College Dems, GOP register student voters

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

In a bipartisan effort to promote voter registration, the College Democrats and Republicans co-sponsored their first voting registration drive this week. "We want to get more voter awareness," said Lisa Demidovich, a College Democrat and the drive's co-chair. The representatives from both clubs passed out flyers informing voters of presidential candidates and also provided registration forms for students. "We just want to make it more accessible," Demidovich said. Students who walked by the booth commented on the convenience that the registration drive provided for them."I've been wanting to register at home," said freshman Maureen Jones. "When the opportunity presented itself, I took it." Jones, along with most Notre Dame students, falls under the age demographic that has historically had the worst voter turnout at elections. Since the 26th Amendment granted 18-year-olds the right to vote in 1971, the voter percentages have remained low among 18- to 24-year-olds. Voter turnout was highest in this age group for the 1972 election, the first congressional election after the amendment passed, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. 58.9 percent of eligible young voters registered and 49.6 percent of those registered voters actually made the trip to the polls. The trend since the 1970s has been that young voters go to the polls in far greater numbers in presidential election years than in off-years.

SMC remodels 'plain' Regina, adds doubles, quads

Regina Hall (below) was built in the 1960s and features mainly single rooms and attached furniture. Saint Mary's will remodel the dorm this summer, adding sprinklers, improving lighting and reconfiguring the rooms. The chapel (right) will not be changed.

As Saint Mary's students pack up in May to go home, construction workers will unpack to start the Regina Hall renovation. After renovations, the building consisting primarily of single rooms will be remodeled for singles, doubles and some quads. When the renovations are complete, the furniture — now attached to the walls — will be movable. There will be sprinklers and better lighting. All of this should make Regina a more pleasant home.

"I'm very excited, thrilled about it," said Keith Dennis, vice president of finance and administration. Renovations were planned to continue over the summer months and will be completed in time for the fall semester.

Built in the 1960s, Regina Hall is unique compared to other residence halls on campus because it served as a convenit until the mid-1970s. It was at this time that the college purchased the building for the congregation and made it into a dorm. Because of its original purpose, the rooms have less than 100 square feet of floor space and the furniture, including bookshelves, desks and closets, is built into the walls.

"The driver on the renovations is the room configuration not desirable to students," Dennis said. "It's unattractive to students and there has been water leaking in through the windows."

Freshman Candi McEligott agreed with Dennis about the dorm's unattractiveness. "Regina is a very quiet, plain building," she said. "There aren't any pretty aspects of this hall, like there are in Le Mans and Holy Cross. They have the high ceilings and the genuine antique-ness to them. I don't think that Regina fits in with the pretty atmosphere of this campus."

Front desk worker Marg McDonnell, however, has worked in all the residence halls and said she likes Regina the best. "I absolutely love this dorm. It's cozy and there is a tremendous amount of closeness with the girls," McDonnell said. "Because this is mostly singles, they will come down and congregate in the lobby more — I don't know why anyone wouldn't want to live in this hall." Students who live in Regina acknowledge the sense of community.

"It is more of a family atmosphere," said Regina resident advisor Stahoviak. "Many more women leave their doors open, which invites others into their room. I find it nice to be welcomed into another person's room."

Stahoviak said the renovations
It's all about soul

I recently found myself in an interesting predicament: "Do you believe in the soul?" he questioned me. My answer was an unexpected yes.

What followed was a list of questions asked in an attempt to define and give form to the soul. I was asked if I could sense it through the faculties of taste, touch, sight, smell, or sound. I was asked if it is tangible, how it can be detected, if it need be detectable in order to exist, how I was so convinced of its existence and so on. I was at a loss. My only return was to ask the same questions regarding thought — was a logical friend believes that thought exists, but can he prove it? While this served to quiet the interrogator, it did little to truly resolve whether or not the soul exists.

How do you prove such a thing? I feel strongly that the soul exists — that it must. Yet, I cannot give much reason as to why. It is more of a belief that the soul does not suffice. For as long as I "know" it does exist, someone else may feel he or she "knows" that it does not. Which is right? To me, the soul is the essence of a person; second, it is an amalgamation of biological components. It is who and what they are. It is their feelings. It influences their morals, their thinking, and what they believe. I have no doubt that there is more to everyone than they think and what they believe. I have no doubt that the soul exists — that it must.

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Although the exact motivations behind the rising national enrollment trend are unknown, numerous possibilities exist. A strong economic boom, such as the one the country has been experiencing, just increased college admission trends; UW sociology professor and population expert Halliman Winsborough said.

"When times are really good, and have been good for a while, it seems more worthwhile for people to go to college," Winsborough said.

"Given the shape of our economy, it looks like things are going to be pretty good, and will be for a while. Another possible cause for the trend is the large increase in the 18- to 24-year-old population, which is expected to grow 16 percent between 1995 and 2007. Experts point to numerous social changes at all possible explanations for the rise in college enrollment. According to Bruce Beck, who specializes in policy and planning analysis for UW, the sons and daughters of baby boomers are more likely to enroll in college. "More and more students have college-educated parents, so the percentage of high school graduates going into college will increase," Beck said.

The population trend at UW can be explained by class-size policy changes. Each year, the UW Board of Regents decides upon a target enrollment for each of the schools in the UW system. As of late, the Regents have been attempting to slowly increase UW-Madison's enrollment.

"Each year, we have an enrollment target," Beck said. "We're trying to hit those targets. It's all sort of by design due to the set of targets that the Regents have. Around 1995, they decided to increase enrollment."

Towson student dies of meningitis

TOWSON, Md. When his friends awoke Sunday morning, Joseph Patrick Keppeler was asleep in his room, recovering from a long weekend visiting friends and family in southern Maryland. After he had trouble waking up and feeling unwell, they thought he would just sleep it off. But Keppeler, an 18-year-old freshman from Lexington Park in St. Mary's County, died roughly 10 hours later from bacterial meningitis. Friends said he arrived home in "perfect condition" after a night out at Casa Ma's, but spent Sunday morning throwing up, sleeping and complaining of flu-like symptoms. "It just looked like a hangover and then even after that it just looked like some flu or some cold," unidentified James Clay said. "Doctor said unless we got him to the hospital around noon, we couldn't do anything. They said it is the more harsh type of meningitis. Nobody was thinking about taking him there around 1 or 2 o'clock." Keppeler's condition worsened during the day and friends took him to St. Joseph Medical Center at 7 p.m.

NYU student nominated for Oscar

NEW YORK It's been a good year for the Tisch School of the Arts, with alumni winning 10 of 18 awards at last month's Sundance Film Festival. And 2000 could get a whole lot better for the school come March, with a film by two Tisch graduate students having been nominated for an Oscar. "On the Buses," a documentary produced and directed by Nanette Burstein and Brett Morgen, was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature. The nomination marks the third time in the Tisch history that a student film has been nominated for an Oscar. The film follows three young boxers from the New Bed-Stuy Boxing Center in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, as they train for the Golden Gloves amateur boxing tournament. Although the three face obstacles including drug abuse, poverty and self-doubt, they have allied themselves with a dedicated trainer who helps them fulfill their dreams. Burstein, in her fourth year at Tisch, came up with the idea for the film in her second year at Tisch. She and Morgen began working together on "On the Buses" a year later and Morgen submitted it as his third year thesis film.

This Week in Notre Dame/Saint Mary's History

Basketball takes first step to Final Four

Sunday March 12, 1977

The Notre Dame basketball team defeated Houston 100-77 in the first round of the NCAA tournament, taking the first step towards their only Final Four appearance. Five days later, on March 17, the Irish defeated Utah 69-56, breaking a four-year streak of losses in the tournament's second round.

GLND/SMC applies for recognition

March 6, 1992

The Gay and Lesbian of Notre Dame/Saint Mary's (GLND/SMC) applied for official club recognition. The group was turned down, as it had been in 1986 and several times since then. The club applied for recognition because members felt they could better serve and represent Notre Dame's homosexual community if they were University-supported.
SMC fundraises for Plan

Administration lines up early donors, seeks to develop plant fund

By KAREN FINK
News Writer

Hundreds of Saint Mary's students walk from Noble Family Dining Hall to class or their dorms every day, and they will do the same for years to come.

Ten years from now, however, they may be able to stop by the bookstore or post office in the student center before they leave the dining hall.

This new addition will be one of many campus changes to take place under the Master Plan, a decade-long project that will begin this year.

The estimated cost of the plan, including inflation, is almost $100 million. The fundraising committees hope to raise an additional 20 percent of the cost for the creation of a facilities endowment, a fund to focus on the maintenance and upkeep of the new additions.

Presently we are in the early stages of fundraising and our focus is to introduce the project to prospective donors and show them what the additions will mean to the college," said Richard Russell, vice president for College Relations. "Already we have had some commitments.

In February, the College hired Bentz, Whaley & Flessner, a fundraising consulting firm based out of Minneapolis. The firm will help the school to develop proposals, confirm donors and decide on the best alternative in fundraising.

"The pace will pick up now with the consulting firm to help make decisions," Russell said.

With the many factors involved in fundraising, students may wonder what role they will have in the process.

"The students play a critical role in helping us get across the message about how and why it will improve the quality of the Saint Mary's experience," Russell said.

"Plus, just having the prospective donors see the impressive women of Saint Mary's helps." Russell added that he wants to quote students about the importance of the Master Plan and their experience at Saint Mary's in the fundraising materials.

The school plans to begin construction on the Welcome Center and Clubhouse later this month. Renovation Regina Hall will begin this summer and all three projects will be completed by the start of next school year.

The entire cost of the welcome center and half of the cost of the clubhouse were donated by anonymous parents. The Parent's Council is responsible for raising the remaining funds for the clubhouse.

"We are fortunate to have such a strong donor base," said the project's architect, Marilou Eldred.

The renovations in Regina will be paid for by a plant fund.

"The plant fund is a collection of funds that the Trustees have set aside each year for the purpose of repairing and renovating the buildings and equipment on campus. It is funded by calculating the useful life of capital items purchased and then dividing that number into the cost," said Keith Dennis, vice president for Finance and Administration.

"This amount is put into a separate account each year. These funds are then used to replace, repair or renovate the assets." The Board of Trustees recently approved the use of money from the plant fund for the renovations in Regina.

The next goal in the Master Plan is the building of the student center.

"The student center is priority right now and it is the key to the other projects being able to happen," said Russell.

He went on to explain that the Master Plan works in a domino effect. Once the student center is completed, Haggar will be renovated, followed by Regina Hall.

"I am optimistic that we will have the financial backing for the new center when the plans for it are completed," he said.

Both Russell and Dennis are pleased with the overall fundraising process so far.

"We certainly have been successful in raising funds for the Welcome Center and Clubhouse in such a short time," Dennis said.

"We're pretty much on target," Russell said. "The most encouraging part of the process so far is the overwhelmingly positive feedback from people. To summarize Mr. Flessner's report: it's the Master Plan great, exciting and ambitious. It is what Saint Mary's needs."
SMC students serve others over break

By KATIE McVOY - Staff Writer

The Saint Mary's Special Unica Resource Center (SURV) office is sponsoring two spring break service trips this year. One group of women will be going to Appalachia and another group will be going to El Salvador.

The students going to El Salvador will stay in a pilgrimage. The group is composed of seven Saint Mary's, one man from Notre Dame, and two sisters of the Holy Cross.

The students will meet with El Salvadorans, especially those affected by the war. They will also visit martyrs sites and seek to get a general feel for the culture.

Karen, director of SURV says that the experience is a very positive one for all involved.

"Generally the students say it is a life-changing experience," she said. "Seeing the passion of the people of El Salvador really makes the students ask what their motivation is and how they can take it as passionate as the people of El Salvador."

The Appalachian trip will visit the town of Clintwood in Dickenson County, Va. The women will be staying in a house during the course of the week and will take care of their own cooking and cleaning.

The group is composed of women from the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community.

The plan for the week is very flexible. Once the women arrive there are a variety of things they might do for the week. These include walking through the house, replacing windows and doing general maintenance for the community of Clintwood.

"They are doing a lot of interacting with the members of the community," said Mary Koenig, a junior at Notre Dame. "They told us to bring pictures of our families so we can show them to the people in the community and try to relate to them." The women involved in the trip are going for various reasons, but all of them are looking forward to the opportunity to help others.

"My sister went on trips like this all four years she was in college," said Mary Wald, a junior at Saint Mary's.

"I thought it would be a great idea to do something like that," said McElligott. "Also, the furniture will be movable, and this gives a resident a little more to work with, and to arrange her room the way she wants to."

As of this year Regina Hall houses approximately 150 residents with current vacancies. However, three of eight floors are not open for student residence.

The goal for next year is for Regina to be at its capacity of 245.

"I've heard a lot of students saying that the renovations will change the sense of community next year. I think that the renovations will help a little next year, because they plan on making it all size rooms on every floor, instead of just singles. This will hopefully help with the whole unity factor, because that definitely needs to be worked on in this building," said McElligott. "Also, the furniture will be moveable, and this gives a resident a little more to work with, and to arrange her room the way she wants to."

"I chose to live in Regina because I liked the idea of having my own personal space," said Miles. "Also, I would live here next year, with or without the renovations, although the renovations will give Regina more perks."

"I've heard a lot of students wanting to stay here. I hope so because I think it will be really fun," said Brown.

ND students volunteer

Special to The Observer

Many students will spend their coming spring break earning academic credit by studying and applying the earning academic credit by studying and applying the

A special emphasis of this year's seminar will be home repair and rebuilding in the region of Hertie and Hertford Counties in North Carolina, whose communities have not fully recovered from the devastation of Hurricane Floyd and last fall's flooding.

Father Steve Worsley, pastor of St. Charles Catholic Church in Akron, Ohio and a 1984 Notre Dame graduate, will assist 19 seminar participants in volunteer service there.

Five students will participate in the Migrant Experiences Seminar. Eleven students will participate in the Appalachian Community Seminar. Eleven students will participate in the English Learning Seminar. Twelve students will participate in the Civil Rights and Social Change seminar.

Applications are due March 26, 2000. For additional information contact Angela Galui or Tony Wagner at 1-4556.

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Class of 2003

There is a group on campus to help students facing disciplinary hearings before the Office of Residence Life. Peer advocates are specially trained to guide students through the disciplinary process. They comprise a division of Judicial Council, a Student Government organization, and are not part of Residence Life.

If you are interested in being a peer advocate pick up an application in the Student Government Office in Lafortune.

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Chechen rebels fight to break Russian blockade

KOMSOMOLSKOYE, Russia

Russian troops encircling a Chechen village fought Thursday to keep rebels from breaking through to Grozny, but the rebels split into small groups and mounted intense resistance. The battle for Komsomolskoye, which began last weekend, worsened Thursday since rebels entered the village on Sunday, underlines the militants' ability to inflict serious damage on federal forces in guerrilla attacks, even though the Russian troops outnumber them and have superior weapons. Since thousands of rebels abandoned the Chechen capital, Grozny, more than a month ago, Russian forces have focused their offensive on mounting intense assaults in the republic's southern mountains. But despite seizing strategic positions and capturing a major militant stronghold, the Russians are suffering heavy losses.

Memphis grieves for shooting victims

MEMPHIS, Tenn.

Memphis was a city in mourning Thursday. Hugs were at half-staff, bouquets of flowers were placed on fire hall steps, and firefighters and few officers wore black bands across their badges. All were in memory of two firefighters and a sheriff's deputy who were slain Wednesday — allegedly by one of the suspects, firefighter Fred Williams — in a rampage that has angered and saddened this Mississippi River city. "It's just so shocking," said Pam McFarlin, who took food to firefighters at Fire Station No. 55 and brought a bouquet of flowers the home where the men were shot. "We all just feel so bad." Williams, 41, ambushed the firefighters as they arrived to fight a blaze at his home, authorities said. Williams' wife, Stacey, was found shot to death in the garage.

Ukraine police end siege of Communist headquarters

KIEV, Ukraine

Radical nationalists who seized the headquarters of the Ukrainian Communist Party surrendered to police early Friday, ending a 13-hour standoff. Group members said they gave up after government officials and lawmakers agreed to consider their political program. One by one, teen-agers and young men, as well as one woman, emerged to board waiting police jeeps. About a dozen students then took control of the building in Kiev's old, picturesque Poddil district at about noon Thursday, sending communist officials fleeing. They demanded a ban on Communist Party, which they said undermined Ukrainian independence, a purge of former Communists occupying state posts, and called on Ukraine to leave the Commonwealth of Independent States, an alliance of former Soviet republics.

Arizona senator John McCain (left) and his wife Cindy head to the podium Thursday before McCain announced that he would suspend his campaign for the White House. Texas governor George Bush scored a number of big victories in Tuesday's series of primaries and took a commanding lead in the contest for Republican delegates.

McCain bows out of campaign

SEDONA, Ariz.

John McCain suspended his insurgent presidential campaign today, conceding the Republican presidential nomination to George W. Bush but vowing to remain "a force for change."

After absorbing a Super Tuesday drubbing by Bush, the Arizona senator said GOP voters had spoken, and "I respect their decision. I am no longer an active candidate for my party's nomination for president."

McCain pointedly offered Bush his "best wishes" but not his endorsement after a bitter campaign that piled a self-styled political reformer against the Texas governor and his allies in the GOP establishment. McCain rode waves of independents and Democrats in victories in New Hampshire and Michigan, pushing an unexpected threat to Bush. Bush, c a m - paigning i n Colorado, congratulated his f o r m e r r iv a l for "the good fight" and he said he appreciated McCain's kind words.

The governor said he had a "very short" telephone conversation with McCain, but he didn't ask the Arizona senator for his endorsement yet. "I intend to talk with him at his convenience," Bush told reporters. "There needs to be some time to settle out. John needed some time to think."

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McCain intermeddaries to determine how the governor should proceed with the fallen rival. Bush wants McCain's endorsement to help woo independent voters in the fall, but his aides are not directly asking for one, according to a senior Bush adviser.

The adviser said McCain's team has assured them he won't bolt the GOP and has signaled that he won't make demands in exchange for an endorsement. Bush's aides have been told that McCain wants to be a "resource" for the GOP campaign, but they don't yet know what would convince McCain to back the governor.

Independent of the Bush campaign effort, 1996 GOP nominee Bob Dole has contacted at least one McCain intermediary and asked to talk to his former colleague, a GOP source said. McCain campaigned with Dole in 1996.

Cohen urges China to cool tensions

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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KADENA AIR BASE Defense Secretary William Cohen appealed Friday for China and Taiwan to halt their war of words and said he hoped to visit Beijing this summer to urge restraint.

"Both sides should lower the rhetoric and lower the tensions and then try to work this out in a peaceful fashion rather than one of intimidation and confronta -

Cohen said he hoped to visit Washington from Taiwan holds presidential elections March 18.

China sees Taiwan as a renegade province and has said it cannot rule out using military force if Taiwan tries to gain independence. Washington recognizes Taiwan as part of "one China," but is committed to providing weaponry for Taiwan to defend itself.

Cohen said he hoped to visit China early this summer. He did not mention a specific date.

On Saturday, Cohen is scheduled to meet with Premier Wen Jiabao, the Hong Kong chief executive, and other government officials. He said he would stress the need for stringent export controls in busy Hong Kong harbor to prevent the illicit transshipment of narcotics and materials intended for terrorists.

A common theme of Cohen's Asia tour — not just in Hong Kong, but next week in Vietnam, Japan and South Korea — will be China and its sudden shift last month to a more aggressive stance on reunifying Taiwan with the mainland.
Symposium examines role of army chaplains

Special to The Observer

An international brigade of experts will examine the roles and responsibilities of military chaplains in a symposium March 18-19 at Notre Dame.

Titled "Military Chaplains in Their Contexts," the symposium will analyze the 1,600-year history of the military chaplainate — from late antiquity to the present — in an effort to draw conclusions about religion and war in the Western tradition.

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The integration of Catholic history in American history is essential to understanding American history as a whole, said Kathryn Sklar, from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Her talk leads off a lecture series focusing on Catholicism, the culmination of three years of research by Cushwa's plan in integrating Catholic history into American history.

Recent trends, however, reveal a growing acceptance of Catholic history. Sklar reported, that now runs in "parallel riverbeds that flows into the mainstream.

"If we could imagine American historians embracing Catholic history, it would be a great change," she said. There are two main factors behind the growing acceptance of Catholic history, Sklar said.

One is a "distinctive tradition and its minority, or our outside status in American history," she said. The other is "history's label of Catholicism as "otherness.""

"This tension between America and minorities kept Catholicism's identity in the mainstream," she said.

The tension mainstream American and other minorities narrowed the differences in Catholic and American history.

The women's movement, especially among Protestants, is a main focus of Sklar's research. She attributed some of the "U.S. women's movement by its separateness of its identity," Likewise, which earned mains that the "same inclusion is occurring in the recent integration of Catholic history." She said the women's movement ex-emplified "good history," and that "good history is relative and recognizable, (making it) hard to keep outsiders out." 

Saying "anti-Catholicism is alive and well," Sklar pointed to four tactics to improve acceptance: First, Sklar urged the scholars to continue with Cushwa's plan in integrating Catholic history into American history. Second, she challenged modern reformers.

"Don't be shy," she said. "Use the perspective of Catholic history to make big claims on American history."

She also said that these reformers should "subvert or critique the dominant paradigm of providential history" whenever possible and to write about all angles of our national experience.

By redefining the way in which history is written, "future Catholicism might create new mainstreams (that) will gain the wide audience that it deserves." Together with the support of the Lilly Endowment and the Notre Dame, the Cushwa project founded by Charles and Margaret Paul Cushwa, plans to continue its endeavors towards the increased inclusion of Catholic history with the assistance of scholars and historians.

Sklar received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1969 and has published numerous articles and reviews, earning both Ford and Guggenheim endowments.

Sklar is best known for her scholarly accounts of Kathryn Beecher and Florence Kelley, both of which earned her the Berkshire-Price Award.
Athletes’ actions shape kids’ lives

Winning isn’t everything. It isn’t even the large majority of what we mean by an athlete these days. What really counts is whether or not you are a role model to the younger generation. Sure, if you can win all of your games, people will call you a great athlete, but in today’s sports world, a lot depends on how you play on the court and how you present yourself off the court.

Whether we like it or not, sports have become a major part of our lives. Sure, the country has been embarrassed by basketball and even hockey, but never before this era has the business of sports and the conduct of athletes made the daily headlines on the hard news side of journalism.

It used to be that the worst thing that surfaced in pro football was an occasional cocaine abuser (Lawrence Phillips, occasional cocaine abuser (Lawrence Phillips, Dennis Rodman is. But on Wednesday night, the Dallas Mavericks waived Rodman and ended his stint with his third team in two years. Why can such an excellent player not find a home? Because fans and owners alike cannot put up with the kind of idiotic attitude that a player like Rodman brings to the game.

Players like Latrell Sprewell get away with these disgustingly overt displays of violence because they can play the game. But forever they are concerned what the players did on the court. More often they are concerned what the players do off the court. And well they should be. These are men and women who stand up as an example to every little kid who watches the sports, dreaming of having the skills and the chance to play in the arenas that these people play in. Whether or not you win or lose is secondary. It isn’t how you play the game, either. This attitude of being unaccountable in the face of the law and the standards of society transfers back to those very same kids and creates an entirely new generation of players that just take it a step farther.

Thus, the cycle will never end until some players stand up and say, “I AM a role model.”

Matt Loughran Random Thoughts

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Your dollars, or lack thereof, are very important to the sur­ vival of the Roseland business community.

B. Michael Nagel, M.D.
Graduate Student, Sociology
March 9, 2000

Baseball is beautiful

To the Fighting Irish baseball team and the Notre Dame com­ munity:

Please know how lucky you are.

As a 1999 graduate of Providence College, I had the opportunity to experience four great years of Big East fullast. Throughout my four years at Providence, the thing I most looked forward to each spring was the crack of the bats heard throughout campus. That sound not only signaled that winter was coming to a close, but it meant that it was time to saunter over to the field to watch the sport I love most.

Now, almost two years into Notre Dame, I have experienced what many ethnic minorities here at Notre Dame have: the loneliness, alienation and the all too frequent comments, some ignorant and some intentionally cruel. As a member of the gay, lesbian and bisexual community, though, I experience something other minorities do not: the constant and unfail­ ing efforts of the administration to tell me I am a sinner, that I am "objectively disordered," I am unwanted and that I deserve no legal protection from harassment or violence. These sentiments are whispered in the hallways and shouted in the Viewpoint pages.

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To the Notre Dame community: Please know how lucky you are.

Michaela C. Murray-Nolan
Senior Executive Board Member and Treasurer, OUTreach ND Member, Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs
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Scene takes a look at the history of high stakes game shows, from the soaring "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" to the dramatic ups and downs of these games.

The dream
After a few more correctly answered questions, with the help of lifeline or two, Regis passes the game to chat with Patty about her million-dollar dreams.

"So what do you plan on doing with your money, Patty?" Regis asked.

"I'd like to go to Las Vegas and double my money with my winnings," she said, the blush in her cheeks and wide smile giving away the thrill of such a prospect.

Some argue that these shows demonstrate the latest version of the American Dream. No longer is persevering the long road to fortune the popular ideal. Now it is taking a shortcut to the top of the economic ladder in one swift stroke of luck. And the rapid rise of the Internet and its technology is one of the culprits, critics say.

"You see this [especially] with people coming out of college," Ohmer said. "They just want to join a big Internet company and make money. In that sense, it's not good. Their odds aren't great."

Since the Internet has become a staple of work, schools and the home, people feel that they can also take part in this strike-it-rich business. The "What? in "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" means virtually anyone. The contestants on these quiz shows support this concept; they don't look or act like movie stars. They have

Scene asks

What would you do if you won $1 million?

"I'd buy an eight-foot long urban-attack-camouflage nanguha/duch couch, a new atomic-purple Nintendo controller and an implant for my right pectoral muscle. (It is smaller than my left.)"

Teddy Bolanos
freshman, Keough Hall

"I'd try to pay off my education, then get the Ford Mustang I'd always wanted. I'd go on a tour of Europe and take all my friends out to Reckers."

Kristen Moskow
freshman, Lewis Hall

"I'd get rid of my virginity."

Dan Fisher
freshman, Carroll Hall
theirs quirks and flaws, whether it is an obnoxious laugh or a fashion sense dating back to the 1970s. But that’s where the appeal lies; the show’s audience can relate to them.

"The key is, the show has heart. You’re rooting for the people on the show," said Michael Davies, executive producer of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," in a New York Times interview.

The history
This was the attraction of the quiz shows in the 1950s as well. With only a few exceptions, the contestants on these programs, such as "The $64,000 Question," "Tie-Tac-Dough" and "Twenty-One," were all versions of the working class persona. Herbert Stempel, a veteran from Queens working and attending city college, exemplified this persona.

In 1958, after losing his title as defending champion on "Twenty-One" to Charles Van Doren, a Columbia University professor and member of the esteemed Van Doren family, Stempel revealed that the show was fixed. He claimed that the producers controlled who did or did not continue by giving them answers. Because Stempel continued to win, his "unbeatable" quality had made him unpopular and thus, unprofitable, so the producers brought in the refreshment of noble Van Doren.

After Stempel’s allegations were insufficiently investigated by a New York grand jury, the House of Representatives special subcommittee on legislative oversight confirmed the allegations. Van Doren confessed that he was also provided with the questions before his appearances on each show. He justified his participation in the fraud on the grounds that he believed he was strengthening the value of education and the intellect through his celebrity. By his example, he argued he had made learning fun and accessible to the TV generation.

For younger generations who did not witness the "Twenty-One" scandal, Robert Redford’s 1994 film, "Quiz Show," recreated that event, as well as some of the ruthless inner workings of the Nielsen phenomenon. Ultimately, it demonstrated the quiz show was about ratings and profitability for the sponsors.

The Renaissance
After the height of quiz show popularity in 1958, the genre declined as a consequence of the scandals. Yet, the genre is back in full throttle today, and many wonder, "Why now?" NBC’s rebirth of "Twenty-One" is especially risky. But, according to Ohmer, "They think that people have forgotten. TV tends to recycle, as movies do." This rebirth raises the question of just how much of quiz show history has been recycled. Are the shows as authentic as they seem or are they fixed as well?

"I hope not," said Ohmer. "In the ’50s, they were fixed because the sponsors wanted to control the contestants. In some cases, that is still true. Fox’s "Greed: The Series," recognized as a de­liber­ate imitation of "Millionaire," lives up to its name. Reading the fine print of the rules and regulations exposes the immense scope of power possessed by the sponsors. The "Rules and Regulations" on the "Greed" Web site states "Qualifying entrant will be evaluated by sponsor’s representative on the basis of the entrant’s answers to those questions and on subjective criteria including charm, communication skills and sense of humor."

Official Rules and Regulations "Greed"

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"Fifty percent is going to buy cars for my friends, family and professors. Twenty-five percent is for my favorite charity. The other 25 percent I’d keep for myself."

"I’d hit Vegas, have a drive-through wedding, lose most of the money, end up back to Notre Dame with $5 and work as a cord-sweeper in the dining hall. It's my dream."
Golden Hurricane won their 28th game, carried Tulsa most of the way as the 20 points, and Brandon Kurtz, with 14, out of the game after taking a 50-23 to be his final year, he would leave with the school record for 3-pointers in a half game as Wildcats' coach.

John Cheaney doesn't care that Temple lost to the Atlantic 10 Conference tournament since 1990, losing, he said, might work as motivation.

But the No. 6 Owls looked far less charitable than their coach on Thursday, beginning their quest for the A-10 title with a victory against Virginia Tech. Mark Karcher scored 17 points and Pepe Sanchez added nine points and five assists as Temple (24-4) advanced to a semifinal game against Massachusetts.

where the Golden Hurricane won their 28th game, breaking the school record of 27 set in 1983-84.

Tulsa (29-3), the top seed in the WAC tournament, will face the winner of the San Jose State-Texas Christian game.

Sixth-man David Shelton, who scored 15 points in the first half as Kansas (23-8) romped to its 19th straight victory over Seton Hall.

The basketball team could be his final year, he would leave with the school record for 3-pointers in a half game as Wildcats' coach.

The Jayhawks led by as many as 37 points in the first half as Kansas (23-8) romped to its 19th straight victory over Seton Hall.

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Asbury, who has two years left on his contract and has said he will not resign, had 20 points, as Georgetown upset 12th-ranked Syracuse in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament at Madison Square Garden. They would compete in the Atlantic 10. The Hoyas lost Virginia Tech would compete in the Big East Conference next season.

The No. 14 Tulsa 71, Rice 51

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**BASEBALL**

Heilman ready to heat up in Florida

By NOAH AMSTADTER Sports Writer

Coming off one of the greatest starts in team history, the Notre Dame baseball team will spend its spring break in sunny Jacksonville, Fla., as they take part in the Kennel Club Classic. There is no winner of the tournament, which is comprised mainly of teams from the northern United States.

"The thing that's really nice about the tournament from our standpoint is that you have the opportunity to go to warm weather places on a beautiful field," said head coach Paul Mainieri. "But you're also playing the majority of your games against other schools from the North that are dealing with the same disadvantages of being at the same stage in their season that we are." As opposed to all other tournaments, where players and coaches stay together at a hotel, athletes will live with Notre Dame alumni in the area. This lets the players enjoy their spring break while still competing.

"I got out to a slow start my first two outings, but I felt a lot better this past weekend." Aaron Heilman Irish pitcher

On Sunday, Notre Dame takes Midwest rival Michigan. F r e s h m a n M a t t Laird earns the start after an impressive outing against Minnesota last weekend. Illinois is currently ranked as one of the Top 25 teams in the nation. On Monday, Notre Dame will face the Osprey of North Florida before taking a day off on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Indiana state rival Butler takes on Notre Dame. The starting pitchers in these games are yet to be determined.

On Thursday, Heilman returns to the mound as Iowa presents his latest challenge. The Hawkeyes ranked 10th in the Big Ten last season. Laird starts against Akron on Friday. Akron recently beat Ohio State, a ranked team that had already defeated the Irish this season.

"I think things are looking promising heading into NCAAs," freshman pitcher Anna Carnicck said. "When you look at the top eight and see a lot of Notre Dame people fencing each other, it's a good sign." The men should have no problem qualifying while McCullough took second. One of them must remain in the top eight this weekend to qualify for the tournament. In epee, Carnicck, the Midwest champion, should have no problem qualifying. Her roommate, however, Meagan Call finished sixth at Midwests. "It won't be easy in women's sabre or women's epee," Irish head coach Yves Auriol said.

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**FENCING**

Irish head to regional qualifier

By MIKE CONNOLLY Sports Writer

The stakes are just a bit higher this weekend as the Irish fencing team travels to Appleton, Wis., for the N CA A Western Regional Qualifier. Notre Dame will send two fencers to compete for a possible 12 Notre Dame slots in the NCAA Championship.

While the NCAA tournament is still three weeks away, the Irish must place at least two fencers from each weapon in the top eight to have any shot at the national title.

"If the Irish don't qualify two fencers at each weapon, they won't be able to score enough points to win the title at the NCAA Championship. After placing at least two fencers in the top eight this weekend, the Irish feel confident that they will qualify 12 fencers this weekend. "I think things are looking promising heading into NCAAs," freshman epeeist Anna Carnicck said. "When you look at the top eight and see a lot of Notre Dame people fencing each other, it's a good sign." The men should have no problem qualifying six."
**Martín breaks legs, ends season**

**Associated Press**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kenyon Martin knew his season was over before he hit the floor.

Cincinnati's star player, perhaps the best in college basketball, was setting a scene in the opening minutes of Cincinnati's Conference USA tournament opener Thursday when he bumped into Saint Louis' Justin Love. Martin's ankle turned underneath him as he fell, breaking his right fibula and ripping several ligaments.

"I've been here since day one. I can't get on the court. I can still get a ring. I can still get a banner. I just can't play," Kenyon Martin said.

The Bearcats lose post-season opener

**Associated Press**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Cincinnati star Kenyon Martin broke his right leg early in the first half, and the top-ranked Bearcats lost their postseason opener 68-58 Thursday to Saint Louis.

The senior forward from the bench as Justin Love scored 25 points in leading ninth-seeded Saint Louis to the upset victory in the Conference USA quarterfinal.

Even without their leading scorer (28.3), the Bearcats still had a chance to put away a team it routed twice in the regular season. But Saint Louis had trouble even finding the basket for much of the second half. Cincinnati led 40-36 with 16:05 left on a jumper by Kenny Satterfield. But Saint Louis didn't miss and took a 10-point lead.

Pete Mickeal, but John Redden put Saint Louis ahead 53-44 with 4:50 left.

The Bearcats then went cold and didn't hit a shot from the floor for a nearly 10-minute stretch until Mickeal's basket with 1:16 remaining. Cincinnati could have taken the lead but went 0-for-3 at the free throw line in that time.

Saint Louis didn't miss and hit 11-of-12 free throws in the final 1:44.

Kenney Satterfield led Cincinnati with 16 points, Mickeal finished with 13 and Ryan Fletcher added 11. The Bearcats lost their leading scorer, rebounder and top shot blocker for the regular season about three minutes into the game.

The 6-foot-9, 240-pound Martin was setting a pick when he got tangled up with Love. Martin's ankle turned underneath him as he fell, breaking his leg and damaging several ligaments.

Martin immediately was taken to an ambulance for an orthopedic clinic where doctors put a cast on his leg. He will need surgery, which will take place in Cincinnati.

He returned to The Pyramid midway through the second half with his teammates trailing and drew a standing ovation. Cincinnati wound up with its earliest exit ever in a tournament the Bearcats have dominated over the years.

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**Maria McGinn Girls**
Tennis
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Irish a chance to gain some valuable doubles experience.

When junior Kimberly Guy went down with a broken wrist, the entire doubles lineup was thrown out of whack.

Head coach Jay Louderback has been forced to play pairs that have little experience playing together.

That lack of experience was particularly evident against Iowa and Kentucky, as Notre Dame uncharacteristically dropped two of three doubles matches.

Louderback seems sure that experience will improve the doubles play.

"We've had a week to practice and already I think we're more comfortable with the new pairings. I think we'll be OK as we get more matches in."

Kelly Zalinski
senior captain

BYU matchup to improve, because it will be given all it can handle when it heads further west to battle No. 6 Pepperdine a week later.

The Wave has been riding high and boasts a strong 8-2 record.

Pepperdine also sports an impressive singles squad, with three nationally ranked players.

Junior Ipek Senoglu, who should give Michelle Basso a run for her money in No. 1 singles, anchors the contingent.

Fatigue could play a significant role, however, as Pepperdine will take on Loyola Marymount, SMU, UCLA, and Wisconsin prior to playing Notre Dame.

The Wave will no doubt be weary after playing such a schedule and will likely be forced to dig deep to hold off an Irish upset bid.

"It [fatigue] could definitely come into play," Zalinski said. "Tennis is so draining both physically and mentally, and we'll be fresh, so it could be an advantage."

Notre Dame will be out to avenge a 5-4 loss at the hands of Pepperdine last year.

The Wave has won three of the last four meetings.
Miami's stifling defense.

Ivan Kartelo goes up for a shot in a recent game. He and the rest the Irish struggled against continued from page 20

Bball

storming back with a 9-0 run to tie the game

Murphy's shot slipped out.

at 53. But the Irish saw it slip away as

into the second half, but Notre Dame came

best team in the league," Doherty said. "We

control the game."

kids."

After a technical foul on Doherty, Miami

The Hurricanes held Big East player of the

conference." Murphy said. "They're physical, they're

so we didn't. I'm real proud of these

Johnny Hemsley paced Miami with 17 points

for Notre Dame and Matt Carroll added 11.

and Tyler added 14. Jennings dished out 11

assist."

ble with them all three times. Tonight was no

"They're the best defensive team in the Big

East," Murphy said. "They're physical, they're

a minute into the second

half, used a 13-2 run
capped by consecutive 3-

pointers by Gary Buchanan and

Brian Lynch to get within

43-39 with 16:31 left.

The Wildcats, who shot

56 percent in the second

half (17-for-29), tied the

game at 59-59 on a free

throw by Buchanan, but

made two free throws by Buchanan, but

had been second-half lead on 56 percent

of St. John's, which had won

nine of 10. appeared in con-

trol early, building a 41-26

halftime lead in the sec-

The Irish, however, who usually live by the

last week's regular-season

nals.

That will be a rematch of last week's regular-season

finale. won by Miami 74-70

in overtime, and of last sea-

son's semifinal, won 62-59 by

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This will be St. John's third

straight semifinal appear-

ance. The Wildcats have not

advanced past the quarterfi-

nals since 1997.

No. 3 Duke 94,

Clemson 63

Shane Battier scored 19

points and No. 3 Duke

opened its quest for its 11th

ACC title by dominating

Clemson inside and out in a

victory.

The Blue Devils (25-4) shot

56 percent, including making an

Atlantic Coast Conference

tournament-record 17 of 29

3-point attempts, and had a

28-28 edge on the boards,

helping them defeat Clemson

for the ninth consecutive

Duke used a 31-4 run in the

first half to take control of a
game that matched the

highest-scoring team in the

ACC against the league's last-

place team in scoring and

shooting.

Freshman Mike Dunleavy

made a successful return

after an absence of more than

a month, thanks to mono-

nucleosis as Duke, the

tournament's top seed,

advanced to Saturday's

semifinals.

Dunleavy played 20

minutes, made six of seven

3-pointers and finished with 16

points.

Nate James added 18

points for Duke, Jason

Williams had 14 and Chris

Carrawell added 11.

Ninth-seeded Clemson (10-

20) shot 37 percent and had

17 turnovers. It has lost three
games to Duke this season by

a combined 79 points.

Red Storm blows lead in tournament

Associated Press

Booie Thornton scored 21

points and third-seeded St.

John's, which blew a 15-

point second-half lead, scored

the game's final six

points for a 75-70 victory

against Villanova on Thursday

night in the quarterfinals of

the Big East tournament.

The 19th-ranked Red

Storm (22-7) advanced to

Friday night's semifinals

against second-seeded Miami

(21-9), which beat Notre

Dame 61-58 in the quarterfi-

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This lecture is part of a week-long compact seminar titled "Dante's Rime" taught by Professor Barolini from March 20-24. If you are interested in enrolling in this seminar which will meet from 7-9pm, please contact the Dept. of Romance Languages & Literatures, 631-6856.

Ivan Kartelo goes up for a shot in a recent game. He and the rest the Irish struggled against Miami's stifling defense.

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control the game."

After a technical foul on Doherty, Miami extended its lead to nine points four minutes into the second half, but Notre Dame came storming back with a 9-0 run to tie the game at 53. But the Irish saw it slip away as Murphy's shot slipped out.

"We gave it a run and came up against the best team in the league," Doherty said. "We were right there. The kids could have given up, but they didn't. I'm real proud of these kids."

The Irish struggled with Miami's tough man-to-man defense in all three meetings.

The Hurricanes held Big East player of the year Murphy to just 15 points, but couldn't keep him off the boards, as he grabbed 16 rebounds.

"They're the best defensive team in the Big East," Murphy said. "They're physical, they're strong and they play really hard. We had trouble with them all three times. Tonight was no different."

Johnny Hanson paced Miami with 17 points and Tyler added 14. Jennings dished out 11 assists.

David Graves had 14 points in a losing effort for Notre Dame and Matt Carroll added 11.

The Irish, however, who usually live by the 3-pointer, shot just 24 percent (6-for-25) from beyond the arc.

"I think it was a hard fought game," Graves said. "The two teams played well. Some things went our way and others didn't. But they're a great defensive team. By far the best in the conference."

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IRISH INSIGHT

NCAA hopes depend not on Irish wins, but others' losses

The ball rolled out of Notre Dame's hands Thursday, and into those of the NCAA tournament selection committee.

The Irish fell on the outs of the Big East Tournament with their 65-58 nail-biter loss to the Miami Hurricanes.

The defeat leaves the Irish without a chance to impress the selection committee before NCAA tournament seedings are announced Sunday.

"Throughout the whole year, we always had the ability to play in the tournament, and it was nice," sophomore forward Troy Murphy said. "And now it's not in our hands. We have to go back to the hotel and root against certain teams and hope that things go our way. It's not as comfortable as knowing you can do something yourself."

Murphy, this year's Big East player of the year, scored 15 points and powered his way to 16 rebounds in Notre Dame's loss Thursday. But he missed the go-ahead 3-pointer in the closing seconds.

"Hit that shot, and that could be another win, and that could separate us from another team in the tournament," Murphy said. "It's tough to think that shot could either put you in the NCAAs or the NIT."

Not in the season, the Irish are testing in a tense position. No team has ever received an at-large bid to the Big East Tournament with 14 losses.

However, Notre Dame also defeated five ranked opponents, as many as any team in the nation this season. The blue and gold add a slew of close losses to teams that come back to haunt it. Instead, the Irish will head back to the hotel and root against certain teams and hope that things go their way.

"Whatever our fate is on Selection Sunday, we're going to make a run," said David Graves, Notre Dame's senior guard and team leader. "I'm going to make a run for it, or whether it's in the NCAA, we're going to make a run."

Bend after last season, opening the door to Doherty's first season at the helm. Notre Dame's No. 1 goal throughout the season has been to qualify for the NCAA tournament. Whatever our fate is on Sunday," sophomore David Graves said. "I'm going to make a run for it."

"Whenever it's in the NIT, we're going to make a run for it, or whether it's in the NCAA, we're going to make a run for it."

With no more basketball left to play before Selection Sunday, the Irish's fate hangs in the balance. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
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TOM KEELEY

HERE'S A LETTER FROM OUR PARENTS.
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WHEN?

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GODS, DID I SAY "IF"? I MEANT "THAT"

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

ND comes up short in Big East tourney to Miami

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

NEW YORK
The third time wasn't a charm for the Irish Thursday night, as Notre Dame dropped a 61-58 contest to Miami at Madison Square Garden in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

With 18.8 seconds left in the game, Notre Dame found itself in a familiar situation, and came away with a similar result. Two weeks ago at Miami, the Irish needed a 3-pointer in the closing seconds to send the game to overtime. Troy Murphy's shot rimmed out. Thursday night, Notre Dame needed a two-point basket for the win.

"When Troy goes up, I think it's in," first-year head coach Matt Doherty said. "You've got your best player taking an open shot. Granted it's a 3-point shot, but he is one of our best 3-point shooters. When it misses you think foul. Well that's what I'm thinking at the same time your gut gets ripped out."

But the Irish weren't able to get the foul. Following the miss, Miami point guard Vernon Jennings secured the rebound and fired a quick outlet pass to Elton Tyler who slammed it home with 0.8 seconds left.

"I was trying to finish the play," Tyler said. "We have a great defense, so after that, I knew we were going to get a stop on something like that."

Harold Swanagan's ensuing inbounds pass was batted down by Tyler and the Irish were sent packing.

Miami jumped out to a 23-16 lead with 9:21 left in the first half, but Notre Dame battled back and a thunderous slam dunk by Swanagan tied the game at 28. The Hurricanes clung to a slim three-point margin at the break.

"In the second half we knew we had to come out and play harder because we felt they outplayed us in the first half even though the score didn't indicate that," Jennings said. "In the second half, we came out, stepped up our pressure and tried to...

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Troy Murphy scrambles from defenders in a recent game. In Thursday night's 61-58 loss to Miami, Murphy missed a key shot in the remaining seconds. The Big East player of the year scored 15 points in the contest.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish expect to extend four-game win streak over break

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

Spring break for most of us is a time for rest and relaxation, but for the members of the women's tennis team, it's time to extend a winning streak.

After soundly whipping four ranked opponents last week, the Irish stand at 11-4 on the current campaign. Their record and four-match win streak will be put on the line with two difficult matches over the spring holiday.

The Irish will head west to take on the Cougars of BYU on Saturday, before doing battle with the sixth ranked Waves of Pepperdine a week later. Though BYU is unranked, they might still provide Notre Dame with a stern test.

The Cougars boast a solid singles lineup, led by senior Elene Chiew who is ranked 53rd nationally. BYU is 6-4 on the season after losing to Northwestern, a team Notre Dame recently upset, last week.

"We try to go into every match the same way," senior captain Kelly Zalinski said. "We'll be fired up and hopefully we can continue to play well."

The Irish have split six all-time meetings with the Cougars, but trounced them last year 9-0.

Michelle Dasso will be counted upon heavily to fend off a BYU upset bid. The junior All-American has taken her play to a new level, as she has been virtually unbeatable in singles competition.

A BYU team, weaker than a typical Notre Dame opponent, should give the Irish no problem over the spring holiday.

The Irish will head west to take on the Cougars of BYU Saturday, 3 p.m.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

Fencing at Appleton, Wis.
NCAA Regional Qualifiers
Saturday, All Day

Track at NCAA Championships
Today-Saturday, 3 p.m.

CCHA Quarterfinals
at BYU
vs. Ferris State
Today-Sunday, TBA

Diving at NCAA Zone Diving
Today-Saturday, TBA

at BYU
Saturday, 3 p.m.