. All-American captain Luke LaValle, senior Stephen McQuade and freshman Gabor Szelle are all capable of defeating anyone in the Midwest.

"On the men's side I don't see any tough competition from his teammates, as he looks to defend his 1998 Midwest foil title. Hayes and Mautone will both provide stiff competition for the senior captain.

The epee and sabre competitions will both feature battles between seasoned veterans and talented new comers. Casas should provide a tough match for Jackson and Szelle, who push LaValle to the limit.

Junior Dominic Guarnaschelli (right) and the epee squad will seek revenge against Lawrence University at the Midwest Championships this weekend at the Joyce Center.

The consistent success of the Irish fencing program in the Midwest might lead to complacency on the part of Notre Dame. The chance for revenge, however, will keep the Irish focused.

"I think it is lucky that we did lose those two meets," Mautone said. "Now we are out for revenge. It has been easy in the past to just sit back, but I think that this year we will definitely step it up because of the revenge factor."

The team competitions will be held on Saturday. The drama, however, does not end on Saturday. The individual competition on Sunday includes not only more revenge match-ups, but also the added excitement of teammates facing teammates.

The women's foil competition should provide some of the most excitement of the weekend. Walsh will compete with two-time Ohio State All-American Yelena Kalkina for the Midwest foil title. The two have met twice this season with Walsh winning the first meeting and Kalkina taking the second. Walsh will also receive stiff competition from her teammates, Paulina and Brown.

Another battle of teammates to watch on the women's side is the clash between all-American epeeists Mustilli and Kred.

"It is a pretty neat opportunity because Magda and I don't get to fence each other a lot," Mustilli said. "The individuals give me an opportunity to face Magda and other top fencers."

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on getting their point guard Martin Ingelsby healthy and on the Eagles who knocked off Notre Dame, 78-67, in Chestnut Hill, Mass. "We want to get out revenge against Boston College," Murphy said. Ingelsby sat out the first game of his career Wednesday night due to a sprained ankle.

He is listed as questionable for Sunday's game. In his place Jimmy Dillon and Rainey will try to fill the void of Notre Dame's most solid ball handler, as the Irish gear up for the Big East Tournament. "We're using it as preparation for the tournament," Murphy said. "I don't think we've won a game in the Big East Tournament so far, but I think we're right on the verge of breaking in and making a run."

If the Irish hope to make the NIT they'll have to beat Boston College and win at least two games in the tournament which would include knocking off either Connecticut or Miami. The Irish beat Miami in Miami earlier this season, but the Hurricanes have been on a tear recently and the Huskies are still in the top five.

"We were looking forward to getting into a post-season tournament," Murphy said. "We didn't play as well as we would have liked down the stretch, but we still have a chance going into the Big East Tournament if we win some big games like we have and we'll lose some games that we should win, but we're learning and we'll use this as a springboard for next year."

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Even if the Irish do not get a NIT bid they will look back on this season as one of growth, instead of one of disappointment.

"We are a real young team and there are going to be ups and downs because we are so young," Murphy said. "We will win some big games like we have and we'll lose some games that we should win, but we're learning and we'll use this as a springboard for next year."

"It's been a learning process," he continued. "It's the first time we've been on these road trips and play in these different arenas. Now that we've got a full year under our belts we'll be that much more ready to play next year."
Tracksters close home indoor season this weekend

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field team will look to add to its NCAA Indoor Track Championship qualifiers this weekend, as they host the Alex Wilson Invitational at the Loftus Center.

The invitational is the last meet for the Irish before next weekend’s NCAA’s at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

The men’s team qualified three members last weekend at the Big East Indoor Championships. The team placed second in the conference.

All-Big East junior Marshan West qualified in the 200 meters and the long jump. His time of 21.42 in the 200 meters took first place, four-tenths of a second ahead of his nearest competitor.

Senior Mike Brown qualified in the pole vault by placing third at the Big East indoor championships in a single event. Former Irish All-American Jason Rexing accomplished the same feat in the mile. His victory tied a team record of three consecutive Big East individual indoor championships in a single event.

Sophomore Ryan Shay also qualified with a second-place time of 14:18.70 in the 5,000 meters. Shay is currently the NCAA championship qualifier this season.

The Alex Wilson Invitational, named for the former Notre Dame coach, will give Brown and Shay an opportunity to improve on their marks. Brown, who won his event at last year’s invitational, looks to repeat as champion.

Sophomore Terry Wray also qualified with a second place finish in the 500 meters. The invite is crucial for other team members looking to secure a bid in the championships. Antonio Arce might have the best chance in doing so. The senior could lock up a spot with a fast time in the mile.

The women’s team placed third at the Big East Championships, a tremendous improvement over last year’s 10th-place finish.

Track is arguably the Big East’s best sport,” head coach Joe Plano said. “Last year two of the top three women’s teams in the nation were from the Big East. To make that kind of improvement is quite an accomplishment.”

Helping the Irish to this accomplishment were all-American Jetana Deeter and junior Jennifer Engelhardt. Deeter placed first in the 5,000 meters with a time of 16:22.64. She just missed another victory, taking second in the 3,000 meters from 1996-97.

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Senior Nadia Schmiedt will be defending her first-place finish in the 400 meters from last year’s Alex Wilson Invitational. All three of the women look to have a big weekend, as the indoor season concludes.

The ninth annual invitational begins tonight at 6 p.m. and continues on Saturday at 11 a.m.
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**Irish open season at Nittany Lions**

**By BRIAN KESSLER**

Anatomy Sport Editor

After a disappointing 5-7 record during the 2000 season, the 16th-ranked Notre Dame women's lacrosse team will look to kick off the 1999 campaign on a positive note as they face-off against the 16th-ranked Penn State on Sunday at State College.

"Last year was definitely disappointing for us," said goalie Kirk Howell. "I think we had high expectations going in and took for granted that we were going to be good. This year we've had a great preseason and everyone's working hard, so it's totally different from last year. We're ready to go."

The Irish have the Nittany Lions without the services of the last four season openers. Notre Dame is 13-5 in openers and 3-2 all-time against Penn State.

Last year, Notre Dame failed to make the NCAA tournament for the first time in seven seasons. In addition, the Irish lost three key players from last year's squad. Three-time honorable mention all-American Jimmy Keenan, three-time all-American and 1998 Great Western Lacrosse League player of the year Todd Blackmon, and four-year starter Alex Cade were all lost to graduation.

"It's going to be tough without them, as we're all great players," Howell said. "Baldwin was one of the best defenders in the country and Keenan was someone we counted on for offense, so now we're considered on team defense and have re-arranged our offense a little bit."

The team has only returned six starters. Preseason all-American candidate Chris MacLeod will have the court advantage if the opposing fans are as loud as the home fans. The lack of noise affects recruiting as well. Why would a recruit come to Notre Dame for a basketball game to play there, in front of 20 screaming fans and 8,000 silent film stars? It certainly doesn't inspire me.

But perhaps if we showed up for a losing team, we could turn it into a winning team. People would come to see a winning team, people translate into more wins and the circle goes round again.

"Disrespect that fact that most Notre Dame students should learn. Your team doesn't always win, tradition brings to light important lessons that most Notre Dame students should learn. Your team doesn't always win, because of this fear. They are average margin of victory at home this season was an 8,000, but let them know they're right behind them. They're supporting your team and sometimes, just that you're right behind them."

Many of the aforementioned 20 fans of Notre Dame basketball are seniors, not all, but many. After this season then, the group will become even smaller. The game this Sunday then offers the perfect opportunity for the rest of the student body to accept the torch and these fans pass on.

Rather than sleep until noon and study the rest of the day, we can dominate at home just as we did in the past. When you know, maybe with a little bit of noise, the team may just win and you may have some fun.
Irish prepare for weekend of Wildcat hunting

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

Now that it's the penultimate weekend of the regular season, we can officially label this weekend's games as crunch time.

With just four games to go before the CCHA playoffs start, Notre Dame is in fifth place in the conference. They trail fourth-place Northern Michigan by just one point for the final home ice spot. The two games this weekend feature battles between the Irish and the Wildcats.

It is quite likely, given how each team currently sits in the standings, that the winner of this weekend's series will go on to host a first-round series. Assuming these two teams finish fourth and fifth, this weekend's series will determine which team will have to make an extra nine-hour bus trip to begin the CCHA playoffs.

Irish head coach Dave Poulin said it is not a stretch to call Friday night the most important game of the year.

"Especially winding down the stretch with a chance to go up on a team that we're competing against specifically for home ice, there's no question it's the biggest game of the year," he said.

The only prior meeting this season between Northern and Notre Dame took place in Marquette, Mich., five weeks ago. After taking a 3-1 lead midway through the third period, Notre Dame squandered the lead with less than five minutes to play. Team captain Lee Ruff and Fred Matersdorfer each scored within a span of 37 seconds to force the 3-3 tie.

Every team that plays Northern Michigan has the same game plan coming in — stop the Wildcats' top scoring line of J.P. Vigier, Buddy Smith and Roger Trudeau. Although head coach Rick Comely has mixed and matched his lines at times this season, this precise unit has combined to form arguably the league's biggest offensive threat.

Smith, Vigier and Trudeau are the top three scorers on the NMU squad, with a total of 40 goals and 56 assists between them. Smith alone has contributed 29 assists to lead the conference.

More importantly for the Irish, who have struggled with late killing penalties, the line forms a lethal power play combination as well. Vigier is tied for second in the CCHA with 10 power play goals on the year.

In their current four-game slide, Notre Dame has only managed two goals, and has gone scoreless in its last 25 power play opportunities. Earlier in the year, the Irish power play enjoyed much success. Lately, however, opposing teams seem to know what to expect from the power play unit and have shut it down.

"As you go on in the year, you have to learn to adjust," Poulin said. "Early on, the power play was clicking along at 25 percent. But it has snagged, so we've changed it up, changed the formation a little bit, changed up the personnel a bit.

In the last four games, the team's top scorers simply have not been scoring. The top five scorers on the team have all gone scoreless over the last two weeks. In addition, the team's second line, which consists of Dan Carlson, David Inman and Fred Mattersdorfer each scored within a span of 37 seconds to force the 3-3 tie. Ryan Holder may need to fill the void. Over the last nine games, the second line has combined to score only two goals and seven points.

With so much pressure being put on the team's top scorers, the third line of Chad Chipchase, Brett Henning and Ryan Dolder may need to fill the void. Over the last nine games, this unit has created the most chances, but has not been able to cash in on them, says sophomore Chad Chipchase, perhaps they will be the ones to pull the team out of its slump.

"If we score, that will allow the first two lines to relax a little, knowing that the third and fourth lines can contribute," Chipchase said.

Whenever a team goes into a slump, a major problem becomes losing confidence. As recently as two weeks ago, the Irish were the top scoring team in the CCHA, but perhaps that swagger has left them of late.

"Goal scoring is a confidence thing," Poulin said. "Once goals and it's contagious; it rubs off. Somebody has to put one in early.

In order to beat the Wildcats this weekend, the Irish will need to get back to the basics that made them a top-10 team for 17-straight weeks this season. These include scoring on the power play, killing penalties, gaining speed through center ice and even more subtle things like making better line changes, which has hurt them on recent occasions.

"The main thing," as Chipchase put it, "will be to get back to what we do well, what our strengths are.\"
Women take early lead, men still afloat at Big East

By WES RICHARDSON

UNIONDALE, N.Y.

The Notre Dame women's swim team took an early lead, while the men are currently in third place after the first of three days at the Big East swimming championships. With 148 points, the men are just nine points shy of second place Syracuse and 24 points ahead of Rutgers. Pittsburgh is in command with 244 points.

Even though the exact women's team scores were not available because of a dispute about a diving score, it is clear that the Irish are well on their way to winning the meet for the third consecutive year.

The highlight of the night was provided by sophomore Carrie Nixon. Her 22.77 in the preliminaries of the 50-yard freestyle earned a school and Big East record, as well as an automatic NCAA Championship bid. She proceeded to drop that time to 22.62, en route to a victory in the finals.

"It was a pretty incredible swim," women's head coach Bailey Weathers said, "I knew she could go that fast, and to have her do it here is pretty critical to us."

Nixon was followed by teammates Brooke Davey in fifth place, Laura Sheppard in seventh and Maureen Hillemyer in 14th.

The women also won both the 200 freestyle and 400 medley relays. Both relays broke Big East and school records with times of 1:32.96 and 3:43.17, respectively.

The Irish dominated the final of the 200 individual medley. Liz Barger, Shannon Suddarth, Allison Lloyd and Tiffany O'Brien combined to score 54 points in the championship final heat. Suddarth and O'Brien tied for third place at 2:05.61.

Kristen Van Buren and Tara Rigs qualified second and third during the preliminaries of the 50 freestyle, then held their spots during the finals. Both earned NCAA Championship consideration times.

Scott Zumbach contributed 17 points by scoring second in the 200 individual medley. His 1:50.68 beat an eight-year-old school record set by Ed Broderick.

The men have struggled through the sprints all season, but were very competitive in the 50 freestyle last night. Ray Fitzpatrick finished second at 20.73, followed by Vince Kuna's seventh place time of 21.13. Fitzpatrick's time broke another old school record, set by Jim Birmingham in 1990.

"This is the fastest first day since we've been coming to the Big East Championships," men's coach Tim Welsh said. "We were pretty confident that we would sprint better here than we had been doing all year, but we would not have predicted this."

The men's team score was hurt by the lack of a diver, but helped by tying Pittsburgh for second place in the 400 medley relay.

Although the women appear to be dominating the meet, they know that the meet is not over yet, and are not assuming that they will win.

"It's not in the bag yet. Villanova has their best team ever, so it's not going to be a walk in the park to beat them. We have to stay competitive with them," Weathers said, noting the Irish score is behind where it was after the first day of competition at last year's championships.
Broncos visit the Eck Pavilion

By NATHANIEL DeNICOLA
Sports Writer

This Friday, the Notre Dame men's tennis team hosts the Boise State Broncos at the Eck Tennis Pavilion at 3 p.m.

The match is the last of three this week for the 24th-ranked Irish. Notre Dame last lost to Iowa on Wednesday and plays Ohio State on Saturday. By shutting down the Hawkeyes, 7-0, the Irish compiled their second shutout of the season and pulled their season mark to 4-5.

Last Saturday, the team enjoyed their first shutout, as they blanked 17th-ranked Northwestern, 7-0. They then fell to 23rd-ranked Minnesota on Sunday. Several notable changes occurred in the lineup in the victory over Iowa. Andrew Laffin moved up the singles ladder from No. 6 to No. 4. Laffin, who boasts an undefeated record at No. 6 singles, continued his impressive freshman season by Downing Petar Mandic in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2.

Senior captain Andy Warford assumed the No. 6 slot, where he got the best of Jason Dunn in a seven-match, 6-4, 6-1, 1. The doubles lineup also experienced some reshuffling at Nos. 2 and 3 due to a relapse of Matt Horwill's wrist injury.

Warford joined Trent Miller to fill the vacancy at No. 2, while the freshman tandem of Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico excelled in their dual-match debut, beating Ben Ramsey/Bill Chidley 8-3 at No. 3 doubles.

The Irish will take their new and improved lineup against a 3-5 Boise State team. Last year, the Broncos defeated Notre Dame two times in as many weeks. Historically, the Irish hold a 2-2 record versus the Broncos.

Despite losing to Clemson, SMU and Minnesota, Boise State has yet to lose a doubles point, an ominous stat considering that this elusive point has been the deciding factor in several of the Irish's 4-3 losses.

In the latest ITA rankings on Feb. 16, all-American Ryan Surace improved from the No. 3 spot to No. 2, marking the highest ranking held by an Irish singles player since 1997 when David Dilanja finished the season at No. 1. The rise from No. 3 to No. 2 derives from his success at the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships singles consolation and his 9-2 dual-match record.
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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

**YOURS FOR THE TAKING**

**DILBERT SCOTT ADAMS**

**AND JESUS RESURRECTED LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD...**

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**DILBERT SCOTT ADAMS**

**SO... TINA, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE...**

**WAHH!! WAHH!! EVERYONE HATES ME NO MATTER WHAT I DO!!**

**THANKS, THAT LOWERED THE GLASS CEILING ABOUT A FOOT. I PLAN TO MARRY A RICH GUY.**

**WANTED:** Strip cartoonists and one-panel cartoonists.

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**YOUR HOROSCOPE**

**EUGENIA LAST**

**OF INTEREST**

**ND senior tenor Jeffrey Clontinger will present a voice recital tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the Chesbrough Library Auditorium. Works by Purcell, Mozart, Debussy, Duparc, Tosti, Schubert, Hindley and Stephen Soundheim will be performed. Alumna Sheree Wesenberg will accompany.**

**ND sophomore graduate student Stephanie Mann will present a voice recital tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. in the Chesbrough Library Auditorium. Works by JS Bach, Henri DuParc, Antonin Dvorak, Hugo Wolf, and Lee Holdy will be performed. Graduate student Todd Hedger will accompany.**

**A Chamber Music Concert with faculty members Carol Hammerer (violin) and Karen Bureirnas (viola) and guest artists John Bruce Yeh (cello) and Andrew Swanson (piano) will be held Sunday, February 28, at 2 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium. The program includes Moussiet's "Quartet for the End of Time" and Brahms' Clarinet Trio in A Minor, Op. 114. Tickets for the concert are available at the Lafayette Box Office and for $3 for students, $6 for seniors, $8 for ND/SMC employees with ID, and $10 general admission.**

**LALABRILLON (8 IN 17) DAD Michael Bolian, Tony Badal, Johnny Caso, Vicente Hedges, Faini, Damiel, Jackie Gleason, Geoffrey Cambridge, Much Hyde.**

**FORTUNE (21 IN 25) The beam's domineer of days. You won't be in the mood to deal with the emotional drama that your spouse or partner is dishing up on you, and you may call off any dates and refuse to be bothered.**

**MARSUS (20-24 IN 25) He can have a great time and enjoy romantic activities if you get together with friends. You have been depressed, and it is time to turn things around. Put on your favorite sweater and get out.**

**CANCER (21-25 IN 25) You will be hard to get along with, today. Your mood swings will drive everyone one way. Try to keep your thoughts to yourself and refrain from telling everyone how you feel.**

**LEO (28-25 IN 25) Double check these dates, they have been sitting on your desk. You may be in trouble if you haven't kept them up to date. Make arrangements to make payments that won't break your bud-**

**LILHU (21 IN 4) A man wearing a gray shirt.**

**39 57 58 50 Smart one vocal.**

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**TICKETS still on sale for newt gingrich**

**LIBRA (23-27 OCT. 22) You won't have much patience with others. Your inability to live with disharmony may be the reason for your decision to move on or make the changes necessary to end it. You should have an excellent memory when it comes to dealing with those who are being, annoy. You can kick opponents into a corner, but report application is prepared to defend.**

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Hidden resources of fortune will secure your future. You have the financial security you need to move forward. You may want to review your financial situation.**

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Expect to have disagreements with your partner or financial plans but let yourself in a tight spot. You may have to put limitations on others' spending. It won't be well with you.**

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Capricorn may cause a problem for you, but be careful not to let them be priority to your personal involvement or your thoughts about co-workers. Group will buckle.**

**PHOB (9-13 Mar. 19) On today's menu: parking lot. Keep things moving at the school if your children are involved in an important project. You can get into shape if you work out regularly.**

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Cagers look to finish strong

By J W CAVATO
Associated Press Editor

Although chances for the post-season appear slim, the Notre Dame men's basketball team will look to send its seniors off on a high note this Sunday when the Boston College Eagles come to town. Antonio Wyche, Phil Hickey, Paul Rainey and Dennis Carroll will make their final appearances this weekend as the 14-16 Irish look to rebound from a 20-point loss to St. John's last week in the Big East Tournament.

"We're looking to finish up our season strong at home," freshman Troy Murphy said. "It's senior day so it will be an emotional game for Tone and Phil and all the seniors.

Aside from all the emotion of senior day, the Irish are still playing for position in the Big East Tournament.

The Irish could finish anywhere from seven to 10 in the seeding for the tournament. They are in a traffic jam in the middle of the pack with Providence, Seton Hall and Georgetown. The seven and 10 seeds will play each other next Wednesday, with the winner playing the second seed the next day.

The eighth and ninth seeds will also play each other Wednesday at Madison Square Garden and the winner of that game will take on the top seed.

The top two seeds will be Connecticut and Miami, but the order may be reversed.

The Irish are concentrated on beating Northeastern that we didn't defeat the Irish earlier this season.

Irish point guard Martin Ingelsby goes for a layup versus Georgetown. The team wraps up its season against Boston College on Sunday.

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By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

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THE FINAL PUNCH

CAPTAINS TOMMY WILL AND BRIAN GAFFNEY ENTER TONIGHT'S FIGHTS WITH ONE MORE CHANCE TO WALK AWAY CHAMPIONS.

"STRONG BODIES FIGHT, THAT WEAK BODIES MAY BE NOURISHED."

— Dominic J. "Nappy" Napolitano
125 LB.

KEVIN OVERBECK vs. MACMAHON
PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ
ALLISON KRILLA
KERRY SMITH
KEVIN THOMPSON

OVERBECK OUT FOR THE FINALS
While each of the boxers fought just once after advancing with first round byes, Overbeck will not be available for tonight's finals. A previously scheduled medical school interview in Kansas City will keep the preseason Hall senior from a match up with the Morrissey freshman.

135 LB.

CHARLES MADDEN vs. SEERVELD
PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ
ALLISON KRILLA
KERRY SMITH
KEVIN THOMPSON
Madden

SEERVELD, a runner-up to Jeremy Leatherby in the 130-pound division last year, is hungry for a title in his final Bengal Bout. The top-seeded Seerveld also holds a distinct height and reach advantage over Madden. But don't underestimate the underdog who has burned several worthy opponents in the first two rounds. Look for a dog fight between two seniors with nothing to lose. Each of these are guys is hungry for bragging rights and the championship title and tonight is their last chance.

145 LB.

MIKE MAGUIRE vs. NEIL THOMPSON
PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ
ALLISON KRILLA
KERRY SMITH
KEVIN THOMPSON

This is just matchups. The friends will have more. No. 1 is the title that is lost. This time, the feeling is the title. Will bring his whole approach. Both boxers have similar body (a test of each)

160 LB.

JOSE KIRLEY vs. KEVIN LADUKE
PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ
LaDuke
ALLISON KRILLA
KERRY SMITH
LaDuke
KEVIN THOMPSON
LaDuke

Last year, Mike "Lockdown" LaDuke surprised his critics when he dominated his finals match. He gutted a full fight in the opening round but did not see any action in the semifinals. Kirley enters the finals after two intense brawls. He will have to dominate early in order to stay in the match. Don't underestimate the power of determination. Kirley is a first-time finalist as a senior, so this is the time for him to rally. LaDuke is out to prove that he is no fluke. The senior looks stronger than ever and will be tough to dethrone.

163 LB.

SEAN NOWAK vs. TRAVIS ALEXANDER
PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Nowak
ALLISON KRILLA
Alexander
KERRY SMITH
Alexander
KEVIN THOMPSON
Nowak

Sean "The Erie Kid" Nowak has proven that he can brawl if he has to or if he can be more controlled. He can blow-for-blow with anyone. He packs a powerful punch and will be a formidable opponent for the second-seeded Travis Alexander. Watch for Alexander to rely on his right straight that has got him this far. This fight could come down to endurance as both of these fighters endured some tough fights. This one should go three rounds with both exchanging serious combinations. This is the first finals' appearance for both so watch for an intense battle.

165 LB.

TOM BOLCHINI vs. MIKE PENN
PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Bolchini
ALLISON KRILLA
Bolchini
KERRY SMITH
Bolchini
KEVIN THOMPSON
Penn

The fight is Prissy Pants" Dave Thaney's. Top-seeded Bolchini is a brawler and will keep Penn's punch. He too to the semifinals. Look for this to be a test of each

180 LB.

PAUL CHEN vs. KEVIN KENT
PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Kerry Chen
ALLISON KRILLA
Kent
KERRY SMITH
Chen
KEVIN THOMPSON
Chen

Second-seeded Paul "You Better Recognize, Champ!" Chen will be a formidable stop on senior underdog Willie Kent's quest for the title. Although he is not a powerful punch, Chen's controlled and patient attack assures that his punches hit the mark. Kent's similar build and fighting style may make for an interesting fight, but might not be enough for Kent to pull off his third upset. If Chen can control the center of the ring as he has in his last two fights, he will be almost impossible to stop.

185 LB.

BRIAN ROMANCHEK vs. GAFFNEY
PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Gaffney
ALLISON KRILLA
Romanchek
KERRY SMITH
Romanchek
KEVIN THOMPSON
Romanchek

A Classic, a duel between a rugged brawler and a master executer. Two good friends and Bengal Bout captains, Brian "The Nutty Irishman" Gaffney and Mike "El Pescador" Romanchek have not met in the ring for two years. Gaffney got the best of Romanchek back then. Romanchek has not lost in over two years but Gaffney has never tasted defeat. The patient Romanchek must avoid this flying into a slugfest and playing right into Gaffney's hands. Gaffney is shooting for a perfect Bengal career and his fourth straight title.

190 LB.

DAVE BUTZ vs. KEN GAFFNEY
PICKS
KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Gaffney
ALLISON KRILLA
Buz
KERRY SMITH
Buz
KEVIN THOMPSON
Gaffney

Both fight Wednesday of Dave "Bolt" stand in their way as well. Mike "It is a way to Vulture, in his first. Gaffney is relentless of his power and has been Gaffney to deal with quicks. Both have to worry for the quicks. Butz wear him dow
This is just one of the premiere captains’ matchups. The battle between captains and friends will come down to who wants it more. No. 1-seeded Will is primed to capture the title that eluded him last year when he lost an epic battle to senior Lucas Melina.

This time, the second-seeded Maguire finds himself fighting the friend he respects. Will bring a controlled, technical approach while Maguire takes a more aggressive punch.

Both boxers display solid techniques and similar body types. This one will come down to a test of emotions.

-Allison Krilla

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**150 LB.**

**MELLIN**

**HERNANDEZ**

Who could ask for a more even fight than this one? Junior captain J.R. Mellin has the experience but so does freshman Edward Hernandez. The freshman sensation packs a powerful punch which often times leaves his opponents stunned.

Mellin can boast nothing less as both his quarterfinal and semifinal matches have been called early. Each have the footwork and the skills, so this could be one of the best fights of the night.

Hernandez gets a slight advantage with his ability to box both ways, leaving many questioning how to prepare.

-Kathleen Lopez

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**170 LB.**

**HAMMES**

**KERRIGAN**

Junior Mike “Honey” Hammes could have his hands full with senior favorite Alex "Corn Cob Kid" Kerrigan.

Hammes earned an impressive unanimous upset in the quarterfinals but has not seen any ring action since.

Kerrigan, with a big height and reach advantage, has put on two solid performances and is riding on two unanimous decisions. He will be tough to beat in the finals.

Hammes will have to be aggressive from the start if he wants to upset Kerrigan for the title.

-Kerry Smith

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**195 LB.**

**KENT**

**RYAN**

Alex Kent can knock you out early but still have enough left in the tank to do the same in the third. Endurance has been key to his success thus far.

Pete “Beat the Rap” Ryan, with only one Bengal appearance under his belt, is still relatively unknown, which could work to his advantage. He possesses quick legs which he must utilize to avoid a brawl with powerful Kent.

Ryan must endure an early barrage from Kent and pure himself. If he follows these rules, expect this one to go down to the wire.

-Kevin Thompson

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**HEAVY WEIGHT**

**SALVINO**

**YATAROLA**


But not so fast. As Salvino dominated his competitors this week, Greg “Rain Man” Yatarola proved he is a legitimate contender. His short, compact stance has confused taller opponents, but this time he faces a fighter who can match his size and speed.

If Yatarola avoids a brawl, he can make it three rounds with a chance to win.

-Kevin Thompson
Gaffney may enter record books with fourth straight title

By TIM CASEY
Managing Editor

Entering into the final match of his Bengal Bouts career, senior captain Brian "The Nutty Irishman" Gaffney has proven that he is no fluke. With his unanimous decision victory over Dan "Buster" Johnson in front of a large crowd at the Joyce Athletic Convocation Center, the Oakton, Va., native now has a chance to achieve what only a handful of fighters has: four straight titles. You could say that Gaffney burst onto the Bengal Bouts scene, surprising many his freshman year. In his first match, the referee stopped the contest, not because of a knockdown, but because he drilled Mike Shinners. The fight was called 1:26 minutes into the second round. After his semifinal match, people truly began to take notice. Gaffney registered one of the largest upsets of that year's tournament, stunning both the crowd and captain Mike DeBiasi. His controversial split-decision victory over the 6-foot-2 DeBiasi began the legend of this aggressive three-time champion.

Gaffney went on to record another split-decision victory over Dan Cunningham to capture his first Bengal Bout crown in the 185-pound division. Gaffney returned his sophomore year to defend his title, but this time in the 185-pound category.

In the finals, he met DeBiasi, a familiar face, who was now a senior captain looking for revenge. Gaffney was not to be denied, however, recording a dominating performance. The defending champion floored DeBiasi, knocking him down four times before ending the fight 35 seconds into the second round. Gaffney aided DeBiasi exiting the ring, showing indeed he was a true champion.

The two-time champ's hard work and dedication paid off last year when he was one of six fighters named captain. Along with the title and his rising reputation came enormous pressure. Perhaps Gaffney was not shaken. In the 175-pound finals, Gaffney once again proved his grit and determination, defeating Chris Dobranski in three rounds to capture a third straight title.

While he did earn his third title, Gaffney endured one of the closest fights of a career. In Wednesday's fight, Gaffney again felt the pressure of keeping his unbeaten streak alive.

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Perhaps the best thing that could happen to this dedicated captain is a fourth straight championship and a place in the record books.

Will seeks a third and final championship to dispel doubt

By BRIAN REINHAFER
Assistant to the Managing Editor

Seven fights into his Notre Dame boxing career, junior captain Tommy Will was perfect. In retrospect, he was too perfect.

After winning Bengal Bouts championships in his freshman and sophomore years, Will had advanced to the finals in 1998 for a shot at a third consecutive title. It wasn't meant to be.

"The big difference between [the first two years] and going into last year was [that] your expectations of how good you should have raised so much," Will said of his streak-breaking loss to Lucas Molina, who Will had defeated in the 1997 finals, in last year's 135-pound championship. "It's just because of the fact that I had won twice and you feel like maybe you have to win again."

Will may indeed win again. The senior captain and president of the boxing club is the favorite in this year's 145-pound division. He has advanced as expected through the quarter- and semifinal rounds. After disposing of Zach Fulton Monday, Will went to work on Jim Shacklett on Wednesday. Will used his strong hooks to overpower both, winning unanimous decisions. He is set to face Mike Maguire in the highly anticipated finals match.

Will knew he had found his niche the first day he spent at the boxing room in the bowels of the Joyce Center. "My R.A. in my section convinced me to do it," Will recalled. "And so I went, and after the first day, I loved it."

In 1996, Will stormed onto the Bengal Bouts scene with impressive victories in his first round and semifinal matches. As he faced off in the finals with fellow freshman Michael McCurdy, there was already a buzz about the winner going undefeated for four years. The pressure was on, but that did not concern Will.

"You've got like no expectations of yourself," Will said of his first-year title run. "Every fight you win, you're like, 'I didn't know I could do that, wow!' So you can't go wrong. If you lost you probably would have been like, 'Oh well, I guess I lost. Maybe I wasn't better than that guy.' It's a win-win situation."

On a night he said he will never forget, Will won a unanimous decision over Michael McCurdy. Will's pride and dedication proved valuable during the following year's Bouts. After a tough first-round match, Will defeated junior Sean Sharpe in a high-tempo, pressure-packed battle.

"That was the only time I walked down the stairs after the fight and my legs were like wobbling," Will said. "I really thought myself.

Will went on to claim his second straight Bengal Bouts title, improving his overall record to 6-0 by defeating Lucas Molina in a thrilling, but controversial finals match. Molina, a flamboyant fighter in the ring, disagreed with the judges' decision.

"Will's eyes were swollen, and just looking at him, I knew I had won the fight," Molina insisted after the match. It was more than Will's impressive stuff that earned him the split-decision victory. Molina's flashy in-the-ring routine intimidates most opponents, but Will was unfazed.

"He's saying a prayer in his corner, then he gets all hyped up, doin' all this crazy stuff," Will said of Molina's fancy footwork and showmanship. "I'm like, 'That doesn't mean a thing when it comes down to boxing.'"

Will studied in London the following fall and missed the novice workouts for the 1998 season. Will knew Molina would seek redemption and he found himself, for once, at a psychological disadvantage.

"You hate it so much right when it happens," said Will of his loss to Molina, "but then you look back on it and you realize that sometimes that's the best thing that could have happened to you at that point in your life. I think it helps you grow and makes you realize your weaknesses."

With his final fight on Friday, Will intends to keep the 1999 Bengal Bouts championship in perspective.

"It's my last chance to do this ever in my life," Will said. "So I just want to make every second of it awesome. You just want to leave knowing that no matter what, you gave it 110 percent. You didn't leave anything in the ring. And then if [another championship] comes along with that, that makes it maybe complete, or perfect."