Ex corde guidelines propose bishop mandates

By PAT McELWEE

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are schools placed in a rather unique position within the world of American higher education. Not only do they face the daunting task of remaining academically viable and competitive, but they are committed to maintaining a Catholic identity within an increasingly secular world.

The difficulty of reconciling those two goals is amply demonstrated in the current debates over how to do so. The most controversial focus of these debates has been the requirement that all Catholic theology professors obtain a mandate from the local bishop.

Professor John Cavadini, chair of Notre Dame's theology department, agrees with the goal of creating a Catholic and intellectual culture in Catholic universities. However, he believes, mandates are not the right creative force.

"You can't legislate a culture," said Cavadini. "You can't legislate people's hearts. That's impossible. You can only change a culture by debate, consultation and persuasion."

Mandates were conceived as tools to give bishops some jurisdiction over the Catholic theology taught in Catholic universities in an effort to preserve the Catholic nature of those universities.

Perhaps as early as May 3, Catholic theology professors will be required to have a mandate to establish that they teach "in full communion with the Church," in the language of the papal document, Ex corde Ecclesiae. On one hand, Catholic universities do not want to revert to the dogmatic teachings typical of the Middle Ages. On the other hand, those same universities do not want to go the way of Harvard and Duke—universities founded with a religious mission but almost completely secular now.

Molnar outlines ways of lifelong healthy eating

By KRISTEN FITZPATRICK

For Judy Molnar, the former coach of the Chubb Club, her struggle with weight began in college.

"It's that time of year again. They're sitting on the edge of their seats, biting their nails, hoping they don't get red tagged, wondering where their home will be next year.

The most important thing students can do now is establish a balance academic freedom, Catholic character at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's
Going forward, moving on

The end of the year is fast approaching, while most seniors feel like they have a long time to go before graduation. Things are happening all too fast in The Observer office. Next week will be our last official week.

After next week we will all have more free time. After next week, we will be able to go out a lot more, see a lot more of our friends a lot more, sleep a lot more and do a lot more school work — well maybe not. While I have been formulating an extensive plan of action for the last two months of my senior year, I still feel somewhat sad.

After managing, the Viewpoint Department for a year, I finally realized what I wanted to accomplish. The past two weeks have seen little, but it is part to do it all. Now I know how to go about accomplishing these goals. But now is not the time. It is time to let go.

It is time to move on. Moving on is hard to discuss now, with over two months to go, yet it becomes easier if we put things in their place. There are many friends who are not best friends, but are not strangers. It is these people we will miss the most. These faces are the ones we will wonder about randomly in the coming years — acquaintances that happen to fall awkwardly into the category of those who we cannot seem to keep in touch with. We are so used to seeing their faces that they are a crucial part of the Notre Dame experience. We cannot possibly take these people with us in our luggage and we cannot expect the whole campus to move with us. But we can take comfort knowing that though the role they played in our lives is vacant, someone else will fill it.

Just as when we left high school we found new friends, college friends seemed so similar to someone we knew at home, when we graduate in May others will fill the vacant roles in our lives. I have made close friends here, at The Observer and in my dorm, friends that I hope to keep in touch with. There will be many other friends that will slowly fall through the cracks, those friends who will always be in my heart, a memory of the time God when I meet someone who fills the same role. Someone who seems so familiar. In that we can take comfort, knowing that while an acquaintance may be gone, there will always be someone like them that will be there when we need them the most.

We still have some time here and moving on will be tough, but at least we can be somewhat consoling knowing that we are leaving competent people behind. People that are different from us, but can excel in a different way. Wherever we go, we will meet more people, who will be special too, just maybe not in the Notre Dame, go Irish way.

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THIS WEEK IN ND/SMC HISTORY
Tuesday, February 24, 1970
SLEC OK's parietal recommendations

The Student Life Council last night passed a resolution calling for the individual determination of parietal hour procedures by each residence hall after consultation with, and the approval of, the Hall Life Board. Fr. Charles McCarragher, Vice President for Student Affairs, passed out a five page rationale discussing the administration's opposition to the Life Board's motion.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Quake impact ripples to Washington State U.

PULLMAN, Wash. The Puget Sound area was rocked by a magnitude 6.8 earthquake Wednesday, and its ripple effects were felt in more way than one at Washington State University.

In Pullman, many students spent the day worrying about loved ones. Christine Knapp, a freshman majoring in international business, said she was surprised to finally get through to her family after countless trials.

"It was scary because the riots happened yesterday, and now this," she said.

Knap's brother informed her that her family was safe, and while the house did sway some, it was in good shape. Her brother said that for 20 seconds after the quake, their "backyard pool became a wave pool."

Upon hearing of the quake, freshman electrical engineering major Chad Caldwell said, "I'm still surprised. It doesn't seem real yet, being here in Pullman."

"But real it was. The quake was so powerful, its shock was hundreds of miles away here at WSU," he said.

"I felt the building sway (in the Fine Arts Building)," said Lauren Westbrooke, a junior majoring in fine arts and English. Greathouse, upon finding out of the quake, became immediately concerned for the welfare of her brother who lives in Olympia. She found it was almost impossible to get through. The earthquake also shook the WSU community in other parts of the state.

"was in the secretary of state's office the other day signing up for a personal assistant (when it happened)," said Clarke Brinklow-Mather, ASWSU Legislative affairs director and president of the Washington Student Lobby in Olympia. "We felt the quake, and Patrick McDonald [his assistant] said "it was an earthquake," and I dove under the table."

While working on the remodel job on the old White Hall, Paul Stricker of Kvlavensle Hoke Architects said the building was ironically almost done with a seismic upgrade to make the building more resistant to quakes.

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Bryant University

Professors apologize for sexism

Twenty-four Brigham Young University professors have apologized for sexist comments made by former male BYU students who now attend the University of Utah School of Medicine, according to a letter written by William S. Bradshaw, BYU professor of zoology. These comments, directed toward female medical students, have been brought to the attention of BYU administration in a letter brought to Bradshaw by the Dean of the University of Utah School of Medicine, Bradshaw, along with 23 other professors, expressed both their apology and sadness in regard to this situation. "Thank you for making us aware of this problem, and accept our apologies for the limited vision of those persons in your program who make wrongful judgments about medical training for women," the letter stated. Sexism among freshman medical students has become a problem at BYU's school of medicine, and inappropriate comments can be traced to former BYU students, said John Dwan, director of public affairs in the Health Science Center.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

SACRAMENTO Forecast for today

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Friday, March 2.

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Ohmer speaks on getting ahead

By KEVIN SCHUMM
News Writer

Consistency and confidence, cognizance and communication, connection and compensation — a combination of these six items is the key to getting ahead in today's society, said American News Writer Series sponsored by student government — the second in the Last Lecture connection and compensation — Friday, March 2, 2001. "Eat Right. Feel Good. Look Great!" Wednesday night at Saint Mary's.

"I used to be an unconscionable eater," Ohmer said. "I put anything and everything in my body. I wanted to find a better way to live my life." In college, Latson suffered from severe migraines, colds, flu, and low energy. "If real talk is obvious that most of us take better care of our material items than our bodies," she said. "It is painfully obvious that most of us take better care of our material items than our bodies." Deanna Latson, nutritionist, said, "I said my dad would die quickly if he went off the medicine and slowly if he stayed on the medications," said Latson. "I was determined to find a better way to save my father's life.

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Latson recognized the importance of money. Having lived in New York City as a graduate student, she described an awareness of compensation as just being practical. In closing, she suggested that the only implication to success is not taking advantage of one's own ingenuity.

"Success is an attitude, a state of mind. 'I've got it all figured out,' things just happen. Be prepared, interested, and willing to take advantage of them," said Ohmer.

Along similar lines, a person's major designation is, they truly don't matter," she said. "Do what you enjoy doing. The work you do in every major will carry you.

Ohmer said the best way to attain a desired level of achievement is to place a premium on consistency and confidence. Consistency, while often overlooked, is truly appreciated in all capacities, both personal and professional.

"Being in attendance, being awake and being attentive really makes a difference," said Ohmer. Another key to success is confidence. Looking to popular political figures, Ohmer cited that demonstrated the role of confidence in many people's success. An ability to "enjoy living" and believe in his or her self-worth is undoubtedly positive reverberations, regardless of the situation.

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Marilou Eldred, President of Saint Mary’s, and Professor Joseph Incandela, chair of Saint Mary’s theology department, both confirmed that they had participated in discussions with D’Arcy and would continue to do so in the future. “(D’Arcy) has been here, he had lunch with the department last semester,” Incandela said. “The bishop has been very responsive and very supportive. He understands some of the difficulties this could create for us and for all those who teach theology. Closely tied to the interests of Catholic universities is the ability to remain academically viable.”

Mandates may threaten the freedom academics need to explore their disciplines, including theology, according to the concerns exhibited by many. Also, acceptance of the mandate would lower university prestige by tying fuel to the arguments of critics of religiously affiliated universities, according to Notre Dame theology professor Richard McBrien, who has publicly stated he will not take a mandate.

“As soon as you concede jurisdiction over internal academic life, then the university has given up claim to be a university in the true sense of the word,” said McBrien. “I am concerned as a Catholic theologian that we universities be respected in the academic world. (Mandates are) embarrassing, they give more credibility to our critics. Imagine bishops telling a university who may or may not teach, he said.

According to McBrien, if Catholic universities lose legitimacy, the result would be less Catholic influence in academics, a result Ex corde and the mandates were not intended to create. At the end of all the discussions, there may be an understanding among all involved parties that the mandate, while officially on the books, will not be enforced.

It remains speculation, as no final decisions have been made. Many details about the mandate remain up in the air, but discussions continue. The future of the mandate is difficult to guess, even by those directly involved in discussions about it. ‘If (mandates are) going to be enforced, then it’s hard to predict what the consequences will be,” said Incandela, “but I don’t think they will be good.’

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healthy life styles.
Molnar stated that students should concentrate on regaining the control of our life that is often lost with the freedom that comes with the independence of going to college. She cites simple things that one can do to improve his or her life on a daily basis. When she asked how students would most like to improve themselves, most students answered that they would like to get more sleep. Molnar said that saying no and managing time are the two simplest things that one can do to achieve this goal.

Some students stated that they would like to find the time to exercise, which Molnar said is very important. However, she said it should not take an exorbitant amount of time to exercise. ‘A brisk 30 minute walk is the best exercise you can do,” Molnar said. Students have their own needs and the key is to find what works for you.”

“Time is a problem for everyone. You need to find what you need to do for you and fit it in,” said Molnar. She said getting friends’ help for motivation is the best way to fit accomplish goals.

“If you have a friend who is nagging you to take a nap or to exercise with you, you are more likely to do it,” Molnar challenged those present at the lecture to do things for themselves and to live by their own standards. She challenged the audience to take control of their own lives and to think about what they really want out of life.

The bottom line? It’s all about you. It’s not about a number on the scale or a dress size that you think you have to be. Find out about you. That’s what’s it’s all about.” Molnar said.

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**World News Briefs**

Bomb in Israel kills 1, wounds 9: A taxi van exploded in northern Israel Thursday after police stopped it at a roadblock during a search for a suspected terrorist. As officers were checking passengers' identification cards, a bomb aboard detonated, killing one person and Wounding nine others.

Serbian prosecutors close in on Milosevic: The net closing around Slobodan Milosevic tightened Thursday with a Belgrade prosecutor's announcement of the first formal investigation into his activities. Milosevic, the former Yugoslav president, is widely blamed for the wars and atrocities of the last decade but also for widespread corruption in Serbia. Milosevic, who is living in a government villa in Belgrade, is under 24-hour police surveillance.

**National News Briefs**

Prints shed light on murder: Fingerprints found in the home of two murdered Dartmouth College professors matched the young suspects, according to police documents released Thursday. The 23 pages of affidavits released in Lebanon District Court outline some of the evidence that led police to Robert Tulloch, 17, and James Parker, 16, but give no information on motive.

FBI agent's wife ignorant of spying: The wife of a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent accused of spying for Moscow had no suspicion that her husband might be involved in espionage and knew nothing about hundreds of thousands of dollars that he was purported to have received as spy payments, her lawyer said today. The wife, Bonnie Hanssen, has been in seclusion since the arrest of her husband, Robert Philip Hanssen, a veteran counterintelligence specialist of the F.B.I.

**Indian News Briefs**

Municie man charged with murder: A Muncie man was arrested Thursday on charges he killed his estranged wife more than three years ago in southern California. Prosecutors in San Diego County, Calif., this week charged James E. Dailey, 35, with murder and he surrendered Thursday afternoon to police. The wife of a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent accused of spying for Moscow had no suspicion that her husband might be involved in espionage and knew nothing about hundreds of thousands of dollars that he was purported to have received as spy payments, her lawyer said today. The wife, Bonnie Hanssen, has been in seclusion since the arrest of her husband, Robert Philip Hanssen, a veteran counterintelligence specialist of the F.B.I.

**Market Watch 3/2**

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**World & Nation**

Earthquake may cost $2 billion

The earthquake was centered 35 miles southwest of Seattle and 33 miles underground. Scientists said the depth of the quake eased its impact, while municipal leaders said the millions of dollars spent stabilizing the region's highways and buildings against earthquakes over the past decade paid off.

Several homes were evacuated in a Tacoma neighborhood because of danger from mudslides. In nearby Steilacoom, more than 200 patients at a state hospital for the criminally insane were moved after inspectors declared the building unsafe. The patients were kept in a gymnasium under guard Wednesday night.

In Olympia, the state capital south of Seattle, several streets were blocked off as crowds began clearing away rubble. The Capitol complex remained closed, idling 10,000 workers, most of them until Monday, when buildings were expected to be inspected and cleared.

Legislative leaders said they will not know until Friday whether the Capitol itself, with a crack behind pillars supporting its dome, can be used.

**Afghanistan**

Taliban troops destroy all statues

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan—Defying an international outcry, Taliban soldiers on Thursday began destroying all statues in Afghanistan — even targeting two soaring, ancient statues of Buddha carved into the face of a mountain.

The ruling Islamic militia said they sought to purge the nation of idolatrous images, but their closest ally Pakistan said the action could be a backlash against Afghanistan's international isolation, including U.N. sanctions.

Pakistan's Interior Minister Moimuddin Haider told The Associated Press from the Taliban's headquarters: "May have been an act of defiance brought on by the isolation they feel." As troops fanned out with everything from rocket launchers to tanks to destroy statues, cultural leaders worldwide expressed horror.

The head of UNESCO asked other Islamic nations to pressure the Taliban to stop, while the director of the Metropolitan Museum in New York pleaded with Afghan officials to give the artifacts to foreign museums.

"In Afghanistan, they are destroying statues that the entire world considers to be masterpieces," UNESCO Director-General Koichiro Matsuura said. "This iconoclastic determination shocks me."

"All officials, including the ministry of vice and virtue, have been given the go-ahead to destroy the statues," the Taliban's Information Minister, Qadratullah Jamal said.
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The number of women who have applied this year has made the application process successful for the Residence Life and Housing Department. During the last two years, the department was somewhat stranded because there were not enough qualified applicants to fill the openings. "They had already turned people down who weren't qualified, so I applied and had a phone interview," said Senior RA Kain McGillis. She became an RA after ResLife determined that they did not have enough applicants, although the department did manage to eventually fill its staff.

"This is the first time since I've been here that we've had a full staff at the beginning of the year," said senior Courtney Takata. This is her third time through the RA selection process — this time as a committee member, not an applicant.

ResLife and students have wondered why more women are not interested in becoming RAs. A disadvantage in the job is that the only perk is partial room and board. "I think the low turnout is because we don't have a lot of perks," Takata said. "Our job is very difficult; some people don't like to be in the job of where they are required to be responsible."

Saint Mary's RAs have a good deal of responsibilities. In addition to supporting their residents, RAs must create and run section events, take part in Saint Mary's activities and maintain control in their section. However, what seems to prevent most women from becoming an RA is the rules RAs must enforce; St. Mary's RAs are expected to enforce alcohol policies, quiet hours, and visitation hours.

"I think people are intimidated by the fact that they have to discipline their peers," McGillis said. "People don't like the fact that they might have to punish their friends," Canetti added.

"Our job is very difficult; some people don't like to be in the job of [where they are required to be] responsible."

"The selection process itself may also have something to do with the low turnout. The process begins with a written application, but the true test comes in February during a four-hour interview process. Women who are applying must interview in groups with current resident advisors and hall directors.

"The most intimidating part was [the number of] girls that came out for so few positions and how our interview process had a large amount of RAs and hall directors staring at you," Canetti said. "We just want to make sure we have the right person. RAs can make an impact like no one else can," Takata said.

This year's selection process and its publicity may have encouraged more women to apply. "The publicity was much better this year," Takata said. "It was really catchy and showed the positives of being an RA, which is really important."

ST. LOUIS
Attorneys said Thursday a judge will ask that twins adopted over the Internet be returned to St. Louis and that the fight for custody of the girls be decided in their hometown.

The 8-month-old twins were born in St. Louis but, two couples, one from California and the other from Britain, both sought to adopt them through the same Internet adoption broker. The California couple said the British couple received the girls because they paid more.

Both of the couples and the twins' now-separated biological parents want custody of the girls, who are in foster care in Britain. Judge Steve Ohmer has not released any information about the case since sealing court records last month. But attorneys for the children and their biological mother said Ohmer told them Thursday he would ask courts in Britain and Arkansas, where the British adoption occurred, that the case be handled by a Missouri court.

"The feeling of the court is that there's certainly jurisdiction here," said Bryan Hettenbach, who represents the twins. "This is where the kids were born. This is their home state."

If British and Arkansas courts agree to let the case be decided in St. Louis, the court would decide what to do with the girls during the custody fight, said Gloria Allred, attorney for Tranda Weeker, the girls' biological mother.

The girls — named Kiara and Keyara by the Weekers — were born June 26 in St. Louis. The Weekers separated a short time later, and the children were later put up for adoption.

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Oklahoma, Virginia execute 2

Clayton becomes 9th inmate to die in Oklahoma in 2001

Associated Press

McALESTER, Okla. — Oklahoma executed a man by injection Thursday after DNA tests confirmed his guilt in a woman's murder.

Also Thursday, a Virginia man was executed by injection for killing another man with a baseball bat during a robbery.

Robert William Clayton of Tulsa, Okla., had been scheduled to die two months ago, but a court ruled he could pursue DNA tests. The tests indicated he killed 19-year-old Rhonda Timmons.

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MBA distance learning ranked 1st nationally

By GEOFF BRODIE
News Writer

With only five years under its belt, the Executive MBA distance-learning program at Notre Dame could still be considered in its growing stages. But since its start in 1995, growing doesn't seem to be an issue for the program.

"No matter how much one talks about having an integrated classroom, distance learning lacks the personal touch," said Edward Trubac, associate dean, Mendoza College of Business.

The program was ranked the best in the nation by the U.S. Distance Learning Association that now presents a very tough question to the University: How does one make the best even better?

Based upon a high-tech video conferencing system, the MBA distance learning program links classrooms on campus to specially equipped rooms at four sites off campus. Executives in or near Chicago, Indianapolis, and Toledo are able to attend an MBA from Notre Dame without leaving their jobs and families.

The classrooms have high-speed T-1 communication lines connected to tracking cameras, video monitors, wireless microphones and other equipment. This allows for real time interaction between on-campus and off-campus students and faculty and students on campus.

Newly added by Bill Brewster, the college's director of technology, is a multi-point conferencing unit. Through advanced T-1 routing techniques, the unit is able to connect more than two sites together in a single video conference as well as show all classrooms from any site, on or off campus.

The main drawback to the program, however, seems to be in the name itself. The "distance" between professor and student leaves little room for personal attention and relationships to form.

"No matter how much one talks about having an integrat­ed classroom, distance learning lacks the personal touch," said associate dean Edward Trubac.

Trubac plans to lessen the effect of this problem by visiting the off-campus classrooms as many times as possible during a semester. Students at these off-campus locations seem to welcome the visits as it closes distance gaps through interaction with administrators from the host university.

"Ed's visit showed a real concern by the University for off-campus students," said student Larry Mizman. "There are a lot of tangible and intangible benefits that can be gained by doing this two to three times a year."

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Lawyers offer to drop charges against Rich

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON

New York prosecutors offered to drop the heaviest charges against fugitive financier Marc Rich and let him stay free on bail if he returned to America, according to an e-mail released Thursday by Republicans who argue that the Bush administration pursued the pardon for Rich.

Rich's pardon of Rich's pardon was under investigation.

The Manhattan U.S. attorney's office offered to drop a federal racketeering charge if Rich returned to face the other charges. Prosecutors in New York also said they would offer to drop charges against Rich.

Fink said in an e-mail in February 2000 to Avner Azuly, ex-chief of Isreali's spy agency, that he would offer to drop charges against Rich if he returned to America.

"Upon the advice of my counsel, I respectfully decline to answer that question based on the precedent established under the United States Constitution," Dozoretz said. When asked if she would give the same answer to all the questions, she replied: "That will be my response to all questions."

Dozoretz is a friend of Rich's ex-wife, Denise, and pledged to raise $1 million for Clinton's presidential library. Denise Rich contributed $50,000 to the library foundation.

"There have been cases in the past that polygraphing did not work," Ashcroft said at a news conference.

Meanwhile, federal prosecutors asked a judge to keep Hanssen jailed pending further action on his case.

The FBI has alleged that Hanssen tipped off the KGB to the FBI's secret investigation of Bloch, a foreign service agent suspected of spying for Moscow in 1969, but never arrested.

A detention and preliminary hearing were scheduled for Monday. Federal prosecutors and Hanssen's attorney have asked a federal magistrate to postpone the hearing until May 21 to allow both sides more time to prepare the case.

Both sides agree that the facts of the case are "unusual and complex." They also agreed to ask for an extension of time for filing an indictment until May 21.

**FBI expands polygraph test**

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON

The FBI is expanding employee lie-detector tests and monitoring of worker access to sensitive information in response to allegations that a veteran counterintelligence agent spied for Moscow for 15 years.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said Thursday there is evidence that polygraphs do not always work to deter internal security breaches. But he said that "because of the national security involved," he and FBI Director Louis Freeh agreed that more polygraphs should be conducted following the arrest of Robert Philip Hanssen, a 25-year veteran.

"The director and I have agreed that because of the national security involved and the very important consequences of the breaches, that we should evaluate the use of polygraph in certain cases."

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**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK** Sean "Puffy" Combs took the witness stand Thursday to declare that he had never packed a weapon or offered a $50,000 bribe on the night three people were shot inside a Manhattan hip-hop club.

The rap impresario, owner of a $300 million record label and clothing line, calmly told the jury that he believed the bullets ricocheting through Club New York on Dec. 27, 1999, were intended for him.

"I thought I was being shot at," said Combs, who was with fellow rapper Rapper Dr. Dre in the club near Times Square as chaos ensued. "My hands were up. Everybody started falling all over each other."

Facing up to 15 years in prison on weapons and bribery charges, Combs detailed the chaos after the shooting inside the club. Prosecutors have testified that Combs pulled a gun as well, an assertion contradicted by defense witnesses.

Combs' testimony, the most highly anticipated moment in the case, packed the seventh-floor courtroom, mostly with reporters.

"Debate over putting him on the stand had started before the trial began Jan. 29."

Combs opened his testimony with a mixture of introduction under questioning from Brafman. He answered questions about his business and his nickname, and mentioned his mother, who has been a faithful companion in court each day.

He flatly denied that he had a weapon at anytime the night of the shooting. He did the same when asked about the charge that he had offered hired driver Anthony "Wolf" Jones a bribe to spare prosecution on a gun charge.

"Did you offer Jones $50,000?" asked Brafman. "Absolutely not," Combs replied.

Under cross-examination, prosecutor Matthew Bogdanos suggested that Combs had just finished a well-rehearsed performance. Combs acknowledged spending about 5 1/2 hours with his attorney in the last two days and that during those sessions some of the same questions asked in court were posed to him.

Combs also agreed, under questioning by Bogdanos, that he had no personal relationship with the singer before the shooting. Yet in the days after the shooting, Bogdanos acknowledged, he made several calls to Puffy.

"He sounded distraught and devastated," said Bogdanos, presenting his calls as a humanitarian gesture. "I was giving him words of support."

**Boyfriend of Bush’s daughter arrested**

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas

A student college claiming to be the boyfriend of President Bush’s daughter Jenna was arrested at a fraternity party and released several hours later to a man who deputies believed to be a Secret Service agent, a sheriff said Thursday.

Jenna Bush's daughter, Anderson said. "No one asked for any

"We’re not making any comments about this incident," said Noelia Rodriguez, a spokesperson for first lady Laura Bush in Washington.

William Ashe Bridges, an 18-year-old Texas Christian University freshman, was jailed early Sunday after law officers arrested him at a house near the campus, Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson said.

Held at the county jail, Bridges was intoxicated and belligerent, said Tony Ball refused to comment.

Jenna Bush, Anderson said. "We're not making any comments about this incident," said Noelia Rodriguez, a spokesperson for first lady Laura Bush in Washington.

William Ashe Bridges, an 18-year-old Texas Christian University freshman, was released after four hours of detention.

**Puffy and his pals**

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Sean "Puffy" Combs took the witness stand today during his much celebrated trial. The singer is charged with two counts of gun possession and bribery stemming from his involvement in a shooting incident at the Club New York on Dec. 27, 1999.

"Matthew "Sear" Allen"

A guest at the club that night who allegedly screamed obscenities at Combs and threw money at him, sparking the melee.

"Jamal "Shyne" Barrow"

Combs' bodyguard is charged with two counts of gun possession.

Wardell Fenderson

Combs' driver alleges that he was offered $50,000 by the singer to take the blame for the gun possession charges.

Jennifer Lopez

The then-girlfriend of Combs accompanied him to the nightclub.

"He answered questions about his business and his nickname, and mentioned his mother, who has been a faithful companion in court each day."

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Media should accept all body weights

At the end of Body Image Awareness week, after assessing all the gaiters we have made in changing our self-conceptions, it is important to realize how much society still has to change. The forum with the greatest amount of changes to make is the media. The media have established body style trends throughout history, supporting and rejecting certain body types and deciding what body weight is acceptable for women and men. Their current support of impossibly perfect body images has become far too culture-bound. Combating unhealthily thin body images with support for body types on the opposite sides of the spectrum, while leaving little acknowledgement for the middle ground where most people fail has not compensated for the prevalent social acceptance of thin models.

The media, a force in society that Notre Dame history professor Gail Bederman refers to as "encompassing" and "persuasive," fail to accept or display mid-range weight groups. While heavier celebrities Drew Carey, Catherine Mannheim and Rosie O'Donnell have been accepted and supported in their careers, entertainment television has focused on the weight extremes of Oprah Winfrey and Nikki Lake. While the extremely thin and overweight are embraced by the public, the average body type has been ignored. The media should address such weight image disparities. Instead of merely supporting one extreme or the other—magazines, television, advertisements and the news media should support all sizes and shapes. With the acceptance of all body types in the public spotlight, Americans of all ages will gain a more healthy concept of their own bodies.

In order for promoting more typical body types as attractive will lead us to find ourselves as equally appealing as masculinist and images the media present.

This writer gives "Dubya" a B grade on his first address to Congress. I almost fell into the trap of expecting so little, then becoming so surprised at his performance that I blindly awarded a grade above its merit. Instead, I stuck to the rigorous academic standards embodied in the Notre Dame classroom.

Overall, Bush's performance was one of balance, enough wisdom to be credited. "An artist using statistics as a brush could paint two very different pictures of our country. One would have warning signs: increasing lay-offs, rising energy prices, too many failing schools, persistent poverty, the stubborn vestiges of racism. Another picture would be full of blessings: a balanced budget, big surpluses, a military that is second to none, a country at peace with the world, new agreements by saying, "Government should welcome these groups to apply for funds, but not fund religious activities." We'll be judged by what we are able to accomplish. This week, Bush's success lies in a technique perfected by President Clinton, what former Clinton strategist Jack Morris calls "triangulation." Triangulation occurs when a politician uses his opponents' issues along with his own issues to place himself somewhere outside of both parties. Thus, we'll be judged by what we are able to accomplish. Triangulation is the loophole of political persuasion.

Early in his speech, Bush spoke of many traditional Democratic issues such as prescription drug coverage, a patient's bill of rights, Social Security and Medicare. Later he mentioned traditional Republican beliefs such as ending the inheritance tax and support of faith-based initiatives. Bush played to both sides when he referred to religious organizations by saying, "Government should welcome these groups to apply for funds, not discriminate against them. Government cannot be replaced by charities or volunteers. Government should not fund religious activities." Bush chastised Congress, implying that he was on neither side when he said, "Year after year in Washington, budget debates seem to come down to an old, tired argument; on one side, those who want more government, regardless of the cost; on the other, those who want less government, regardless of the need."

But with last year's Republican-controlled Congress stuffing all the pork in last year's budget, Democrats shook their heads when Bush said, "Last year, government spending shot up 8 percent. That's far more than our economy grew, far more than personal income grew and far more than the rate of inflation."

Democrats see Bush as triangulating the budget by proposing a 4 percent increase in this year's appropriations to increase military spending and to resurrect the so-called "Star Wars" defense program. We'll be judged by what we are able to accomplish. But for now Bush successfully triangulated the tax cut proposals by saying, "Some say my tax plan is too big, others say it is too small. I respectfully disagree. This plan is just right." Some believe that Bush will ultimately accept a smaller tax cut but call it a victory if he can fit his other priorities into the mix.

Thinking back to late 1999 when Bush used focus groups to formulate his tax cut in anticipation of Steve Forbes and his flat tax proposal, Democrats also lost and when Bush said, "I didn't throw down at a board to come up with a number for tax relief. I didn't take a poll or develop an arbitrary formula that might sound good. I looked at problems in the tax code and calculated the cost to fix them."

"Yeah, right, and Oprah is the Queen of England!" Gary J. Caruso, Notre Dame '73, served in President Clinton's administration as a Congressional and public affairs director. His column appears every other Friday, and his Internet address is hotline@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Surround yourself with the best people you can find, delegate authority and don't interfere." —Ronald Reagan, former president
Letter erred on the facts, hurt reputation

This letter is in response to a letter that was printed in Tuesday's edition of The Observer entitled, "Political correctness taken too far." We agree that political correctness is sometimes taken too far on our campus. However, the main issue of the letter is what the author perceived as the wrongful implication of the T-shirts_templates submitted for this year's O'Neill Mardi Gras celebration. Although we are not going to address the political correctness or incorrectness of the original submitted design, we would like to point out that not all of the men who go to school at Marquette University for two years. We start conversations being a hassle and an annoyance for roommates — but what if your conversations aren't like that? If all that a conversation consists of is reassuring a significant other of your love for them, then of course the relationship is going to fall.

Chris Neidlinger, '97
Indianapolis, IN
March 1, 2001

Statue reflects school's Catholic character

I am writing this letter in response to the letter submitted by Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillece can be proud of her roots will ensure that future generations of Student Affairs. To be kind to the writer of this letter, "The T-shirts in question had the slope of the Catholic faith? I think not. Notre Dame stands as a proud, Catholic university. We as a community can not deny the University's heritage. As for the question of whether or not Ms. Szczepaniak-Gillece can be proud of her degree, I'll say the following. Be proud in knowing that you attended one of the finest universities in the nation. Be proud that your alma mater's traditions and Catholic roots will ensure that future generations will benefit from an education at Notre Dame.

Chris Neidlinger

Love justifies distance

When I was reading Wednesday's column regarding long-distance relationships, I wondered what provoked the author to write it. It is obvious that Mr. Long has never been scarred by an attempted long-distance relationship nor ever exposed to how great a successful one can be. I have been dating my boyfriend who goes to school at Marquette University for two years. We started dating the last month of our senior year of high school after being good friends for two years. I never dreamed of us going off to college with a boyfriend. I never wanted "strings." I wanted to be free to do whatever I wanted. But then something happened — I fell in love.

My relationship with Brad has helped make me who I am today and I would not give it up for anything in the world. The distance has taught us to truly communicate and has made us realize how much we want to be together. I cannot imagine being with anyone else nor would I ever want to be. I agreed with the column when it talked about driveling phone conversations being a hassle and an annoyance for roommates — but what if your conversations aren't like that? If all that a conversation consists of is reassuring a significant other of your love for them, then of course the relationship is going to fail.

Jennifer Lynch

Women's basketball ticket distribution needs reform

Monday morning I waited in line to purchase tickets to the NCAA Women's Basketball Regionals first round game. The fact that there are few tickets left to these games and what students need to do to get them has not been well advertised. Monday was also the first day to purchase season tickets to next year's women's basketball games. From what I have gathered from the past season ticket holders, it is not a good sign when the seats are filled up and there are few tickets left to these games. It has taught us to truly communicate and has made us realize how much we want to be together. I cannot imagine being with anyone else nor would I ever want to be. I agreed with the column when it talked about driveling phone conversations being a hassle and an annoyance for roommates — but what if your conversations aren't like that? If all that a conversation consists of is reassuring a significant other of your love for them, then of course the relationship is going to fail.

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I am not saying that long distance relationships are for everyone or that they are by any measure easy. They require a lot of hard work and heartbreaks. However, the minute that you are together and you get to look into the eyes of the person that you love and has true, intimate, there is no way to replace that with just anyone.

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It is my hope that the athletic department would make a better effort to alert the season ticket holders, staff and students about ticket distribution. To that aim I suggest, because of the contradictory information I have received, that the athletic department take out an advertisement in The Observer or write a letter explaining to the students how the NCAA's tournament ticket distribution system works.

Another statement made by the author was that it is hard to stay intimate with a significant other when there is no physical contact. Since we know intimacy only include sexual contact.

Some of the most intimate moments in life can be a deep conversation, a powerful moment or a simple look shared by two people. Sexual intimacy is part of a relationship, but it is not what a relationship is founded upon. If it is, then that relationship is doomed to fail, whether it is long distance or with the girl next door.

This same objection applies to the "ability to get the same thing next door" reasonizing the author used to explain the impending doom of long distance relationships. If a relationship is true love, and has true intimacy, there is no way to replace that with just anyone.

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By LAURA KELLY
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Irish, Huskies on collision course for title game

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Since Notre Dame stunned Connecticut on Jan. 15, both teams have pointed towards the Big East Championships. Provided the two top seeds win two more games, a rematch would occur on Tuesday night before the usual sell-out crowd at Gampel Pavilion, the Huskies home floor.

Think Geno Auriemma is looking forward for another shot at the Irish?

Following his team's loss at the Joyce Center, Auriemma voiced his squad's dilemmas. "I think our team is surprised when teams actually play really, really good against us," Auriemma said. "That's how immature some of our players are. They would rather phone ahead and say 'By the way, here we come and we would like the score to be 52-30 at halftime so could you please go along with that?' And when it doesn't go like that, we're not quite sure how to deal with it this year. That's the crux of what we're going through right now."

Due to that loss, Connecticut (25-2 overall, 15-1 in the Big East) is the top seed in the Big East tournament as the No. 2 seed. Notre Dame (26-1 overall, 15-1 in the Big East) is the top seed in the Big East.

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Assistant Sports Editor

Irish, Huskies on collision course for title game

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Sizing up the competition

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Vivian Stringer's club dealt Notre Dame its only defeat of the season, 54-53 on Feb. 17. Tammy Sutton-Brown leads the Scarlet Knights in scoring at 17.8 a game and is second in rebounding at 5.9 a game.

Seton Hall Pirates

Seton Hall is without point guard Naihah Smith, who suffered a torn ACL. Senior forward Arminda Moreno is averaging 15.6 ppg and has been Seton Hall's leading scorer in 18 out of 26 games this season.

St. John's Red Storm

Against UConn the Red Storm hit 10 three point baskets with Rasheedah Brown nailing three. Brown is the leading scorer for St. John's at 14.3 ppg. Shehas reached double figures in 25 out of 26 games this season. St. John's has dropped the last two games of the season to UConn and Virginia Tech.

Virginia Tech Hokies

Virginia Tech is led by senior Tere Williams who is averaging 13.2 points on the season. She is back in the lineup after missing the Providence game with a knee injury. Williams also leads the Hokies in rebounding with 5.2 per game.

Boston College Eagles

Junior Becky Gottstein has scored in double figures 14 straight games. Gottstein averages 16.3 ppg and 8.6 rpg both of which pace the team. Boston College is in the midst of a five-game winning streak.

Syracuse Orangewomen

The Orange women are without point guard D'akia Ervin, who tore her ACL on Feb. 9, which ending her college career. Leading the way for Syracuse is Beth Heights, who averages 13.5 points and 6.9 rebounds.

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Point guard Niele Ivey comes away with the ball during Notre Dame's upset of No. 3 Connecticut on Jan. 15. The Irish could see the Huskies in the Big East Championship Game.

"Hopefully we'll be able to spread the time around."

If they advance to the finals, look for the Irish to stick with five or six players. In the previous Connecticut game, Notre Dame's starters played for 184 of a possible 200 minutes.

Connecticut, the defending national champions, begins play on Sunday against either Boston College or Miami. In Monday's semifinals, the Huskies will likely face Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights handed the Irish their only loss of the season on Feb. 17 but lost 70-45 to Connecticut on Feb. 14. "Rutgers is a great defensive team," McGrath said. "But Connecticut has such good depth. It should be a good game."
Ivey, Riley, Leahy, Siemon and Dunbar lead Notre Dame into Storrs

By NOAH AMSTADER

It was a sunny morning in Washington, D.C., four years ago when roommates Imani Dunbar and Meaghan Leahy awoke in their hotel room. Perhaps a little too early.

The two then-freshmen looked at the clock and realized that they had missed the team bus to the airport. Unfortunately, they didn't even know which airport — Dulles or Reagan.

They quickly packed, used their daily meal money to catch a cab, and headed out alone into the city in search of the team. All ended well as they actually didn't even know which airport was the unsung leaders on an Irish team that remains strong today.

"I love all the seniors but I think Niele is the one that I have the most fun with," Siemon said. "Our personalities are pretty similar and we just end up laughing and just talking a lot about anything. We're probably the closest of the five.

The friendly senior remembers being the first member of the group to fully immerse herself in the Notre Dame Community.

"Coming in they had always kind of called me the characteristic Notre Dame Girl," Siemon said. "I was really excited to get to college and I took advantage of a lot of the things Notre Dame had to offer where many of my teammates didn't."

"I went to SYR's and forums. I spent a little bit more time on the bus and Siemon has unique ability to laugh at herself."

"Meaghan is just a lot of fun to be around," McGraw said. "She might have been one of my favorites or everybody on the team. She doesn't feel sorry for herself. She's just been a member of the team."

Friends form

Since coming to Notre Dame, the two bench players have forged a bond with an athlete who sees much more time on the floor — All-American center Ruth Riley.

The bond between Leahy and Riley was forged almost immediately in the fall of 1997. The two centers struged to learn the offense, and the frustration showed.

"Ruth and I were two of the more emotion freshmnen," Leahy said. "We cried a couple of times."

Soon Riley grasped the offense, and along with it was a starting spot. But before the 6-foot-3 center stepped off the bench and into stardom, she was able to generate quite a reputation among her peers.

"She has this really high-pitched voice and she used to yell so loud," Dunbar said. "She was the loudest cheerleader the team had ever seen."

The friendship between Siemon, Ivey and Henderson was put to the test last season. After starting as a freshman and a sophomore, Siemon was out on the bench in favor of Henderson. Despite not starting, Siemon still averaged close to 20 minutes per game.

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"It's completely a mental thing for me," Siemon said. "When I'm in practice I'm shooting something like 90 percent every single day. They're always supportive. We just really support each other.

Ivey is widely regarded as the emotional leader of the team. She is never shy about showing happiness and sadness, both on and off the court.

"I show a lot of emotion off the court sometimes and definitely on the court," Ivey said. "The team looks at me more as the person who's going to talk and get the team pumped up. After the Rutgers game I had to shed a tear.

"It's the complete opposite of the one thing that she helps all of us with. She's not a vocal person but she's definitely a leader that leads by example."

Siemon provides a balance — combining her physical toughness with a pleasant personality.

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"Not only has Siemon played through injury and illness, she has excelled. In Notre Dame's Jan. 15 upset over Connecticut, Siemon scored 15 points just two days after fracturing her hand. Tuesday night, she battled a stomach virus and led the Irish with 17.

"I love the game of basketball and I love my team, so I just want to be out there," Siemon said. "I hope that that attitude can rub off on the younger players."

Chemistry

Having played so many minutes together on the floor over the years, Siemon, Ivey and Riley seem to have a natural chemistry.

"Riley is the vocal leader and more the leader by example," Siemon said. "After the team's first loss this season at Rutgers, Riley was in the weight room the next day."

"She's such a hard worker," Siemon said of Riley. "That is the one thing that she helps all of us.

"Ivey and I are best friends and we totally bonded in our freshman year for the last couple of minutes of the game," Leahy said. "We totally bonded with each other.

Leahy and Riley worked together at adidas camp over the summer of 2000. Dunbar has visited Leahy at home in Massachusetts.

Both players traveled to tiny West Orange, New Jersey to paint the White House black. They have played a much bigger role in the team looks at me more as the person who's going to talk and get the team pumped up. After the Rutgers game I had to shed a tear.

Senior Ruth Riley, front, and Notre Dame teammates prepare for the final drop at Splash mountain in December. The Irish seniors have shared many moments of joy in their careers.

"I think I really know exactly where they're going to be at all times on the court," Ivey said. "I think we've built that type of chemistry with each other over the past couple of years."

Siemon credits her chemistry with Ivey on the fast break to their common enjoyment of running the floor.

"I feel like we've had pretty good chemistry ever since we came in as freshmen," Siemon said. "Niele and I both like to run and get the ball up the floor. I like it when somebody just gets ahead and in front of the break so that she can do what she likes to do best.

Riley has gained an ability to judge her teammates' strengths and weaknesses, an ability that she feels has helped the team succeed.

"I think after four years you just know about any of your teammates," Riley said. "You know their strengths and pretty much what they're going to do."

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Coquese Washington’s resume reads like an excerpt from a fiction novel. The 30-year-old Irish assistant coach led Notre Dame to its first NCAA tournament appearance in 1992, received her undergraduate degree in three years, taught special education for a year, graduated from Notre Dame law school in 1997, traveled for three months, worked with special education children in a poor environment, and got a college scholarship.

“Until about six or seven years ago, young girls never had an opportunity to dream about being a professional athlete as a career,” Washington said. “They never had that idea that being an athlete is OK, being an athlete is cool, being an athlete is something to aspire to. It’s great to be a doctor or a lawyer or whatever but now you also say I can be a center or I can be a point guard.”

In the late 1980s the idea of a women’s professional basketball league in the United States was less likely than a Vince McMahon-run professional football league. So although from seventh grade on, the self-proclaimed ‘gym rat’ would go to high school practice then to AAU practice and then play with the men at the local YMCA or the University of Michigan in Flint, Washington’s goals remained strictly academic-based.

“I knew I wanted to go to college,” Washington said, “and be successful at whatever I decided to do.”

Thanks to the constant prodding from her mother, Washington realized her aspirations.

“She emphasized day in and day out that if you don’t want to be in the Rescue Mission or be homeless, then you’ve got to get your homework done,” Washington said. “I would constantly be like ‘if my mom ever found out, she’d kill me.’”

The 5-foot-6 point guard started as a freshman for the Irish and two years later Washington led Notre Dame to its first-ever NCAA tournament appearance. Following her junior season, while taking graduate courses, the Irish struggled to a 15-12 record. But for the third straight season, Washington ranked first on the team in steals and assists.

“I think in my four years that we definitely paved the way a little bit for future success,” Washington said.

After traveling for three months, Washington returned to Flint and taught high school for two seasons. She also practiced law at the firm of Rubin, Baum and Levin in Manhattan.

“I had so much admiration for those kids,” Washington said. “They were phenomenal in their ability to attack adversity.”

In the fall of 1994, Washington enrolled in Notre Dame law school and continued to play basketball with friends and members of the Irish women’s team. Then, in 1995, there was a report that a women’s professional basketball league would be beginning in the near future.

Her law school friends kept telling Washington that she should give the league a chance. So in the summer of 1996, Washington headed for the American Basketball League’s (ABL) tryouts in Atlanta. At that time, her mother was living in nearby Savannah, Ga.

“I’m thinking I’ll go down and visit my mom and have a nice little vacation before I start working for the summer,” Washington said.

She never went back to her job as a law clerk in Flint. Washington made it through all the cuts and was drafted by the ABL’s Portland Power. She was still unsure whether she would ever play for the Power but then Portland’s general manager made an offer Washington couldn’t refuse.

Washington could take classes at Portland’s Lewis and Clark College’s law school and also play point guard for the Power.

That was challenging,” Washington said, “to say the least.”

When she finished the season, Washington re-enrolled at Notre Dame mid-way through the spring 1997 semester. By May, she had received enough credits and graduated with her original law school class.

Following the commencement, Washington played for the WNBA’s New York Liberty for two seasons. She also practiced law at the firm of Rulian, Baum and Levin in Manhattan during the fall of 1998. And in the fall of 1999, Muffet McGraw, her old college coach, asked Washington to join the Irish staff.

“The best part of this job is being a coach and the other as a player. As always, Washington knows what she’s thinking about. ‘I kid Val Ackerman (the WNBA’s President) all the time,’ Washington said. ‘I tell her I’m going to take her job when she retires.’

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Paul Krivickas
2001 festival director

"The competition was getting cutthroat, which wasn’t what we wanted," said Krivickas. So several years ago the CJF dropped its "Best Band" award. Judges are still able to award personalized certificates to groups or individuals that stand out, but the focus has switched from a clear winner to a celebration of different jazz styles.

"The competition has been very beneficial to the festival, according to Wiskirchen. "You have 10 groups playing this weekend, roughly 200 students working hard all year. They come here, play well and the audience likes them. Now, to pick out one group and say they’re the best, the rest [of the groups] feel sort of brought down — there’s no reason for that."

Wiskirchen contrasted winning a musical competition like the CJF with winning a sporting event: "If it were as close as playing a basketball game, where you can determine exactly who put the ball through the hoop so many times, then it is much easier to pin it down who won."

But art is more subjective, said Wiskirchen. "It isn’t an 85-86 victory — with art, it’s much harder to pick a winner. That is one of the reasons we got away from [the competition]."

The festival’s traditions still continue, however, in the quality of performances and the variety of styles. "The history of the festival follows the history of jazz and the artistic trends of the country," said Wiskirchen. "There were times when [jazz] was very experimental, back in the mid-to-late ’60s, and times when it got into a rock or fusion vein, as jazz did in the early ’70s."

Today’s jazz, as seen at the festival, can be described as mainstream, said Wiskirchen. "It’s not avant-garde, but it’s going into depth rather than going into new things."

Depending on which bands come, styles of the festival change from year to year, "sometimes focusing more on improvisation, sometimes more on communication," Wiskirchen said. "It’s a recap of the history of jazz in the professional world — it varies and fluctuates."

As for what this year’s festival will hold, neither Wiskirchen nor Krivickas can say for sure. "That’s something you never know ahead of time," said Wiskirchen. "But there’s always something exceptional about it.”
Irish forward Ryan Humphrey goes up for a rebound in Notre Dame's 78-71 victory over Georgetown on Jan. 27. Humphrey scored 10 points and pulled down 17 rebounds in the win. The Irish take on the Hoyas on Sunday at the Joyce Center.

Murphy may have also more at stake than normal. If the 6-foot-10 forward, who averages 23 points and more than nine rebounds per game, decides to go pro after the season, Sunday's game would be his last in the Joyce Center.

"It might be [my last game here]," said Murphy, who hasn't made up his mind about his future plans. "It could be. It would be nice to go out a winner if it was."
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Junior Owen Asplundh chases the ball during a game last season against Villanova. The men's team takes on Penn in their home opener Sunday.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Stiles sets all-time career points mark

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Breaking the NCAA scoring record brought Jackie Stiles relief more than anything else. The satisfaction, she said, will come later.

Stiles scored 30 points and became the career scoring leader in NCAA Division I women's basketball as Southwest Missouri State beat Creighton 94-59 on Thursday night.

She increased her career total to 3,133 points, breaking the record of 3,122 that Patricia Hokens set at Mississippi Valley State from 1985-89. The record fell when Stiles hit a 3-pointer early in the second half, giving her 3,123.

"The pressure's off," Stiles said. "Now we can just concentrate on winning basketball games. It's just a burden off my shoulders."

Stiles, who was averaging 30.8 points, needed 20 to break the record and the game drew a standing-room-only crowd of 9,155 that included Missouri, Gov. Bob Holden, a 1973 Southwest Missouri State graduate.

All hoped to be a part of history, and Stiles sent them home happy as Southwest Missouri State (21-5, 15-2; No. 16 ESPN/USA Today; No. 18 Associated Press) stayed one game behind first-place Drake in the Missouri Valley Conference race.

Panthers’ White calls it a career

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carolina Panthers defensive end Reggie White, the NFL's all-time sack leader, said Thursday he has ended his comeback and has retired again from football.

"We thought a great deal of Reggie and he did a wonderful job for us this season and has been a great pro as I can attest having competed against him," Panthers head coach George Seifert said at a news conference at Ericsson Stadium.

White, 39, finished his career with 198 sacks, more than any other player in league history.

"I will always miss the locker room and the guys, but I know God's will for me to move on to other challenges because it's not in me like it used to be," White said in statement. This is actually White’s third retirement.

He retired for one day prior to the 1998 season but then said God had told him he needed to play again, and he returned to the Green Bay Packers.

White retired again after the 1998 season and took a year off from football. After the Packers allowed him out of his contract, White returned to the Panthers last season and played for $1 million.

White had a disappointing season in many respects, recording a career-low 5.5 sacks with only 27 tackles. He didn't show the same pass-rushing skills that made him a dominating force for much of the past two seasons, and the veteran-filled Panthers finished a disappointing 7-9.

White vowed this retirement is final.

"So, no more retirements, no more returns," White said. "And I do so with no regrets because I know God has an exciting future for me."
Hockey

Icemen look to tame Broncos, advance to playoffs

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sport Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team has risen in the past two weeks like a vampire at nightfall, with a 3-0-2 record in their last five games. This weekend, they face No. 13 Western Michigan in a home-series that will determine whether the Irish will continue on to the CCHA playoffs.

The Irish currently lead Bowling Green by a single point, 18 to 17. Notre Dame occupies the 10th and final playoff spot, and would need three out of the four possible points — a win and a tie — to secure the final spot.

All these playoff scenarios depend on Bowling Green’s final series against Ferris State. If Bowling Green can only muster a single point in two games, the Irish would be guaranteed the playoff spot by virtue of having the advantage in the head to head series.

Western Michigan will be a very difficult challenge for even a red-hot Notre Dame squad. The Broncos are 18-10-6 overall, and have plenty of depth and talent to overmatch Notre Dame.

“Feeling good about this weekend,” said assistant captain Dan Carlson. “We played well against them before and we feel like we can play well again.”

The Irish are coming off a very long and very successful road trip last weekend against Alaska-Fairbanks. Notre Dame came away from the Alaskan tundra with a win and a tie and a much needed three points.

Western Michigan split this past weekend against Bowling Green. Notre Dame will have to focus on the Broncos’ two outstanding scorers, senior right winger David Gove and junior center Mike Bishai. Both had 55 points after last weekend’s series.

But Western Michigan has already cemented their playoff spot, and the Broncos have less to play for than the Irish. The Broncos will most likely receive either the fourth or fifth playoff spot depending on their performance this weekend.

“We want to win both games,” said Carlson. “But if we can’t get that, a win and a tie would be nice too.”

Another positive for Notre Dame is the previous home and home series between the two teams back on Jan. 12 and 13, when the Irish won in South Bend and tied in Kalamazoo to secure three points for the weekend.

And that’s what they need to do now.

Though the Irish have had trouble in home games this year, Notre Dame is 7-0-1 in their last eight games against the Broncos on the Joyce Center.

Defenceman Brett Lebda was selected as the CCHA rookie-of-the-week for the last week of February. The defenceman made a strong case for himself by supplying the Irish with some offense this past weekend against Alaska-Fairbanks with a goal and three assists.

The two teams face off in Lawson Arena at Western Michigan on Friday night, and then again Saturday night at the Joyce Center.

On Saturday night, the team will honor its departing seniors, including captains Chipchase, Ryan Dolder, and Chad Chipchase; as well as Jay Kopishchek, Ryan Clark, Kyle Kolquist, and Matt Van Arkel.
Irish return entire 2001 team in 2001

A new season presents a new challenge for the Irish women's lacrosse team, whose season begins in Harrisonburg, Va. on Sunday, when it takes on James Madison at 1 p.m. A new era begins for the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program in 2001 with the arrival of Big East women's lacrosse competition. Starting their fifth season at the varsity level under head coach Tracy Coyne, the Irish did not lose a single game to graduation from last season before coming to Notre Dame.

"For the first time, we have a team returning that has a significant amount of playing time," said Coyne, the head coach of the 2001 Canadian World Cup team. "This is the first year where we have key players returning in every position and have depth and experience. There is more competition at every position and more talented players overall."

After finishing with a 5-10 record last season, the Irish return such players as all-region selections Laila O'Shaughnessy on attack and Kathryn Lam at defense. Senior Tara Durkin was among the nation's top goalkeepers last year. The experience and growth of the program was evident in the fall practice season.

"We played our most competitive fall schedule ever," said Coyne. "We are excited about how we did against top competition. Fall practice gave us the opportunity to do early evaluation of areas where we need work and to have the freshmen get a chance to taste what the season will be like in the spring.

The dawn of Big East women's lacrosse competition in 2001 will be particularly gratifying for Coyne, a driving force among the coaching community for the inclusion of women's lacrosse under the Big East Conference umbrella. Notre Dame's six-game Big East schedule features home games against Georgetown, Connecticut and Rutgers and road games against Virginia Tech, Boston College and Syracuse.

The Irish played every team in the nation's top 20 in 2000 and finished with a 5-10 record last season, the Irish did not lose a senior to graduation from last season before coming to Notre Dame.

"This is the beginning of a wonderful opportunity to be part of the Big East Conference and to represent Notre Dame in the conference," says Coyne. "We face seven teams who led seven teams to conference championships in nine seasons before coming to Notre Dame.

"Our goal is to win the initial championship but there are a lot of great teams in the conference. This will give our teams national recognition. The Big East could be one of the dominant conferences in the country.

The freshman class won't be the only new addition set to impact the Irish women's lacrosse team, as head coach Tracy Coyne welcomes a new assistant coach to her staff. World Cup veteran Danielle Gallager brings a wealth of international experience to the program. The 1989 graduate of William & Mary has been a member of two championship U.S. World Cup teams and is in training for her third in 2001.

BASKETBALL

Brey, McGraw among Naismith finalists

University of Notre Dame men's basketball coach Mike Brey and women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw are among the 20 finalists for the Naismith College Basketball Coach of the Year Awards. The winners of both Naismith Awards will be honored in Atlanta, Ga., on April 7, 2001.

In his first season at Notre Dame, Brey guided the Irish to the Big East West Division title, the first league title for a Notre Dame men's basketball team since becoming a conference member in 1995-06. The divisional title secures Notre Dame a first-round in the upcoming AT&T Big East Championship, March 7-10 at Madison Square Garden.

The 19 regular-season wins are the most by a Notre Dame team since the 1986-87 campaign. McGraw, a Naismith coach-of-the-year finalist the past two seasons, also led her Irish team to its first Big East regular-season crown as Notre Dame shared the title with defending national champion Connecticut.

Her squad currently is 26-1 overall (ninth straight 20-win season for the Irish) and finished with a 15-1 mark in Big East play.

Notre Dame earned the No. 1 ranking for the first time in school history when the Irish defeated the Huskies 92-76 on Jan. 15 and spent four weeks ranked in the top spot during the season.

A veteran of 19 years as a collegiate coach with 14 of those seasons coming at Notre Dame, McGraw earned her 300th win with the Irish and 400th career victory earlier this year.

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Notre Dame falls to professional Devil Rays, 17-4

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame graduate Vince Naimoli faced an interesting dilemma Thursday afternoon. The 1959 graduate is the owner of the major league Tampa Bay Devil Rays, who were playing an exhibition game against the Irish. Despite his loyalty to his alma mater, Naimoli was quite clear on which team he was rooting for at Florida Flower Park in St. Petersburg.

"No question. I want the Devil Rays to win every game," Naimoli said in a press release.

And that is just what his team did, by a 17-4 margin. The Devil Rays jumped on sophomore starter Peter Ogilve early. Following two 2-run singles by major league veterans Randy Winn and Gerald Williams, the Irish were quickly down 5-0 in the second inning.

The Irish hit the bank in the bottom of the fourth off Tampa bonus baby Matt White. White, a former top draft pick who received a $10 million signing bonus, walked the first three batters of the inning before facing outfielder Kris Billmaier.

Billmaier stroked a single to score one run, and freshman first baseman Joe Thamann plated another runner with a ground-out.

With Irish rightfielder Brian Stavisky nursing a sore hamstring, Billmaier will be counted on for offensive help.

"He's a fun player to watch," White's manager thought, but his star prospect lost his composure a bit on the mound.

"He got out of sync, especially the first three hitters. He did throw some good pitches but it was just one of those days when he got out of sync and it took him longer than you want to get back into it," White said.

Travis Harper started the game for the Devil Rays, holding the Irish scoreless in his three innings. Harper retired eight of the first nine hitters he faced.

"That's what you expect from Travis," Rothschild said. "I thought he threw the ball very well. He's going to throw the ball over the plate and knows what to do with it."

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personal-best 6 feet, 9 inches in the high jump, but is still four inches below the 7-1 height needed to provisionally qualify for the NCAA finals.

Irish coaches also received a pleasant surprise from the pole vaulting squad at the Big East finals. Josh Heck and Nathan Cahill both cleared 15-9 and placed second and fifth, respectively.

Freshman Godwin Mbagwu appeared to be one of the closest athletes at achieving a provisional qualifying performance. His 50 feet, 4 1/2 inch mark in the triple jump in the first meet of the season was less than a foot off the provisional qualifying mark.

However, Mbagwu, who took second in the Big East triple jump, will not be competing this weekend due to a knee injury.

The meet begins Friday night with field events and continues Saturday morning with the running events.

Notes:
- Junior Quill Redwine had surgery last Friday to help repair an injury sustained earlier this season. While Redwine will not compete for the rest of the indoor season, Plane said that he expects him to return for most of the outdoor season.

CORRECTION


This year, Newburg takes on the experienced Camilo Rueda. The taller Rueda will use his strong reach to attack the tiny Newburg, who won the 125-lb. bracket last year. The disciplined Newburg will use his excellent technique to excel in the ring.

The Observer regrets the error.

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finals. At the Meyo Invitational earlier this year, she ran a school record 53.3 seconds in the 400 meters.

While that time was not fast enough for an automatic spot in the finals, it is the second-fastest 400 in the nation this year, virtually assuring her of competing in the NCAA finals.

Grow, who has been dominating the 400-meters for the Irish all season, was upset in the finals at the Big East 400 by Pittsburgh's Tia Tabb. Grow, who had won the Big East title her sophomore year, finished seven hundredths of a second behind Tabb and took second place.

Many top collegiate teams are expected to compete in the final Irish home indoor meet of the season because it is the last opportunity to achieve qualifying performances for next week's NCAA finals.

Tameisha King is another Irish athlete chasing an NCAA bid. She leapt 20 feet, 1/4 inch a month ago, far enough for an NCAA provisional mark. The sophomore All-American is also trying to qualify in the 60-meter hurdles.

King's best time in that event is 8.49; the NCAA provisional time is 8.43

"She has a legitimate shot in the long jump," said Plane. "The only other Notre Dame athlete with a reasonable chance to reach a qualifying mark this weekend is pole vaulter Jaime Volkmer. The sophomore took second at the Big East Championship with a vault of 12-1 1/2, setting a school record for the third time this season. In order to achieve a qualifying mark, Volkmer needs to clear 12-5 1/2, a height she has attempted multiple times this season."

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**SOFTBALL**

The No. 15 Notre Dame softball team continues the 2001 season this weekend at the Frost Tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn., hosted by the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Notre Dame improved its record to 8-1 last weekend at the Morning News Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.

The Frost Tournament will be a round-robin event, as the Irish will play each participating team twice. Notre Dame will face Jacksonville State and UT-Chattanooga on Friday, followed by matchups with Alabama-Birmingham and UT-Chattanooga on Saturday.

The schedule wraps up on Sunday as Notre Dame faces Alabama-Birmingham and Jacksonville State.

The Jacksonville Gamecocks are 7-3 this season and are a member of the TransAmerica Conference. They feature three starting pitchers: Tara Ross, Meadow McWhorter and Jill Wilcoxson.

Allie Simons leads the Gamecock offense with 10 hits in 10 games this season, while Lauren Buck tops the team in RBI with nine.

Notre Dame will meet Alabama-Birmingham for the first time ever on Saturday, March 3, at 2 p.m. Both teams will meet again Sunday, March 4, at 10 a.m. Both teams will meet again Sunday, March 4, at 10 a.m.

Notre Dame will face Tennessee-Chattanooga twice this weekend. They will be the third and fourth meetings between the Mocs and the Irish. UTC won the last meeting Feb. 26, 1999 4-3. UTC is 12-7 in 2001 and is coming off a victory over Jacksonville State Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Jaci Welsh leads the Mocs offense with a .315 average, three home runs and 18 runs batted in. Jolene Martin is also hitting .315 with 17 hits in 14 games.

Tayla Trudell (1.74 ERA, 4-4 in eight starts, 31 K) and Beth Alexander (1.62 ERA, 7-2 in nine starts, 41 K) are the heart of the UTC pitching staff.

Notre Dame won three out of four games in the waterlogged Morning News Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., last weekend.

The Irish began the weekend with a 4-0 victory over Texas Tech, followed by wins over Arkansas and Maine. Arkansas handed Notre Dame its first loss of the year on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2-0.

The Irish were originally scheduled to play a doubleheader against each team over the course of the invitational, but two days dominated by inclement weather forced the tournament organizers to adjust the format. Notre Dame took the field Friday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m. against Texas Tech in the first game of the invitational.

The teams played three scoreless innings before play was suspended due to heavy rain showers. Both teams were able to muster just one hit against the opposing pitcher before the rain delay.

It took more than seven hours for the weather to clear enough for the teams to return to competition.

Notre Dame starting pitcher Jen Shannon returned to strikeout four of the first six batters she faced after the break. Sharron eventually pitched a complete-game one-hit shutout.

Notre Dame sophomore Andrea Leman prepares for a pitch during a game last season. The Irish will take part in the Frost Tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn., this weekend.

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Irish host Hoyas on Senior Day

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish have already earned the right to hang a Big East West Division championship banner in the Joyce Center, but they'd like to beat Georgetown Sunday to give fans Martin Ingelsby and Hans Rasmussen a final home game to tell their grandkids about.

Notre Dame's final home game, which tips off at 2 p.m. on Sunday, is the last chance for Irish fans to get an in-person glimpse of point guard Ingelsby and reserve center Rasmussen on the court — without packing up their bags and heading for the Big East or NCAA Tournaments.

"We want to defend our homecourt," junior All-American Troy Murphy said before practice Thursday. "We've only lost one game in here in the conference. It's very important for us to go out strong. Moose [Ingelsby] and Hans [Rasmussen], we want to send them out winners."

The Irish (19-7, 11-4 Big East) just suffered a 75-59 loss at Connecticut on Jan. 27, but are still riding high after winning 10 of their last 12 games. Wrapping up the West Division title also scored them a first-round bye in the Big East Tournament next week.

The Hoyas (22-6, 9-6), while stuck with the unpleasant reality of playing at the Joyce Center on Notre Dame's Senior Championship banner in the Joyce game, which tips off at 2 p.m.

Shay looks to double his distance pleasure

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

After its third place finish at the Big East Indoor Championships two weeks ago, the men's track and field team shifted their focus from team performances to individual ones. So when the Irish step onto the track at this weekend's Alex Wilson Invitational, the primary objective will be to achieve qualifying marks for next week's NCAA indoor nationals.

"That's the whole purpose of this meet this weekend," said Irish head coach Joe Plante. "It's just to get people qualified.

The only male Irish athlete who is guaranteed a spot at the NCAA finals is Ryan Shay. The senior All-American ran a school record 13:52.66 in the 5,000 meters at the Meye Invitational this season, which was fast enough for an NCAA automatic qualifying time.

Shay defended his 5,000 title at the Big East Championships and finished second in the 3,000 meters. Shay will be competing in the 3,000 this weekend.

"It's conceivable that he could qualify in the 3,000 as well," Plante said. "And if you qualify in both, why not run in both?"

After Shay, however, the Irish don't have any other athletes who have qualified for nationals. The Irish coachs hope that will change this weekend.

Plante said that junior Patrick Conway has an outside chance at qualifying in the mile run. He finished fourth at the Big East Championships, but needs to run 4:0.2 this weekend. Conway's best mile is 4:11.

Junior Andrew Cooper was the only other individual champion at the Big East Championships. He cleared a

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Relay team set to set another record

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Imagine this — your relay team set to win a women's 4x400 meter relay at nationals. Even though they set their records last weekend, and ran fast enough to earn an NCAA finals consideration time. So, what do you do next?

Run faster.

That is exactly what the women's 4x400 relay team plans to do at this weekend's Alex Wilson Invitational. At the Big East Indoor Championships two weeks ago, the team of Kymia Love, Kristen Dodd, Ayshra Boyd, and Liz Grow ran 3:44.73, breaking their old school record and achieving a provisional qualifying time by just a quarter of a second.

Even though they set their sights on becoming the first Notre Dame 4x400 relay to qualify for the NCAA outdoor finals, head coach Joe Plante feels they have a chance at making the indoor finals.

"They're going to run it this weekend, and it'll be a really good heat," he said. "The ladies feel that they can do it."

By running another fast time, the 4x400 relay hopes to impress the committee deciding which teams will compete at the NCAA finals next weekend. Running a provisional time does not necessarily guarantee an athlete will compete in the finals. Plante believes the 4x400 relay would need to run around 3:41 in order to make indoor nationals.

"Just look at all of their Pitts — they could run it," he said. "We'll just have to wait and see."

Even if the relay doesn't qualify, Grow will still compete in next week's NCAA
Pete
Re-Pete
Four-Pete
Both James "Pirahna" Fishburne and Shawn "Knockout The Old And Bring In The" Newberg are making just their second appearance at Bengal Bouts, although Newberg has faced a tougher opponent. Fishburne was hardly tested against an overmatched foe in the semifinals, but is the top seed and rightfully so. He has the best power in the division and will try to employ it in the finals.

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

Tony Hollowell has already dethroned the defending champion Matt Fumagalli in this weight class, providing one of the biggest surprises of the Bouts so far. The freshman has muscled his way through the rounds and will face sophomore Josh Coleman in the finals.

Both Hollowell and Coleman narrowly earned the right to light in the title match, with split decision victories in the semifinals.

Hollowell's no-lose attitude has turned the first-year participant into a confident lighter in just a few rounds. -staff report

Jeff Dobosh verses Tom "Frenchman" Pierce is a battle between Dobosh's skill and experience and Pierce's heart. In this one, pick skill and experience. Dobosh won a split decision against Pierce in last year's semifinals, and figures to win again with a strong all-around boxing style.

Pierce will try to counter by aggressively going after Dobosh, but Dobosh has the skills to counter-punch effectively. Pierce seemingly willed his way past previous champion Sean "The Erie Kid" Nowak in the semifinals, putting together an unforgettable final round of boxing. -Jeff Baltruzak

Captain Dennis "Thursday Night" Abdelnour figures to carry his momentum past Joe Smith and to the title he has been craving for four roller-coaster years.

Joe Smith is a tall boxer with a well-developed jab. Abdelnour has proven to be effective in neutralizing taller fighters' jabs, solidly defeating Mike "The Militia Man" Melby in the semifinals.

To win, Joe Smith will have to out hit the heavy swinging Abdelnour, effectively beating Abdelnour at his own game. But after years of waiting, don't expect Abdelnour to drop the ball on Friday night. -Jeff Baltruzak

Thompson really deserves this. He's waited a long time for a title, and he really learns from his mistakes. He has the experience to anticipate Duba and the discipline not to let another guy's style overwhelm his own. Duba has the ability to stay strong through all three rounds, so this should be a good battle of endurance.

Both Duba and Thompson have a great jab, but Thompson's are more accurate. -Katie Hughes

Mike Ryan looks like he's not even trying when he fights. He's a true boxer and never goes for the brawl. He has an intimidating presence when he steps into the ring. No one in Bengal Bouts can compete with his reach. In VanderPoel's last fights, he was able to get in some high jabs, but against Ryan that will really be a challenge.

With three titles under his belt, Ryan's earned the right to be cocky. -Katie Hughes
Michael "Mad Man" Waldo is another strong boxer. This one will be close. Waldo has Avon unanimous decisions his last two fights, and is on top of his game. But bet on the underdog Tisby to get in the ring and box bell to bell.

Brian "Nightmare" Hobbins faced a charging opponent in the semifinals, and he will see more of the same against Thomas "Boom-Boom" Macias in the title bout. Hobbins, the senior captain is seeking his first title in the bouts against a 31-year-old grad student. Macias likely will try to make the fight a brawl, but Hobbins will combat that by moving around the ring and throwing combinations.

If Macias backs Hobbins into the ropes he can do damage, but he will have to catch him first.

A battle between two of the Bengal Bouts' finest, Robert "A.M.D.G." Joyce and Mark "I'm So Pretty" Criniti matches two captains and defending champions. Both fighters have very quick hands, like to move around the ring, pick their spots, and counterpunch. The two fought almost identical fights in the semifinals when they let their opponent chase them and then capitalized on openings.

The question then is who will come after who first? The more patient fighter might come out on top.

Heads up for the Heavyweight Bout between Carlos Abeyta and Dan Adam.

Dan Adam was the No. 1 seed coming in. Adam and Abeyta's styles are very different. Adams been boxing pretty solid technically, but he needs to watch out for Abeyta's combinations. Both Abeyta and Adam are hard hitters, so this will be a battle of who has more stamina. This will be a great fight to end the Bengal Bouts.
Bracing for a final fight

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Around 4:30 on Tuesday afternoon, in preparation for a photography session, Pete Ryan slipped on black 16-ounce boxing gloves onto his hands. He stood alone in the corner of the ring, in a nearly empty Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Seconds later, he glanced towards the Section 5 exit, and saw the men's basketball team walking by, on their way to practice. Suddenly, guard Matt Carroll noticed Ryan.

"When are you fighting?" Carroll asked.

"About 10 o'clock on Wednesday," Ryan replied.

"Good luck, man," Carroll said.

"Thanks," Ryan said.

Typical conversation.

Ryan, a senior captain, aims for his fourth straight Bengal Bouts title tonight. If he beats graduate student Mike VanderPoel in the light heavyweight final, Ryan will become only the ninth four-time champion in the program's 71-year history.

With that notoriety comes expectations. Like Carroll, countless other friends, acquaintances and fellow boxers have approached Ryan during the past few weeks.

"I try not to think about it," Ryan said. "But at the same time, you can't ignore that. Everyone bugs me about it. They're like 'Are you gonna win this year? You've got to get your fourth. Don't choke.'"

First round of bouts

Denise Ryan almost gagged.

On Feb. 27, 1998 several of Pete's high school friends drove to see Ryan, then a freshman, fight in the 195-pound final. Denise Ryan was unable to watch his performance and left the ring area around 10:15 on Wednesday. She was so mad at me. I said I'm sorry but I can't talk right now."

During activities night earlier that year, Ryan and his friend (and current boxing captain) Brian Hobbins, who both had never boxed before, signed up for the Bengal Bouts.

"They said I had a face for boxing," Ryan said. "But I wasn't sure if they could get much worse."

Ryan informed his parents that he had joined the club but they said he could not fight. He assured them that he was just working out but would not participate in the actual bouts. In the spring of 1999, Ryan forgave his parents' signa-

ture on the medical form and decided to pursue boxing.

Two weeks prior to the bouts, while sparriing with senior captain Dave Monahan, Ryan suffered his first injury — a broken nose.

"I was so pissed," Ryan said. "I jumped out of the ring when it was over and wailed on the heavy bag for 15 minutes. Brian [Hobbins] was calling me the Incredible Hulk. I was freaking out." He conrtrolled his emotions and beat Michael Romero in the semifinals. His opponent in the finals was none other than Monahan, the defending champion.

"I was like, 'What the hell?"' Ryan said. "I've got nothing to lose here. So I tried to go out and not get hit."

Good idea.

Ryan used his quickness and agility to record arguably the biggest upset of the tournament.

The next day, he called his mother.

"She's like 'I don't care if you won. I told you not to do it.'"

Ryan said, "I thought I'd get divorced from the family."

Yet, he remains the third of Ralph and Denise Ryan's six children.

Continuing to win

A few months after receiving the stunning news, the Ryans' told their son they were disappointed but there was really nothing they could do.

And for the past two years they have been in attendance as Pete continued his dominance. He beat Alex Kent in the 195-pound finals as a sophomore and then defeated 250-pound Dan Adam in the heavyweight championship last season.

"My mom usually goes, to the bathroom and then watches my fight in the guard station on a video," Ryan said. "I'm just glad she comes down from Michigan for the fights!"

Ryan has also excelled in another campus tradition — Bookstore Basketball. His team, the Majestics, advanced to the Final Four last year and the 6-foot-4, 195-pound Ryan was named to the first-team All-Bookstore squad.

At Muskegon Catholic High School, Ryan started at forward for two years and played baseball, golf and cross-country, as well.

"He's definitely one of the best athletes on campus," Hobbins said. "Pound for pound, sport for sport, he's one of the most athletic kids I know."

Although he enjoys both sports, Ryan offers an appropriate analogy on why he believes boxing is more less predictable than basketball.

"Boxing's always tough, even if you think you should beat the guy," Ryan said. "It's different than saying I should beat this guy in a basketball game of 21. Because in a game of 21, if you play bad defense you don't get punched in the face. You've got to fight to win (in boxing) so it makes every time you go in the ring real. It only takes one good punch."

Thus far, no one has been able to land that punch on Ryan. But one thing has changed since his Freshman year — instead of idolizing the captains, Ryan is now serving as one of the leaders of the program.

As a captain, he arrives in the boxing room around 3 p.m. and works out for an hour. He then helps out the younger fighters from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and works out again for an hour. Add in the administrative and fundraising duties and Ryan spends 30 or more hours a week concentrating on boxing.

He would have it no other way.

Peter Ryan has trained for four years with the men's boxing club. He faces Mike VanderPoel in his final bout tonight.

Beginning his career as a freshman, Peter Ryan has become the boxer to beat. If the senior pulls off a victory tonight, he will become just the ninth fighter in the Bouts' 71-year history to win four consecutive titles.

"At the end of our fall practices, 10-15 guys came up and they said 'Thank you very much, I appreciate what you did. I've learned a lot,'" Ryan said. "You're like, 'Wow, I guess this really matters.'"

Final fight

Ryan, dressed in blue trunks and Nike running sneakers, entered the ring for the first time in this year's Bengal Bouts around 10:15 on Wednesday night.

Within five minutes, Ryan hugged several friends at ringside after a unanimous decision victory over Ben Deda.

Only one more bout remains. His parents and most of the rest of his family — two older sisters, one younger sister and two younger brothers — will arrive on Friday. They shouldn't expect Ryan to speak much.

"Really I haven't thought about anything else other than boxing for more than 30 seconds for the last three weeks," Ryan said.

Prior to the finals, Ryan will lie down on the couch at his Lafayette apartment, watch Braveheart, and visualize the upcoming fight against VanderPoel.

"It's kind oforny but that helps me calm down a little bit," Ryan said. "But then you start thinking four hours, three hours, two hours..."

And if he won again?

"That would be remarkable considering I never thought I would even stick with this stupid thing," Ryan said. "To come out with that would be pretty sweet."

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