Editor's note: This is the fifth of a five-part series examining different issues in this year's student body election.

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Most people would agree that issues and ideas of a candidate should be the deciding factor in who gets elected in any campaign, in student government elections, oftentimes who you know plays as much of a role as what you want to do. Choosing a president and vice president from different classes can help a ticket spread its appeal to more students.

Ryan Becker, a junior presidential candidate from Zahm Hall, said Nikki McCord's sophomore status played a role in selecting her as his vice president.

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Current student body vice-president and candidate for president Brooke Norton said the appeal of split ticket goes beyond just the election. Norton, who was elected to her post as a junior, said the different experiences of Brian O'Donoghue, a senior, and herself make their administration more effective.

"The ticket is more representative of the student body," Norton said. "In office this year, it helped us because we were going through different things. I could relate to the younger students because I had just been there while Brian could better relate to the seniors.

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"Working with this year's editorial board and their staff has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had at The Observer," the junior from Sandy Hook, Conn., said.

Woods, a sophomore from Springfield Pa., served as the controller for The Observer in 2000-2001. He is an accounting major and a Management Information Systems minor. He will be in charge of pay-roll and budgeting for The Observer.

Smith, a junior government and CAPP major, served as sports editor for the 2000-2001 school year and will assist Gillespie with all editorial decisions as well as working closely with new writers and training staff members.

"I have enjoyed my term as Sports Editor and I am eager to work with the newspaper in a different capacity," the junior from Kennebunk, Maine said.

Gillespie, Woods and Smith will assume their positions after spring break.

Editor appoints 3 to top Observer posts

By NELLIE WILLIAMS

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By KIFLIN TURNER

Why was John Staud, director of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), invited by President Bush last Wednesday to discuss the implementation of the administration's faith-based service initiatives?

ACE, a two-year program that sends Notre Dame graduates to teach in under-resourced Catholic schools, has achieved great success in furthering personal improvement for children whose educational experience might have been weakened by undereducated staff. Staud cited the achievements of the organization as the reason why he was chosen as a representative.

"Obviously ACE has been very successful and we've been blessed with the stellar applicants and participants, and so I knew that was sort of the reason, but still when you consider that it was a national meeting, it was really flattering for the program, I think, more that anything." Along with Staud were representatives from more than 50 organizations representing Catholic service programs nationwide. The funds will support educational programs to those similar to ACE, as well as other social programs that will combat drug addiction, alcoholism, and other social problems in the community.

The goal of the initiatives is to enhance the efficiency of pre-existing programs and to ensure that religious-based organizations will not suffer discrimination from federal funding.

"Bush wants to try to tap into the successful work that a lot of faith-based organizations are already doing," said Staud. "It's not as though we want to be a way to have government exit from its responsibilities, but it's rather a chance to just allow groups to have achieved great success to compete for federal monies, so long as there's an appropriate firewall set up so that those monies don't influence evangelization or proselytizing."

Many critics of Bush's plan believe that the faith-based initiatives may be problematic when faced with the possible legal challenges of infringing on the separation of church and state constitutional amendment.

"There can't be a government religion, but as long as the government is dispersing money fairly and allowing access to all religious traditions, I think it's a good idea because often these groups achieve greater results," said Staud. "I think there are models out there that have met the legal concerns and the ideological ones as well that we can point to, and ACE would be one of these."

Bush eyes faith-based programs

The Observer
Learning the ropes

As a second semester freshman, I’ve adjusted to my new home at Notre Dame. I’ve discovered the campus’ hidden secrets — that O’Shaughnessy really are the same building, that no matter how much we North and Mod Quad dwellers claim North is equal, South Dining Hall is really better, and that lightening doesn’t strike when someone breaks parietals. These discoveries, and many more, haven’t come from official University seminars designed to acclimate me to “college life,” but instead have come from walking around campus for five months, talking to upperclassmen and making mistakes.

That’s why I cringe when I hear student government freshmen asking about future freshmen, or even modification of the current ones. By the end of orientation, freshmen have settled down since moving in. The reasoning behind modifying these seminars now, like the diversity seminar, are well intentioned, but all of my peers I have talked to have not come across them.

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

Scott Brodfeather
Wire Editor

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Feminist Harding discusses women in science

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Science benefits from women as much as women benefit from science, according to renowned feminist Sandra Harding, who spoke at Saint Mary's Thursday night.

"Women in science benefit women, because, in science, we (as women) have the opportunity to enjoy the exciting and pleasurable work that is involved in scientific fields," Harding said. "But, that is not the focus of my talk. We know that involvement in science can benefit women; I will focus on how women in science can benefit the sciences."

Harding, a scientific theorist, spoke Thursday on the topic of how science improves as the number of women scientists improves. She explained that science must improve on the "recruitment and retention" of women in order to maintain integrity, expand its investigations and further understand science's place in today's society.

First, she explained that including women in the sciences increases the talent to draw from.

"We add women's skills and talents to the pool," she said. "Women are half the human pool of skills and talents."

More specifically, in order to retain its reputation and keep its legitimacy, science must include women in fields like physics, biology, chemistry, engineering and medicine. According to Harding, science has always been looked upon as logical and reasonable. If discriminations based on gender continue in the scientific community, science's reputation for logic and rational thought will come into question.

"Science and technology are considered a paradigm of objectivity and rational thought," Harding said. "Their legitimacy as that paradigm is questioned when these patterns of discrimination continue."

In addition to including women to save its reputation, the scientific community benefits from women by their ability to expand and diversify the content of scientific inquiry and scientific practices. She explained women do not only bring the ability to do the science that men have traditionally done; they bring the ability to do new and different types of science.

"Honorably, the argument for ending discrimination in science and medicine is that we will do just the same science as men," Harding said. "It turns out, we lied. Women in science and engineering bring distinct contributions to the fields."

She explained that in the same way people from different cultural backgrounds bring different perspectives to their work, women often bring different perspectives than men.

"Are there any differences that can be exploited by science and engineering and medicine?" she asked.

Harding explained that it is not the nature of women to be fundamentally different from men, but that their unique life experiences often bring fresh perspectives and ideas to their work. These different backgrounds and points of view will lead to different types of research and investigations.

"We know science should value cognitive diversity — new ideas that come from outside the mainstream gender differences are a sitting pool of diversity that science can benefit from."

Finally, Harding explained that in order to more fully understand how the scientific community fits into society as a whole, women must be included.

"We now understand that its cultures and individuals that produce ideas," Harding said. "Data has to be confirmed and theories must be agreed with. Science is a social organization."

Women force scientists to examine social beliefs that are a foundation of how research is carried out, according to Harding. Theories and ideas must not only be proved in science, but also accepted. Including women in the pool of scientists forces the community to evaluate the standards by which they look at scientific theories and the scientists themselves.

"By looking from a women's perspective, we start to understand the conceptual framework of science," she said. "It's a chance to ask new questions about women's lives, men's lives and the relationship between them. But, most importantly, it's a chance to ask about the conceptual framework that forms the scientific body of knowledge."

Sandra Harding, a well-known feminist and scientific theorist, spoke about women's role in the sciences Thursday night. She said women benefit from involvement in science and science benefits from female participation.
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Students say personal connections are important but its more important to be a recognizable person with good ideas rather than a classmate.

"I think that it makes a difference if you know him, you will be more likely to vote for him because you know what he stands for," said Matt Crimacken, a sophomore from Badin. She added that knowing a candidate can also lead a student to vote against the candidate because of what he stands for.

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**World News Briefs**

**Koreaconnect railway:** The militaries of North and South Korea agreed to their first ever joint peace project Thursday — reconnecting a cross-border railway severed by the Korean War half a century ago. The 41-point agreement, which also agreed on setting up the first ever hot line between the two militaries, marked another milestone in thawing relations between the two once-hostile countries since a summit of their leaders in June.

**Babies take mother's surname:** The National Assembly gave initial approval Thursday to a bill that would allow newborns to bear the surname of either their father or mother, bringing France into line with most of its European neighbors.

**National News Briefs**

**Bill would keep web tax moratorium:** The Internet tax moratorium would be extended until 2006 and Internet access taxes banished altogether under bills introduced in the House and Senate on Thursday. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., who introduced the Senate version, said the extension is necessary to prevent a "crazy quilt of tax structures in each state and locality. The current tax ban will expire Oct. 21. "If that happens," Wyden said, "the banished altogether under bills introduced in California will dramatically speed up the approval process for new web power and plants. California has a moratorium on new power and plants that operate only during peak hours of the day, which would likely reduce the amount of electricity required from power plants by summer."

**New power plants needed quickly:** Hoping to stave off summer blackouts, California will dramatically speed up the approval process for new power plants in hopes of adding electricity for 5 million homes by July. Gov. Gray Davis said Thursday. Under an executive order, Davis said the state will cut red tape and give bonuses to small power plants "in order to speed up the approval of adding electricity for 5 million homes by July, 2001."

**Gary mayor approves KKK rally:** Mayor Scott King, who sought to keep the Ku Klux Klan from rallying in this predominantly black city, said Thursday he had no choice but to approve the group's request for an open-air assembly permit. The city last month rejected a permit request by the Church of the American Knights, a Klan branch based in Butler. King, who had said he would do anything he could to keep the Klan out, said the city could not reject its latest request. "Consistent with federal and local law, I have no choice," he said.
Scully details personal experience in Chile

By MARIBEL MOREY
Assistant News Editor

The three fans circulating the damp warm air throughout the exceedingly heated climate resembled LaFortune Dame, executive vice president and people gathered and listened on Thursday night on how his assistant was recommended by the Holy Cross Order to speak on September of 1979. "I didn't go to Chile. He arrived in 1979. "I found that I was in a world that was strange to me — unhappy because of its political regime," he said. Shortly upon arriving at Santiago, Scully noticed that a member of the religious order had been invited to a formal event where Pinochet was going to be present. "I had been in Chile for 5 days. We (Pinochet and I) had a two-minute exchange — I wanted to watch him and see what this person's like," he said. After two and a half years, Scully moved to a shanty town in Chile at which point he continued to see the blatant abuse of human rights. "I saw the poor getting the living cracked out of them," he said. "I saw women's genitalia burnt and mangled, poverty and unemployment. I saw firsthand the effects of this democracy." However, he later emphasizes that neither the poor nor the rich should be romanticized. Together as a political and religious state, the Chilean people take national politics very seriously. "As sports is to the Notre Dame campus, politics is to Chile," he said. You are not friends nor you date outside of your political party. Politics is also engraved within families. "Tell me your last name and I will immediately tell you what party you are," Scully said. As an American in Chile, Scully feels that his experience is not the same as other Chileans. "I was seen as someone apart — white, gringo, I was treated somewhat special," Scully said. He went downtown one day to watch a run when a police officer in uniform came up to him and asked him what he was doing there. Scully told a white lie and said he was waiting for a friend and he himself was lost. For the rest of the run, the officer served as Scully's own body guard by shielding him from head-to-toe. Once the riot was over, Scully thanked the officer who then said, "That's what we're here for." Scully was amazed. "They're (the military) beating the living shit out of their own people and he says 'that's what we're here for' — to protect the North American." The role of the Church within these social injustices is different than the role of the Church in the United States. The Church I grew up in is not a Church I associated with other than trying to help families in America. The Church was an institution that protected us (Irish)," he said. As Scully saw, the vast majority of the Chilean culture is Catholic, including Pinochet himself, and from 1973 onward, the Church was the only coherent organization protecting human rights. By protecting the poor, and "in a political sense, the Church chose against its institutional interests," he said. The Church became a target of the Right. "The Right saw those nuns and me in a sort of way as communists — naive troublesome communists amidst a real struggle," he said. "They viewed advocates of human rights and leftist folks as the enemy in a worldwide struggle against communism." Before going to Chile, theology for Scully had been an academic subject attempting to unite the problems of the mysteries of God — who and what is God. He said, "In this new concept of Liberation theology, it is said that 'God actually takes sides — God in the God of the poor,' said Scully. At this point in Scully's life, he became passionate about democracy in Chile. With this new interest, Scully wrote a small book on the appropriate role of the Church in politics. Within this work he wrote that "torture in general was against the Catholic social teaching." This was enough for the police to strip him of his visa. It was replaced with a visa that required him to visit the police headquarters every two months to speak to a police agent about his life. "At this point I thought I needed to get out," he said. However, he still returns to Chile every year. The United Nations sponsored two of these visits to take part in the reform of the law after General Pinochet's rule. "The laws that Pinochet left were so biased towards the Right and the governing body," Scully said. Having researched Chile since his first visit in 1979, Scully is cautious of taking either side in the Chilean struggle. "I see life as so complex. Some movies, like Romero, portray the Right as so evil and the poor as so absolutely virtuous and I just don't think it's like that."
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Federal authorities weighed what charges to file against an accountant who fired and branded a handgun outside the White House, as life returned to normal Thursday at the executive mansion.

Tourist lines reappeared a day after the episode as man authorities apprehended, Robert Pickett of Evansville, Ind., remained in good condition in a hospital. A uniformed Secret Service officer had shot him in the right knee at midday Wednesday outside a White House fence.

Federal authorities did not file charges Thursday. Justice Department officials were considering whether to charge Pickett with violating the District of Columbia's gun law, which carries a maximum five-year sentence, or a federal count of assaulting a federal officer, with a maximum 10-year sentence.

Channing Phillips, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, said there was no urgency to charge Pickett while he was still recuperating.

Meanwhile, it was revealed that Pickett had bought the gun after passing an instant background check in his home state of Indiana, despite a history of mental illness.

Law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, also said that a suicide note was found in Pickett's vehicle, found at a commuter rail station in Fairfax County, Va., outside Washington.

With Pickett describing himself as a mental patient in several court filings against his former employer, the Internal Revenue Service. Phillips said the U.S. attorney's office could ask the court for an initial examination to evaluate Pickett's ability to understand legal proceedings. The result of that exam could lead to a more comprehensive, month-long evaluation.

Pickett created tense moments just outside the White House wrought-iron fence Wednesday as he waved his gun at police and terrified tourists and apparently fired two shots before a uniformed officer shot him.

Everything was normal in the White House on Thursday, as President Bush kept to his schedule, public tours went on as usual and security arrangements, intense during and after the incident Wednesday, appeared normal, with officers at their regular posts.

Pickett bought the gun from an Evansville pawn shop a year ago after passing an instant criminal background check, said David Sisson, operations manager at Casey's Pawn Shop in the city's commercial district.

Sisson said a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent linked the gun to his shop through a serial number.

In Indiana, no permit is necessary to purchase a handgun, but anyone without a permit is required to complete a form for a background check. Maj. Karen Butt, commander of the Indiana State Police records division, said the forms are destroyed after 30 days because of state privacy laws, and there was no record of Pickett's responses.

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A white House press secretary Ari Fleischer, asked by reporters whether President Bush believes people with mental illness should have access to handguns, responded: "I think there are a series of laws on the books already dealing with that question. And I'm not aware of anything new on the federal level that would address that."

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Paster becomes first African-American ND head drum major

By KELLY HAGER

The 2001 football season will feature another first for Notre Dame. Leading the band for the 2001 season is new head drum major Tambre Paster — the first woman head drum major in 16 years and the first African-American drum major in University history.

"I am so honored and pleased to be working with such a talented group," said Paster. "Having the ability and opportunity to lead a group with both the prestige and tradition of the Notre Dame marching band — it makes me very happy."

Serving with the band since 1972, Father George Wiskirchen has been witness to much change. Now serving as an assistant director, Wiskirchen stated that he was extremely pleased to see the band students elect Paster as head drum major.

"It is great — Tambre is the first African-American head drum major the band has ever had — and I don't believe that her race will be an issue in the way she performs her job," said Paster. "She is along with other people and is very competent. She'll do well.

"When asked how she felt about being the first African-American drum major, Paster said these hours will prove to be a combination of fun and work.

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Democrats, while insisting that they, too, want to trim taxes this year, cast Bush's proposal as a version of President Reagan's first tax cut. They said the Bush plan was too big, risking plunging the federal budget back into deficit and was skewed toward the rich.

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Ashcroft meets with Reno

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Janet Reno was back in the attorney general's office Thursday — for lunch with her successor John Ashcroft — and she gave him a history lesson before the first course.

The atmosphere was cordial and good-humored as the Clinton Democrat, who reminds many of a school marm, returned from her home in Florida to meet the polished conservative Republican politician, who was one of the first senators to call for impeachment of the president she served.

When Ashcroft told reporters how much he appreciated the chance to confer with the nation's longest-serving attorney general, Reno, who served eight years, promptly corrected him, noting her tenure was second to the 11 years served by William Wirt. "I told you I could learn things from her," Ashcroft remarked.

A reporter asked Reno if she agreed with Clinton's controversial pardon of fugitive commodities trader Marc Rich — a move Ashcroft had called into question the evening before. "A pardon should be reserved for a situation where there is a manifest sense of injustice," Ashcroft had said on CNN's "Larry King Live" program.

But Reno ducked the question. "I don't do things on Thursday any more," she replied — a reference to the weekly Thursday news conference she held as attorney general.

Ashcroft, whose aides are still weighing whether to follow or alter her practice of weekly news conferences, roared with laughter and predicted news magazines would highlight that quote.

"She missed being attorney general," Reno replied; "I miss the people." But she had not lost the feel of the job. Entering the attorney general's private dining room slightly in front of her host, she did not notice Ashcroft gesturing to the side chair of the dining table set for two and strode over and sat at the head of the table. And she was carrying a tabbed notebook of papers to discuss.

Over several hours, she lunched with Ashcroft, met with his top aides and held a private session with him devoted to classified matters. Ashcroft's aides said. They declined to reveal the substance of the discussions.

Earlier, Ashcroft, a former Missouri senator, reached out for advice to a batch of his predecessors, including Republican Attorneys General William Barr, Richard Thornburgh, Ed Meese and Democratic Griffin Bell. He also has invited the Republican chairman and ranking Democrats from the House and Senate Judiciary Committees for lunch.

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COLUMBIA

President Pastrana meets rebels on enemy grounds

Associated Press

LOS POZOS

Staking his own safety on resuscitating Colombia's shaky peace process, President Andres Pastrana traveled to rebel territory Thursday, where he was embraced by guerrilla chief Manuel Marulanda and held "very productive" talks.

As dusk approached in this village in the heart of guerrilla territory, the leaders of the opposing sides ended their almost eight hours of talks and called a temporary halt for the night. Pastrana flew in a helicopter to spend the night in an abandoned army base located inside this safe haven he granted the rebels two years ago.

But the early positive signals belied the challenges Pastrana faces in his quest to end Colombia's 37-year war. In their third face-to-face encounter, Pastrana is trying to get Marulanda's Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, to return to formal peace talks that they abandoned in November.

Marulanda also put a positive spin about this meeting and back the words of the president."I feel very satisfied about this meeting and back the words of the president." Manuel Marulanda guerrilla chief

Pastrana had arrived in the Switzerland-sized safe haven Thursday morning on his plane from the capital Bogota. He flew to San Vicente del Caguan, the biggest town in the so-called demilitarized zone in southern Colombia's Cauca province, and then traveled by helicopter to the nearby village of Los Pozos.

As two helicopters carrying Pastrana and his entourage approached Los Pozos, guerrillas set ablaze a wet pile of leaves to identify the landing zone and the wind direction.

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ejewel of a city once hidden behind
the wall of communism.
In the days after Christmas, I found
myself in Krakow, Poland. Through-
bout the know-
ledge less month of
December in Austria, I looked for-
ward to my trip eastward. I had yet to
cross into territory once held by the
force that inspired the fall-out shelter
in the basement of my grammar
school.
I eagerly awaited the opportunity
to look for the legacy of the past in the
growth of Krakow, a city that
has developed over the last ten years into
a center of culture and hope in
Poland. I also aimed to find some
plague cures, Polish cheese and potato
filled ravioli, like those of my grand-
mother.
As I walked through the streets of
Krakow, I felt for the first time since
leaving the United States that I had
truly left my home country. The oblig-
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as the only evidence that western civi-
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In contrast to Austria, Switzerland
or Italy, where the majority of stud-
ents, salespeople and train personnel
that I have encountered converse
fluently in English, the barrier of lan-
gage hindered our navigation of the
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Oswiecim took us to the museum, kept
our bags safe in the taxi and awaited
our return from the tour. The center
provided us with dinner and allowed us
to stay there as we waited for our
midnight train to take us back to
Innsbruck.
But, perhaps our simple visit to
Auschwitz and Birkenau inspired the
welcoming demeanor of our guides.
More Americans visited the con-
centration camps in the 1970s, when
Poland still existed as another commu-
nist, than today in a time of open
borders.
On the ride to the Oswiecim train
station, we passed a point of contro-
versy that had reached the pages of
Time and Newsweek—a disco just
outside the death camps. As we drove
past the gray, metallic building, our
driver, an older man around 65 years
old, commented that the children here
must live too.
And to me, Poland did indeed feel
like a country coming to life.
Joanna Mikulski is a sophomore
arts and letters major who is current-
lly spending the academic year abroad
in Innsbruck, Austria.

The opinions expressed in this col-
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Students should support women's basketball

Basketball is one of the most popular sports here at Notre Dame. The women's basketball team is undefeated. They are ranked No. 1 in the nation. Admission to their games is free for all students. Someone, please, explain to me why there were no more than 50 stands, no one does the cheers, and that's probably because the students do not attend the women's games? Is everyone busy when­

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They can come up with a more sophisticated word to describe their students receive some of the best educations in the country. Surely across, the word is tagged with a negative connotation. It is unnecessary to use such a character as stupid or lame and people say "gay" to get their point regardless of their sexual orientation. This is important to consider when one of the others awkwardly change the subject.

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Winter fun in the Midwest

Scene walks you through some traditional and some not-so-old-fashioned winter entertainment. Just make sure you bring some hot chocolate to warm you up when the sledding is done!

By SCOTT LITTLE
Scene Writer

So we live in South Bend. People say there is nothing to do here in the winter. Well, they are partially right. But also, they are partially wrong. There are some things to do, but when it comes right down to it, it's up to you!

Long John Silver's and Toilet

If you have never eaten at Long John Silver's you are in luck. There are seven Long John Silver's franchises in the Michiana Area. They have catfish and fish sandwiches and ocean chef salads. And don't think your fun is over after you have gobbled down your meal. Within an hour you'll feel an anchor in your belly just begging for you to take the ship to the harbor. This could be a while and what fun it will be. Don't forget to ring the bell on your way out of Long John's if your service was good.

Drive Thru Safari

You can't really do this in the winter, but if you are a Rio major, and need to cram for your final, this may be a good place to start. Drive Thru Safari is located a g Goldey 180 miles east of here, close to Cedar Point. Most safari-goers describe their encounters as "Thrilling!" They have a teater and a fun tour. At the end, you can even test your Energy IQ with a touch-screen computer game. There are also great hiking trails there, and the lovely Michigan Dunes. Take 31 N to US 12 W to 94 N and take exit 16.

Amish Country

If you are 21 and think you are lucky — or if you are filthy rich — consider heading out for an evening of carousing and gambling at one of the nearby casinos.

Marengo Cave

It might be winter, but the Amish don't seem to mind. They are a rugged people. And maybe some of that has to do with their yummy wholesome food. You too can eat this Amish food ... in Amish Country! Spend a day there and see Amish covered bridges, shop for Amish collectibles and visit some Amish museums. Some places you won't want to miss are The Corn Crib, The Clothesline and the Eisenhaus Bakery. To get to Amish Country, take highway 20 east until you are in Middlebury, and start exploring. It is about 20 minutes east of Elkhart.

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Casinos
If you are 21 and think you are lucky — or if you are filthy rich — consider heading out for an evening of carousing and gambling at one of the nearby casinos. United Limousine drives to Michigan City. You could hop aboard with your money clip and head for adventure at the Blue Chip Casino. Oh, and don't worry, there is a Long John Silver's in Michigan City. If winning could only be as easy as it sounds, Blue Chip is located at 2 Easy Street. If you are passing through Gary, consider The Majestic Star, and if you're in Hammond seek out The Empress. If you are under 21 your closest bet is in Canada. You only have to be 19 to throw away your parents' hard earned money.

Cook Energy Information Center

Or maybe you're an engineer. Well then, the place for you is Cook Energy Information Center. About 33 miles north of us on Lake Michigan there is a big nuclear power plant that transmits 2.1 million kilowatt hours of electricity to thousands of consumers. And lucky for us, they are open almost the entire year for visiting. You can visit them Tuesdays through Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Here, you'll enjoy multimedia theaters and a fun tour. At the end, you can even test your Energy IQ with a touch-screen computer game. There are also great hiking trails there, and the lovely Michigan Dunes. Take 31 N to US 12 W to 94 N and take exit 16.

Marengo Cave

This is not in the Michiana area at all. But if you are a cave lover like me, you don't care. Marengo cave is located near Painsk Lake in southern Indiana. They have cavern tours year round. (Pssst, the weather doesn't change much in a cave.) They also have a coral trail ride over the caves in the spring, as well as canoe trips, a climbing tower and a zip line. Call (812) 366-2705 for more information.

Fernwood Conservatory

Packed with beautiful nature stuff, they have an indoor conservatory and a goldfish. They also accommodate you with a cafe, gift shop and visitors center. It is a great place for hiking and enjoying the outside. To get there, take 31 N to Walton, in Niles. Take a right when you get to Range Line Road, and about one mile down the road you'll see Fernwood.

Potawatami Zoo

Located nearby in South Bend, the zoo is open in the winter. The hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The price for admission is $4. Don't miss the kangaroos. They are hoppity fantastic!

South Bend Century Center

The Century Center is where a lot of big events take place in South Bend. You can check out their Web site daily for upcoming events at www.Century-Center.org.

South Bend Regional Museum of Art

You have probably been to the Sible, so why not head to the South Bend Regional Art Museum? Located in downtown South Bend across from the Marriott on St. Joseph St., the museum showcases a variety of art. If you are an artist, consider contacting the curator and showing him your stuff. You really might be amazed at some of the stuff they have in there.

The Midwest is often criticized for being bland, but you'll find anything of the sort in the South Bend Regional Museum of Art, where a lot of the art
South Bend
conventional options for shaking off the Indiana winter blues

...and miles of hiking trails in a beautiful nature now defunct sled hill is a little dangerous...
Zorich
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the Promised Land. If you look at the year before, they didn’t win any games. That was kind of the best at their position and find somewhere where they can be a leader. We tend to get sent back home for disciplinary reasons before the bowl game this year.
I was mad that no one mentioned in 1986 when he sent some of us to Waco. I lived in Rice home before our game at No. 2 USC. That fused our team. No, I don’t think that he uses a lot of psychological tricks. It’s amazing because the same thing happened, and they were short and overrated. I would go to school through gang-infested neighborhoods. What is it about, in your opinion, what’s important now was a good practice.
The first thing we did was load the van. That’s what I think Coach Davie lacks. Holtz taught us not to play. We set up an endowment and put with my lawyer who was a 1991 Notre Dame Law School graduate. We have a great corps of volunteers. What I’m trying to get across to people is that we just had.
I don’t need to have a certain amount when you have confidence in every position on the field, we go to field, as I could. It was something that we just had.
Q: During your NFL career, you created the Christopher Zorich Foundation. What is it about, what have you been able to accomplish, and what are your future plans?
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Notre Dame heads to Canada

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

With one more week to go before the Big East Championships, the Notre Dame men's track and field team decided to switch the schedule around a bit. Rather than running the Canyon 14K Classic in Indianapolis this weekend, the team is sending a small unit up to the University of Windsor Track Challenge in Windsor, Ontario on Saturday.

"The decision was made probably about 10 days ago," said head coach Joe Piane. "The meet down in Indianapolis — there are some events on Friday and then nothing starts on Saturday until late in the afternoon. You'd miss class on Friday, and you wouldn't get back until 2 a.m. on Sunday at the earliest."

The Ontario meet provides the athletes a chance to compete on a 200-meter, flat track for the first time this indoor season, a crucial experience as Big East track at Syracuse takes place on such a track.

"This is really our only opportunity all indoor season to compete on the same kind of facility that we're going to compete at the Big East Championships on," said sprints coach John Millar. "Some of our fresh- men especially — they've never even been on a 200-meter track. We're trying to give them at least an opportunity to see what it's all about.

The 13 athletes heading to our northern neighbor include three vaulters looking for a final tune-up before the conference meet or looking to qualify. "We're sending people out that may need a competition or if someone's on the cusp of qualifying, trying to give them that opportunity," said Piane.

One of those targeted athletes is Sean McManus, who will compete in the 3,000 meters as his specialty, the 5,000-meters, is not an event at the meet. Another athlete looking to break through for a trip to New York is high jumper Craig Novosel-Johnson, who cleared 6 feet, 5 inches last Saturday.

"He had some good attempts at 6-7 last weekend," said field events coach Scott Winsor. "That's exactly why I'm taking him. He cleared 6-5. He had some really good attempts at the next height. He's borderline — if he jumps well he'll go next week.

"I really look for Tom to have some good jumps in the next couple of weeks," Winsor said. "I think 24 is achievable for what Tom can do. He hits a good one, he's going to be out there."

In the throws, Brian Thornberg, Derek Dyer and James Bracken will run the 300-meters. "It's kind of an off distance for them but it's a good opportunity for them to see where they are competing against some Canadians," Winsor said.

Senior Travis Davey will also take part in the 300-meter race, as well as running the 600-meter dash. "We want to get him on the track small and just kind of see where he's at," Millar said. "We might need him on the mile relay at the conference meet as well.

Nathan Cahill will be the lone competitor in the pole vault, as teammate Josh Heck is suffering from a pulled gluteus muscle.

"He's been having some glute problems — really right after vault sessions," Winsor said. "We just vaulted him today. He's going to vault again Monday and ride it in to the Big East.

Godwin Mbagwu and Tom Gilbert look for one final tune-up in the long jump, while Mbagwu also competes in the triple jump. Winsor is looking for a break-out performance from Gilbert, who took second last weekend! despite the flu."

"I really look for Tom to have some good jumps in the next couple of weeks," Winsor said. "It's not like they're wearing down, it's just a question of operation and didn't compete in any competition. It was just a question of getting the paperwork done.

Bienko, who is currently a law student, is also currently competing for a fifth year and did not immediately apply for another year of eligibility.

Summer Internship Opportunities

at a WORLD-CLASS/GOVERNMENT RESEARCH FACILITY

The Environmental Research Institute, a joint activity of Notre Dame and Argonne National Laboratory, in collaboration with the Center for Environmental Science and Technology (CEST), will award up to 2 summer internships at Argonne National Laboratory for 2001 with a follow-up research appointment on campus in the Fall.

The Internship Program will provide one or more students with the opportunity to participate in a 10-week paid summer research program at Argonne National Laboratory. Students may participate in an internship for 1 or 2 summers.

Applicants should have research interests in an environmentally-related discipline (any field of study) concerned with or likely to contribute to the understanding, assessment, or improvement of the environment.

Students are requested to complete an application.

Deadline is February 23, 2001.

For more details, contact Donna Fecher in the Center for Environmental Science and Technology, 252A Fitzpatrick Hall, 631-6376.

Applications are due by February 23, 2001.

Women's Track and Field

Irish vaulters tune up for Big East meet in Canada

By ANDREW SOKUP
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's women's pole vault crew is arguably the best in the Big East — in every meet this season, at least one athlete has broken the indoor school record.

"This is really our only opportunity all indoor season to compete at the Big East Championships on," said Scott Winsor, coach of the Irish vaulters. "Some of our freshmen especially — they've never even been on a 200-meter track. We're trying to give them at least an opportunity to see what it's all about.

Notre Dame is only sending a small group of vaulters, junior Liz Grow, who will compete in the long jump and the 60-meter dash and hurdles. Among those who will compete in the Big East championships.

Junior Liz Grow, whose 12-foot vault last week at the Meyo Invitational set the current school record, has an excellent chance to qualify for the NCAA Tournament according to field events coach Scott Winsor.

"Quite frankly, the main focus with her right now is making it to the NCAAs," he said. "She's definitely capable of doing that.

"The opportunity to compete in the NCAA Indoor Championships, Volkerme needs to clear 12-4 at either Saturday's meet or at next weekend's Big East Indoor Championships.

However, Volkerme isn't the only star vault on the Irish squad. In fact, the Notre Dame vaulters hold for the top ten top vaults in the Big East — Volkerme, Van Weelden and Hubert are ranked two-three-five in the conference right now. In the Big East championship meet, the top eight places will score points.

Winsor isn't worried about his vaulters getting tired from vaulting the four consecutive weekends in a row. "It's not like they're wearing down," he said. "We've only had three meets. Keep them on the runway, keep them fresh, and get them ready for the Big East. All four can score.

The Irish vaulters are traditionally scheduled to compete in Indianapolis this week end. But the Notre Dame coaching staff believed it would be better for their athletes to travel to Canada. "Logistically, it's just an easier meet for us," said sprints coach John Millar.

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Notes:
• Fifth-year senior thrower Emily Bienko has been cleared for a fifth year of NCAA competition.
• Bienko did not compete at last week's Meyo Invitational or any Irish indoor meets this fall due to a stress fracture.
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Junior Nina Vaughan returns a shot during a match earlier this season while Cerenko landed a spot in Tennis the quarterfinals.

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Kimberly Guy

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

After a successful 2-0 outing last weekend, the 11th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team will take on Virginia Tech on Friday, followed by Wake Forest and North Carolina on Saturday and Sunday.

The Irish demolished both Illinois State and Western Michigan by scores of 7-0, 6-1 respectively. After an opening loss to Duke, the Irish have really picked up their play and look to play well again this weekend.

"We had a good feeling this week because we were successful and this was especially good for our confidence," said senior Kimberly Guy.

Despite their seemingly flawless performance, the Irish still think they have something to work on for this weekend.

"They are certainly not as strong of a team as Duke," said senior Kimberly Guy.

"We definitely need to step it up a little bit in our doubles play," said Guy who paired up with Katie Cunha for doubles last weekend. "I have practiced a lot of doubles and that is something we hope to do better in this weekend."

The doubles point was the only point that the Irish lost against Western Michigan and they believe they will need that point as they take on three tough teams this week.

Wake Forest is a very strong team and are ranked 8th in the country. Michelle Dasso will have her work cut out for her as she will take on 1st ranked singles player Beilick in No. 1 doubles.

"If we beat Wake Forest, we would definitely move into the Top 10," said Kimberly Guy.

The Irish combination of Taborga and Talarico are sure to not be too easy for the Blue Demons to handle.

Sophomore Marlene Mejia and Talarico are also highly touted, evidenced by the 23rd and 25th rankings given to the squad's top two pairings. However, the 38th-ranked Irish combination of Taborga and Talarico are sure to not make things easy for the Blue Devils. As usual, the duo will take on the duties at No. 1 doubles, and look to improve on their 3-1 record in dual matches this season.

Sunday's battle against the Iowa Hawkeyes won't pit the Irish against such a star-studded lineup as Duke's, but Iowa's squad isn't without a few weapons itself.

Iowa, which is 1-0 after a season-opening win over Northern Illinois, is led by senior Tyler Cleveland, who took last semester off to compete in individual singles tournaments. Towering at six feet and three inches, Cleveland is known for his powerful game.

"I think Casey feels, and I feel, that he certainly has a chance against Cleveland [at No. 1 singles]." Bayliss said. "But certainly Tyler hits a 125 mile-per-hour serve, he's a big guy, and he can overpowering at times."

Even though the Hawkeyes do not seem to pose a big threat, Notre Dame will still need to play at its highest level. Bringing their game face to the court on Sunday should assure the Irish a win.

"They are certainly not as strong of a team as Duke," Bayliss said. "It's a match that if we're playing well, I'd certainly hope to win. I think we are going to play a good match, and I expect to play well."

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No. 2 Notre Dame looking to dethrone No. 1 Stanford

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

In its toughest test of the sea­son since the opening weekend, the Notre Dame fencing team travels to Duke this weekend to face several national powers.

"That is going to be just as tough as our first week in New York," sabreman Gabor Szelle said about the meet against Stanford, Duke, Air Force, North Carolina and Ohio State. The men are currently ranked second in the country and will look to bounce the Cardinal from its No. 1 perch.

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by. It also has to do with the fact that we're Notre Dame, and the fact that we're leading the Big East. So will the Irish, who have won their past six games, do anything differently to get ready for the hostile environment?

"If it's not broke," junior power forward Ryan Humphrey said, "don't try to fix it.

Since the teamwork the Irish have perfected has put the Irish a game in front of their opponents in the Big East. The Irish will stick with their game plan. They will attempt to ignore the raucous environment in West Virginia Coliseum, an atmosphere that includes a musket fire to warm up for the Irish last week after recruit Jennifer Hendrix was released from his letter of intent for academic reasons.

With four players set to graduate a year from now, Brey might not want to hold over the additional scholarship which would leave Notre Dame scrambling to fill five spots.

"The reason I like a transfer rather than an 18-year-old senior is he sits out next year when those horses are seniors," Brey said. "You lose those guys and we don't want to let the crowd force us into doing things we don't want to." Brey hasn't committed to fill five spots. "If you could find a good transfer, a transfer at the end of this season, especially if he could get a player half as solid as Humphrey, a transfer from Oklahoma.

"If you could find a good transfer fit," Brey said, "I have an open mind to that.

"We'll just try to keep out poise and our composure. We don't want to let the crowd force us into doing things we don't want to." Brey is not ruling out taking a transfer at the end of this year. Finishing among the top four in the Big East would earn the Irish a first-round bye in the Big East Tournament come March.

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- Graves said. "We certainly respect West Virginia. If we don't bring it on Sunday, they'll hand it to us."

That's exactly what the Irish want to avoid, since they're in a strong position to win their division. Finishing among the top four in the Big East would earn the Irish a first-round bye in the Big East Tournament come March.

The Irish have managed to control the tempo throughout their six-game winning streak. Even when they trailed on the road at Georgetown and Pittsburgh, the Irish didn't get rattled like they did in early season tests.

"We have shown we have not gotten flustered when things aren't going well," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We understand we need to slow down and not get out of character as much.

Graves has been on the ball since teammate Harold Swanagan replaced him in the starting lineup. All-American Troy Murphy leads the league, as usual, in points. Point guard Martin Ingelsby and shooting guard Matt Carroll are the top two in the league in assist-to-turnover ratio, with the solid six lineup keeping the Irish on a roll.

For West Virginia, Moss is back with his squad. The junior center took a brief leave of absence from the Mountaineers following his outburst at Notre Dame. Other top players for the Mountaineers, who edged Pittsburgh 69-68 Thursday night, include sophomore guard Tim Lyles, senior forward Calvin Bowman and junior guard Lionel Armstead.

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nent, but you respect them," Graves said. "We certainly respect West Virginia. If we don't bring it on Sunday, they'll hand it to us."

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Hockey

Notre Dame looks for clean sweep against Bowling Green

◆ Irish need wins to keep playoff hopes alive

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

For Notre Dame, the CCHA playoffs might as well start now.
The Irish need a sweep this weekend against Bowling Green at the Joyce Center to keep their flickering postseason hopes alive — an ambitious goal for a struggling team that hasn’t swept a team this season.

Bowling Green enters the weekend tenth in the CCHA standings, residing in the final playoff spot.

If the Irish could take two from the Falcons, the two squads would be tied with 14 points.

Lake Superior State also lurks with 12 points. Because the first tiebreaker for the playoffs is the season series, a sweep would put the Irish in the driver’s seat over Bowling Green.

While Bowling Green (5-11-4 in the CCHA) comes to South Bend but after sweeping Lake Superior State this past weekend, the Irish are just 3-14-4 in league action.

Ohio State did away with Notre Dame twice last weekend, and the Irish can’t seem to find their scoring groove.

“We played well against Ohio State, we just didn’t win,” said head coach Dave Poulin. “I feel really good about Bowling Green, we’ve had a good week of practice.”

Poulin tried to distribute Notre Dame’s scoring throughout the lineup by splitting up the Irish’s top offensive line of Dan Carlson, Ryan Dolder, and freshman Aaron Gill on Sunday versus Ohio State, and the three still scored all the Irish goals in the game.

“He has good reasons for doing it,” said Dolder. “You hate to see a line broken up, but he was trying to get a spark going for the second line, and both lines played well on Sunday.”

More interesting is Notre Dame’s weekly who’s-the-goalie intrigue.

Poulin has started sophomore Tony Zasowski the past four games.

Three of those games were losses and Zasowski allowed 21 goals in those four contests. Two other goalies, junior Jeremiah Kimento, and senior Kyle Kolquist, have played this season.

As of Thursday, Poulin had still not decided which goalie would get the nod against Bowling Green.

To hope to continue into the postseason, the Irish must improve both ways on the power play.

Notre Dame gave up five goals in 13 chances while skating a man down in two games against Ohio State. In their last 13 games, Notre Dame has killed just 74.1 percent of their opponents’ power plays.

With a man advantage, the Irish are struggling, converting an 10.6 percent of their power plays this season.

On average, Notre Dame only gets one shot off per power play.

“It’s been a focus point of practice,” said Dolder. “On the power play, we’re not shooting the puck enough.

We make one too many passes and are breaking up, said Dolder. “On the power play, we’re not shooting the puck enough.”

The Irish must win both games this weekend to stay alive in the CCHA playoff hunt.

Senior Ryan Dolder recieves the puck during a game earlier this season. The Irish must win both games this weekend to stay alive in the CCHA playoff hunt.

Four games.

The record was previously held by ‘82 team member John Schmidt.

Brett Lebda, a freshman defenseman, has supplied significant offense to the Irish cause.

His 19 points put him in third place in scoring defensemen, and he leads freshman defensemen in scoring.

Overall, the Irish need a strong team performance to claw their way into the CCHA playoffs. But it won’t come easy.

“We know we need to win both games,” said Dolder. “The guys know this could be it.”
**Women’s Basketball**

Belles looking for a win in final home game of season

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

There will be some serious traveling going on this Saturday at Angela Athletic facility during the Saint Mary’s basketball game.

The traveling, however, will not be taking place on the court. As the Belles make ready to play their final regular season game at home, two plane tickets will be raffled off to fans attending the game.

The Belles, who are looking to improve their MIAA rankings, are hoping that the Comets of Olivet fall.

Saint Mary’s (7-14, 1-10 in the MIAA) is hoping to use the drive from an aggressive game against Hope on Wednesday to catapult the team to a victory over an Olivet team (13-8, 5-6 in the MIAA) that stands in 5th place in the MIAA.

“I think they realize how well we can play if we work together and give it 100 percent,” Smith said. “We’re excited to go play.”

“The win brought us up a lot,” freshman guard Katie Miller. “We were down and now, since we played so well against Hope, it’s helped our spirits a lot. We’re looking forward to playing Saturday.”

With only three games left to play, it’s crunch time. Although all MIAA teams are guaranteed a slot in the playoffs, a team’s record plays an important part in the team’s seed. Smith is looking for a win Saturday to get her team a better seed.

“We came out and played so well on Wednesday and we need this victory to get us back on track,” Smith said.

The last time these two teams met, the Comets came away victorious. The Belles are looking to update the record books this week. Post player Kristen Matha only played for 12 minutes at Upton Gymnasium during the Belles last game against Olivet.

Matha is still questionable for play Saturday. She is still suffering from a concussion received during last Saturday’s game against Calvin. In addition, the Belles may be missing starting post player Anne Blair. Blair sat out Thursday’s practice due to a sore knee. Smith will be starting Kelly Roberts again and pulling Matha off the bench, but the rest of the starting line-up is still undecided.

“We’ll definitely go with Kelly Saturday,” she said. “The rest of the line-up I’ll have to decide after practice tomorrow.”

Saint Mary’s has been working on aggressive play both offensively and defensively. Wednesday’s game showed marked improvement in ball handling and defense, as the Belles held Hope to only 62 points, 10 points lower than its average. The Belles will need that defense to keep Olivet below its 70 point per game average.

“Defensively we’ll be working on shutting down the post players,” Smith said. “Olivet’s leading scorer is a post player and we want to shut her down.”

Saint Mary’s will be looking at a tough Olivet zone defense on Saturday.

“We’ve been working on our zone offense,” Smith said. “They play full court.”

“We’re gonna attack their zone,” Miller added.

Saturday’s home crowd may also play an important role in a victory.

“We came out and played so well on Wednesday and we need this victory to get us back on track,” Smith said.

Senior guard Julie Norman will be playing the last home game of her college career this Saturday.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may make money, but can you hold on to it? Temptations will keep you cash poor. Don’t be too emotional.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You need to get out with interesting people. You may be feeling unsettled if your emotional partner hasn’t had too much time for you lately. Get out and get busy.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You may not be completely honest with yourself regarding your emotional interests. Don’t be too quick to make decisions that will last you.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Arguments will lead to physical injury. Do not take criticism personally. Your financial situation will suffer if you expand your interests too quickly.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You can help others this year — especially those who are new to the family. Your numbers: 8, 13, 25, 30, 35, 36.


Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Communications will be your opener. Mix business with pleasure. Go to movies and entertainment.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Expecting? You will be highly competitive and willing to stand up for your beliefs. Your numbers: 4, 18, 25, 30, 35, 45.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Arguments will lead to physical injury. Do not take criticism personally. Your financial situation will suffer if you expand your interests too quickly.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can help others this year — especially those who are new to the family. Your numbers: 8, 13, 25, 30, 35, 36.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may not be completely honest with yourself regarding your emotional interests. Don’t be too quick to make decisions that will last you.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You may not be completely honest with yourself regarding your emotional interests. Don’t be too quick to make decisions that will last you.

Birthday Baby: You are powerful, insightful and full of enthusiasm. You have confidence as well as the spirit to venture into unknown territory. Because you are a thinker and a dreamer, you will find satisfaction in working in areas that are not to your liking. This is a good time for you to sit down and do some thinking about what you really want to do. You are capable of making important decisions, and it is likely that you will make the right choices. However, you must be careful not to make too many decisions at once. This could lead to confusion and indecision.

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Defensive tackle Chris Zorich celebrates after a play during his Notre Dame career. Zorich was named All-American from 1988-1990 and played in the NFL.

Zorich unplugged

The Observer catches up with former Notre Dame All-American defensive tackle Chris Zorich

By PETYON BERG  
Sports Writer

Former Notre Dame football defensive lineman Chris Zorich's aggressive, relentless playing style struck fear into the hearts of opponents from 1987-1990. The three-time All American and 1990 captain's impressive resume includes a national championship ring, a Lombardi trophy, and the NFL's Man of the Year award.

In an age where athletes routinely find themselves in trouble with the law, Zorich instead chose to use his notoriety and financial success to serve the community through the Christopher Zorich Foundation. He currently attends Notre Dame Law School, and recently sat down with fellow classmate and Observer college football analyst Peyton Berg.

Q: You participated in some of Notre Dame's biggest games such as the 31-30 victory over top-ranked Miami. What was your biggest victory?

A: I don't watch the old games much, but the things I remember are situations in games more than the final score. I remember the fights against Miami and against Michigan in 1988. I was a 265-pound noseguard going up against first-team All American center John Rital. I went offside about three times, but got eleven tackles. I remember thinking wow, this is fun! It was a real turning point for me as an athlete. It was the first time that I ever had a chance to play in front of so many people.

The pep rally, sleeping in the hotel the night before, the whole experience for me was awesome. If you talk to players, they'll talk about the situations more than the games.

Q: Lou Holtz has worked miracles at South Carolina. Can you describe for us his ability to lead and motivate?

A: Actually, I had the wonderful opportunity to go down there for a couple games this year. As a player, being in that environment, and as a spectator, it's two totally different things. You can change his hat and change "ND" to "CSC," but he says the same stuff and talks about the same things.

We were laughing because he was telling them the exact same stuff he told us fifteen years ago. But it works. Those guys believe in him. Having Tony Rice and me come down there and hang out with them, they know that we won a national championship because we listened to them. They're saying, hey, if we listen to this crazy, short, lispy guy, he'll take us to the BCS Bowl.

Men's Basketball

Notre Dame wary of West Virginia crowd

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN  
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish always bring out the best — or the worst — in their opponents. They brought out the worst in the Mountaineers the last time they faced West Virginia. In a Jan. 21 Joyce Center contest, the Mountaineers committed several technical fouls, and in the Mountaineers the last game. I think it has a lot to do with what happened previous.

I think they've been averaging about four or five thousand fans per game," Irish guard Marko Cerenko at No. 2 and Marko Cerenko of Stanford, which is one of the four preeminent events of the collegiate season.

Ramsey Smith at No. 11. Smith advanced to the semifinals of the singles bracket which consists of four preeminent events of the collegiate season.

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