Gernerd to lead class of 2001, Moscona wins 2003 race

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

Although the 2001 and 2003 tickets of Rachel Gernerd and Brian Moscona both earned wins with 57 percent of the vote in Thursday’s class council run-off elections, voter turnout from each class varied significantly.

In the 2001 election, Gernerd defeated the Elliot Nelson ticket 57.5 to 41.2 percent. Gernerd will serve as president for the 2000-01 term, while running mates vice president Jen Caswell, secretary Judson Penton and treasurer B.J. Kloska complete the elected council.

Earning 57.2 percent of the 2003 vote, Moscona emerged the victor over the Trip Foley ticket, which garnered 42.0 percent of the vote. Completing the Moscona ticket are vice president Libby Bishop, secretary Alison Troy and treasurer B.J. Kloska, completing the elected council.

According to official run-off results, 59.5 percent of all freshmen voted in the 2003 election Thursday, representing a total turnout of 1,155 first-year students. Just 38.4 percent of the class of 2001 voted, a total of 718 juniors.

Amanda Dovidio, election committee member, was pleased with Thursday’s turnout.

“Overall, turnout was good, especially for the freshman class. The juniors were a little behind, but...”

ELECTION RESULTS

Rachel Gernerd 58%
Elliot Nelson 42%
Brian Moscona 58%
Trip Foley 42%

Rachel Gernerd, president, Judson Penton, secretary and B.J. Kloska, treasurer, celebrate their victory in the class of 2001 elections.

Former ND hockey player to bike across the nation

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Assistant News Editor

When the hockey season ends for the East Coast hockey league, Mobile Mysticks player, former Notre Dame hockey player and 1999 Notre Dame graduate Benoit Cotnoir will be taking the road less traveled.

During his hiatus from hockey, Cotnoir was deciding how to spend his summer and found that spending it working in a traditional summer job in an office was not for him.

Instead, Cotnoir will jump on a bike and embark on a 3,600 mile journey across the United States from Seattle, Wash., to Washington, D.C. as a participant in Bike Aid.

Cotnoir, a native of Quebec, Canada, said his family was initially surprised by his summer plans.

“My dad was like, "What? You aren’t going to be earning money this summer?" Cotnoir said.

His father worried about Cotnoir’s future.

“I want to go to graduate school eventually and need to earn money for that," Cotnoir said. "My mom was more concerned with the safety aspect because initially she thought I was going to be doing this alone.”

“I explained to her that I will be with a group of people and now she is OK with the idea. Though one of the challenges of this for me is quieting my dad.”

Cotnoir will join a group of over 50 individuals from around the world who will leave from either Seattle, Portland or San Francisco to travel to Washington, D.C. Cotnoir will leave from Seattle in a group of 12.

Designed to raise awareness about social issues in the U.S. and abroad, Bike Aid participants must raise $3,600 to participate. The money goes toward logistics of the trip, community service projects the cyclists will take part in throughout the trip and international organizations and national grassroots projects supported by JustAct — the organization sponsoring Bike Aid and the cyclists.

The community service aspect of the endeavor is what initially interested him, said Cotnoir. During the trip, the cyclists ride six days a week averaging 75 miles a day and perform community service in various locations on the seventh day of the week.

“Well, on the seventh day, God rested so on the seventh day of the week there will be a community service project set up for the group,” Cotnoir said.

“What we will be doing will depend on the needs of the community. It may be painting a barn or helping at a food bank.”

As economics major while at Notre Dame, Cotnoir became interested in service work following the summer after his junior year at Notre Dame.

“The ND Club (now SIBC) offered internships abroad to students and I...”
This Week in Notre Dame/Saint Mary's History

Student government seeks co-ed education
Friday, March 6, 1970
The Notre Dame student government prepared to initiate co-ed education by meeting with the administration. Student Body President Tom Thresher identified the "establishment of an all girls dorm on campus by the Fall of 1971 as reasonable and attainable. If this plan is a success, the establishment of a coed dorm, possibly Flanner or Grace, would occur the following Fall," said Thresher.

Outside the Dome

Yale murder suspect appears on TV

"Jim told the police right from the beginning that he was home alone watching TV," Grudberg said. "In 15 months the police have not found one shred of evidence to dispute that." ABC reported that Jovin had been frustrated by Van de Velde's treatment of her as being "angry" and "near tears" because Van de Velde had not responded to her first draft.

But on "20/20," Van de Velde denied any negligence in the matter, saying only that she might have been extremely ridden due to the impending deadline. Regardless, he said it would not make sense for him to murder her simply because she was angry with him. "I don't understand how it translates into a motive for me to murder her," he said.

U. Wisconsin groups respond to racist fliers

MADISON, Wis.
Two different sets of racist fliers have appeared in several University of Wisconsin-Madison campus buildings this past week. One flyer details an incident ignored by the media, the authors of the flyer claim, concerning a "beautiful, innocent young boy" who was dragged to death by a black male on Feb. 22 in Independence. Ms. The flyer also claims U.S. Justice Department crime statistics say that "blacks are 2,500 percent more likely to commit interracial crimes." According to the Independent Police Department, Jake Rolfe was killed during the hijacking of his mother's car by Kim Davis, who is black. However, officials said this incident was a random hijacking not based on race. The other flyer made claims that slavery was a legitimate resource for pleasure, while promoting several other racist ideas. "I felt frustrated and disheartened when I saw these flyers," said the diversity chair of the Associated Students of Madison, David Muhammad. "I am really concerned. [This campus is] not a legitimate resource for plantations, while promoting racism to racist fliers.

Student develops mutant strain of bacteria in U. Texas lab

AUSTIN, Texas
New gene research could validate a University of Texas at Austin graduate student's claim to the development of mutant bacteria that live off of a deadly amino acid. Jamie Barber, a molecular biology graduate student, is conducting gene research to prove that E. coli bacteria he developed in a UT laboratory in 1998 is a mutant living off of a diet that should have killed it. "I think I'm finally onto something and will hopefully be able to prove it once and for all," said Barber, a researcher working with Andrew Ellington, associate professor of chemical and biochemistry. Barber began to examine E. coli's genes for mutations that would prove the bacteria was truly living off of the deadly amino acid. "I chose these genes that I thought for one reason or the other were likely to have changed if the organism evolved," Barber said. Barber said he has examined eight E. coli genes so far, and mutations appeared in two genes of the E. coli that were fed the harmful amino acid.

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Schutte defends death row prisoner, criticizes penalty

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

Steven Schutte, chief public defender for the State of Indiana, believes Obadyah ben Yisrael is innocent. Schutte is representing Obadyah ben Yisrael in the death penalty case.

"I represent an innocent man who is condemned to die," Schutte said at the beginning of his presentation. "I believe that the death penalty is wrong," Schutte said. "I hope you leave here thinking we're not perfect. We are an imperfect people and we have imperfect systems. The system has never worked. If we have this perfect penalty but imperfect people we're going to kill innocent people." Schutte believes the current death penalty system was not fair to Obadyah ben Yisrael.

Ben Yisrael was brought to trial four times for shooting 10 people. The first trial for two murders and two attempted murders resulted in an acquittal. The second, for one murder and one attempted murder, also resulted in acquittal. He was convicted in the third trial for two more murders before being tried and acquitted a fourth time.

"We are an imperfect people and we have imperfect systems. The system never worked," said Schutte, a public defender for the State of Indiana.

Schutte was an attorney for the defense in the four trials, which resulted in an acquittal in ben Yisrael's case, but also on the death penalty itself.

Schutte said, "It is my opinion that the rate of error may be higher in death penalty cases. The courts have elevated procedures and regularity of the death penalty processes. If we have an imperfect system, the composite did not believe Obadyah ben Yisrael was the man she saw.

After three days of questioning, ben Yisrael decided to confess to the interrogation process. Despite his confession, he was acquitted in the trials.

"The state's case [was identical in both trials]," Schutte said. "What we have done didn't match the statements. It is true that when the police came to question him, [ben Yisrael] said he had committed the murder, but he was a scared 22-year-old kid. The simple fact is people, all the time, for a variety of reasons, say things they didn't do. Schutte believes that new evidence, overlooked by the public defenders in the second two trials, will help him obtain an acquittal in ben Yisrael's case.

Schutte has found a new witness, places the suspect in the composite sketch of the victim of racial discrimination in the system. The system has never worked," Schutte said. "I hope you leave here thinking we're not perfect. We are an imperfect people and we have imperfect systems. The system has never worked." Schutte believes the current death penalty system was not fair to Obadyah ben Yisrael.

At his first two trials, the composite of the suspect in the shootings held a "cylindrical object" that was identified in at least one of the trials as a gun. The suspect was holding a "shaggy-haired, light-skinned, simple fact is people, all the time, for a variety of reasons, say things they didn't do. Schutte believes that new evidence, overlooked by the public defenders in the second two trials, will help him obtain an acquittal in ben Yisrael's case.
took an internship teaching marketing in Benin, Africa," Cotnoir said. "That was my first service experience and it was just awesome. It opened my eyes to service work to help others is something that I really love." Initially, Cotnoir hoped to devote the summer after he graduated to service work, but never followed through with this idea because he wanted to incorporate service work into his life. When he returned from his year in Africa and he told me he wanted to incorporate service work into his life he thought Cotnoir would have Bike Aid T-shirts for sale at the CSC to benefit his trip starting next week. To get in touch with Cotnoir or to make a personal pledge in Bike Aid's benefit for his trip, send e-mail to: benoitcotton@umail.com.

Cotnoir's biggest fear embarking on the trip is the weather. "We have to see if it's going to be safe, because I thought the weather would be cooler along the route, making it more comfortable to ride," Cotnoir said. "I'm looking forward to exploring the Rocky Mountains and things like that." Fowler confirmed that traversing the mountains on a bike was one of the most useful parts of the trip. The second day of the trip we were climbing our first mountain and I thought I was going to die," she said. "It was 25 miles up the hill, but coasting down the hill for 20 miles and taking in all the scenery was exhilarating."

Besides being physically challenging, Cotnoir will face other challenges along the route of his trip.

"I think that it will be a challenge to have 15 to 20 people who you have never met in your life for nine weeks and to try to get along, but I think this will be a very important experience for them," she said. Cotnoir will finish the trip in the middle of August and have plans to speak to groups before he leaves for college.

"The timing should be outstanding," Cotnoir said. "I should be in good shape. The team has been very supportive of me and this trip, which helps me a lot."

"Even though it wasn't possible for him to do the summer service work last summer, I was impressed that he continued to seek out service opportunities even taking on the hockey career."

"There have been a lot of creative ideas that people have come up with to enhance their trip," said Shappell.

"Many people choose to incorporate skills they already have into their service work. We have a number of graduates who are doctors, nurses, or lawyers who choose to use their professional backgrounds to aid them in service work."

"Cotnoir's task at hand is preparing financially and physically for the cross-country trek. He is currently focusing on the fundraising aspect."

"One of the challenges is to raise the $3,600," Cotnoir said. "I have three main fundraising schemes. I'm hosting a fundraiser at the Notre Dame March 26th here in Mobile, printing up T-shirts to sell for which I collected sponsored names to put on the back. I built a hockey stick coffee table out of broken hockey sticks that I will be selling raffle tickets for at Mysticks games."

"He is currently halfway to the amount. Cotnoir hopes to have most of the fundraising done by the end of March."

"As for training for the trip, Bike Aid does not provide participants with a training program. They think it is too big, however, given the nature of past participants to seek advice. Cotnoir has also sought out others."

"I've tried to talk a lot in people who have experience in cycling," said Cotnoir. "I've spoken to people who tell me about different kinds of things they've been through. There are people who have a lot of tips and I'm learning a lot from others."

"We will be working together to make it across the country and to improve the country."

Benoit Cotnoir Bike Aid participant

"Every physical and mental challenge the trip provides is worth it in the end."

Jill-Anne Fowler former Bike Aid participant

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4) a budget indicating the costs involved;
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Iraq spurns new U.N. arms inspector

Iraq spurned calls by the chief U.N. weapons inspector to allow arms searches to resume after more than a year, saying Baghdad had no plans to cooperate with a U.N. policy that doesn't call for sanctions to be lifted unless inspections prove whether the inspectors go to Iraq or not," Iraqi Ambassador Saeed Hasan told a press conference on Wednesday that Iraq should allow inspections to prove its contention that it has destroyed all of its weapons of mass destruction.

Michigan seeks manslaughter charge against James

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich. Prosecutors brought an involuntary manslaughter charge against a man they believe possessed the stolen gun later used by a 6-year-old boy to kill a classmate. "We were not looking for scapegoats in this case; we're looking for justice for Kayla," said Genesee County Sheriff Arthur Busch. Busch said investigators believe the .32-caliber semiautomatic gun used Tuesday to shoot 6-year-old Kayla Thurlby had been stolen, under Jamelle James' blankets in a bedroom at the house where the boy stayed. Investigators also found a stolen 12-gauge shotgun and drugs at the house, the prosecutor said. James, 19, was arraigned Thursday on the manslaughter charge, which carries a possible 15-year prison sentence.

Cuba

Ousted diplomat returns home

HAVANA A Cuban diplomat who fled out the Cuban Embassy in Canada last week to the area this weekend to press for Elian's return, Castro said Wednesday that its mission in the United States as he wished, Imperatori boarded a Cubana Airline plane Thursday afternoon. According to a Cuban government statement, Imperatori ended his four-day hunger strike earlier in the day.

Imperatori was declared persona non grata by Washington last week for allegedly helping Mariano Faget, a U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service worker accused of spying for Cuba. Imperatori resigned as vice-consul of Cuba's Interests Section in Washington but refused to leave in the face of U.S. officials' demand Saturday that he leave the country. He reportedly flew to Canada to apply for asylum in the Cuban Embassy in Canada instead of returning to Cuba.

In a statement released after the departure of his plane, Imperatori said, "I wanted to remain in the United States facing up to the lies and the slander because the truth is the only hundred demonstrators gave a standing ovation in Imperatori's honor. "I did not intend to come to Canada," Imperatori's statement said. "I wanted to remain in the United States facing up to the lies and the slander because the truth is the only solution."

But "a reasonable solution was found with honor and dignity for my homeland and for me," it said, without elaborating.

Canadian officials have said Imperatori was in the country illegally because the transit visa he received upon arrival Saturday had expired.

Florida coast after a boat from Cuba sank, killing his mother, her boyfriend and others. His relatives in Miami are trying to keep him in the United States as he wished, Imperatori boarded a Cubana Airline plane Thursday afternoon. According to a Cuban government statement, Imperatori ended his four-day hunger strike earlier in the day.

In a letter to a group of disabled Cubans who rallied late Thursday afternoon to press for Elian's return, Castro said he had to leave so he could receive Imperatori "who has done so much for the return of the boy Elian."

After the letter was read, the several

U.S. troops headed to Mozambique

As many as six U.S. Air Force special operations helicopters will be transported to southern Africa beginning this weekend to attempt to rescue flood victims in Mozambique, the Pentagon announced Thursday.

The Pentagon also will send a team of medical and communications specialists to the area this weekend from Europe aboard C-130 aircraft. They are being diverted from an exercise planned in the central African nation of Cameroon. Meanwhile, President Clinton authorized up to $37.6 million in emergency disaster assistance for southern Africa "for the purpose of providing international disaster assistance."

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said two or three MH-53 helicopters will be loaded aboard C-5 transport planes at Mildenhall Air Base in England this weekend for the 20-hour flight to southern Africa. They will have Navy SEAL commands and others ready to begin oper­ations early next week, he said.

The medical team will include 200 to 400 troops and the helicopter support will total 400 to 400 troops, Bacon said.


The United Nations estimates that between 800,000 and 1 million people have lost their homes in Mozambique and are in urgent need of help following the worst floods in decades to strike the poverty-stricken country.

Thousands are feared dead.

The MH-53 helicopters are specially equipped to extract people. Each can carry 38 passengers and lift up to 20,000 pounds. Some may be used to move inflatable boats for use in rescuing stranded people in the flood areas, Bacon said.

The United States already has pledged $12.8 million in emergency relief and military assistance. President Clinton said Wednesday that one U.S. military plane delivered relief supplies to Mozambique on Wednesday, and a second was to arrive shortly in South Africa.

"But we can do more to address the needs of the nearly 1 million people who have been displaced," Clinton said.

\[\text{Friday, March 3, 2000}\]
ND to build new arts center

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

Plans are in progress to foster the University’s performers and their audiences in a new performing arts center.

"It’s something the University needed to round out its availability of space in the performing arts," said Jim Lyphout, associate vice president of business operations who oversees the planning of the center. The Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts will house five venues for performances, according to Lyphout.

In addition to some offices and smaller rooms, the building will include a 900-seat concert hall, a 200-seat cinema, a 100-seat student theater, a 350-seat main stage theater and a 100-seat choral hall.

"It’s going to be a very sophisticated building," said Lyphout.

The center will incorporate state-of-the-art technology, stadium seating and equipment to handle sound disruptions that could occur from the various theaters. The location of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts will be south of the College of Business Administration and the Hesburgh Center at the far end of the DeBartolo quad.

The University recognized the need for a performing arts building several years ago when it reevaluated its campus. Since then, the University has raised funds and started to plan the construction of the building, a $31 million project.

"It’s a very difficult task. We have a wide array of consultants on this project, said Lyphout.

The main architect on the project is Norman Pfeiffer Associates, an architecture company with offices in Los Angeles and New York. The main architect on the project is Norman Pfeiffer of the Los Angeles office. This spring fences will surround the construction site. Construction will continue for several years, but according to Lyphout, "We’re well underway."
Yemen

Polish ambassador kidnapped

Associated Press

The Polish ambassador has been kidnapped in Yemen, the latest act of lawlessness by tribesmen who have kidnapped in why the tribesman was eme n Yemen Wednesday evening by e men. The kidnapping was one of a series of attacks last week, security officials said. The kidnapped official is demanding the release of detainees or build hospitals and better roads. Krisztin Suprowicz was abducted in Sanda on Wednesday evening by members of the Vamaneen tribe, who are demanding the release of a fellow tribesman arrested last week, security officials said. They did not say why the tribesman was detained.

Britain

Pinochet leaves for Chile a free man

Associated Press

LONDON

Former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet departed Britain a free man Thursday, ending a 16-month legal saga heralded for establishing that former leaders accused of human rights abuses are not immune from prosecution.

"This has been an unprecedented case. Both I and the courts have had to navigate in uncharted territory," Home Secretary Jack Straw told the House of Commons after ruling that the 84-year-old general was mentally unfit to be extradited to Spain for trial in torture charges.

Straw also dismissed extradition requests from three other nations that contended their citizens were victims of Pinochet's regime - Belgium, France and Switzerland.

Pinochet, who doctors say suffered brain damage when he experienced two small strokes last fall, left Britain on Thursday afternoon and was expected to arrive in Santiago on Friday after an unannounced stopover en route.

The former dictator's release Thursday was welcomed by human rights groups as a landmark in human rights law, whose impact has been felt far beyond our shores," Straw said.

Pinochet was arrested under suspicion of torture in 1998 following his claim of immunity was rejected.

"It has been a major victory for human rights," said Reed Brody, an official of the New York-based Human Rights Watch.

The very fact that Pinochet was arrested, that four countries sought his extradition and that his claim of immunity was rejected has made the world a smaller place for people who commit atrocities.

Pinochet was arrested under a Spanish warrant Oct. 16, 1998, while recuperating from back surgery in a London hospital. A Spanish judge accused him of orchestrating a systematic campaign of torture against political opponents throughout his 17-year dictatorship.

As an official Chilean government source says 3,197 people died or disappeared at the hands of Pinochet's secret police before he toppled the country's elected president in a 1973 coup.

Straw said Pinochet, who for most of his detention stayed in a rented mansion outside London under 24-hour guard, after an independent medical examination found the former dictator's diminished mental capacity would make it impossible for him to participate in his own trial.

Straw said he rejected submissions from the four nations that questioned the findings, calling their criticisms "invidious and unjustified.

"The principle that an accused person should be capable of following the proceedings, instructing his lawyers and giving coherent evidence is fundamental to the idea of a fair trial," the Home Office said in a statement.

The European nations that pursued Pinochet through the British courts expressed disappointment at the ruling, but none launched a last-minute appeal in an attempt to prevent the general's departure.

British and Spanish courts for his extradition. While Spain — which pursued Pinochet through the British courts, while Spain — which kicked off the legal fight with his arrest warrant — called his detention a 'warning signal for all those who don't respect human rights."

Straw acknowledged that he was "all too well aware" that his decision — capping a case that will cost British taxpayers billions of dollars — means Pinochet is unlikely to be tried anywhere in the world.

"The very fact that Pinochet was arrested, that four countries sought his extradition and that his claim of immunity was rejected has made the world a smaller place for people who commit atrocities."

Reed Brody
Human Rights Watch
FBI seizes computer after internet attacks

Associated Press

Federal agents investigating last month's Internet attacks have seized a computer from a 17-year-old New Hampshire boy and are considering whether he should be charged with computer crimes related to those disruptions, a federal law enforcement official said Thursday.

The youth uses the screen name "coolio," one of the aliases the FBI suspects may have been involved in last month's sensational attacks against popular Web sites, this official said, requesting anonymity. But federal investigators believe he is only one of a number of people who have used "coolio" as a screen name.

The charges that federal prosecutors are weighing do not stem from the so-called denial-of-service attacks that shut down Yahoo!, eBay, Amazon.com and other Internet sites for hours at a time, but rather from evidence of other, unrelated hacking found on the seized computer, this official said.

The 17-year-old, who lives in New Hampshire, claimed to FBI agents that he had hacked into 100 Web sites, including one based in Los Angeles, officials said. Joe Bucinuso of the Los Angeles Police Department said Thursday.

Los Angeles police became involved while investigating an anti-drug abuse site they founded. The Los Angeles police computer crimes unit traced that into 100 Web sites, including one based in Los Angeles, officials said.

Last month, Justice Department officials identified "coolio" as one of three hackers, known only by their monikers, sought for questioning in the string of attacks on popular Web sites.

The federal law enforcement official said the youth has not been arrested by federal agents and no arrest of him is imminent.

Federal prosecutors planned to meet with New Hampshire prosecutors Friday to discuss charges, Bucinuso said.

In computer crime cases involving juveniles, federal prosecutors usually defer to state prosecutors and only bring federal charges if the state decides to do so.

In New Hampshire, Attorney General Philip McLaughlin would not identify the boy or give his age or hometown. "My office and prosecutors have been cooperating with the Department of Justice and FBI since shortly after events of couple of weeks ago," McLaughlin said.

Assistant New Hampshire Attorney General Mark Zimmerman said, "We do believe there's a New Hampshire connection to some of that activity," he said, referring to the wave of Web attacks in February.

Diallo family seeks civil charges

The Observer - NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON - Black activists and the parents of Amadou Diallo met Thursday with the No. 2 official at the Justice Department and urged him to file civil rights charges against four New York City police officers acquitted in the shooting death of the West African immigrant.

After the meeting, nearly 2,000 demonstrators marched around the Justice Department building chanting, "No justice! No peace!" and waving placards and flags. Many protesters were housed in from New York and New Jersey.

Diallo's parents, along with the Rev. Al Sharpton, former New York City Mayor David Dinkins, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People leader Kwesi Mfume and others, expressed optimism following the two-hour meeting with Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder.

"The meeting was very great and fruitful and we have very high hopes," said Saiko Diallo, the victim's father.

Holder said the Diallo case is a priority, but he made no guarantee the Justice Department would pursue civil rights charges against Sean Carroll, Edward McMellon, Kenneth Ross and Richard Murphy.

There are difficult cases to prosecute. The standard that we have to meet on the federal side is a high one, but we will look at the case," Holder told reporters in a news conference before the meeting.

To obtain a conviction, federal prosecutors would have to show the officers intended to deny Diallo his civil rights.

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Washington

Pat Buchanan says he is ready to catch the "reform candidate" banner on campaign finance and other issues if the White House bids of John McCain and Bill Bradley fail in Tuesday's primaries.

"There's only one Reform Party," Buchanan said Thursday. "We will have an agenda of reform that is broader and deeper than any we've seen this year."

"I think when Bradley and McCain fade away, there's only one reform candidate in the race," said Buchanan, who switched from the GOP in October and has campaigned cross-country in pursuit of the third party's nomination.

McCain criticizes Bush's ads

LOS ANGELES

Fighting anew over negative ads, Republicans George W. Bush and John McCain struggled for a late advantage Thursday heading into their final debate before next week's multi-state "Super Tuesday" presidential primaries.

McCain protested an ad suggesting he opposes breast cancer research and called on Bush to "get out of the gutter.

Bush said the ad only described a proposal on McCain's own Web page, and he said, "It sounds like Senator McCain is becoming increasingly angry as the campaign goes on."

Joining by conservative commentator Alan Keyes, the two presidential contenders were meeting for an hourlong debate sponsored by CNN and the Los Angeles Times. It was being broadcast nationally by the cable network.

For the second time this primary season, McCain was appearing by satellite, this time from St. Louis as he headed east from California for campaign stops in New York.

He made a similar remote appearance in a December debate in Phoenix, each time blaming Bush for accepting a debate invitation after McCain had already made other campaign plans.

With Bush sweeping McCain this week in Virginia, North Dakota and Washington state, the stakes are high entering the 13-state "Super Tuesday" voting when 613 delegates are at stake.

McCain and Bradley have staked their candidacies on messages of campaign finance and other reforms, and if their presidential efforts perish, Buchanan said, the mantle of reform goes to him.

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B-ball ‘waterboy’ angers community

Since graduating from Notre Dame 38 years ago, I have always been proud to have been associated with the University. Throughout the years it always stood a "cut above" the others. It has been a shining light in the great moral wasteland we live in today.

I never had to apologize for my school. That is, not until last night. What is wrong here? Is the mantle too much to bear? Yes, I know it was only one or two individuals who caused the problem, but what about those around them? Why this year? This incident only served to highlight and confirm the overall decline symbolized in the NCAA probation.

Yes, mediocrity is always easier than excellence. Yes, we can say we are like everybody else and we can even blame someone else. If you think I am out of touch, you are wrong. I sent two children through Notre Dame in '87 and '93. It has changed since then. Wake up and take responsibility. This was a special institution. Don't let it be ruined!

Lee Taddionio, '62
Sharonville, PA
March 2, 2000

Classy sportsmanship needed

In March 1977, in a televised basketball game between Notre Dame and San Francisco, NBI selected the Notre Dame student body as the game's MVP. Win or lose, Notre Dame has always been synonymous with class and sportsmanship.

Based on the actions demonstrated at the UConn and Syracuse basketball games, the University should be embarrassed. The alumni are.

Paul McDonnell
Class of '77
March 2, 2000

Students' behavior televised

What has happened to the Notre Dame student body? After being known for decades as an intelligent, classy group of individuals, the norm seems to have turned to entirely classless behavior whenever sports are involved.

Last fall, I witnessed the petting of the USC band after the halftime show of a football game. A few weeks ago, we had the UConn taunting incident and now our NCAA lid may have been destroyed by some idiots throwing things on the court.

The fact that all of these events have happened on national TV certainly does little to help the image of the University.

Please put a little thought into your future actions and stop tarnishing the reputation of the entire University.

Sheila O'Connor
Class of '82
March 2, 2000

Alumnus sees 'idiocy'

To the student who threw the object onto the floor of the Joyce Center causing a technical foul and costing Notre Dame the basketball game last night and very likely an NCAA berth:

On behalf of all Notre Dame alumni, I would like to thank you so much for your idiocy and immaturity. As a young alum (law school Class of 1994), I, as many of my fellow alums from the early to mid-1990s, have seen Notre Dame athletics (with certain notable exceptions) go from top caliber to the laughstocking of the college sports world. From the so-called "resignation" of Coach Holtz, to the Dunbar episode, to the NCAA inquiry and probation, to the absolute lack of intelligent decision-making on and off the football field by coaches and players alike to nonexistent mediocrity in the men's basketball program, we have endured the march from first to worst in humiliating fashion. We have handled the perpetual horrors and abuses heaped upon us by the many non-alums and Notre Dame-haters of the world.

And now this. Just when the athletic department delivers to us desperate alumni a rare treat — a winning men's basketball program and a coach with real fire and personality, top-notch athletics (with certain notable exceptions) go from top-caliber to the so-called "resignation" of Coach Holtz, to the Dunbar episode, to the NCAA inquiry and probation, to the absolute lack of intelligent decision-making on and off the football field by coaches and players alike to nonexistent mediocrity in the men's basketball program, we have endured the march from first to worst in humiliating fashion. We have handled the perpetual horrors and abuses heaped upon us by the many non-alums and Notre Dame-haters of the world.

So today, when you get up in your paid-for living accommodations at one of the most prestigious universities in the world, put on your Abercrombie & Fitch outfit that Mommy and Daddy in Wilmette bought for you last Christmas and walk in class, think about this — think about all the alums who had to put on a suit and tie and walk into their law firms, brokerage houses, medical offices and accounting firms and hear the jeers from the Michigan, Northwestern and Purdue alums who live and die for moments like this when the Irish really blow it.

Because you blew it for all of us. You blew it for the seniors on Senior Night, you blew it for Matt Doherty, you blew it for all of your fellow students and you blew it for all of your classmates who sat at home last night with the light song CD in our CD players, waiting, hoping and praying for an upset victory and an improbable NCAA berth. Thanks again, Waterboy!

Mark Laughman
Chicago, Ill.
March 2, 2000

"I hate sports as rabidly as a person who likes sports hates common sense.

H.L. Menken
author
Anne had her 19th birthday.

Decided to leave the pleasures of eating dinner with friends. Our friendly but low mini-vans arrived. I piled into the back of the car. Obviously annoyed that we were late, the driver expressed his desire not to drive on the right side of the road and proceeded to guide the van along the wrong side of the road between Meijer and the restaurants. One of those in the car was unable to avoid the terrifying 15-yard drive to the light at Grape Road. Our driver recognized his error as we turned left onto Grape. He redeemed himself by returning us safely to campus with his eyes and his van on the right side of the road.

My Friday night experience may have marked an extreme encounter with the inconsiderate behavior of many taxi companies. But travel in taxis usually leaves me with an increased sense of the greater appreciation for the few mini vans that I drive at home. It may not have had air-conditioning or rear-view mirror, but at least it was controlled by me.

However, the generally dangerous, reckless driving of the local taxi drivers, as illustrated by our recent experience, should concern the University and inspire strong support within the administration for the safety and well-being of passengers and driver alike.

The drivers in pursuit of the greatest volume of passengers might mark their territory and inner turmoil or allow for the opportunity for reflection.

"There must be a lesson in here somewhere."

I invite all students on campus to become involved in situations or circumstances out of one's control. I urge you to consider the behavior of this small number of students is unacceptable. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Joanna Mikulski
Tuesday Voice on Friday

Students' behavior unacceptable

When Notre Dame's men's basketball team recorded a homecourt win over top-ranked San Francisco in 1977, NBC Sports named the Notre Dame student body as the MVP of the game.

That's the sort of positive reputation our students have earned over the years.

Unfortunately, the actions of a small number of students in recent home basketball games have tarnished that reputation. These incidents have been embarrassing for the University and have received extensive national media exposure.

There's a fine line between what's appropriate and what's not appropriate when it comes to fans supporting their team. In these instances, a few Notre Dame students have crossed the line and conducted themselves in a manner that cannot and will not be tolerated.

The collective good and everyone associated with the men's basketball program have worked to encourage attendance and interest from students, who can play a key role in helping to create the kind of atmosphere everyone wants to see in the Joyce Center. But there are standards of behavior that must be adhered to, and the behavior of this small number of students is simply unacceptable.

As the season winds down and we hope our team qualifies for post-season play, please help us encourage the sort of behavior that we must come to expect from our students and fans. There's no reason that those in attendance at games cannot enjoy themselves, make noise and support the team without engaging in the sort of conduct that gives all of us a black eye and can even penalize our team. We must insist on nothing less.

Faber Mark Poorman
President for Student Affairs
March 2, 2000

Health conversations must continue on campus

In response to an anonymous letter to the editor, entitled "Get with it, Health Services" (Feb. 28), addressing a lost lab sample, I'd like to say a few thoughts to the writer. This person has given me the opportunity to respond to an unfortunate incident and to invite students to be more involved with their health care and issues of wellness on campus.

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Joanna Mikulski is a freshman from McGlinn Hall. Her column appears every other Friday.

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Letters to the Editor
The six-time Tony award winning Broadway smash "Chicago — the Razzie Dazzle Broadway Musical" is packed with sex appeal, humor and murders. Guaranteed to thrill and enrapt all audiences, the show can be seen this weekend at The Morris Performing Arts Center in South Bend.

Sex, murder and the ol’ song and dance

Scene takes a look at ‘Chicago — the Razzie Dazzle Broadway Musical,’ playing in downtown South Bend this weekend

By BRIAN SEAMAN
Scene Theatre Writer

It’s got the makings of an evening the Catholic Church would condemn. It’s got voluptuous women in costumes akin to late-night lingerie. It’s got a simulated orgy combining these women and ultra-muscular men. It’s got seven murders, an execution and a ton of sex.

Oh, yeah, and it’s a musical.

Combining all the elements of pure showbiz flash, “Chicago — the Razzle Dazzle Broadway Musical” slinks its way onto the stage of the Morris Civic Auditorium in South Bend for three performances this weekend.

Originally written in 1975 by the master Broadway songwriting team of John Kander and Fred Ellb, “Chicago” tells the cynical tale of Roxie Hart, a nightclub dancer who kills her lover in a jealous rage. She then dupes the public and media by hiring Chicago’s shrewdest lawyer, who ultimately turns her crime into celebrity headlines and gets her acquitted.

The plot line, seemingly ripped from today’s headlines, appears to be more timely and fitting to a media-obsessed society than it was when originally produced in 1975.

Riding the coattails of celebrity criminals such as O.J. Simpson, the revival of “Chicago” on Broadway has tightened the plot to fit these modern precedents with hilarity.

This shift in public attention seems to have benefited the Broadway production and touring companies of Chicago, now in their fourth year and still playing to enthusiastic packed audiences.

Roxanne Carrasco and Tracy Shayne, the stars of the touring company arriving in South Bend this weekend, hope the reaction will be similar here.

“This show is exactly what an audience is looking for,” said Carrasco, who plays Velma Kelly, Roxie’s murderous competitor for headlines. “It is witty, exciting and most of all, very sexy. It isn’t like anything on Broadway right now.”

When revived in 1996, “Chicago” was staged as a concert of sorts, a three-night event with high profile stars and minimal distractions from elaborate sets or costumes.

While this concert was fully staged and choreographed, the physical set was little more than a rectangular hand shell center stage, a small staircase and a dozen or so black chairs. The orchestra was in full view of the audience, thus adding to the theatricality of the evening.

The costumes, while stunning in their own way, were once again minimal. Women wore an amalgamation of black negligee, slips and bikinis, all splashed together with fishnet stockings and black high boots. The men were substantially more clothed but still, little was left to the imagination.

Even though the concert was conceived to run for only a weekend, the response was so tremendous that the musical transferred to Broadway for an extended run in nearly the exact form as the concert version.

The touring company of “Chicago,” arriving in South Bend this weekend, is fundamentally identical to its Broadway sister yet with several unique elements added for this production.

Shayne, who plays Roxie Hart, the murderous main character, suggests this uniqueness is what makes “Chicago” so engrossing.

“This company is truly a big family, and with us traveling around and living together everywhere we go, that comes out on stage,” she said. “We are all playing the same part, we’re so high profile stars and minimal distractions from elaborate sets or costumes.

‘Chicago — the Razzle Dazzle Broadway Musical’

• Where: The Morris Performing Arts Center
• When: Today, 8 p.m.; Saturday 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.; Sunday 1:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.
• Tickets: $20-$50, student, senior and group discounts available
• Call 245-6085 to order

“Chicago” is not like anything on Broadway right now.

Roxane Carrasco, actress

‘It (‘Chicago’) is witty, exciting and most of all, very sexy. It isn’t like anything on Broadway right now.”

Carol Rosegg/Anita Dloniak & Associates
In this corner

Senior captains J.R. Mellin (seated) and Tom Biolchini return to the ring tonight in search of repeat Bengal Bouts titles. See page 4 of the insert and page 16 of The Observer for more on these hard-hitting captains.
120 LB.

**SHAWN NEWBERG**

**JIMMY FISHBURNE**

**PICKS**

KEVIN BERCHOU

Fishburne

BRIAN BURKE

Fishburne

BILL HART

Fishburne

KERRY SMITH

Fishburne

Both James “Pirahna” Fishburne and Shawn “Knockout The Old And Bring In The New” Newberg are making just their second appearance at Bengal Bouts, although Newberg has faced a tougher opponent. Fishburne was hardly tested against an overmatched foe in the semifinals, but is the top seed and rightfully so. He has the best power in the division and will try to employ it in the finals.

Newberg knows how to beat a fighter who comes out swinging and should not be counted out if he takes some shots early.

-Brian Burke

130 LB.

**CAMILO RUEDA**

**MATT FUMAGALLI**

**PICKS**

KEVIN BERCHOU

Fumagalli

BRIAN BURKE

Fumagalli

BILL HART

Rueda

KERRY SMITH

Rueda

Second seed Camilo “Rollin’” Rueda could have his hands full with Matt “The Don” Fumagalli when the two meet tonight. Rueda worked his way inside, landing just a few more jabs than his opponent to win a split decision in the semifinals. Not one to slug it out, Rueda’s plan likely will be to capitalize on mistakes. Fumagalli comes off an all-out battle in the semifinals and has proven he can take a fighter’s best shot. If it comes down to trading punches, Fumagalli should have the edge.

Rueda and Fumagalli have distinctly different styles, and whichever one dictates the tempo of the fight should take the title.

-Brian Burke

155 LB.

**JEFF DOBOSH**

**PAUL MEHAN**

**PICKS**

KEVIN BERCHOU

Mehan

BRIAN BURKE

Mehan

BILL HART

Mehan

KERRY SMITH

Dobosh

In what should be one of the night’s best bouts Paul “He-Man” Mehan has the slightest of edges over Jeff “The Pittsburgh Kid” Dobosh. Mehan’s advantage lies in his power. The brawler advanced to tonight’s final by way of a spectacular TKO of Robert “The Skinny Ginjaar” Vuolo. Mehan will come out firing just as he has in earlier rounds. His offensive charges will be met head on by a ferocious Dobosh. Dobosh gained a finals bid on the strength of a hard-fought split decision over Tommy “The Pretender” Pierce. Both fighters will make this one a slugfest.

-Kevin Berchou

160 LB.

**CHRIS MATASSA**

**P.J. DUWORS**

**PICKS**

KEVIN BERCHOU

Matassa

BRIAN BURKE

DuWors

BILL HART

DaWors

KERRY SMITH

DaWors

P.J. “Downtown” DaWors seems to get better each time he enters the ring. He has followed each spectacular performance with an even better one. DuWors will look to go to town on Chris Matassa in what is shaping up as terrific tussle. DuWors advanced to the bout’s ultimate fight after knocking off Joseph “The Polygamist” Smith in a close split decision. DuWors will work predominantly with his jab, a strategy that has served him well.

Matassa will likely give DaWors all he can handle, but DuWors’ speed and stamina figure to carry him to a close win.

-Kevin Berchou

175 LB.

**JOSH THOMPSON**

**TOM BIELCHINI**

**PICKS**

KEVIN BERCHOU

Thompson

BRIAN BURKE

Bielchini

BILL HART

Bielchini

KERRY SMITH

Bielchini

The two-time champ takes to the finals again, this time sporting an outstanding boxing style that has earned him two lopsided victories this year. Whether Bielchini gets a third title depends on his ability to keep his opponent off guard with the same steady deluge of combinations. Josh Thompson’s caution in the semifinals belies a certain degree of calmness, but he can not afford to stay on the defensive for too long against Bielchini’s aggressive style. If Thompson stays with the flurry of combinations he used throughout the third round, it could mean curtains for the top seed.

-Bill Hart

180 LB.

**MARK CRINITI**

**JOEY LENISKI**

**PICKS**

KEVIN BERCHOU

Leniski

BRIAN BURKE

Leniski

BILL HART

Leniski

KERRY SMITH

Criniti

Mark Criniti earned respect by upsetting the second seed in a unanimous decision on Tuesday. His deftly timed punches showed patience and composure against one of the most heavily respected fighters in the competition.

Even more impressive, though, was his use of combinations to score a knockout against his quarterfinal opponent. Joey Leniski faced two difficult opponents with varied fighting styles, but his reactions proved why experience can be such a critical factor in the later bouts.

While a heavy dependence on his hook might be his weakness, his opponents have yet to find a way to beat it.

-Bill Hart
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140 LB.

MICHAEL WALDO

PICKS
KEVIN BERCHOU
Waldo
BRIAN BURKE
Wilson
BILL HART
Wilson
KERRY SMITH
Waldo

KURT WILSON

PICKS
KEVIN BERCHOU
Waldo
BRIAN BURKE
Wilson
BILL HART
Wilson
KERRY SMITH

J. R. MELLIN

PICKS
KEVIN BERCHOU
Mellin
BRIAN BURKE
Mellin
BILL HART
Mellin
KERRY SMITH
Mellin

150 LB.

DILLON PENN

Many believe the 165-pound division is the Bouts' deepest, making this clash one of the night's most anticipated fights. Sean "The Erie Kid" Nowak demonstrated himself as perhaps the favorite with an emotional decision over Tim "Rock" O'Rourke. With the outcome in doubt heading into the final round, Nowak mounted a charge that proved just enough to turn the bout in his favor. "The Erie Kid," however, will face the toughest of tests when he meets Don "The Destroyer" Penn tonight. "The Destroyer" has lived up to his moniker, quickly dispatching his opponents, but the pick here is Nowak, who seems to get stronger as the fight goes on.

- Kevin Berchou

165 LB.

DON PENN

PICKS
KEVIN BERCHOU
Nowak
BRIAN BURKE
Penn
BILL HART
Nowak
KERRY SMITH
Penn

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- Kevin Berchou

170 LB.

ROB JOYCE

PICKS
KEVIN BERCHOU
Hobbins
BRIAN BURKE
Hobbins
BILL HART
Joyce
KERRY SMITH
Hobbins

BRIAN HOBBINS

Something will have to give when Brian "Hoppe" Hobbins meets Rob "Golden Schlager" Joyce. Both fighters have rolled through their respective halves of the brackets with brutal efficiency, making this bout the first real test for both fighters. Though both fighters are of comparable ability, Hobbins gets the edge on the basis of heart. "Hoppe" has shown the ability to dig deep and pull out all the stops late in his fights for convincing victories. Joyce is a daunting inside fighter, and his uppercuts connect with brutal force. Still, it's Hobbins in a close one.

- Kevin Berchou

190 LB.

MIKE HAMMES

PICKS
KEVIN BERCHOU
Hammes
BRIAN BURKE
Brandl
BILL HART
Hammes
KERRY SMITH
Hammes

KEVIN BRANDL

Hammes looked a little shaky in the semifinals, but he still managed to get the "W" and move on. With the butterflies quenched, he should look much more confident and prepared. While he may not have the reach, Hammes' varied offensive weapons and tactics will keep his opponent guessing. Brandl's defeat of Jason Rodriguez on Tuesday was one of the most shocking upsets of the night. His strategy has been simple: Be aggressive early and prevent movement. In order to win, the Dillon sophomore must be able to effectively contain his opponent to one corner like he has in the last two fights. At the same time, he can't let Hammes to mount a late-round comeback.

- Bill Hart

HEAVY WEIGHT

DAN ADAM

PICKS
KEVIN BERCHOU
Adam
BRIAN BURKE
Ryan
BILL HART
Ryan
KERRY SMITH
Ryan

PETER RYAN

With only two fights between them in this year's tourney, both fighters should be well-rested and composed heading into tonight. Ryan's experience as a captain gives him a bit of an advantage in the later bouts, but his agility and reach have proved to be his best assets. The lack of fighting hasn't made Ryan complacent; in Tuesday's semifinal, his opponent hit the canvas twice in the third round. No one should dismiss Adam's power, however, as it was shown when he knocked down his semifinal opponent twice within a 30-second span. If Ryan lets his guard down for even a moment, it could be the opportunity Adam needs.

- Bill Hart
By SHANNON RYAN

Gluing broken furniture together was a big part of Bob Biolchini’s life for more than two decades.

When her four boys sprawled in the living room, the mother of six figured finding a collapsed table was better than fixing a son’s cracked nose.

Bomber, Tom went on to become a dominant fighter and trading punches in the ring. Tom and his brothers grew up listening to stories of Bob’s battles. They were required to box and wresting in high school.

On Tuesday, Tom even thanked the guy who had clocked him hard enough in the first round of the semis to threaten Tom’s claim on the finals.

Bob and Fran have sent four sons and one daughter, Frannie, a 1993 graduate, to Notre Dame. That’s not surprising Christi, the youngest Biolchini son, since Bob’s days in the Bouts.

Their family was always a nearby corner in the Biolchini’s Tulsa, Okla., home. The punching bag was in the basement.

And couches in the living room both surrounded seats for the boys’ matches.

Especially when mom left the basement.

“When their mother would go out of town, I’d get the gloves right on them,” Bob Biolchini remembered. “I taught them early on about boxing. I’d box them, they’d learn to defend themselves and appreciate the sport.”

Forty years ago, Dwight Eisenhower was in office, the Beatles “Hey Jude” topped the charts, Irish football had finished in the basement.

But Bob thought about boxing. I’d hoped to go up against his big brother.

As young as 5, Tom practiced his jabs on Toby, who is three years older.

“My dad always sided with the family peacemaker. He was the boy who went to bed on time without mom’s nagging, earning him the nickname ‘Farmer.’ ”

“The surprising part is how aggressive Tom can be for being as gentle as he is,” his mom Fran said. “He was just a big, gentle, caring person.”

A teddy bear with the instincts of a grizzly.

Tom was the leading high school tackler in Oklahoma as a linebacker, but helped up every guy he had just crushed. He still apologizes to Toby after landing an exceptionally solid jab.

Tom Biolchini

Toby Biolchini coaches his brother between rounds in Tom’s semifinal victory Tuesday. Tom continues his family’s 40-year commitment to Bengal Bouts.

On Tuesday, Tom even thanked the guy who had clocked him hard enough in the first round of the semis to threaten Tom’s claim on the finals.

Bob trained his sons Bob Jr., Doug, Toby and Tom to follow his footsteps. He led the ring in the center of the JAC at Notre Dame.

The Biolchini family is one of the first two of his two Bengal Bouts championships in 1960. Since then, his sons have helped Notre Dames leave boxing with Biolchini.

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HA's show is weird, funny and all for you

**BY MARY ANNE LEWIS**

"All right, we decided who's do first backstage, and, Tony, I believe you had the fastest girlfriend. You're in control of the board."

From "Personal"

"Somewhere, somehow, someone decided it might be fun to pretend to be other people. And, voilà, the actor was born!"

"Tony, I believe you had the fattest girlfriend. You're in to be other people in strange, but often familiar situations. Creepy? No. It's quite funny, actually."

"If you are pretending or studying or eating, they are pretending to be other people in strange situations."

**Humor Artists**

- Where: Library Auditorium
- When: Today & Saturday
- Time: 8 p.m.
- Tickets: $1

"This is the group that calls itself HA. And this is what they're doing on Sundays and Thursdays during their practices. They do this crazy comedy, as well as improvisational work, and you can see it all on Friday or Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. The group has approximately 25 members, both men and women, who range from bio-chem to English majors."

Andrew McDonnell, known as the "King," and Holly Hoffmann, the "Queen," organize and direct the meetings and try to keep the chaos somewhat manageable. It never seems to work, though. "It's a pretty chaotic group, really," McDonnell said, laughing.

When asked to list three favorite things about HA, McDonnell answered, "Hum... The free drugs... NO, no! The people are amazing. You grow to love them."

"McDonnell has spent three and a half years with HA and has loved his experiences with the group. He has a great deal of respect for his predecessor, "King," Kevin Hurley. McDonnell calls Hurley the driving force behind HA, because Hurley kept the group together during a very dry period. McDonnell has Hurley's nickname, a certain anatomical feature exclusively male, also a word that happens to be one letter away from his first name."

"Somewhere, sometime, somebody decided it could just find it... But there's nothing here."

"I guess I'll just throw in the towel..."

"Stop sending chocolates and candy..."

"And she'll never again...

The "Humor Artists" go over ideas for their improvisational skits.

After months of practice, they're ready to make you laugh.

At 3 a.m. you phone calls when I'm feeling randy from "The Song of Stalking"

Friday, March 3, 2000

**Mary Calash/The Observer**

**Play shows endurance of spirit**

**By LAURA KELLY**

Scene Writer

"I was born in a small town, and I live in a small town...Prob'ly die in a small town, that's prob'ly where they'll bury me."

"Washington Hall lab theatre's newest production, "Between Daylight and Boonville," opens with the sounds of John Cougar Mellencamp's "Small Town." The song's simple lyrics are a fitting beginning for the drama about life in a trailer park in southern Indiana's mining country."

"Suddenly, out of the blue, two guys jump onto their feet and begin acting out the skit. It, too, jumps to its feet and concludes. A Notre Dame biology student has become a highschool teacher, and her real-life classmate is now, in this world that they've created, a janitor who will soon disappear."

"Most college students have found it frustrating to try to achieve some semblance of control in this world. These worlds are crazy ones, but you may be fun to pretend to be other people."

"In contrast with the desolation found in the trailer court, the Hesburgh Library Auditorium sits on the stage everywhere. These worlds are crazy ones, but you may be fun to pretend to be other people."

"And she'll never again...

The heartaches and disappointments life has thrown their way. While each woman copes differently with her despair and frustrations, the three are ultimately brought together by a mining accident that irrevocably changes their lives."

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"And those are the disturbing details of a night in a girl's dorm. The FCC will not allow us to show the brutal assault on James Van der Beek that took place here sub­sequently. Notre Dame security was alerted by an anonym­ous tip but... They arrived too late. If you know the whereabouts of James Van der Beek, please call us toll-free at 1-800-Unsolved. Good night."

"-from "Unsolved Feminine Mysteries"
**Men's Tennis**

Irish head to sunny California

By RACHEL BIBER

Sports Writer

The Irish hope to get more than a nice tan when they travel to sunny California this weekend. Notre Dame's men's tennis squad is headed to La Jolla, California, for the 124th Pacific Coast Doubles Championship which will be played from Friday to Sunday. The Irish will be represented by five doubles teams, who will enter the draw against professional, collegiate, and top junior players from all over the world. "We're real excited," Irish coach Bob Balis said. "It's a premiere event. We'll be very challenged and it will be great for our players."

Sophomores Aaron Talbot and David Taborsky currently rank a season-high 31st, stand as the top duo for the Irish, and will seek to improve their 12-5 season record. With their recent victory over the 124th-ranked Northwestern doubles team of Josh Holt and Brad Erickson, Talbot and Taborsky brought their record against ranked foes to 6-0 on the year. The formidable Irish pairing has won six of eight matches in 2000, including an 8-5 win over the 148th-ranked team of Matt Angwerd and Sir Dujby from New Mexico in January. A five-match streak is on the line as the Irish take on Talbot as they face-off against an elite pair.

Irish captain and All-American Ryan Sachire is paired up with Trent Miller to form another team for the Irish. The ranked doubles team has been rock solid at the No. 2 position throughout the season, notching two dominating wins against the doubles teams of Purdue and Northwestern in last weekend's dual matches. The Irish will also be represented by sophomores Casey Smith and Joost Mol and Brad Erickson, who have teamed up at No. 3 doubles in eight of the nine dual matches to date in 2000. Smith and Malhame have a 4-3 mark on the year, including a crucial 8-5 win over Kentucky's Edo Bawono and Johan Grunditz, which clinched the doubles points in the dual-match victory. Matt Daly and Ashek Raja will also team up for the Irish this weekend in California, along with the pairing of Andrew Laflin and Brian Farrell. Although Notre Dame sends the bulk of its squad to the event, the outcome holds no bearing on their team rankings or records.

Coach Balis is looking forward to the California sun and sees the opportunity to play out-side as advantageous to his team's progress. "It's a great way to break in and adjust to playing outdoors," Baylis said.

**Major League Baseball**

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Senior captain mellin completes stellar career

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Senior Bengal Bouts captain J.R. Mellin, left, lands a punch in a recent match. Mellin wraps up his impressive career tonight as he competes in the Bengal Bouts finale in the Joyce Center.

Mellin started aggressively, almost knocking Hernandez down in the first round.

Come the second round, though, Hernandez had a surprise for his opponent.

"He came out in the second round, and Hernandez had a surprise for his opponent."

"He was a machine. He couldn't throw and he was in great condition," Mellin recalled about Polina. "He had been doing three weeks earlier. When we met in the finals, he was the pleasure of breaking it for me."

Mellin began his sophomore year with a few pounds lighter, competing in the 150-pound division. This time, he advanced to the finals again, where he beat freshman David Murphy, capturing his first Bengal Bouts title.

Last year, Mellin moved up to the 150-pound division. At the top seed, Mellin rallied through the finals, defeating Babu Kauz and Matt Lynn before facing Hernandez in his championship tangle.

The decision was not met with approval by the majority of the crowd. Two separate letters by fellow boxers published in the Feb. 24 edition of The Observer challenged the removal of Hernandez.


Mellin has expe­rienced it all here at Notre Dame. He's a four-time finalist. He's been an integral part of a program that raised over $100,000 last year for the Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

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Jackson's Lakers prove defense makes difference

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

While they're not yet into Eastern mysticism, the Los Angeles Lakers are beginning to look like Phil Jackson's team.

Kobe Bryant, a natural on offense, is playing tenacious defense. Shaquille O'Neal, who in the past tried to do most everything himself, is kicking the ball back out to the open man. All the role players, including the reserves, are fitting seamlessly into the flow of games.

In their first season under Jackson, the Lakers are playing with a sort of confident harmony, something their coach — a bit of a guru — can appreciate.

"We've really taken on this personality of composure and calm and being poised regardless of the situation," guard Derek Fisher said.

The Lakers also happen to be playing the best basketball in the NBA with a record of 47-11 and are on a 13-game winning streak after an earlier run of 16 in a row.

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"I think a lot of our improvement is just getting a better understanding that it takes defense to win, and not just our skills," Fisher said. "I think some of it is the respect that we all have for Phil, coming in here and taking this job. At the same time, it's growth and maturity by us."

The Lakers also are playing better defense than they were in the early days of Jackson's triangle offense.

O'Neal, averaging 27.7 points and 14.2 rebounds, and Bryant, averaging 22.3 points and six rebounds, are still the go-to guys. But both have averaged about six assists each during the current winning streak, and their unselfishness seems to be rubbing off on their teammates.

In a recent 109-96 win over Boston, the Lakers had 41 baskets — and 35 assists, topped by Ron Harper with seven.

While the Lakers have the league's best record, they believe they still have a way to go.

"Back then, we felt confident we were going to win every night and that was how it was," Green recalled, talking of his championship Lakers teams in the '80s. "Hopefully this team will get to that point; it's what we're trying to do.

Jackson feels that, rather than taking on his personality, the Lakers are developing their own.

"A team has to have their own heads, so to speak, in many ways," he said. "A coach needs to monitor until they find their own way together as a unit. Until they do, we're not going to be that championship-caliber team they want to be."

Los Angeles, which had its 16-game win streak end in a 111-102 loss at Indiana, tries to extend its current string to 14 against the Pacers on Friday night at Staples Center.

"I look forward to Indiana; they're a very deep team," Jackson said. "We're going to need our bench."

Los Angeles faces another good team after the Pacers, meeting the Miami Heat on Sunday at home.

If the Lakers win those two, they'll try to equal their 16-game streak, the league's longest this year and second-longest in team history, against the lowly Clippers on Tuesday night. After the Clippers, the Lakers have a run of five games in which they also will be heavily favored.
Women's Lacrosse

Coyne raises standards in 2000

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

After three winning seasons in three years of existence, one might believe women's lacrosse head coach Tracey Coyne would be satisfied with the progress her team has made.

She's not.

Following a 9-6 '99 campaign, Coyne is ready for the Irish to transform themselves from a solid Midwest lacrosse program into a competitive national program.

"We want to peak this year," she said. "We are not waiting around. Last year we talked about things we wanted to accomplish and they didn't happen. Not to take anything away from the 9-6 season but we have higher expectations this year."

The Irish get their first chance to live up to those expectations Sunday when they travel to Colorado to take on the University of Denver Pioneers.

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The 2000 Irish squad is the most experienced and talented team that Coyne has ever had. Led by 50-goal scorer Lael O'Shaughnessy, the young Irish team returns nine starters — none of which are seniors.

"We are another year younger," Coyne said. "We just have so many more people with experience in big games.

Winning the big games is the key to our goal of this year's team, according to Coyne. Last year's team picked up nine wins, but never upset a top team. With a tough schedule this year, Coyne expects the Irish to surprise some of the top teams.

"We have a much more competitive schedule but I think we are more prepared," Coyne said. "Last year was kind of disappointing because we only beat the teams that we should beat. We had some big wins but we really didn't knock anyone off. I think we have learned a lot about ourselves this year.

The Irish face stiff tests from nation powers Duke, ranked second in the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association preseason poll and Georgetown, ranked sixth in the IWLCA preseason poll.

In addition the Irish face four other preseason top 25 teams in Vanderbilt, Rutgers, Syracuse and Rutgers.

"Last season, the Irish goal-tending concerned Coyne. To strengthen her team between the pipes, Coyne recruited freshman Jen White and accepted transfer Tara Durkin from the University of Massachusetts.

Durkin impressed Coyne in the win over Virginia and earned the starting nod against Denver. The competition for the starting goal-tender is far from over, however.

"Obviously strength in the goal is a key component to winning," Coyne said. "There is a lot of competition at that position. But we are expecting Carrie Marshul and Jen White to push her in practice and play a role in the rest of the season.

Coyne believes that with Durkin in net, the Irish can compete with any program.

"We are a solid Midwest team with a shot at winning the conference," Coyne said. "That is a big change. Coyne is ready for the Irish to live up to Coyne's expectations this year.

The 2000 Irish team picked up nine wins and be released by the Chicago Bulls so he can become a free agent and join a playoff contender for the rest of the season.

"If this team was in the playoff race, I'd love to be here. No question," Starks said. "But that's not the case...

Starks spoke about the possibility of being released from any team.

"Every player that plays the game wants to win a championship. I'm not different," Starks said. "That's why every time I play, I give it my all."

Neither the Heat nor the Knicks have released Starks, but the possibility exists if the teams don't think they can compete in the playoffs, but Starks is seeking to have his release made retroactive to Wednesday night so he can compete in the postseason.

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New York's John Starks to the Knicks? John Starks to the Heat? Either could happen by the end of the weekend.

An arbitrator will hear arguments Friday on whether Starks can forfeit the remainder of his salary and be released by the Chicago Bulls so he can become a free agent and join a playoff contender for the rest of the season.

"It would be interesting to see which one he'd pick," said Allan Houston of the Knicks, who remains friends with Starks. "He'd have to choose which one he thought had a better chance of winning a championship. He wants a ring.

Starks spoke eight seasons with the Knicks until being traded to the Warriors before last season as part of the Latrell Sprewell deal.

Starks also remains fond of Miami coach Pat Riley, who coached him in New York from 1991-95.

The players' union will argue on Starks' behalf that, if he is willing to forfeit roughly $1 million in salary, no one should stand in the way of him joining another team with a shot at winning a championship.

The league will argue that because Starks was not released prior to Jan. 10, his salary is fulfilled for the entire season. And since there is no provision in the collective bargaining agreement that allows for this kind of move — even when a player and a team have agreed to amend a contract — it should not be allowed.

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FENCING

Seniors prepare for final career home meet

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Senior foil captain Jim Harris can vividly recall his first fencing match at Notre Dame. As a freshman walk-on with just two prior years of training, Harris rarely got a chance to fence during the competitions. But for the last bout of the match against Cleveland State, Harris finally got to take the strip for the Irish. With every other fencer finished for the day, Harris’ bout became the center of attention. With veteran Irish fencers like Stephane Auriol and Jeremy Sicl cheering him on, Harris picked up his first win as an Irish fencer.

“I felt a little bit like Rudy with everybody cheering,” Harris said about his first meet.

This weekend, Harris, along with the Irish seniors will take the home strips for the last time at Midwest championships.

“Because of that loss, the team is going to go into the championships with a bit of fire,” Harris said. “There will be some tough competitors in the individuals but it is going to be tough competition before the qualifier. There are a couple of stands that are really good ones.”

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For the first time all the girls are seeded second as opposed to first but that is because of our loss to Northwestern,” epee captain Kim DeMaio said. “But I think we are ready for the challenge. We are not concerned with that happening again.”

If the Irish upset the Wildcats and win the Midwest Championship, DeMaio will play a key role. With No. 3 epee-starter Kierssen Ferguson out with an injury, DeMaio moves into a starting role. Northwestern should be the only test for the women as a team, although there are several individuals who can challenge the Irish.

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Hockey
Michigan State series to decide home ice for Irish

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Irish head into the final weekend of the regular season looking to secure the fifth and final home playoff spot.

"It's essential for us to get four points this weekend," senior defenseman Tyson Fraser said. "We want momentum heading into the playoffs and playing at home eliminates the need for travel."

The home and away series against Michigan State could determine whether or not the Irish (11-9-6 in the CCRA) maintain their two-point lead over Ferris State for the fifth spot. No matter the outcome, the Irish can finish no lower than sixth place overall in the standings.

"Home ice is so important and we want to play as many more games in the JACC as we can," said defenseman Sean Molina. "It is just a matter of going out and getting on a roll."

We need to establish ourselves as a team that no one wants to face. Right now in college hockey if you put on a hot streak anything is possible. There are going to be a lot of upsets and we want to continue to do well."

The second meeting between the Irish and Spartans comes at a crucial point in the Notre Dame schedule. Michigan leads the overall series 44-26-5, and has gone 17-2-3 against Notre Dame since the Irish rejoined the CCHA in 1995.

The Irish offense has suffered against the Spartans scoring only six goals in their last six games. The home team, however, has not lost during this stretch, going 5-0-1. Home ice advantage will come into play, as each team will have a home game this weekend.

In the first meeting between the two teams the Irish prevailed with a 1-0 victory. Junior Ryan Dolder put back a rebound to beat the MSU tender for the game-winner.

In the second game of the series the Irish were not as fortunate, dropping the road game to MSU 4-1. The Spartans scored in every period and benefited from strong goaltending by Joe Blackburn.

Kopischke scored the lone Irish goal, but it came after the Spartans had already built a 3-0 lead.

The Irish are wracked with injuries going into the weekend. Sophomore David Inman will miss the entire series with mononucleosis and might not be cleared before the end of the season. Inman is Notre Dame's fifth leading scorer, with 15 goals and seven assists in 32 games this season.

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Top Irish scorer Dan Carlson has benefitted tremendously from the powerplay. Nine of his team leading 15 goals have come with the man advantage. He has found the net five times in the last six games and eight times in the last 10 games.

The junior also leads the team in game-winning goals, shots on goal, and has either scored or assisted on five of Notre Dame's game-winning goals this season.

The Irish will host the first game of the series tonight at 7:05 p.m. in the Joyce Center. Following the game the two teams will head to East Lansing where they will conclude the series and season at Michigan State's Munn Ice Arena on Saturday.

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Domers compete in Metrodome tournament

Irish righthander Scott Cavey starts today versus Wake Forest. Cavey allowed only one hit in his last start.

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

After winning two of three games in last weekend, the Irish baseball team heads into the Hormel Foods Classic by another opportunity to prove themselves as one of the top teams in the country.

The four-team tournament at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, pits Notre Dame against three challenging ballclubs: host Minnesota, Wake Forest and Georgia.

Today, the Irish take on an 8-2 Wake Forest team that hasn’t lost since its opening two games. Irish head coach Paul Mainieri looks forward to the challenge.

“This game is a tremendous opportunity for our team,” Mainieri said. “You look at all the great schools in the ACC, and Wake Forest is the two-time defending champions.”

Senior Scott Cavey gets the start for the Irish. Cavey is coming off a dominating performance against Air Force that earned him co-Big East pitcher of the week honors. In that game Cavey allowed just one hit to go along with six strikeouts.

“It was a very dominating performance, which was something we needed in our first game,” Mainieri said. “We were a little uptight. He kept us in the game and let us improve on offense as the game went on.”

One of the surprise contributors last weekend was freshman Brian Stavisky. In the tournament, the right fielder went three for 10 with a home run, a triple, a double and three runs scored. After starting lower in the lineup, Mainieri has moved Stavisky up to the cleanup spot.

“My intention was not to put too much pressure on him,” Mainieri said. “The last game we thought we’d juggle the lineup, and he played well.”

On Saturday, Notre Dame takes on 3-6 Minnesota. The two teams have not met since 1991, when the Irish won 9-5 at the Metrodome. Notre Dame has yet to decide on a pitcher for this game.

On Sunday, preseason All-American pitcher Aaron Heilman goes for his first win of the season against Georgia. Heilman was a tough luck loser last Saturday when the Irish fell to the Buckeyes of Ohio State, 5-4.

Heilman allowed just two hits over the first four innings, but committed a costly throwing error in the fifth that allowed Ohio State to tie the game at four.

In the sixth, the Buckeyes’ Trent McClain hit a game-winning blast over the fence to send Heilman and the Irish to their seventh straight loss.

Georgia, 8-0 this season, come off an exhibition game against the Atlanta Braves. The Bulldogs are annually one of the top teams in the South.

Sophomore catcher Paul O’Toole also exceeded Irish expectations last weekend.

O’Toole, who recently moved to the leadoff spot, went 5-11 in the series, driving in five while adding a triple. Shortstop Alex Porzel hit the game-winning home run for Mississippi on Sunday.

All games this weekend can be heard on WJVA 1580 AM as well as on the Internet at www.ndand.com.

Students compete in Metrodome tournament

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Athletes prepare for NCAAs at Alex Wilson Invite

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Leading members of the Irish track and field squad look to the Alex Wilson Invitational to propel them in their efforts to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

High jumper Alex Wilson Invitational to propel themselves into strong position to earn NCAA berths, but will need slight improvements to make it into the top echelon of the nation's athletes.

West, a senior All-American, has lept 25-foot-4 this season, but likely needs a jump of at least 26 feet this weekend, according to assistant sports editor West said. "I want to have enough practice time practice trying to make sure I'm ready to go full-speed," West said. "I'm not going to try to barely sneak in," West said. "My goal is 21 feet. I believe I was capable of it last week, but there were a couple of things I needed to correct technically."

Engelhardt, also a senior All-American, finished second at the Big East Indoors Championships for the third straight season. Currently 22nd in the nation, she needs about an inch-and-a-half improvement to ensure her a qualifying spot. "We're kind of training through this meet in preparation for the outdoors season," field events coach Scott Winnor said. "Except for those three who need to improve on their jumps to get to the NCAAs. They're at a very high caliber right now; it's just that you have to be in the top 15."

Notre Dame's distance medley relay squad of Phil Mishka, Chris Cochran, Tim Koher and Luke Watson is holding strong at seventh or eighth in the nation. Only 10 relay squads make the cut for nationals, however, so the four are looking to shave a couple seconds off their time. "We're sitting at seventh or eighth in the country right now, and they're going to take 10 teams into nationals," Mishka said, who will run the lead-off 1,200-meter leg. "We want to make sure that we're still in the top 10 after this weekend. If we all improved as much as we're capable of, we'd probably be leading the country."

Following Mishka will be Cochran on the 400-meter leg, who won that event at the Big East Championships. Koher will run the 800-meter leg, while Watson will close out the relay with a mile run. "Our primary goal is basically to get into nationals," Watson said. "To do that we'll need to win and we'll need to probably run a faster time than we've ever run before. That's not being too ambitious."

Junior Ryan Shay will take his 5,000-meter run, as far as 3,000-meter run, as far as 5,000-goes." In the women's 5,000-meter run, senior Alison Klemmer hopes to hold court. "I just want to get out there and really enjoy the last home meet."

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The Bathing Boy (Dec 22-Jan 19): Your desire to do everything at once may cause you embarrassment. You will need to settle down and focus on what's truly important to you throughout life.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18): You can have a good time this month. You'll enjoy the company of friends and acquaintances. However, don't neglect your solitude. You need time to recharge your batteries.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20): Don't bring your worries and problems into the workplace. You'll have plenty of action, but you'll need to keep your cool.

April Fool's Day: To all the April fools, you can celebrate this day by being yourself. You don't need to worry about being taken in by someone else.

Easter: A time for renewal and new beginnings. You can use this time to reflect on your goals and ambitions.

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Big East tourney provides test for McGraw’s squad

By KERRY SMITH
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Head coach Matt Doherty isn’t into trends, especially when it comes to losing. But the first-year coach finds himself in exactly that situation as Notre Dame (16-13, 7-9) travels to Washington D.C. to take on Georgetown (15-12, 8-10) in the MCI Center Saturday.

"Two is a trend," Doherty said. "Three is unacceptable."

The Irish have dropped three straight games heading into Saturday’s season finale.

"You talk about our backs being against the wall," Doherty said. "Our backs are through the wall right now. We have no time to feel sorry for ourselves."

Notre Dame has played its way out of the NCAA Tournament and looks to get back on track before heading to New York for the Big East Tournament.

"Georgetown is a tough team," senior point guard Jimmy Dillon said. "We need to take care of business there and see where we get seeded in the Big East Tournament and make some noise there. Hopefully we can get into a rhythm and get something going."

"We have no choice," Doherty said following Wednesday’s 73-71 loss to Syracuse. "We need to be thinking positive thoughts."

Georgetown is coming off a 72-54 victory over West Virginia. The Hoyas are led by guard Kevin Braswell, who averages 14.5 points per game, and 7-foot center Ruben Boumtje Boumtje, who averages 13.6 points per game and 8.2 boards per contest. Center Lee Sruggs has also come on strong in recent weeks and will play a key role in Georgetown’s offensive scheme.

The Irish, on the other hand, will go to battle with the Big East’s leading scorer and rebounder, sophomore Troy Murphy. Murphy is averaging 23.1 points and 10.5 rebounds per game.

The All-American candidate is the only player in the country in the top 10 of both those categories. Notre Dame will also need a lift from David Graves (13.6 ppg) and Matt Carroll, who has struggled shooting the ball in recent weeks. Carroll, who averages nearly 10 points per contest, was held scoreless against the Orangemen.

"We need to stop taking basketball for granted and come out and play," Dillon said. "We aren’t good enough to just play one half of basketball. We need to leave it all out on the floor Saturday."

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Doherty hopes his troops are fresh as the Irish close out the regular season on the road.

"I’ve been trying to save their legs, but maybe I’ve saved them too much," Doherty said. "There is no manual that tells you to go hard one day and light the next."

The Irish, who sport just a 3-9 road record, will be sure to lay it on the line Saturday.