O’Donoghue wins; Hanover disqualified, will appeal

Election Committee forfeits Hanover/Micek for e-mail campaign violations

By TIM LOGAN

Outside the student government office Thursday night, a crowd gathered, peering through the window at the candidates and election officials inside. 

"This is going to be one of the goofiest elections of all time," predicted Student Union treasurer James Jesse. "Just watch, something is going to happen."

About 25 minutes later, something indeed did happen when Judicial Council president Kelly Folks opened the door and announced the results.

"Because of a forfeit by the Hanover/Micek ticket," Folks said, "the O'Donoghue-Norton ticket has won, pending an appeal."

The Election Committee forfeited Hunt Hanover and John Micek from the run-off election because of three violations of campaign bylaws, thus giving victory to Brian O'Donoghue and Brooke Norton.

One of the violations involved Michael Fairchild, a Hanover/Micek supporter and senior from Alumni Hall, e-mailing on behalf of the campaign on election day. Campaigning on election days is prohibited, Fairchild declined to comment.

The other two violations occurred when Hanover e-mailed students in Alumni and Breen-Phillips Halls on behalf of his campaign. The Student Senate prohibited the use of e-mail in campaigns at its Jan. 26 meeting. Hanover and Micek will appeal the decision of the Election Committee, according to Dan Peate, their campaign manager.

After the results were announced, neither ticket would comment, but no one seemed to believe this was the end of the race. "The election is in limbo," said student body vice president Michael Palumbo.

Hanover, Micek, Norton and O'Donoghue study the violations before the decision is announced. The Hanover/Micek ticket was accused of soliciting votes through e-mail during the campaign. Such an action violates election bylaws.

The fate of the new Saint Mary's clubhouse, which has been raised for the project, is still in the hands of the parents' council, but Bobby and John Riconosciuto will soon take over. In the interim, Russell has stepped in to organize the effort. The parents' council is confident that the new facility will greatly benefit the students, but it anticipates success. "Jim and I have fundraised before, and are confident the funds will be raised in a timely manner," said Colleen Ryan. Russell explained that if the Board determines construction cannot start until all funds have been secured, the March 15 deadline will be a challenge.

"That's going to be a tall order," Russell said. "$350,000 is a lot of money, but it's not a daunting figure. Its an achievable goal in a relatively short time." Dennis expressed his confidence that the new facility will greatly benefit the students, but sees funding as a hurdle still to overcome. 

"It will be a bigger, and better building than the current club-

Trustees to vote on construction of new Dalloway's

By MOLLY MCVOY

The state of the new Saint Mary's clubhouse, better known as the new home of Dalloway's Coffeehouse, is in the hands of the Board of Trustees this weekend. At this point, the decision facing the Board may have much to do with the lack of funds available for the building.

The Board will have on its agenda the proposal of the floor plans for the new clubhouse. If approved, it will be built on the far south part of campus near the proposed Welcome Center, with ground breaking aimed at March 15 and completion by the start of fall semester.

The proposed clubhouse will cost an estimated $650,000, according to Keith Dennis, vice president of finance and administration, and Richard Russell, vice president for College relations. Currently, only $270,000 has been raised for the project.

"We're hoping to get approval from [the Board] to proceed even without funds," Russell said. "We have a solid plan."

Members of the parents' council, who began fundraising for renovation of the existing clubhouse, will head the effort. Jim and Colleen Ryan are the current chairs of the council, but Bobby and John Riconosciuto will soon take over. In the interim, Russell has stepped in to organize the effort. The parents' council is still in the process of deciding how the money will be raised, but it anticipates success.

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First woman takes presidency at Brown U.

U. Penn sit-in officially ends

PHILADELPHIA
The student anti-sweatshop protestors ended their nine-day sit-in Tuesday as University President Judith Rodin officially withdrew from the Fair Labor Association and promised to re-evaluate factory monitoring options. Tuesday afternoon, Rodin faxed a letter of withdrawal to the FLA, which had been monitoring the manufacture of student-made shirts for the University of Pennsylvania. Rodin said she was pleased with the outcome, calling it a "strategy with no significant cost." She added that President Rodin "will wipe the slate clean and have the committee continue to do its work." Members of Penn Students Against Sweatshops expressed high spirits at the conclusion of their protest. The agreement made Penn the first school to withdraw from the FLA, which activates main in biased and inef- fective. "We feel as a result of our actions President Rodin was made to see the light," said a member of SASS and College sophomore Harrison Blum said.

Activists take over dean's office

ANN ARBOR, Mich.
The battles between anti-sweatshop activists and university administrators centered on Big Ten campuses Wednesday as members of Students Organizing for Labor and Economic Equality seized the office of University of Michigan Law Dean and students at the University of Wisconsin at Madison took control of the office of Chancellor David Ward. It was business as usual in the office of the LSA dean until two students from SOLE entered the office asking to see her about a pilot sign language program, an office secre­tary said. Minutes later, about 20 members of SOLE took control of the office demanding that University President Lee Bollinger commit the university to the Worker Rights Consortium, a student-developed policy to enforce college labor codes. After SOLE members had established their position in the office, LSA senior Andrew Cornell read a statement that stressed the group's policy of nonviolence and its commitment to workers' rights. SOLE members constructed in the dean's office a "symbolic sweatshop" to bring the issue of workers' rights closer to home," Cornell said.

LOCAL WEATHER
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The Arcus® Weather® forecast for South Bend, Indiana, on Friday, February 18, 1994. Expect a high of 36°F and a low of 28°F.

NATIONAL WEATHER

The Arcus® Weather® forecast for Monday, February 20, 1994. Expect a high of 40°F and a low of 30°F.

The Arcus® Weather® forecast for Tuesday, February 21, 1994. Expect a high of 45°F and a low of 33°F.

THE OBSERVER • INSIDE

This week in ND/Saint Mary's History

Debate focus on contraception

Feb. 18, 1994

Debate was held between Stanford and Sorin Halls. One side argued that contraceptives should not be distrib­uted within the University because it would threaten the school's Catholic Traditions. The anti-contraception side won unanimously by the panel of judges. "The availability of condoms may promote promiscuity on campus," said one Stanford speaker.

Students build shack in S. African protest

Feb. 20, 1986

Seven Howard residents built a shack on their front lawn and hung banners that said "Constructive Engagement Continues Unславement" because they wanted Notre Dame to divest from South Africa. Similar to their Ivy League peers, students protested Heisberg's talk against African divestment. After hearing the students, Heisberg was still unsure that divestment was the right thing to do.
Festival celebrates African films

By MIKE VANEGAS

This Sunday, the African and African-American Studies Program presents the "Festival of Films on Africa and the African Diaspora," which will last until the end of the month. The festival celebrates cinematic endeavors by members of the African and African-American community, as well as films that illuminate the cultural presence of the same community. Its goals also include expanding cultural awareness at Notre Dame, according to Hugh Page, director of the African and African-American Studies Program.

"It is an expression of our commitment to provide the University and greater Michiana communities with educational and cultural events that increase public awareness about the peoples of Africa and the many Diasporas communities throughout the world," he said.

The festival begins with a screening of "Sankofa," presented by an African drum and dance recital. Each subsequent day will include similar activities—a film screening and a panel discussion or moderated forum.

The festival grows out of the African Students' Association African film series of past years, which consisted of student Senatus, Student Union Board representatives and hall presidents.

The November request for the survey after looking at the results of a study it conducted. "The University does a self-study every 10 years prior to reaccreditation," said Joe Cassidy, director of student activities. "The last study was called the Colloquy for the Year 2000. One of the recommendations from that study was the need for additional campus social space. The recommendation was not specific on what it meant by social space or the specific social space needed." Cassidy said. A new student center will be based on an online survey, which anyone may take. "Compared with other universities, our student center is very small," Real said. "It's the first time the administration has consulted students about a building." Luciana Reali, committee chair, said she would like to decrease the need for students to go off campus for entertainment. A fifth-year architecture student will draw the committee's design for the new building or the renovated student union of LaFortune, said Real. "I certainly appreciate Student Senate taking the initiative to survey student views on the different social spaces at Notre Dame. The feedback from this survey should prove useful in the planning process, especially because it represents direct feedback from the students," Cassidy said.

JUNIOR PARENTS' WEEKEND

"The Times of Our Lives"

FRIDAY, February 18

"Places to Remember" Gala 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, February 19

"These are the Days" Following 5:30 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, February 20

"The Future So Bright" Brunch 10:00 a.m.

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Design a logo, symbol or icon for the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies. We invite submissions for a design suitable for use in both electronic and print media. Designs may be created in the colors and medium of the artist's choice but should maintain readability when reduced to approximate-ly a 3"x3" area and should allow a version that could be used in a 3"x3" area and should allow a version that could be used.

Entries should be submitted to Judy Bartlett at the Kellogg Institute, 216 Hesburgh Center, Notre Dame, IN 46556-5677. With your artwork, please include your name, campus address and telephone number, as well as your email address. The deadline for submissions is Monday, March 24, 2000.

A Kellogg committee will review all entries. Upon selection of the winning entry, the artist will be notified and presented with the prize.
The Committee announced its decision to forfeit the Hanover/Micek ticket.

Hunt Hanover reads the charges against his campaign Thursday night as the Election campaign was a violation of the College's bylaws.

The Election Committee, comprised of one representative from each dorm, did not learn the final tally, but did vote on the violations.

The Committee voted unanimously that Fairchild's election day campaigning was a violation. The charge stated that Hanover or Micek through "prior contact" with him, were responsible for his actions. The Campaign bylaws state that "candidates will be held responsible for the behavior of their supporters and anyone in their campaign organization."

The Committee voted 16-2 that each of the two charges concerning e-mails from Hanover constituted a violation. They voted 17-0 that a charge of posting campaign material after the established deadline in Alumni Hall was not "of merit" and was not a violation.

Members of the Election Committee confirmed that several students brought the e-mails to their attention today. The four who were reached by The Observer declined comment.

This event capped an election that many people associated with the clubhouse functional soon. Russell said. Russell explained that many people associated with the College are interested to see the clubhouse functional soon.

"The individuals that made the lead donation have expressed a concern that the building be constructed soon," he said. "The goal is to have the building up and open by the time school starts."

The plans will go to facilities committee and the finance committee of the Board of Trustees on Friday. The committees will then report to the entire board on Saturday, with a vote following.

This new clubhouse is one part of the five year Master Plan the College hopes to implement. Master Plan funding has been unclear from its birth. The Board's decision this weekend may indicate how serious the College is about the Master Plan and its accompanying cost.

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Abuse alleged in Mexico health care system

MEXICO CITY

A U.S.-based rights group issued a report Thursday slamming Mexico's mental health system, and describing situations in which young patients were sometimes ignored or abused. The independent Washington-based organization Mental Disability Rights International said it found "a number of serious human rights violations" against people with mental disabilities during three trips to Mexico. In a statement released with the report, Dr. Robert Okin, chief of psychiatry at San Francisco General Hospital in California and co-author of the report, said investigators "urge the Mexican government to immediately end its abuses of human rights of mentally disabled persons." The report also said that conditions had improved recently at some centers.

Venezuela not worried by oil prices

CARACAS

Venezuela's foreign minister on Thursday said the government is not worried about possible moves by President Clinton to lower oil prices. Clinton said this week he is concerned about soaring prices for oil — especially for home heating oil — and did not rule out a source of concern for the oil-producing South American nation, where people don't use home heating oil. "We're in a greenhouse. We're not hot or cold," one oil reporter. Oil prices have soared since Venezuela and other Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries reduced their production, cutting supply to the world market.

Police battle students in Lebanon

BEIRUT

Police fired tear gas and sprayed a water cannon Thursday as thousands of students protested outside the U.S. Embassy against perceived American support for Israeli airstrikes on Lebanon. At least two students were hurt by police batons and rifle butts, and three others fainted from the tear gas, witnesses said. Students burned on Israeli flag, chanted "Death to America" and "Death to Israel," and trashed a drawing of what looked like the U.S. flag bearing skulls instead of stars. The protesters, students from the American University of Beirut and other universities, hurled rocks and tomatoes at the Lebanese troops and policemen.

Romania acknowledges spill severity

BAIA MARE

The European Union's top environmental official demanded to know Thursday how tons of cyanide contaminated two major rivers, killing masses of plants and fish life in their path. The cyanide poured into streams from a containment dam at the gold mine Baia Mare, passing through Hungary and Yugoslavia in the Szamos and Tisza rivers before returning to Romania on the Danube. EU Environment Commissioner Margot Wallstrom called the spill a "major environmental accident, and to the people living by the rivers, this is a catastrophe."

Speaking in Szolnok, Hungary, where she inspected the Tisza, Wallstrom said she wanted answers to what happened, how bad is the damage, and what can be done to rehabilitate the environment." Wallstrom also called for a task force to be set up to assess and control the damage and prevent future accidents.

Romania is a formal candidate for membership in the 15-nation EU and Wallstrom's visit was a sign that the EU will help in times of crisis if Romania continues to reform its economy.

However, Romanian Environment Minister Romica Tomescu said Thursday that the disaster came at a particularly bad time because Romania had just opened official negotiations with the EU last week. "We must show we are worthy of the trust invested in us," she said. Also Thursday, Tomescu acknowledged for the first time the magnitude of the pollution. "Romania did not ever want to hide or play down the magnitude of the accident," Tomescu said.

Summit aims to promote Africa in U.S.

WASHINGTON

African drums sounded through Washington's convention center and kente cloth decorated the walls Thursday as thousands of advocates for the continent gathered to debate what President Clinton called "its triumphs and trials." "Africa does matter to the United States," Clinton said to the applause of some 2,000 businesspeople, academicians, local and African government officials and others at the National Summit on Africa. Under the motto "Africa matters," summit organizers have been working since 1996 to unify and strengthen the lobby for Africa in America and improve Africa's image in the states. They have been crafting, and are expected to approve Sunday, a new policy they would like the U.S. government to implement toward the continent they say has long been underestimated and ignored.

"It's a contention Clinton agreed. "For too long, the African people have larked for friends and allies."

He said globalization, among other things, demands more attention to the 54 nations. "Some of the countries' economies are growing and some are making advances towards democracy. Meanwhile, others mired in strife, and the majority of the continent's 700 million people are trapped in poverty."

"It is no longer an option for us not to know about the triumphs and trials of the people with whom we share this planet," said Clinton.

"We can be indifferent, or we can make a difference," he added, saying that the United States has worked on peacekeeping, conflict resolution, education and economic revitalization since his historic 1998 visit to Africa. But, he said, progress on the poor and war-wrecked continent depends "fundamentally and first, on what African leaders put the best interests of their people ahead of political concerns."

"No one in our government is under any illusions. There is still a lot of work to be done," Clinton said. "These things cannot be imported, and they cannot be imposed from outside."
University names two as Trustees

Special to The Observer

Ted McCoy, managing general partner of Ventrock Associates, and Shirley Welsh Ryan, a national leader on disability issues, have been elected to the Board of Trustees of the University.

A 1960 graduate of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, McCoy previously served on the University's Advisory Council for the College of Engineering. He earned a master's of business administration degree from the Harvard Business School in 1966.

As the managing general partner of Ventrock Associates, McCoy manages venture capital investments for the Rockefeller family and other limited partners. With offices in New York City, Boston and Menlo Park, Calif., the firm identifies and supports emerging companies in the information technology and health care and life sciences sectors.

McCoy, who now resides in Katonah, N.Y., served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and with McKinsey and Company before joining Ventrock in 1970. He is on the board of directors of four public companies and has been appointed by two U.S. presidents to the National Council on Disability. He is co-founder and chair of the Pathways Awareness Foundation, which promotes early detection and inclusion for infants and children with physical differences or disabilities, and is co-founder and president of Pathways Center, an outpatient pediatrie therapy clinic where hundreds of Chicago-area children receive weekly physical, occupational and speech therapy.

Ryan's many civic contributions include service to the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, the Lyric Opera, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Chicago Community Trust. She has been the director of the Lincoln Park Zoo's Education Department since 1971, is a general trustee of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, and is a director of the American Ireland Fund, Old St. Patrick Church, WTTW, public television, the 21st Century Urban Schools, and the Inner City Teachers Corps. She is the founder and director of the Northwestern University Graduate School Lifetime Learners Course and the Chicago Foundation on Education.

A graduate of Northwestern University, Ryan also has studied at the University of Paris, Sorbonne, and the École du Louvre. She received the Distinguished Service Award from Northwestern in 1986 and the 1999 Kid's Count Award from the Voices of Illinois Children.

Notre Dame's Board of Trustees, established in 1967, currently is chaired by Andrew McKenna, chairman and chief executive officer of Schwarz at Morton Grove, Ill. The elections of McCoy and Ryan raise the board's membership to 57.
Forum addresses social space, faculty-student interaction

By BRIGID SWEENEY  
News Writer

As a student, Dysart said that because Notre Dame makes the transition to college a gentle one with the highly structured First Year of Studies, students lose out on learning experiences. "In a way, we don't have the opportunity to meet people at other schools, especially big state schools, have," he said. "Sometimes, we lose out on meeting people who have had interesting perspectives." Additionally, he mentioned that the issue of social life in terms of dorm life and university-sponsored events received a great deal of attention. Dysart, a Moriarty resident, mentioned both the positives and negatives of living in a large dorm. "The possibility of getting to know so many people is the best part, but on the other hand, I live on the fourth floor, where no one goes without touching the elevator," he said. "You don't really get to know everyone." Furthermore, he commented that free time and fun activities are hard to come by Monday through Thursday. "I could work 24 hours a day and still not finish all my work," Dysart said. "I guess I just wish it was a little more balanced."
FBI arrests Cuban spy

Associated Press

MIAMI
A U.S. immigration official with "secret" security clearance was arrested Thursday and charged with spying for the Cuban government, the FBI said.

Mariano Faget, 54, was being held at the Federal Detention Center in Miami and was to appear in court Friday, the FBI said in a statement.

Faget, a native of Havana, is employed at the Immigration Naturalization Service as a supervisory district adjudication officer. He held a "secret" security clearance and was responsible for supervising decisions that affected immigrants and people seeking political asylum, the FBI said.

"Faget has access to classified and sensitive INS files relating to confidential law enforcement," FBI spokesperson Mike Hammer said.

The agency said he had made unauthorized contacts with Cuban intelligence officers in Miami and in other U.S. cities. A spokesman for the Cuban Interests Section, which represents the nation in Washington, declined comment.

The White House also declined comment on the arrest.

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In October 1998, 14 people were charged in Florida in what authorities called the largest Cuban espionage ring uncovered in the United States in decades. Authorities said the group tried to penetrate U.S. military bases, infiltrate anti-Castro exile groups and manipulate U.S. media and political organizations.

FBI spokesman Terry Nelson told The Orlando Sentinel that Faget's arrest was unrelated to his spy ring.

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Bishops ask Bush to halt executions

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas

The Catholic bishops of Texas have asked Gov. George W. Bush to suspend the death penalty and review capital punishment in the state, which leads the nation in executions.

"It is essential that if the state is going to impose the ultimate punishment that there be no margin of error," the bishops said in a letter to Bush made public Thursday.

The bishops urged Bush and the state board of Parole to suspend future executions on a case-by-case basis and "conduct a thorough examination of the system by which condemned persons in Texas are executed."

The bishops also said they would join other death penalty opponents in trying to convince the Legislature next year to impose a moratorium on executions while a review is conducted.

The death penalty issue has received renewed attention since Illinois Gov. George Ryan, a Bush supporter, halted executions this month due to concerns about whether condemned persons in his state over two decades.

Bush defended the Texas death penalty system Tuesday when asked about the issue during a Republican presidential debate in South Carolina.

"We do not live in a color-blind society. Race is still a factor," said Brown, a Democrat from Orlando.

"We hope you don't let demagoguery and group politics affect your vote," Brown said. "And Lew Oliver, chairman of the Orange County Republican Party, said there were more practical considerations for approving the changes — a proposed ballot measure by California businessman Ward Connerly to do away with all preference programs in California, going much further than Bush's plan."

"Sometimes you don't have a choice," Oliver said of Bush's proposal. "Sometimes you don't have a perfect option."
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In high school, I survived my first ill-advised brush with the world of the self-help guru. Inspired by career day, the earnest, but otherwise inarticulate counseling center cancelled the annual visits by area businessmen and women and replaced their advice and counsel with an early morning assembly featuring the most unscrupulous of entrepreneurs: the inspirational speaker.

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The view expressed in this column is that of the author and not necessarily that of The Observer.
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Animals are not sacred**

This is a response to a particular reason that Aaron Kreiser gave for not being a vegetarian and performing animal cruelty. He claims that the only reason that animals should not be eaten by men because it causes the animals to "lead lives of pain." Kreiser must begin, therefore, by looking at the idea of animal suffering.

We as humans cannot form any accurate notion of what animal suffering is. We can be certain though, that the degree of their suffering is much different from our own. Cardinal Newman accurately states, "Recreis feel far less that man, because they cannot reflect on what they feel; they have no advertence or direct consciousness of their sufferings." Animals must suffer to some extent though, and it is wise to add something to these sufferings. The sentimentality that treats animal pain as an evil as great as human pain, however, is unreasonable and ridiculous. Killing innocent human lives in the womb, for example, offers no comparison to butchering "helpless" cattle.

When we think of work, for the benefit of medical advancement, as clothing or as food, animals were placed in the stewardship of men. "Let man have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crawls upon the earth." While there is nothing wrong with being a vegetarian, or even a vegan at times, it is important to realize that most eating meat is cruel because it causes an animal to suffer. That person is wrong. Animals were entrusted to the stewardship of man for his use.

Julie Shields
Saint Mary's College
February 14, 2000

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**Wrong is wrong**

If we are to believe Bill Fenton ("UCG chants were not that bad, 2/16") then we can toss rules of etiquette altogether and simply allow one to do whatever they feel is necessary. This is easy. Never mind etiquette! Following his logic (and I am talking reasoning here, not basketball) everything from human rights violations (well, the German killed 6 million Jews) to speeding through a red light and causing a traffic accident in which one man died. It is possible for five children to leave the world, where this guy who killed another entire family in a car accident! I can be made somehow less unacceptable, and we can let ourselves off the hook for what is in and of itself wrong. Worse yet is the notion that if we have been the recipient of some action that was wrong, we have the right to do something that is wrong — as long as it is in our eyes less wrong — and we should not be criticized for it.

Back to sports. Class isn't just peeing on your opponent or notQuestion about the image.

**College is not job training**

The letter on Feb. 15 from two seniors concerning the Act's and Letters students and post-graduate service programs took me right back to many of the concerns that I felt as a student nearing the end of my life at Notre Dame, as well as to the anxieties many feel as they near their time in our program. As the Director of Holy Cross Associates, one of the "service projects" mentioned in the letter, I have many opportunities to listen to post-graduate volunteers as they begin the "what next" process. I encourage them to think of the feelings of anxiety that naturally come with life changes as a mass of possibilities, not a lack of opportunities. There are lots of jobs out there for folks with all kinds of backgrounds, even if they seem harder to find in certain major fields. One appears as financially lucrative as what one might find had one pursued other majors.

If one takes as a viewpoint the notion that college education is primarily job training, then one does not have to follow a vocation that they chose for themselves. This is not the case. There are a great many students that have great traditions and individuals that carry themselves with a great deal of dignity and class. We would do well to remember that this is in itself wrong.

Matthew McCoy
February 14, 2000

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**Faculty perpetuates racism**

My friend, dark-skinned and of Mexican descent, sat in class this week and received his paper back covered in red marks. The teacher later talked to my friend, who incidentally is the only dark skinned student in the class (taught one of several that received a poor grade), and asked, "Was I ever too gentle, my boy?" My friend was stunned at the question and felt incredibly awkward. This is the same friend who, after sophomore year, would sit at the career center earlier this year, was asked by a woman working there to turn the career center to a add line indicating that he was an American Indian, a United States citizen?

There are still questions and comments, that professors usually only ask all the time of every student when the student is perceived badly on an assignment. If we all want to apply for a job? Or do they think we can do the color of the person's skin, a tech­ nically that too often leaves the door open to evils of people of various skin colors. In the inception of a new century, at one of the finest universi­ ties in the world, it is appalling to discover the ignorance at Notre Dame. In an environment where the process of improving cultural relations at Notre Dame is commendable, and even for many who fail to appreciate the importance of embracing and feeling comfortable around diversity, I do not believe that it is justifiable to be any less wrong, and because of ignorance. The ignorance thrives in baseless stereotypes and outdated categoriza­ tions of people inflicting senseless pain and confusion. Yet, the problem becomes permeable when professors and known departments at Notre Dame perpetuate this ignorance in the most inappropriate manner and fully vic­ tim to stereotypes and prejudices. It is important that I bring this to the attention of the standard of profession­ alism to which this incredible faculty feels obligated to adhere.

If the students at Notre Dame are to be fully respect and understand the diversity and comb­ bat stereotypes which continue to plague this country, then at the very least, Notre Dame must ensure that the teaching of the movement, namely the faculty and students, is not a precedent.

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**Kessler out of line**

Brian Kessler was out of line in his Irish Insight column concerning Connecticut head coach Jim Calhoun. It is embarrassing that opponents can walk away from Notre Dame and correctly point out the only dark skinned student in the class. It is embarrassing that so many people, religious life, and many other callings.

In this light, programs like Holy Cross and many others provide a context for this exploration. Our program stresses the idea that one's vocation, then all the experiences — classes, majors. If, on the other hand, college education is primarily job training, then one views it as a means of further discovering a student's vocation, that they discovered many things about the experiences will exem­ pify to students that remain to be done by every­ one in regards to lead us to further prejudice and understand­ ing. By C hris Schubert as a setback, I challenge read­ ers to acknowledge the subtle, yet painful forms of prejudices that often affect people and develop an interest to positively bring about change.

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**Wrong is wrong**

If one can choose. Good colleges and universities have strong on an assignment that is wrong as long as it is in our eyes less wrong — and we should not be criticized for it.

Ursula Williams
Director, Language Resource Center
February 15, 2000

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**College is not job training**

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Yes, this is another article about eating disorders. I know you’ve had your fill. From the myriad of testimonials, which appeared last summer in The Observer, you know that the time-awareness article you’ve read this week, you are in the process of developing a new disorder — a sickness spawned by reading too many sob stories about people who suffer from either bulimia or anorexia. Only your disorder is of a far more dangerous kind because it reflects the anxiety you carry towards this issue. It seems that today you will continue to plague you, your family and your friends when they get to college. No parents, no campus, the issue that was the furthest from your mind. We would talk. I would ask her if it couldn’t just sleep. I would sleep or work or interact. I would just sleep. I would sleep to try to recapture that dream world where no one suffered. I would sleep to avoid the problem, but as I slept, the issue — her eating disor­der — would rise up in my mind. I would sometimes ask how things were going, but I noticed a distance had come between us. Worried that my questions worsened the situation, I stopped asking. Big mistake. Because after that point I started focusing myself on her. I looked at her and saw the fear and the guilt and the loss of attention from the male species, and I think how I would kill to be her. Then I would think about howattered could get all the attention when she cheated to look that way. Then I would think about how I couldn’t seem to help her and how I failed her as a friend. Making her problem disappear, my problem, was my goal. And I was a failure.

During this time, my own self-esteem plummeted. I knew that I had lost my best friend, my confidant, to this disease. I didn’t want to let her down. I didn’t want to let those students diagnosed with these diseases and those students and counselors trying to help them. I know, you don’t think you can possibly handle another article on eating disor­ders, but I implore you to read on.

Because this article is written by someone who was just like you. Two years ago, when I arrived on this campus, the issue that was the furthest from my mind was eating disorders. I was so excited here, so happy in this wonder­land that I really forgot about suffering altogether. When I got here, I met a friend who knew me in the first sev­eral weeks or even months what I thought about U.N. inspections in Iraq or Clinton’s for­mula involving the民心 Yugoslavia, I couldn’t reply. I, like so many other students on this campus, became absorbed by my new life, filled with new friends, new classes and of course a new freshman roommate.

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This weekend is dedicated to our families and us. Are you ready to bask in the spotlight?

Personally, I have been looking forward to JPW since I worked at the event last year. Granted, I didn’t have the most fun trying to serve dinner to thousands of people (so please be kind to your wait staff this weekend!), but everyone I waited on was having a great time. All of my upperclass friends raved about JPW. I was excited for the time when my family and I would be the guests of honor at these events.

The anticipation for JPW has steadily increased since I returned from winter break. My friends and I are thrilled to finally have plans for the weekend that don’t include watching a movie or trying to find an off-campus party. We are excited for our parents’ visit: we’ve organized a dinner for more than 25 people tonight. The evening promises to be filled with good conversation and fun. My dorm is hosting a luncheon tomorrow. My friends and I also bought tickets for a huge after party that is being held at the College Football Hall of Fame on Saturday night. In addition, there are the University-sponsored activities — a gala, a Mass, a dinner and a brunch. With so many events to partake in, it is becoming hard to keep track of where I will be and when.

It is also hard to believe that after all of this waiting and excitement, JPW is finally here. It is almost like your birthday or Christmas — you wait so long for something and then when it finally happens, you can’t believe it.

Unfortunately, these occasions are usually over in the blink of an eye. While today is the start of JPW, you will be waking up for class Monday morning before you know it. Therefore, we must be extra careful not to let the moment of this weekend slip us by. There will always be books to read, problem sets to complete, computer programs to write and tests to study for. You will only be a junior at the University of Notre Dame once in your lifetime, however. This special weekend gives us the chance to contemplate the years that we have spent at this university and the short amount of time that we have remaining here. It gives us the chance to reflect upon and cherish the friendships that we have made. It gives us the chance to be proud of our many accomplishments. Most importantly, though, it gives us the opportunity to honor our parents and to thank them for providing us with the best education possible.

So take a quiet moment for yourself this weekend amidst the laughter and the dancing. Think about your family, your friends and your life here at Notre Dame. Think about your future and how bright it looks. Think about the wonderful gift that you have been given. While the glory of this particular occasion is fleeting, these truths will endure. As part of the Notre Dame family, we bask in the spotlight everyday.

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NBA

Bulls take care of Mavericks without Kukoc on court

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Toni Kukoc was out for his first game without
Toni Kukoc, the Chicago Bulls got big games from Elik Oh, Brand and Mersey Hawkins, and put together one of their best defensive performances of the season as they overcame the Miami Heat 93-76 on Thursday night.

Brand had 26 points and 10 rebounds, and Wenig, who had only scored double figures once in the 13 games since he returned from the injured list, had 20 points and a season-high 15 rebounds.

Despite four players in double figures, the Heat were held to 41 percent from the floor.

Florida State’s performance will depend on how well we race in the morning and how many qualify for the finals.

The Heat in Friday’s events lies in the 400 individual medley race and the 100-yard breaststroke race.

Noticably, the team has the most swimmers in the 100-yard breaststroke and needs to do well in order to get all five participants to score, said Welsh.

A very fine point tells us what remains to be done. The first day is the most unpredictable, but I think we can be better about putting on a better meet and that is our objective. Tonight was much better than this morning.

We had better intensity. I think we will continue to improve with every session.

Pittsburgh clearly led competition today, but who will hold places two, three and five after tomorrow is to be announced.

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Alonzo Mourning led Miami with 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Tim Hardaway added 14. Jamal Mashburn had 12 points.

It was Chicago’s second-straight victory over Miami, which has the second-lowest point total of the season.

Miami got within 60-59 on a layup by Carter, but Brand scored a 3-pointer. Brand made two free throws and Hawkins drilled a short jumper and a 3-pointer to put the Bulls back up 70-59. After that, all that was left was the celebrating.

When Kukoc, Chicago’s leading scorer and the last key piece of the championship dynasty was traded to Philadelphia on Wednesday, the Bulls’ already dismal fortunes looked even darker. They were 2-22 and flailing with the NBA record for futility when Kukoc was on the injured list, and their prospects didn’t look much better.

Chicago looked lost for much of the first quarter, scoring just two field goals on 11-for-30 shooting. Miami led 22-15 and shot 30 percent from the floor as it took a 23-16 lead. But the Bulls soon realized Kukoc wasn’t going to come rescue them anytime soon, opening the second quarter with a 12-2 run of their own.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Matt Maloney and Hawkins, followed by Brand’s dunk, gave the Bulls a 26-26 lead.

Any time the Heat seemed on the verge of pulling away, the Bulls came up with an answer. When P.J. Brown gave Miami a 44-39 lead, Hawkins responded with a 3-pointer. Carter scored six straight points to pull Chicago within one at 49-48.

The Bulls took the lead on a three-pointer from Brand, and Maloney each made a pair of free throws to give the Bulls a 53-53 lead at the start of the fourth quarter.

Dallas 106, Detroit 97

Steve Nash scored 14 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter as the Dallas Mavericks played

without suspended Dennis Rodman, beat Detroit.

Rodman was serving a one-game suspension as a result of his ejection in Tuesday night’s loss to Milwaukee. Rodman also was fined $10,000 by the NBA.

The Mavericks lost each of the two games Rodman played even though the team continued forward had a total of 29 rebounds. Dallas has won eight of its last nine games without Rodman.

Dick Nowitzki led Dallas with 22 points, 12 rebounds and five assists. Michael Finley and Cedric Ceballos each had 21 points.

Nash’s 3-pointer with 6:47 to play gave Dallas an 89-88 lead, and the Mavericks led the rest of the way.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish look to steal win away from No. 23 Pirates

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

The road has been a lonely place for the Notre Dame basketball team this season. Aside from huge wins over Ohio State and Connecticut, Notre Dame has been 0-8 away from the Joyce Center. It won't get any easier Saturday, when the Irish take on the No. 23 Seton Hall Pirates at Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, N.J.

"Playing on the road is definitely a concern for us," sophomore forward David Graves said. "When we play at home, we feed off the crowd and we feel comfortable. We're definitely due for a big road win, but this will be a tough game. We need to come out and set the tone defensively."

Seton Hall earned a Top 25 ranking this week for the first time since 1993 and boasts an 18-5 record. The Pirates arc also second in the conference with a 10-3 mark, but are coming off a 59-50 loss to Connecticut.

Sheehan Holloway is one of the best point guards in the league and leads the team in both assists (5.9 per game) and rebounding (5.3 per game). He also averages 12.8 points per game. The Pirates are a very dangerous team from behind the arc. Lane, Kaukenas, Holloway and Gary Saunders (9.4 points per game) have taken nearly 400 3-pointers and shoot a combined 40 percent from downtown.

"We definitely need to extend our zone because they have some great shooters," Graves said. "Their team feeds off what they do from the outside. They live and die from the perimeter, so we have to make sure we get out there and contest shots."

Notre Dame is coming off last Saturday's 68-66 upset win over defending national champion UConn.

"Coach has been saying that we can finish the season anywhere from second place to ninth place," Graves said. "We control our own destiny. If we come out and play hard, play smart and play together than we'll be right up there at the top."

The road to the top begins Saturday at Seton Hall.

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the second day of the meet." Citing inconsistency in morning races, difficulty with technical aspects in races, and a struggle to retain focus, Weathers wants to see the squad step up to their optimal level of performance in the next two days.

"We were not as good as we could have been in the morning," he said. "We had a lot of kids end up in consolation heats that should have been in the finals. There were a lot of things we could have done better. Overall, we're pleased with where we are, but we can improve."

While the possibility of the four-peat looms in the distance, the potential win is not the only motivating factor for the team.

Seeking to increase the number of swimmers qualifying for the NCAA Championship, the Irish's goals reach beyond the Big East.

"The girls would like to win, but it's not as much of an issue as performance," Weathers said. "We were relaxed this morning. We have to keep our intensity."

In its early stage, Weathers expected from frontrunner Carrie Nixon, who added to her list of Big East titles Thursday by resetting her 50 freestyle conference record in preliminaries, then lowering the mark again in finals.

Nixon's mark of 22.38 seconds earned the junior sprinter another spot on the Big East Board. There were a lot of swimmers in the Big East who automatically qualified for the regional team.

Nixon was also a member of two Big East record-setting relay teams Thursday, where the Irish continued to establish their place in the conference record books.

The 200 freestyle relay of Brooke Davey, Nixon, Kelly Becking and Laura Shepard undercut the 1999 record set by the Irish, re-establishing the mark at 1 minute, 32.64 seconds.

Hecking, Elizabeth Bargor, Shannon Suddarth and Nixon answered the end of the meet, resetting the 400 medley relay record at 3:42.69.

Other top performances included a 1-2 finish in the 500 freestyle from the duo of Kirsten Van Saun and Allison Newell. Van Saun, who entered the final in second place behind Newell, pulled ahead of the pack during the last six lengths to win the title in 4:51.97.

The duo's finish set the pace for Thursday's finals, establishing Irish dominance early on.

"The 500 was really critical for us," Weathers said. "It was the first individual event, and it was important to score there because we've scored well in the past."

Continuing the trend, Notre Dame placed four swimmers in the final heat of the 50 freestyle, showing off a depth of a talented corps of sprinters.

Following Nixon's first place finish, Shepard added a fourth place finish. Davey fell into sixth, and Hecking rounded out the heat in seventh.

The Irish also saw strong 200 individual medley performances, with Allison Lloyd and Saddarth placing seventh and eighth.

Diving competitors Heather Mattingly and Gina Ketelehohn earned fourth and seventh place honors for Notre Dame in the 3-meter competition, respectively.

Placement multiple swimmers and divers in the final heats will continue to be a priority, as the team looks to capitalize on both standouts and depth.

While stroke specialists will get a chance to shine on Friday and Saturday, there are holes that leave Weathers wary.

"We only have one swimmer in the 400 individual medley tomorrow, and that will hurt us," Weathers said. "But we can score well in the stroke events."

Nixon will return as the favorite in Saturday's 100 freestyle, where she seeks to defend her conference title and record.

"Because I won last year, that has really given me the confidence to know that I can do it again," she said. "I don't look at this as pressure, but as another opportunity to do something great. The more pressure you put on yourself, the harder it is," she said.

Like Nixon, the team's focus will remain not on the imminent four-peat, but on NCAA qualifications.

"It is our largest team goal to win [Big East]," Nixon said. "But honestly, that's going to be easier than it has been in the past because we've stepped to a new level. This is a side goal — something we think about when we're done."

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Irish ready for struggle at championships without Deeter

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN Assistant Sports Editor

The women's track and field team only lost one athlete who placed in the top four at last year's Big East Indoors Championships. Unfortunately, that athlete scored both a victory and a runner-up finish a year ago.

The Irish return everybody but All-American distance runner JoAnna Deeter from the 1999 squad, but her loss could leave the Irish struggling to match their third-place finish.

"The women's side, I don't know that we're as strong," sprints coach John Millar said. "Last year, we were able to put people in events and have them do more than we expected from them. Losing JoAnna Deeter, that obviously hurts us, because that's probably 20 points that we could have counted on. Not having her there is a factor."

The women's squad is very wide-open, with Georgetown, Villanova, Seton Hall and Notre Dame all likely to contend for a top few spots.

"Basilisk, if everyone performs to their capabilities, we shouldn't have a problem taking the conference," Deister, who won the conference's top three events, said. "We just don't have the depth that we do on the men's side, so we sort of count on certain people to score a lot of points." Millar added. "We're not deep. Well, we don't have the depth to fall back on."

Our program is only eight years old, so it's not as grounded as the men are, which started when Knute Rockne was coach," Millar added. "We're just a little behind because most of the other schools have had men's track for 15 to 20 years now."

The field events provide strength for the Irish women. They have competitors who are strong enough to run as high as the championship in the long jump, high jump and pole vault.

Engelhardt, a senior All-American has placed second in the high jump in the Big East Indoors Championships each of the past three years, while adding two victories in the Big East Outdoors Championships. The same competitor, Tomika Trimpl of Connecticut, has defeated Engelhardt in each of the indoor competitions.

"Going from past years, I think we've got kind of an archrivalry going, so I'm definitely going after her," Engelhardt said. "I think it's going to take a good jump for her to get it."

Engelhardt is undefeated four meets into the season. A victory at the Big East meet would make it five in a row.

"It's going to be a duel between those two (Engelhardt and Trimpl) from all appearances," field events coach Scott Winsor said. "But Jenni has got her outdoors, and Tomika has got her indoors. It's going to take a very good jump for Jenni to get it."

Freshman Tameisha King has turned heads in the long jump, setting a new Notre Dame record in the event.

"Tameisha hopefully can rise to the occasion," Winsor said. "Tameisha's got all kinds of talent. Tameisha is in a situation where she's just maybe in high school because she's so talented, and she's not going to be able to do that at this level. She's really going to have to buckle down and work hard. If she pops a good one she could be right in the hunt to win it, but it's going to take a good jump.

"Following freshman Jaime Volkmont this season, to conference foes with her talent in the pole vault and triple jump. She has also set a new record this season for the Irish. "Jaime Volkmont is just a great competitor," Winsor said. "I haven't seen any signs in her that would indicate that she's going to fold under a little bit of pressure."

Other entries in the field events for the Irish include sophomore De'Britt Bunch in the shot put and the 20-lb. weight throw, as well as Emily Bienko and Breya Lazzari in the pentathlon.

Sprinters for the Irish contesting for points in the meet include sophomore standout Liz Grow in the 60-meter dash and 400-meter dash, King in the 60-meter hurdles, Amanda Alvarez in the 200-meter dash, and Carri Lenz in the 500-meter run.

"We're looking at Liz Grow in the 400, who has the potential to win or be in the top two or three," Millar said. "We'd like to see Tameisha King do well. I think she has the potential to be a major factor. Carri Lenz in the 500, we're going to be really counting on her to step it up."

Distance events hold the disadvantage of going against a loaded deck. The Big East has a history of competitive teams, as five schools sent squads to nationals in cross country.

"The league is just so good in those areas," women's distance coach Tim Connelly said. "That's just the nature of the league. That's what the schools in our league have traditionally been strong in.

Deeter, who won the 5,000-meter run and took second in the 3,000-meter run a season ago, could be a missing link for Notre Dame in their race for the top of the Big East.

"Like last year, we come close to duplicating what we did last year, but I think that's going to be really hard," Connelly said. "We're missing some kids that scored a lot of points last year, so we're not going in there with a bunch of sure points in the distance races.

Senior All-American Allison Klemmer poses a double threat at the Big East Outdoors Championships each of the past three years, while biomedical engineering major Tameisha King has captured the 5,000-meter run and the 3,000-meter run, will contend for the top of the league.

"I'm hoping to run a whole lot better than I have so far this season, and hopefully place highly in the 5,000 and hopefully place in the 3,000," Klemmer said. "The 5,000 is going to be very competitive, no matter what. It depends who's in it, whether or not there's going to be an out and out winner."

Nicole LaSalle will join Klemmer in 5,000-meter competition, as will freshman Jen Handley in the 3,000. Captain Patty Riste is entered in the mile run, while junior Leanne Brady should place in the 1,000-meter run. The Irish also have relays entered in the 4x400-meter relay, the 4x800-meter relay and the distance medley relay.

"By the time you get to the relays on Sunday afternoon, we're going to be missing a lot of it who has any legs underneath them," Connelly said.

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SPORTS

Meet Irish track & field members of the season's team...
After placing second each of the past three seasons, the men's track and field squad hopes this is the year it finally comes out on top in the Big East indoors Championships.

"This is the best chance we've had to win in a long time," junior sprinter Terry Wray said.

"So a bunch of people are really pumped about it. Our sprint corps is really strong this year. We just feel very good and really strong right now.

"The Irish will return the core of their runner-up team from 1999, with the exception of All-American pole vaulter Mike Brown. But to come away with a victory, athletes will need to post the best performances of their lives.

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Senior Sean McManus and the Irish head to Syracuse for the Big East Indoor Championships Saturday.

"We don't have a Mike Brown in the pole vault, but what we do have is three vaulters who can score and hopefully score pretty well," Winsor said.

The Irish will also enter teams in the distance medley relay, the 4x400-meter relay and the 4x100-meter relay.

"The last two relays could get really exciting, because I know Georgetown's got good teams entered, and so does Connecticut and so do we," Winsor said. "It could come down to the last two events.

"The meet begins Saturday morning in Syracuse, N.Y. and continues through Sunday.

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame looks for victory at Bowling Green

By MAT T OLIVA
Spokes Writer

The Irish hockey team (13-15-0, 10-9-5 CCHA) remains in the fifth and final home-playoff position spot as they visit conference rival Bowling Green (13-15-0, 10-12-0) this weekend. They have a one-point lead over Ferris State after splitting last weekend’s series with Nebraska-Omaha. Bowling Green enters the series holding on to 9th place in the CCHA standings. This will mark the second straight year that the Irish head into the traditional late-season Bowling Green series on the bubble for a playoff position spot as they head into the traditional place in the CCHA standings. Michigan to decide the playoff opener. The Irish will return for their last home game next weekend against Michigan State in the home and home series to conclude the regular season.

NHL

Lehtinen recovering from surgery

Associated Press

DALLAS Dallas Stars wing Jere Lehtinen will be out six weeks after he underwent surgery Thursday on his broken right ankle.

Lehtinen was injured Dec. 11 when he was hit by a shot from 30 feet away. He played eight games before the ankle started bothering him again and has been out of the past 11 games. Lehtinen could have opted to continue playing, but having surgery now increases his chances of returning at full strength for the playoffs.

The plan is for him to play again on April 2, when five games remain in the regular season.

“Lehtinen made the decision after being examined by Dr. Bill Hamilton in New York. Team doctor Dan Cooper performed the surgery at Baylor Medical Center. "It's not strong enough for him to participate at the level he wants to,” Stars trainer Dave Sutrenant said. "It's not strong enough for him to participate at the level he wants to,” Stars trainer Dave Sutrenant said. "It's not strong enough for him to participate at the level he wants to,” Stars trainer Dave Sutrenant said. "It's not strong enough for him to participate at the level he wants to,” Stars trainer Dave Sutrenant said.

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Irish open season in Las Vegas

By RACHEL PROTZMAN
Sport Writer

The 2000 Irish softball team will kick off its season this weekend as the women travel to the University of Nevada's Las Vegas Tournament.

Notre Dame will play a total of five out of the 15 participating teams.

Head coach Liz Miller, now in her eighth coaching season, said, "We expect to go and win every game."

The Irish are coming off of a 42-20 record last season, with an undefeated conference performance.

Notre Dame grabbed its first Big East championship last year before advancing to the NCAA Regionals where they defeated fifth-ranked Michigan before falling to Nebraska in extra innings.

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MEN'S TENNIS

No. 29 ND aims for two home victories

By RACHEL BIBER
Sport Writer

Two more matches and two more wins.

That's the goal at hand for the 2-9 ranked Irish this weekend as they match-up against Wisconsin on Friday at 4 p.m. and 32nd-ranked Miam i on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The 4-2 Notre Dame squad is in the middle of a successful homestand that has included impressive wins over Kentucky and Ohio State. But the focus of the Irish remains fixed on putting more victories in the win column by way of a little fine-tuning.

"We'd like to continue winning," Irish coach Bob Bayliss said. "And we are going to try to tighten up some of the areas we are soft on."

The Badgers of Wisconsin, who pose the first test for the Irish, enter the week with a 2-1 record following a 4-3 loss to the Blue Devils in Durham and are led by senior David Chang and sophomore Scott Rutherford, who ranks No. 26 in doubles. Notre Dame has claimed victory in the last eight meetings with the Badgers, giving them a 38-16 lead in the overall series.

As usual, there is a little shake-up with injured senior and No. 6 singles player Matt Daly questionable for the weekend matches. Freshman Brian Farrell has been filling in for Daly in the No. 6 position, posting two straight victories before falling to Ohio State opponent Bob Wells.

Sophomore Aaron Talario has been a constant force to be reckoned with for Irish opponents, dropping just 11 games in his last three home matches at No. 4 singles. In his first full season in the singles lineup, Talarico has played a large role in locking up the recent wins for the Irish. His 6-0, 6-1 throttling of Ed Bawons of Kentucky gave Notre Dame a 2-0 lead in the matchup, while his victory over Vincent Ng of Ohio State was crucial in leading the Irish to a win.

Talarico has also teamed up with sophomore Javier Taborga to form a formidable doubles team that now stands 53rd in the rankings. They have tallied a 9-5 record, including a 3-0 mark against ranked teams with wins over 14th-ranked New Mexico and a 36th-ranked Ohio State team.
**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**No. 5 Irish head into battle against No. 8 Knights**

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

Big East action heats up this weekend when the Irish travel to Rutgers to take on the Scarlet Knights Saturday. The No. 8 Knights will be the toughest competition the Irish have faced so far this season.

But the Irish are up for the challenge.

The Irish proved Wednesday that they are more than ready for the last leg of the regular season with an 18-point win over the Villanova Wildcats. "It was a great test to play a very challenging team," said point guard Niele Ivey. "We came out very aggressive and were ready to play. Everyone knew their role and played accordingly."

Villanova, which has proved to be a menace in the Big East this season with big upssets over ranked teams like Boston College and Rutgers, didn't have the strength to counter the powerful Notre Dame squad.

Like the Wildcats, the Knights play the slowdown game, freming a low-scoring and patient offense. The Irish have worked their way to a 17-5 record and the third spot in the conference rankings.

"We have to focus hard and prepare for Rutgers," said Ivey. "Rutgers is such a great team. We've been making everything more intense in practice. The team is focusing more and getting excited for the game."

The slowdown game can hurt the Irish, a team that likes to run the floor and capitalize on the fast break, so the Irish plan to set the pace of the game from the opening tip off Saturday.

Both the Irish and the Knights like to give the ball to their post players. Irish center Ruth Riley will find her match in the Knights' Tammy Sutton-Brown. The junior went 11-15 from the field, scoring a game-high 22 points in the Knights' last outing against Syracuse Tuesday.

With a stingy defense, the Knights have held 12 of their opponents to 51 points or less this season.

The Irish plan to spread their scoring power under the basket and behind the arc. Along with Riley, Kelley Siemon has stepped up this season to help the Irish in the paint. The junior forward averages over seven points and five rebounds a game.

In the Irish backcourt, the trio of Niele Ivey, Danielle Green and Alicia Rusay have dominated opponents all season with sharp shooting and tough defense.

All three average double-digit scoring for the Irish. With their eyes on the Big East tournament and beyond, the Irish are set for a tough set of games beginning with Rutgers and ending with Connecticut next weekend.

"There are a lot of competitive teams and we're excited for the challenge," said Ivey.

The Knights hold a 4-5 edge in their series with the Irish. The Irish have come away with a victory only once out of five contests with the Knights at Rutgers.

**Third-ranked Georgia staves off Kentucky, 73-69**

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Kelly Miller and Monica Wright scored 23 points and Deana Nolan added 14, including two free throws in the final moments, as No. 3 Georgia held off Kentucky 73-69 on Thursday night. Miller was 9-for-14 from the field, including 2-of-4 from 3-point range, and Nolan hit 5-of-10 shots with 11 seconds remaining.

Erica Jackson scored 19 points, Tiffany Wait 15 and Laura Meadows 11 for the Lady Bulldogs, who have lost six of their last seven games.

Kentucky trailed by as many as 14 points in the second half, but cut the deficit to two with 58 seconds to play. Following Geo-Miller's miss, Jackson drove to the baseline but stepped out of bounds with 11 seconds remaining.

Nolan then hit two free throws with nine seconds to play to seal the game for the Lady Bulldogs, who are one victory away from equaling their regular-season record.

Trailing 38-25 at halftime, Kentucky opened the second half with a 9-2 run to cut the margin to 40-34.

Georgia took its biggest lead of the game, 54-44, on Kelly Miller's 3-pointer midway through the second half. A 10-2 run, capped by back-to-back 3-pointers by Wait and Jackson, again put the margin to only six at 60-54.

The Lady Bulldogs led 67-62 with 2:40 to play, but Kentucky again fought back and pulled within 71-69 on Jackson's steal and layup with 58 seconds to play.

Georgia shot 32 percent for the game (30-of-58) and scored 23 points off 21 Kentucky turnovers. The Wildcats shot only 43 percent (25-of-58) but made 5-of-9 from 3-point range and 14 of 17 free throws.

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Irish make big splash at Big East championship

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
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UNIONDALE, N.Y.
A fourth Big East conference championship title is a near-certainty in the Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team's future after ending day one of competition over 100 points ahead of the closest competition.

Advancing 15 swimmers to finals and breaking three conference records in the process, the Notre Dame squad emerged the undisputed favorite in the meet.

Perennial conference strength Pittsburgh, Villanova and Miami struggled to put points on the board throughout the day.

"This is probably more than we expected in terms of position," said head coach Bailey Weathers. "A lot of teams did not have as good of a day as we did. But we will have a lot to improve on.

Seeking status as the first Notre Dame team to win four consecutive conference championships, a major factor by the team would be necessary to narrow the lead. Regardless, Weathers will not guarantee a victory this early in the competition.

"To say I am confident in our victory is a foolish thing to do," Weathers said. "We have to stay focused and make sure we don't let down. This is probably more our victory in a foolish thing to do.

"We have to stay focused and make sure we don't let down. Maintaining intensity is always a challenge going into Thursday's competition.

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"Racing events is more difficult. This morning we were swimming well, but we weren't racing. This meet is about racing and that's what we came to do tonight." Finals saw Irish swimmers improve his time from 4:57.32 to a time in finals of 4:34.40, giving him a tenth place overall finish in the event.

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