Gore focuses on family values

By KATE STER
Assistant News Editor

As Bill Clinton's vice president, Al Gore will have a lot to live up to and a lot to overcome in his campaign for the presidency. Either way, Gore bears a certain distinction which his competitor, Bill Bradley, felt in the Iowa caucuses, where Bradley was defeated 3-1.

Gore's strength in the polls and primaries is something his campaign staff is pleased with. Seabrooks plan to capitalize on this lead, which gives Gore liberty to take firmer stands on issues.

Gore presents his ideas on issues from education to health care to school violence with a heavy emphasis on family values. A self-proclaimed 'fighter for the American family,' he has put energy into supporting the V-Chip and parental controls over TV and the Internet.

Gore's other flagship issue is the environment. He has pledged to save the family farm and has proposed $2 billion to combat 'suburban sprawl.'

Gore is widely popular among minority groups.

"The people who attended the caucuses came from every walk of life to show their support for Al Gore," California lieutenant governor Cruz Bustamante told reporters.

Gore has also received endorsements from prominent Democrats and major publications. The Concord Monitor of New Hampshire endorsed Gore as a champion of Democratic ideas and ideals.

"Gore represents the best hope of his party both for holding the White House in 2000 and for furthering the ideals that he and Bill Bradley share," the Monitor wrote.

Vermont governor Howard Dean said Gore's stance on health care is "the best way to achieve the ultimate goal of universal care for all Americans."

New Hampshire governor Jeanne Shaheen also has pledged her support to Gore.

Annan to speak at commencement

Kofi Annan, the secretary-general of the United Nations, will speak at the University's Commencement Address on Sunday, May 21. "In his three years at the helm of the United Nations, Kofi Annan has demonstrated his steadfast leadership and uncommon courage in the face of numerous international crises," University president Father Edward Malloy said. "We are pleased that he will honor us with his presence as we award him with an honorary degree."

The seventh secretary-general of the United Nations, Annan is the first to be elected from the ranks of U.N. staff. He succeeded Boutros Boutros-Ghali and begins a five-year term on Jan. 1, 1997.

Annan's four priorities as secretary-general have been to revitalize the U.N. through a comprehensive program of reform, to strengthen its traditional work for peace and development, to encourage and advocate human rights, the rule of law and the universal values of equality, tolerance and human dignity found in the U.N. Charter; and to restore public confidence in the organization by, in his words, "bringing the United Nations closer to the people."

Among the international conflicts in which Annan has played a leading role is the ongoing effort to gain Iraq's compliance with the U.N. Security Council's resolutions. He also has assisted in promoting the transition to civilian rule in Nigeria and in resolving the stalemate between Libya and the Security Council over the 1998 Lockerbie bombing.

From November 1995 to March 1996, after the Dayton Peace Agreement that ended the war in Bosnia and Herzegovinia, Annan served as a special representative of the secretary-general to the former Yugoslav region, overseeing the transition in Bosnia and Herzegovinia from the U.N.

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GORE

ELECTION 2000

BACKGROUND

*1985-1992: Represented Tennessee as U.S. Senator
*1993-present: Vice President of United States

"I think all elections for president in this country are about our nation's soul. I believe we have to give meaning to the lives of our young people."

-Al Gore

DEMOCRAT
In Appreciation

One day Maureen Mulligan walked into class without her usual swagger. We watched her stand at the head of the room, and as she began to speak, her hands were on the table, and she looked around the room. "They've got me loaded up on pills because they want to help with the pain. I feel like I'm in space," she said with an annoyed grin.

That's all it ever was for Professor Mulligan: an annoyance that her recurring bouts with breast cancer got in the way of her rigorous routine of teaching, learning, and the enjoyment of being a mother to her two sons, and loving wife for her husband.

We all smiled along with her, even though she had already talked with us months before, on the first day of class, about how her bouts with cancer might cause her to miss a few days at a time.

She apologized to us, saying, "I've beaten it before, and I'll beat it again."

She had us fooled, because we didn't have the slightest idea what was going on.

The emotional midday speech faded into our memories, and class went on without illness entering our minds.

One day she brought a friend of hers who was legally blind into class so we could learn to see the world as she saw it and join her in a special class in that day, and changed the way I looked at things. She often talked of her childhood, and of her kids and husband. However, she rarely mentioned the condition that was destroying her future.

Weeks later, during a discussion of nature, she opened the class by taking us on a march all the way around Saint Mary's Lake on one of the last warm and sunny days last fall. She pointed out every different kind of flower on the banks of the lake by name. We saw the leaves beginning to paint the entire forest. We saw swans swimming in the lake unbothered to escape the sun.

"Do we have to go all the way around the lake?" someone complained. "Class is almost over and my shoes are muddy."

"No," she said. "I want you to have a look of shame, as he well deserved. 'C'Mon now, we're halfway back,' she said. "And we've only got to go around the lake one more time."

That's all it ever was for Professor Mulligan, just the beginning of her journey to fight cancer one day at a time.

We all missed the irony.

Outside the Dome

Michigan State U. recruit faces rape charges

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Va. Tech finds spring break scams

Blackburg, Va.

Spring break travel scams can bring the best vacation plans to a grinding halt. As students prepare to travel to such places as Jamaica, Cancun or Florida, they should be careful to avoid deals which sound too good to be true. Many Virginia Tech students have their own horror stories about spring break adventures.

"We were flying out of Raleigh to Cancun last year," said Kim Aescue, senior. "We arrived two hours before our flight to find out that our vendor had run our flights and that the flight didn't leave till 7 p.m. 'Problems can arise at any time during travel. Many people seem to have difficulty with their flight plans.' When we tried to check in they wouldn't let us on the plane because the company hadn't paid for our seats and now the plane was full," said Aescue. After being given the run around from a travel company they arranged a flight for us from Newark, so we flew to Newark and left at 8 a.m. for Cancun," she said. Hotel reservations can also be difficult if not made properly or confirmed. "We were told that since we had such a large group that the hotel wouldn't bump us but since they were overbooked, they did," Aescue said.

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5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather's forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

outside the Dome

Michigan State University football recruit Eric Knott could face life in prison now that he has been charged with two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct related to a July 25 incident involving a 13-year-old girl.

Wayne County Prosecutor Dave McCreedy said Knott was accompanied by two other men during the incident. The two other men have been identified as juveniles, McCreedy said. He also said police or prosecutors have presented no evidence of a minor since the 18-year-old's Aug. 27 arraignment.

Considered the nation's top high school tight end, Knott's charges complicate his commitment to MSU, which came at a news conference held at Detroit Henry Ford High School, where he is now a senior. Knott was allowed to play after the arraignment.

He caught 42 passes last season for 10 touchdowns, leading Henry Ford to a Public School League title. MSU has the option of withholding Knott's scholarships for a first violation, according to state guidelines.

The State News could not reach Knott and his attorney Wednesday night. A woman answered a call to Knott's home but was told to hang up by a person in the background.

Citing NCAA rules that prohibit university officials from recruiting that haven't signed with a university, MSU Trustee David Portnow would not discuss the case.

"I'm sure Coach (Robby) Williams and the athletic department will look into it and do all they can do, and I look forward to hearing the full story," he said.

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MSU spokesman Terry Denbow also declined comments Wednesday. Knott had a trial date set for Jan. 16, coinciding with his 18th birthday, but the date was delayed because of scheduling conflicts with Knott's attorney. A new trial date is slated for March 15 before a Wayne County Circuit Court judge.

Tech-based recruiting expert Bobby Burton said MSU should handle the recruitment when the trial is resolved.

U. Washington students torch flag

SEATTLE

Doused in fuel and surrounded by lighter-wielding students, a Confederate battle flag flamed furiously Monday night, but the controversy surrounding its place in society promised to linger much longer: "We cannot have true brotherhood and sisterhood in this country until we get rid of symbols like this," said Tyson Marsh as he put the first flame to the emblem, inviting those in the crowd with lighters to join him. About half a dozen did, to the raucous approval of the 50 or so students who gathered in Red Square to denounce the flag. "Racial hatred and an opinion piece that appeared in 'The Daily last week. A founding member of the campus' Minority Think Tank, Marsh helped organize the small 1:30 p.m. rally, which drew most of its participants from students passing through the Square in between classes. "We wanted to let people know how we feel," he said. To that end, Marsh and two other speakers gave short speeches while displaying the banner. Thumbed back to a six-foot staff, before setting it ablaze. "Some say it's a symbol of Southern heritage," Denise Cooper told the students.

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Protection Force to the multinational Implementation Force led by NATO.

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In 1990, after the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq, Annan was given a special assignment to facilitate the repatriation of more than 900 international staff and the release of Western hostages in Iraq. He subsequently led the first U.N. team negotiating with Iraq on the sale of oil to fund purchases of humanitarian aid.

Born April 8, 1938, in Kumasi, Ghana, Annan studied at the University of Science and Technology in Kumasi and completed his undergraduate work in economics at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., in 1961. He undertook graduate studies in economics at the Institut Universitaire des Hautes Etudes Internationales in Geneva from 1961 to 1962, and, as a Sloan Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1971-72, he earned a master's degree in management.

Annan joined the U.N. system in 1962 as an administrative and budget officer with the World Health Organization in Geneva.

Annan is fluent in English, French and several African languages. He is married to Nane Annan, a lawyer and artist; they have three children.

Gore

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Shaheen said Gore is the only candidate who can propagate economic prosperity. "He can keep us on the right track," she said.

William Daley, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, has said that Gore's commitment to the American family as beneficial to what might be continued efforts to improve the economy.

While Gore has acknowledged past mistakes, he has not apologized for them. He has admitted to using marijuana, but attributes it to the post-Vietnam era. His image as an honest "regular American" are his greatest attributes in the ongoing character debate.

Gore is the son of a former senator and was raised in Tennessee and Washington, D.C. He graduated from Harvard University in 1969 and attended Divinity School in Tennessee. Gore also attended Vanderbilt Law School.

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JAKARTA

One hundred days after becoming Indonesia's president, Abdurrahman Wahid has dismissed rumors of an imminent military coup by warning internal violence, a mosque bombing and a student protest. The president branded his foes in the military as "cowards" and said most members of the forces support him.

Pushing ahead with reforms to loosen the military's role in politics, Wahid signed a decree removing four generals from the military so they can continue to serve as Cabinet ministers. One of the four was security affairs Minister Gen. Wiranto, who commanded the armed forces under authoritarian ex-President Suharto and Wahid's predecessor, Habibie.

A state-appointed human rights probe has implicated Gen. Wiranto and other Indonesian commanders in a rampage of killing and destruction in East Timor last year, investigator Asmaa Nababan said Thursday.

Wiranto was elected by parliament on Oct. 20 as Indonesia's first democratic head of state after four decades of authoritarian rule. A Muslim leader who has long preached religious tolerance, Wahid predicts the country's current outbreak of violence will end within two months.

Despite this, at least 65 people were killed during the past three days in fighting among Christians and Muslims in the eastern Molucca archipelago, local military commander Brig. Gen. Tamam said Thursday.

The clashes on Baca, a small island about 1,600 miles northeast of Jakarta, were the latest outbreaks of violence in a year-long conflict that has claimed more than 2,000 lives.

Many victims died in street battles fought with axes, swords and homemade guns in the archipelago, which used to be called the Spice Islands.

On Thursday, a small bomb rocked a mosque in Yogyakarta, on Indonesia's main island of Java. No one was injured.

In the northwest province of Aceh, thousands more have been killed in a separatist war. At least 18 rebels, soldiers and villagers have died this week despite a peace mission there by Wahid on Monday.

Meanwhile, hundreds of students demonstrated for secession in the neighboring province of Bima on Thursday. Police used tear gas and fired warning shots to disperse the protest outside a petroleum plant operated by the Callex Oil company.

Wahid has promised to give receptor provinces more autonomy and money, but has ruled out demands for independence.

Speaking at a news conference in Jakarta Thursday, Wahid said that along with reforms to the nation's crippled financial system, his defense of national unity had been "a major achievement."

"The situation is improving now. We can say that the danger to our territorial integrity is already passing," he said.

 Earlier this week, Wahid blamed disgruntled members of the military as well as some fanatical Muslims for increasing violence.

Wahid said he would go ahead with a two-week tour of the Middle East, Europe and Asia starting Friday, despite rumors of a possible coup.

"I am not worried about a very small number of military leaders who actually do not have followers," Wahid said. "I know this small number and they are cowards."

Market Watch

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WASHINGON

Scientists have become increasingly frustrated in the hunt for novel ways to attack the AIDS virus, but now they're getting some encouraging news. Drug giant Merck & Co. has mapped the way toward a less direct attack. It will take years of additional research to turn the finding into a usable medication, experts caution.

But the research gives scientists hope — and a long-awaited — place to aim at in fighting the HIV virus, important as today's AIDS drugs slowly lose their edge with few options in sight.

AIDS-fighting "protease inhibitors" block the action of a different HIV enzyme called protease.

"But attempts to create integrase inhibitors have failed so far. Merck's advance was reported in Friday's edition of the journal Science," New York University scientist Benoist-Ker Rit said. "In an unusual move, Merck executives refused to allow the lead scientist — Dara Hazuda — to discuss her discovery with reporters."

But a Merck spokesman said the compound described in Science has certain problems that prevent them from being pursued as drugs, so the company is hunting better candidates.

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Clinton proposes $350 billion tax cut in 'State of the Union'
**Internship fair draws huge crowd**

**80 companies, 800 students contribute to record attendance**

By ERIN COSTANTINI
News Writer

Career options for Notre Dame students are always expanding, and Thursday’s ninth annual Summer Internship Job Fair exemplified the trend.

With an unprecedented 80 nationwide companies, the fair attracted more than 800 students to the Joyce Center fieldhouse. Undergraduate job-seekers searched for employers willing to let them preview careers.

"There is a diverse array of opportunities available," said Leo Svete, director of Career and Placement. "If we can get students thinking of careers now, we can get them thinking of what they want to do, and make them more competitive as seniors."

Sophomore Jed Dooley went to the fair hoping to score a summer job. He was a little nervous but pleased to be involved.

"The fair is helpful to know what's out there," Dooley said. "It's nice to have so many great companies in one place."

Arthur Anderson, Ernst & Young and General Electric (GE) were among companies taking advantage of the career fair as a convenient and inexpensive way to meet Notre Dame students.

"All employers are happy to be here at Notre Dame," said Robin Sullivan of the Career Center. "Our students are well thought of throughout the business world. They reflect high quality, high motivation and high success."

Pete Rubinas, a representative of PricewaterhouseCoopers, said he looks for a student with "a good academic record, communication skills and capable of an intelligent discussion."

Arthur Anderson representative Lynn Buhl looks for "inquisitive, a positive attitude, and an interest in the company."

Students who have researched his company and can ask intelligent questions about it also have an advantage, he said.

New features of the Summer Internship Job Fair include the student resume drop box and the "GO IRISH" Web site. The drop box allowed students to submit resumes to 50 companies not in attendance. This serves to broaden the job available, with internships in film, museums and nonprofit organizations.

The Web site offers information on participating companies in addition to facilitating on-campus interviews.

Some students complained that the job fair does not offer a wide enough array of internships, lacking opportunities in fields of science and medicine.

"It's pretty much all business here," said sophomore Katie Koch. "There aren't many jobs for pre-med students."

Although the most internships were related to business, other companies such as GE and Camp Sweeney were present. GE appeals to engineers and Camp Sweeney, a camp for children with diabetes, offers internships popular with pre-med students.

"There may not be something for everybody, but this is a great opportunity for the career search experience," Svetel said.
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Questions? Contact John Osborne or Dan Peate at 1-4553
**Gad-el-Hak wins research prize**

By KATE DOWNEN
News Writer

Mohamed Gad-el-Hak, Notre Dame professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering, was recently awarded the Alexander von Humboldt Prize, Germany’s highest research award for senior American scientists and scholars in all disciplines.

“I am very grateful to Germany and the von Humboldt Foundation, to the University of Notre Dame for giving me the means to conduct my teaching and research, and grateful to all former students, undergraduates and graduate, who have been an inspiration to me,” Gad-el-Hak said.

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is a non-profit organization that enables highly qualified foreign scholars to carry out long-term research in Germany. Forty prizes are awarded annually.

The award will allow Gad-el-Hak to spend 12 months in Germany researching fluid mechanics, the study of fluid motions around hard objects such as submarines, airplanes and ships. The long-term goal of this research is to improve land, air and water vehicles through understanding the diagnostics and control of turbulence.

Gad-el-Hak is known worldwide for advancing several novel diagnostic tools for turbulent flows. He holds two patents and has published more than 300 articles and authored or edited eight books and conference proceedings.

A member of several professional associations, Gad-el-Hak currently edits four publications.

In 1998, he was named as the 14th Freeman Scholar by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the highest honor bestowed by the organization’s division of fluids engineering. In 1999, he was awarded the Japanese Government Research Award for Foreign Scholars.

Before joining the Notre Dame faculty in 1986, he worked as senior research scientist and program manager at Flow Research in Seattle.

He received his bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Ain Shams University in Cairo, Egypt. He went on to receive his doctorate in fluid mechanics from Johns Hopkins University.

Gad-el-Hak has since taught and conducted research at University of Southern California, University of Virginia, Institute National Polytechnique de Grenoble and Universite du Poitiers.

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Our lives must be viewed as vocations

The most rewarding part of my work with the Congregation in Catholic Social Tradition is the group of students who have entered the program. I have been asked what characteristics, if any, these students share. They are a quite diverse group, ranging the full gamut of majors. Other than the fact that a good number come from Pennsylvania is it the Allegheny mountain air?), the quality that marks these students is that they view their anticipated professional lives — and their lives as a whole — as vocations.

By "vocation" I mean something quite simple, though it is not easily carried out. A vocation is a life activity through which a person works out in a deliberate fashion her or his relationship with God and neighbor. Most adults have multiple vocations, such as work and family. It also includes those activities generally described as "avocations," from needlepoint and fly fishing to regular service at a soup kitchen.

Many Catholics do not undertake the process of attempting to live the social teachings. In John Paul II's words, "It must be asked how many Christians really know and put into practice the principles of the church's social doctrine." The answer arises as to why. The answer that stands out most clearly is that many Catholics do not understand their work lives and their lives as a whole as vocations, they do not understand them as people called.

The next question, of course, is, "Why don't they?" The answer here is also obviously complex, but two factors are worth discussing. The first is an excessively narrow understanding of "religious vocation," limited to members of formally instituted orders. The Second Vatican Council's Document on the Church responds to this misunderstanding by articulating the "Universal Call to Holiness." Through baptism, all members of the Church "are really made holy. Then, too, by God's gifts they must hold on to and complete in their lives this holiness which they have received." By holiness, the Council means the activity of "seeking the will of the Father in all things, devoting themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbor." There are different vocations, but all are called. "In the various types and duties of life... one and the same holiness is cultivated by all who are moved by the Spirit of God."

The Council document goes on to state that all who work "should by their human exertions try to perfect themselves, aid their fellow citizens and raise all of society — and even creation itself — to a better mode of existence." It is clear that the Council does not understand holiness as disconnected from activity in the world. "By this holiness a more human way of life is promoted even in this earthly society."

Remnants of the narrow understanding of holiness remain in our everyday language about the Church. They appear, for instance, in ads that ask, "Do you have a vocation?" The intent is to ask, "Do you have a Call to an institutional order?" but what is conveyed is also, "If you do not, there you do not have a vocation. You are doing something else." The person who thinks, "I do not have that specific calling," also thinks, "Then I must not have a calling at all." This is largely inadvertent on everyone's part, but the effects are real. "I am not called to that, so therefore I must not have a calling." The second factor is what might be called "the Catholic workerization of Catholic social teaching." In the absence of specific knowledge of Catholic social teaching and against the backdrop of a commonly-held, narrow understanding of holiness, laypersons have searched for models both of Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker movement for have for many people filled the void. The problem — other than that there are a number of often unidentified discontinuities between official teaching and Day's writings — is that the result is again narrow.

Across the country in Catholic "Peace and Justice" advocacy centers there are numerous pictures of Day (herself good, but few of, say, the owner of the Malden Mills factory who continued to pay his employees after the factory burned down and rehired them when a new one was built. Persons not called to Day's degree or type of self-alienation interpret their faith as having no vocation at all. "I am not called to that, so therefore I must not have a calling." Work becomes something one does to earn an acceptable amount of money and Catholic teaching is what one does once a month at the soup kitchen. In earlier columns, I have criticized Michael Novak's departure from Catholic teaching, but he is on target on one thing in particular: the way in which one earns one's money can and ought to be understood as a vocation. Still, Novak is exactly right, for instance, that entrepreneurial activity — or, better, rightly ordered entrepreneurial activity — can be "holy" in the way described by the Council. One does not need to distort the teaching to bring it back to its center of gravity. Such a vocation is not easy, but the ways there are, ready to be at once followed and created.

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ENDORSEMENT

Koelsch/Rodarte: the way to go

Having pride in the Saint Mary’s community is a wonderful feeling — it’s the thing that unifies all of us students body presidential and vice presidential candidates, and many students. It’s not enough to win a campaign. No one can contest that the 2000 Board of Governors tickets have unparalleled pride in Michelle Nagle community, but the candidates failed to address specific solutions to imminent campus concerns. The 1999-2000 administration administration administered to bring in the students. The audience knew to press the candidates about the student campus smoking ban, the implementation of a new writing center, and the presence of the controversial Keenan review at O’Laughlin auditorium, the student’s audience wanted answers. And they received them. Minutes before the conclusion of the panel discussion, the Brenner/Nagle ticket gave some hope to the future by presenting vice presidential candidate Michelle Nagle committing to investigating banning the Keenan Residential Hall. But aside from Nagle’s gumpiness, answers to pressing issues remained superficial, uninformed and off base. While the Brenner/Nagle ticket demonstrates experience, knowledge and confidence in its platform, the pair doesn’t reach high enough.

The Koelsch/Rodarte ticket targets issues within the community that need attention. A stronger Women’s Resource Center is a necessity on a college that prides itself on its commitment to women’s education. The pair expresses commitment to working with the new Student Diversity Board and targeting ways to increase enrollment through a student-endorsed application. Furthermore, it looks to retain those students through developing concrete traditions over the course of a student’s Saint Mary’s experience. The ticket shows a commitment to issues, something that was lacking in every other 2000 ticket. While the ticket contains its share of lofty dreams and uncertain plans, it does have direction. In seeing where growth is needed in areas on campus, Koelsch/Rodarte demonstrate an understanding that the student body wants solutions, not merely a commitment to pride from its student leaders. While the pair clearly has pride for Saint Mary’s, by tackling campus issues, the ticket moves beyond simply loving Saint Mary’s to loving it enough to want to do something.

I have walked into the dining hall to find today’s sweet-n-sour chicken was yesterday’s normal chicken and will become tomorrow’s macaroni surprise. How do you get oily spaghetti and rubber hamburgers and eternally dry rice? I will never be able to comprehend the workload at Notre Dame. Do the professor hold more emphasis on stress and life. They truly Carpe the old Dix. I vowed to integrate this philosophy in my daily routine, and it has made all the difference. I purposely take inefficient walks from Debartolo to Knott that lead me past the Dome, into the Grotto and by the lakes. I ride my bike through large piles of leaves, and I take naps smack dab in the middle of the quad. Surround yourself with positive people and stay away from the obnoxious. Eat at the dining hall and try to appreciate the fact that you did not have to make the food yourself anyone who has not lived on their own cannot comprehend this thing. The timing and magnitude of the work load here is intense. Grit your teeth, work as much as necessary and study to learn, not to get an A. The one usually follows the other. Notre Dame is doing an excellent job training us to succeed in life. Study hard, enjoy your time with friends and make time for what interests you. You’ll wonder if you are throwing your cap in the air and hugging your friends goodbye. I’ll end with a quote from “The Green Fool” by Patrick Kavanagh, “I got nothing for my trouble except joy. But though the coin of joy isn’t legal tender in the mandamus shops of the world, it is in the lands of imagination, and I today, jingling my purse of memory, know I am rich.”

Brick Maier Resident Assistant Knott Hall December 5, 1999

LECTURES TO THE EDITOR

Relax more, stress less

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As for Ms. Hoppe, I would give the same advice. You also make many assumptions and prejudgments in your article which I do not agree with. For example, you posit that the only reason people may not believe that sex is sacred is because they haven’t thought it through. Well, I hate to burst your bubble, but a lot of people have thought that very through and have reached a different conclusion. Also, you quote the Bible quite literally and thus thinking solely by doctrines and dogmas eliminates free thought, which is where true progress is made in society. You say those who have sex before marriage have sinned against God. But I believe that is for God to decide, and unless you are speaking for Him, I do not think it is your place to judge others.

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Don’t judge the way others live

I would like to respond to Elizabeth Bauer and Katherine Hoppe’s letter on the Jan. 27 on the issue of pre-marital sex.

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Imagine this scene from the fictional film, "The Making of the Notre Dame Student Film Festival 2000".

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Student actor: (With confident reserve) Okie-dokie. (Drops shorts, moves penis first to left, then to right).

Student: Shocking? Yes. Wrong? Some will say yes, but in the free spirit of academia, the answer must be no.

This is the type of question many will ask upon viewing of this weekend’s installment of the student film festival. Though the festival has become a hot commodity around campus since its inception in 1990, this 2000 show comes with a snark: a point of interest, a selling point.

And it is sex.

Sex is what makes the world turn. It is what teenagers long for as they walk the halls of their high schools. It is what college students revel in as they become mature members of the adult world. It is what 20-somethings transform into love as they settle into permanent lives. It is what middle-aged people forget about. And it is the elderly remember with fond, Viagra-induced splendor.

So this weekend, the folks in the Film, Television, and Theater department present 15 student films, all with their own messages, all with their own perspectives concerning life in this crazy world. And with the noticeable stamp on all of the festival’s advertisements, the one that screams “Strong Sexual Content” (No one under 17 admitted), no sex will be on the minds of many attending the event.

But here’s the catch. The “Strong Sexual Content” involved in the festival is not what many students might expect. It is different. It is course material. It was part of a grade. It was approved by faculty members. And most importantly, it is only a minor part of what makes up the 15 films.

Really, the variety of films presented is what the film festival is all about. It’s like going to a potluck dinner or a buffet, where everybody brings something to the table that’s a little bit different and unique,” said Ted Mandell, associate professional specialist in the FTT department and supervising faculty on many student films. “I think that’s what makes the film festival a lot of fun is that you get different students from different halls on campus, and off campus, who have different views about different subjects. It’s a mixed bag. You might be watching a serious film about the penis, and then you’d be watching a music video.”

Aside from the diversity the festival brings to the table, another special part of the festival is the level of accomplishment surrounding this year’s films.

“Comparing it to the other film festivals of the past, these films are more daring, more provocative, they’re certainly more polished technically,” said Mandell. “And I think that’s something that we’ve seen as the years have gone, as the film program has progressed. The maturity of the students has gotten better, and the quality of the filmmaking has gotten better. This one, without question, is the most provocative.”

Jill Godmilow, FTT professor and supervising faculty, adds that the students themselves have taken the student film genre to a new level this year. “They take on the world,” Godmilow said. “We’re moving in that direction anyways, but they’re not parodies or stuff that’s on TV, which is very often what students make ... smart ass stuff. They’re very original. They’re taking on tough subjects.”

A look at the student films to be shown indeed forces one to accept their originality. When it comes down to it, the film festival is geared as a forum for the students themselves to do what students make... smart ass stuff. They’re very original. They’re taking on tough subjects.

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"Scene Editor
Student actor:

Will they be talking to a lot of AIDS patients, and it became way more personal than I thought," she said. “I realized I’m a very naive Notre Dame student.”

Disregarding the sexual nature of some of the other films, films like Connolly’s and Dobie’s also push the envelope in terms of what the audience expects from student films, and particularly student films at Notre Dame.

The NC-17 rating, as Mandell calls it, takes into consideration the all-around adult nature of the topics addressed in all the student films.

But as anyone will admit, the
most provocative feature of the festival is probably "A Woman’s Guide to the Penis." And the reasons for this are twofold.

"The point of the film is to take something that is generally taboo and controversial and to put it onto the screen in such a way that by the end of the film it is not that way," said Matt King, who made the film with Meredith Watt. "To put it on the screen and to have people just look and show off. But there wore that attenuated.

This weekend, a deeper audience members at the Snite Museum — especially male students that agreed to see the show and write a letter to the Penis." And the reasons for it," he said. Certainly, for those who didn't see the movie know about it, said Matt King, who made the film with Meredith Watt. "To put it on the screen in such a way that by the end of it, people will be expecting it. But King adds that the penis, is something that is generally taboo and controversial and to put it onto the screen in such a way that by the end of the film it is not that way.”

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"When Boogie Nights' came out, the only thing people who didn't see the movie knew about was that you got to see a penis in it," he said. Certainly, for those audience members at the Snite this weekend, a deeper understanding of the penis will be attained.

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Arch-rival Penn St. arrives to take on fencers

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Assistant Sports Editor

Every good rivalry inspires a bit of hate between the two teams. The Notre Dame and Penn fencing rivalry inspires a lot more than dislike. "I don't think about the rivalry very much except for last year, but apparently we hate them," junior sabrewoman Katie Flanagan said. "We not only want to win, we want to whip them and completely crush them especially at home meet."

The animosity between the two squads is easy to understand. For the past four years, Penn State has finished first while Notre Dame has placed second in the NCAA championships. Every year the Irish seem ready to finally bring home the Nittany Lions from the top of the mountain, but every year the Lions retain the title.

According to head coach Yves Auriol, the men's squad has an excellent chance of defeating Penn State in this weekend's dual meet. "On the men's side, we lost to Penn State by one point last year at Penn State. 14-13 in the regular season dual meet," Auriol said. "It was very close last year with a lot of great fencers as good as we are this year. If they fence the way they are capable of they can defeat Penn State. If we do not defeat Penn State, I will be very disappointed."

The men's team started the season slowly at NYU last weekend, losing by ten points to Stanford, Notre Dame stumbled in a win against the Irish last year.

"The sabre squad's performance was especially disappointing this year," said junior and national ranked fencers like sophomore Andre Crompton, junior Andre Bednarski and freshman Matt Mazur. "The sabre squad in the country. After losing to St. John's, the weekend from Penn State junior Jennings and 1999 National Champion Monique de Rin.

After losing on four fresh men to pick up key victories. At epee, Meagan Call and Anna Magda Krol, both with 10 wins so far. Call's nine wins have caught Mazur's attention.

"Our freshmen are very talented," he said. "I was very impressed with Meagan Call in epee. She is not really an epee fencer. She is still learning the weapon. She is a tough competitor and she continues to improve every weekend.

"At sabre, freshman Natalia Meijer leads the team with 10 wins with juniors Carriane McCullough and Flanagan right behind her with nine and eight wins, respectively."

The men's full team features fresh man Liza Routsikaris, who is second on the squad with seven wins, and senior Magda Krol, the most experienced female fencer.

Krol, an epee All-American for three years running, led the squad with 10 wins in her first dual meet since her sophomore year. Krol scored two key wins over 1999 All-American Susan Jennings and 1999 National Champion Monique de Rin.

Krol faces another stiff test this weekend from Penn State junior Charlotte Walker. Like Krol, Walker switched to foil this year after winning All-American let ters the past two years at epee. "I am excited," Krol said. "This is going to be a test for me but it is going to be good. I think it will be interesting to see how two former epeistes will fence against each other in foil. I am definitely excited to fence against Charlotte Walker and give it my best shot and hopefully win."

The men take the strips in their first home meet of the season in the men's room of the JACC while the women faced Sunday.

By KEVIN DALUM/The Observer
Senior James Gaither scores a touch down on an opponent in last weekend's Midseason Championships. The Irish fencers host arch-rival Penn State this weekend.

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Hockey

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him four points, just the fourth time a Notre Dame player has done that this season.

Dusbabek was able to better Carlson’s four points, by recording six in the series against Western Michigan, and currently leads Notre Dame in points. The senior rightwing contributed a goal and two assists in each of the games. He was credited with the first Irish goal in the opener when the puck glanced off of his leg and into the net, and then found the net in game two with a slap shot from the blue line.

"Carlson was the best player on the ice," Irish head coach Dave Poulin stated after last Friday’s comeback win. "We had a lot of good players, but he was the best.”

The Irish coach also had some good things to say about Dusbabek’s play after the series was over.

"Dusbabek played so well,” Poulin said. “It was nice to see him get one right away after all the effort he had put in.”

Another player that will play a key role in the series is goaltender Tony Zasowski. After his strong performance last weekend, he was named CCHA Rookie of the Week. He won the award for the second time this year after stopping 41 shots and allowing only one even-strength goal against Western Michigan. He ranks fourth in the CCHA in goals-against average (2.41). He also ranks fifth in the conference with a .908 save percentage. At his current pace, Zasowski will break Irish records for net-minders in both categories (Forrest Karr with 2.58 in 1998-99 and Mark Kronholm with .907 in 1970-71).

Zasowski will face top-scorers from the Nanooks in senior leftwing Nathan Rocheleau and sophomore forward Bobby Andrews. UAF also returns 20 of 26 letter winners from its team that finished in eighth place in the CCHA last season.

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Teams travel to Bloomington for dual meet

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN Assistant Sports Editor

The track and field teams renew an in-state rivalry with Indiana today, hoping to bring home a double victory from the dual meet in Bloomington. Last season, Indiana edged Notre Dame 84-78 on the men's side while the Notre Dame women pulled out a close victory 82-78.

"Hopefully we can win both the men and the women," said Scott Winsor, field events coach. "They're going to be tough. We have our events that we should win; they have their events that they should win. I would say they have more depth than we do, but we run into that a lot."

The Irish raced well in their season-opening quadrangular meet last weekend, with the men capturing first place and the women taking second.

Field events were one of the strengths for the Irish last weekend, an area they must do well to defeat Indiana. "On the women's side, Indiana is very tough in the throws and very deep in the throws, so we're going to struggle there," Winsor said. "We need to win in the long jump and we need to win in the high jump. In the throws, the shot and the weight, we've got to get what we can. De'Barbuto needs to pick off one, maybe two, of their throwers."

Winsor also keyed on the importance of freshman Jamie Volkmer's performance in the pole vault and triple jump. Volkmer set school records in both events last weekend, but must be in top form to capture victories at Indiana.

 Fellow freshman Tameisha King broke another school record in the long jump in the home opener, and plans to jump farther tonight. "I'm trying to qualify for the NCAA's," King said. "The standard is 20 feet, and since that's only six inches away, that's what I'm trying to do. I'm also trying to set a PB (personal record)."

Senior long jumper and sprinter Shauna West provides a solid foundation for the men's team. West met provisional standards for the NCAA championships last weekend, and should be a shoe-in for victory at Indiana. Senior Matt Thompson is also an athlete the Irish need a win from in the weight throw.

But it will likely be the results of the pole vault and shot put that make the difference. Freshman pole vaulter Nathan Cahill hopes his first meet jitters have worn off. "I was a little nervous in the beginning because in high school, I always knew that I could go out there and just beat everybody," Cahill said. "Whereas in college, there are guys there who can just kick your butt. I was hoping on getting 15 feet, and I only got 15-foot-six, but I wasn't disappointed. This weekend, I'm aiming once again for 16 feet. There's going to be some really strong competition with my fellow vaulters and I since we're all (jumping) around the same height.

The distance runners began their year by having two NCAA provisional marks coming from Phil Mishka in the 800-meter run and Luke Watson in the 3000-meter run. "It will be my first mile race of the season, and we just want to score points for the team in that one," Watson said. "We're a good team this year and we've been comparing ourselves against other teams in the Big East, not necessarily directly against Indiana. If everyone performs the way they did last week or better, then we should come away with a victory."

The women will add All-American Alison Klemmer to the mix this weekend, as she will compete in the 3000-meter run for her first race of the season. "She's ready to run fast," distance coach Tim Connelly said. "I know that just off of her training. It should be a good race."

Chrissie Keunster and Nicole LaSelle will join Klemmer to fill out the 3000-meter race. Patty Rice and Jennifer Handley will represent Notre Dame in the mile. In the 800-meter race, Connelly will run last weekend's champion Leanne Brady, Rice and Kelly Tutko.

Top sprinters include Chris Cochran and Liz Grow, who won the 60-meter dash and the 200-meter dash for the men and women, respectively, last weekend. King and West are also key crossovers from the long jump to the sprints.
Teams prepare for Big East with weekend competition

♦ Undefeated women take on 8th-ranked Wolverines

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

The 23rd-ranked Notre Dame women’s swimming and diving team puts its undefeated record on the line against No. 8 Michigan this weekend.

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Sunday, they won 16 of 16 events against the Illini to win 183.5-116.5.

Those two wins have given the Irish more respect in the eyes of the Wolverines, according to Nixon.

"I think they will be ready for us," she said. "Northwestern kind of underestimated how good we were. It kind of hit them by surprise in the middle of the meet when they realized they were losing. But I think Michigan is going to be ready."

The Wolverines face the Wildcats on Friday before traveling to Rolfs Aquatic Center for their date with the Irish on Saturday. The Wolverines are currently 7-3 overall.

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♦ Full strength men’s squad hosts Oakland

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

With the Big East Championships less than a month away, the Notre Dame men’s swimming and diving team is gearing up for a possible first place finish.

"We are in a transition period to try and get ourselves in position to do the best we have ever done at the Big East Championships," head coach Tim Welsh said of his team’s second-place finish last year’s championships.

Welsh expects a tough challenge Saturday from Oakland University at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. Last weekend, the Golden Grizzlies defeated the Spartans of Michigan State, 119-118. The victory improved Oakland to 8-1 in dual meets this season.

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Yale visits Eck Center for weekend competition

By KEVIN BERCHOU

The women's tennis team hopes to improve upon its No. 18 national ranking, but standing in its way is the competitive Yale Bulldog team, as the two teams clash Saturday at the Eck Center.

The Irish have been impressive thus far, compiling a 2-1 mark on a recent trip to Hawaii, knocking off Hawaii and No. 23 Washington. The only blemish on the current campaign's slate came in a close defeat to fourth-ranked Duke.

"I thought we played pretty well in Hawaii," said Irish head coach Jay Louderback. "In particular, I thought we played very well in some tight matches against Washington. They're a real good team and that was a big win for us."

As always, the Irish will be led by junior All-American Michelle Dasso. Clearly the squad's top player, Dasso will be called upon to play both No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles where she will be paired with sophomore Becky Varnum.

Dasso will be looking to better her No. 1 singles record, as she has won only one of her three singles matches thus far. "She's coming off a shoulder injury," noted Louderback. "She missed most of the fall schedule and she's just starting to get back into shape. The more she plays the better she'll be."

Both Varnum and senior captain Kelly Zalinski will be relied upon heavily in singles play. Varnum has grabbed the No. 2 singles slot, while Zalinski will play from the No. 3 position.

The Irish also boast two nationally-ranked doubles pairings that, coupled with a strong singles arsenal, make the squad a versatile one. The pairing of Dasso-Varnum is ranked 10th, while the pairing consisting of junior Kimberly Guy and freshman Katie Cunha is ranked 15th.

"I think doubles is our key," said Louderback. "It's really our strength."

For Dasso-Varnum and Cunha-Guy, this meet will be a final fine-tune-up for the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoors Championships Feb. 3-6. Notre Dame is one of three schools to qualify two doubles pairs for the 16-team field.

The Bulldogs will look to provide the Irish with a stern test. Coached by Meghan McMahon, Yale will be looking to come away with a victory in its season opener. The Bulldogs are captained by their No. 1 player, All-Ivy selection, Sara Naisen-Phillips. Somur Khanjari will be called upon to play both No. 1 and 2 singles positions, and will combine along with Naomi-Phillips to serve as Yale's top doubles pairing. "They're a very young team," noted the Irish coach. "We didn't see them at all during the fall, so we honestly don't know a whole lot about them."

The Irish will certainly become acquainted with the Bulldogs in a hurry. This match could tell a lot about Notre Dame's chances to secure a fourth Big East tennis crown.
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SMC Intramurals

Belles find on-campus sports

By MOLLY McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Changing the face of athletics at Saint Mary’s College involves more than just varsity sports; it also involves intramurals.

Together, athletic director Lynn Kachmarik and student intramural director Janel Miller hope to revive the intramural program at Saint Mary’s.

"I'm hoping this program will build more hall spirit and more excitement about intramurals," Miller said. "You look at Notre Dame and there is huge enthusiasm. I hope everyone comes in and plays. Wait, I'm not hoping. They will."

The program has had many problems in the past, both in organization and participation. Forfeits were widespread because teams were apathetic and schedules were unclear. Both of these problems they hope to address with this new program.

The program will be based in the residence halls this year, and both Kachmarik and Miller are looking for their enthusiasm to make it a success. All members of the team must live in the same hall and they will compete to make their hall the champion.

There will be a basketball, volleyball and indoor soccer competition this year which will culminate the night of Midnight Madness on March 31. The finals of each of the sports will occur that night. Kachmarik and Miller feel that this alone makes it more exciting for the student body.

"This year, its leading up to something," Miller said. "We're offering more for those who participate."

The season will run like a typical sports season, and the number of games played depends on the number of teams participating. The determination of the winning hall will depend on points earned both through winning the most games and having the most participation, according to Kachmarik.

"Again, we're offering more this year," Miller said. "Not only t-shirts for the winning sports, we already have a huge plaque for the winning dorm to be engraved and presented."

As the opening of the season approaches on February 14, one of Miller's few concerns is her inability to control if teams forfeit or not.

"[Forfeits] are the most frustrating part for me. When a team doesn't show up, schedules are a mess and I can't do much about it. I'm going to enforce to two forfeits or rules. If they don't call me 24 hours in advance, they will not be included in the finals." Miller also hopes that making the schedules more clear and available will also help. Meetings for the team captains will be held in each of the residence halls before the opening of the season and Miller is going to take advantage of technology to get the word out. She will e-mail the schedules and post the schedules on the Saint Mary's athletics web page.

Even with these worries, both Miller and Kachmarik are really excited about the intramurals.

"Our whole goal was to get more women involved," Kachmarik said. "These intramurals really bring in every aspect of wellness for women."

They're going to be hounding us up from a lot, especially Troy [Murphy], and they're going to need to drop back and hit our shots."

Hitting shots is key for the Irish. They beat Pittsburgh last week with better than 60 percent shooting, but when their shooting falers, such as against Rutgers and Miami, they tend to lose their winning percentage.

The Irish will turn to preseason All-American Murphy to put them over the top.

"They don't really have anyone who can match up with Troy down low," Graves said. "They're not very big and they don't have a lot of size."

Lavar Postell is the top forward for St. John's. Postell scored 16 points in the Red Storm's win over the Rutgers Scarlet Knights, also coming up with a key block in the final minute of play. However, Postell measures just 6-foot-4, a good four inches shorter than Murphy.

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the fans, we'll have a good chance on Saturday."

St. John's is one of four teams ahead of Notre Dame in the Big East standings, despite losing to conference opponent Seton Hall and nonconference for Ohio State last week. St. John's bounced back from the two losses with a win over Rutgers, a team that beat Notre Dame by 25 points Jan. 18.

The Irish, meanwhile, return to play after a 63-49 home loss to Miami (Fla.) Tuesday.

St. John's earned its No. 23 national ranking with fast-paced play, in part to compensate for its lack of height.

"They're a lot more athletic than we are," senior point guard Jimmy Dillon said. "They like an up tempo game, they're well coached, but they're not very deep."

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the one the Irish saw at Georgetown. The Hoyas have won their last four games and are playing their best ball of the season with an 11-4 overall and 4-3 conference record.

If Georgetown can come out on top at the Joyce Center, it would boost the Hoyas' No. 4 conference ranking and shock the Irish, who have not lost on home turf since the beginning of the 1998 season.

"(The Hoyas) never gave up when we played them a few weeks ago," said Leahy. "Even in the last few minutes when we had pulled ahead they were still playing hard and fighting for every ball. They're going to be playing tough on Saturday."

The Hoyas have never beaten the Irish at Notre Dame — the only conference rival who has is Connecticut.

Center Ruth Riley and guard Niele Ivey have paced the Irish all season. Riley has dominated her opponents in the paint and leads the squad in scoring and rebounding with an average of more than 15 points and seven rebounds per game. Riley's prowess under the net has made her the go-to player on the court.

In Notre Dame's games against St. John's her performance on offense helped keep the Irish on top.

"We played in spurts — it was a real streaky game," said Leahy. "But once we started getting it to Ruth we were able to score and go ahead." Ivey is one of four Irish players whose scoring average is in double digits. She also leads the team in assists, averaging seven per game. Ivey's basketball skills have earned her a nomination for St. Louis College Sportswoman of the Year in her home state of Missouri.

Irish guard Danielle Green has stepped up and played a pivotal role for the Irish recently. With seven starts this season, the fifth-year senior has been the high scorer for the Irish in the last two games. Her season-high 22 points helped the Irish down the Hurricanes in Miami before she and Riley scored 16 apiece against St. John's.
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Icemen seek to continue winning ways in Alaska

By MATT OLIVA
Assistant Sports Editor

After climbing into fifth-place in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association conference hierarchy with two key victories against Western Michigan, Notre Dame looks to continue its recent success this weekend against the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

Notre Dame (18-13-5, 7-7-4 CCHA) has 10 more conference games left, seven of which are on the road, which could prove a challenge as they try to move up and secure home-ice for the first round of the playoffs.

Alaska-Fairbanks enters the series in last place in the CCHA standings, but hold a 12-11 series record against Notre Dame. Alaska-Fairbanks is looking to move up into the 10th and final spot for the playoffs. It trails 10th place Bowling Green by six points with only ten games to play.

In recent competition, the Irish have been successful against the Nanooks. In the last 11 match-ups between the two teams, the Irish have gone 9-2-0, including capturing the last three series. The two games played at the Joyce Center this year have been very tight, despite the Irish winning both games. Each game was decided by a one-goal margin (1-0, 3-2).

For the Irish to add to their win totals in Alaska, they will need several players to keep contributing. Dan Carlson and Joe Dusbabek combined for a 10-point weekend against Western Michigan. Carlson, a junior leftwing, has surged to the team lead in goals (nine) with the game-winning goals in both games.

Joe Dusbabek contributed with a goal and an assist on Saturday to give Notre Dame a 3-2 win over the Nanooks. Dusbabek also had an assist on Friday to give the Irish a 2-1 victory.

Defending national champion Penn State visits the Joyce Center this weekend to take on the 1999 runner-up Notre Dame fencing team.

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