By LAUREN BECK

Actor Chris Burke never abandoned his dreams.
Burke, who is best known for his portrayal of Corky on the television series "Life Goes On," overcame the challenges posed by Down Syndrome to achieve his dream of succeeding in show business.
"I've always been a dreamer... I never think about the obstacles because I keep my dreams in mind and make them come true," said Burke.
Burke recognized his supportive family and friends as the keys to his success.
"My parents had their dreams, and I saw how they achieved them. They are my idols," he said.
Notre Dame football legend Rudy Ruettiger also inspired him to pursue his dreams.
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INSIDE COLUMN
Warning: preserve print credits before it's too late

The day finally happened and I want to send a warning to Notre Dame students that they could soon suffer the same experience. Recently, I went to the Observatory Lab and was forced to print a paper 15 minutes before class. Like many without a printer, I told myself the previous night, "I have plenty of time before class.

Fact: There is NEVER plenty of time before class. "Plenty of time" inevitably turns into 10 minutes of scrambling in desperation to find an open Macintosh only to realize that there are none even if the consultants insist that "there should be some Macs open."

 Needless to say, all Macs were occupied and I had to stand in a mob of people to get added to the PC list. My 10 minutes of time soon became seven when I finally was able to sit down at a PC.

At that point, I had about five minutes, but the computer lab hadn't failed me yet. I opened my document, and after a quick spell check, I clicked "print" and waited for the screen to spool the document. Although I only had two minutes left in the obstacle course, my glass remained half-full because I was seconds away from holding the finished product of my labor.

Then the drama unfolded. No matter how many times I jogged into the print station, nothing appeared on the screen to show evidence of my document in the printer's queue. I was perplexed, not only because I had one minute left, but I couldn't figure out the problem.

It wasn't until I returned to the PC that I read the message on the screen that notified me of my lack of print credits and how I could go to the COMB to address it. COMB? I know we live in a world of acronyms, but COMB is not one that I use regularly especially since it is on the other side of campus, far from the compounding grounds.

Fortunately, a nice person I knew with print credits to spare helped me, but this is not where the story ends.

I still have a trip to the COMB ahead of me.

At the beginning of the school year, I was told that the University had determined that $100 of print credits was adequate to cover the average student's print costs. This amounts to 1000 sheets at 10 cents per sheet. If that is so, I am concerned that it is February and I have to add credit already. I know that as an Arts and Letters student, I may not need more than a final draft. For containing too many "unsafely stored" corrosive chemicals.

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This Week In Notre Dame/Saint Mary's History

ND approves master's in education

Thursday, February 20, 1997

Notre Dame introduced a new educational Leadership Program as part of the summer session on campus. This program was designed to be a combination of Notre Dame's master of science in administration program and the Saint Mary's education department. This marked the first time in 20 years that the University had offered a degree in education.

University of Montana

Police investigate house fire

Police remained tight-lipped Wednesday as they continued to search, with a warrant, the burned Missoula, Mont., home of a liquor store manager after a 12-year-old son, escaped the fire unharmed. The warrant was issued Tuesday for a further exploration of the burned Missoula, Mont., home of University of Montana assistant professor Carla Grayson and Adrienne Neff, the couple whose house was intentionally set on fire early in the morning of Friday, Feb. 8. The couple, along with their 22-month-old son, escaped the fire unharmed. The warrant allowed for any evidence found in the home to be more easily submitted in court. Evidence found only through consent is difficult to use in court, according to Police Lt. Greg Willoughby said. "We needed some things that may corroborate evidence or statements that we've already taken," said Willoughby. "We felt that the best route would be a warrant rather than putting someone in a position of having to give or deny consent."

University of Texas System Board of Regents

CLC debates prohibition of kegs on campus

Thursday, February 16, 1978

The Campus Life Council debated the alcohol policy regarding the prohibition of kegs on campus. CLC is a student organization that makes a recommendation to the University policy. According to the prohibition of kegs on campus has been rescinded. RECTORS would exercise personal discretion as an alternative to the directive, according to BENDER's suggestion.

University dismisses unsafe chemistry professor

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Fairfield University

University may restrict smokers

Just over a year after pulling tobacco products from the university bookstore, Fairfield University administrators are considering restrictions on cigarette smoking within residence halls due to the negative health aspects of second hand smoke. Fairfield has considered regulations to smoking in residence halls before, but had never changed its policy. As more universities go to smoke-free dorms, the university requested that Gary Stephenson, director of housing operations, gather information about the subject. The university will work in conjunction with Int Residency Hall Government (IRIG) and Fairfield University Student Association (FUSA) to determine student opinion on the matter. "This is not a rights issue," Stephenson said. "We are not telling students they can't smoke, we are just looking to protect those who don't."

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National Weather

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Friday, Feb. 22.

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The Shorthand
Crammed archies spread to Brownson

♦ Architecture students cope with limited space in Bond Hall classrooms

By MEGHAN MARTIN
New Writer

The growing interest in architecture has forced students out of Bond Hall and into Brownson Hall, which is currently being used as an overflow space for classes. Since its dedication in 1855, Brownson Hall has been home to everything from a convent to a printing company, graduate student housing to the University kitchen. As of early this semester, a new function has been added to the distinguished history of one of the oldest buildings on campus. Due to the mounting pressures of classroom availability in Bond Hall, space has been set aside on the first floor of Brownson for a first-year architecture studio.

"It's our mutual goal, so to speak," said Joe Schellinger, director of Academic Space Management, about Brownson's many roles. Currently accommodating a number of University offices and two class-rooms, Brownson has served as what Schellinger calls "swing space," a spillover area where people have had their "temporary offices."

Harold Pace
University registrar

"Over the years, Brownson has been a spillover area where people have had their temporary offices." The instruction-space crunch can understandably be felt most strongly in the corridors of Bond Hall, home to the University's School of Architecture. Not only are incoming-class sizes increasing rapidly, but it is to the point that there is no place for students to work. However, the school's space-utilization needs are slightly different than those of other colleges within the University.

It has been said that "the lights never go out in Bond Hall," and for architecture students juggling multiple projects at once, this myth has become a reality. Because architecture students use classrooms differently than their math-and-science counterparts, space must be available to them on a 24-hour basis, barring all other departments and programs from making use of the facility.

In years past, first- and second-year architecture students typically worked side-by-side in the basement of Bond Hall. However, for large numbers of both classes, there was a specific studio designated for students from both. The program, in other words, was the crammed nature of students working in small spaces.

"Nobody worked over there because there was literally nowhere to work," said Sarah Wilson, first-year architecture student.

Due to the cramped spaces, many architecture students simply brought their supplies to the residence halls, spreading their projects out on dorm-room floors and social spaces. Professor William Vestfall, chair of the School of Architecture, agreed that workspace has become an issue, mentioning the fact that many students were forced to "work on top of each other, with very little space."

This semester, however, the school has had the opportunity to collaborate with Schellinger's Academic Space Management department to modify space on Brownson's first floor, so as to provide students with an adequate drafting studio.

"We were able to undergo some renovations" to that part of the building, Schellinger said, as the second semester of freshman year brings a space that is significantly greater need for workspace, with the commencement of drafting classes for all those studying architecture. With an above-average class size of 68 freshmen coupled with the necessity of both a drafting table and layout table for each, it was clear that for the first time, Bond would prove inadequate for the space required.

In terms of the type of impact that this overcrowding may have on the School and the University in the future, Vestfall could only speculate that it "is connected to other topics that we are looking into for the University's long-term planning."

Freshmen, like Wilson, however, will have to bear the brunt of the issue for the rest of the year. Although the facilities provided for them at Brownson are adequate in terms of space and availability, a concern that, of all classes, freshmen should have the opportunity to work in Bond. In order to fully gain exposure to interacting with upperclassmen in their field, and gain a sense of what their work will be like in the future, freshmen need to be working side by side with the upperclassmen.

The big disadvantage is that we are not in Bond," Wilson said. "It is nice to get to be near the upperclassmen.

Either way, according to Schellinger, "Bond has basically run out of space," and in order to ensure legal, orderly and safe immigration, a high priority.

"His priorities remain the same," said Racicot. "He's working on a way to ensure legal, orderly and safe immigration to this country."
Actor Burke reveals how he overcame obstacles

By LAUREN BECK
News Writer

Actor Chris Burke knows first hand the challenges that disabled individuals face, but he also knows about overcoming such obstacles. “I was challenged from the day I was born, and I learned at an early age to keep trying,” Burke said, who played Corky on the television show “Life Goes On.”

When Burke was born with Down Syndrome, doctors told his parents the things he would never do, he said in a lecture Thursday about his experience with a disability. Burke’s parents fought for a better life for him, and they passed down their strength to him. “If people say I can’t do something, I try even harder; that’s my focus on life,” he said.

Burke said his parents and siblings played a significant role in his success. “They always did what was best for me and gave me their undivided attention. They encouraged me in all facets of my life,” he said.

Burke’s parents were more hesitant, however, when their son announced his plan to become an actor. They tried to dissuade him from pursuing a career in Hollywood, but Burke said he never gave up on his dreams. Eventually his parents respected his independence and supported his decision. “That’s how my dreams came true — we all worked together,” he said.

Next on the agenda for Burke was to help other individuals with disabilities who faced similar difficulties. He has become a spokesperson for people with the disability through his involvement with the National Down Syndrome Society as editor-in-chief of the group’s magazine “News and Views.”

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“It makes me happy to give people my time and love. I like to give because I was given so much. Everything has worked out so well for me,” he said.

Burke argued for equality and independence for disabled people. He said he believed in the value of education, citing his own middle and high school experiences that helped promote his inclusion. “When it came to education, my parents made sure I had the very best,” he said.

Disabled people should also be given the opportunity to succeed in careers, said Burke. “We are entitled to good jobs and good pay, so that we can take care of ourselves and be independent,” he said.

Burke emphasized the need for people with disabilities to work in the real world and interact in the community. Burke recognized the hardships that accompanied the fight for acceptance. “I must work hard so that I may be able to live a perfect life ... We must be persistent and get others to give us a chance,” he said.

People do not confront their disabilities alone, however. “People must assist us along the way, to guide us and help us see the right way to achieve things,” said Burke.

As an advocate for disability awareness, Burke said he believed college students were sensitive and willing to help disabled people face their challenges. Ultimately, Burke urged his audience to remember that people who have disabilities also have abilities. “Believe in us as we believe in ourselves,” he said. “Help us make our dreams come true.”

Best Buddies and Howard Hall sponsored Burke’s speech as part of Disability Awareness Week.

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Chris Burke, known as “Corky” on the series “Life Goes On,” walks to the podium in a Thursday lecture in Stepan Center.

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Venezuelan officer discharged: The first of three military officers to publicly demand President Hugo Chavez's resignation was discharged from the armed forces Thursday. A military investigative council ruled that Air Force Col. Pedro Soto should be discharged for publicly delivering an anti-government speech that prompted thousands to protest against Chavez, Jane Vloeinck Bangel told reporters after meeting with Chavez.

Sri Lanka plans cease-fire: Sri Lanka's government agreed Thursday to a long-term cease-fire plan already approved by the Tamil Tiger rebels and hopes to sign the truce deal within days. Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe's Cabinet gave its consent to a proposal prepared by Norwegian negotiators.

Muslim detainees to mark holiday: Muslims held in New Jersey jails as part of the terrorism investigation will be allowed to pray and eat special meals as they celebrate a major religious holiday this weekend, federal officials said. Friday marks the beginning of the four-day Eid al-Adha, or "Feast of the Sacrifice." During Ramadan, Muslims prepare according to Muslim dietary laws. In preparation for praying adequately and were not given food prepared according to Muslim dietary laws. In protest, some detainees staged a hunger strike lasting nearly two weeks.

Texas prison inmate killed: Texas prison was tracked Thursday to a store when guard John William Roland III overpowered a Texas prison inmate who escaped Sunday from a maximum-security unit in Huntsville. Roland, 33, of Waco, was charged with two counts of document fraud, charged with a murder and was not given food prepared according to Muslim dietary laws. In protest, some detainees staged a hunger strike lasting nearly two weeks.

Man linked to hijackers indicted: A Virginia man with ties to Sept. 11 ringleader Mohammed Atta was indicted Thursday on visa fraud, charged with helping to arrange an associate of Osama bin Laden to obtain a fake I.D. Agus Budiman, 31, an Indonesian native, has been detained since his arrest Oct. 30.

Texas prison escapee found: A convicted killer who escaped Sunday from a Texas prison was tracked Thursday to a store in this west-central Indiana city, authorities in this west-central Indiana city, authorities in Indiana said.

Security beefed up after terrorist video: Bomb threats and heightened security marked another anniversary last weekend, when the 16th anniversary of the murder of Daniel Pearl was observed. Pearl was abducted from a hotel in Karachi and executed in February 2002.

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and success opened doors for other people with disabilities. "It showed the so-called 'normal' world that there are more similarities than dissimilarities between them and disabled people. Disabled people can accomplish a lot, but they just lack the opportunity. If given the opportunity, they can excel," he said.

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Burke said his overall goal was to be a voice and provide a vision for people with Down syndrome. "Our future is ours," he said. "We are all experiencing this idea of pursuing our dream — that's what life is all about."

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The McCandless Hall resident observer since last semester. Egts has worked for The lone freshman on the semester. position for the rest of the Editorial Board. Devoto will remain in the Graphics Editor Andy more and was the department's Graphics staff as a sophomore. This semester, she is a photography intern at the South Bend Tribune. McFarley, Nagengast and Soukup have appointed Greco to the new Development Editor position to coordinate staff recruitment and training in the paper's seven editorial departments. Greco, currently a part-time Holy Cross student, has gained experience in several of the departments since she began work at The Observer in 1999. The Schaumburg, Ill., native is now an Associate Scene Editor, Assistant Viewpoint Editor, staff photographer, photo laboratory technician and news writer.

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Board continued from page 1 paper as a theatre critic when he was a freshman. The Fisher Hall resident, who was first hired as Scene Editor in September, has also been a Scene copy editor, Assistant Scene Editor and Associate Scene Editor. McKenna, who temporarily vacated his position as Graphics Editor while studying abroad in Toledo, Spain, this semester, will resume the post in the fall. She is a Notre Dame junior government major who lives in Pangborn Hall. McKenna, a business major originally from New Orleans and who now lives in Pass Christian, Miss. A Knott Hall resident, Federico has covered inter­hall football, men's soccer, hockey and baseball since he began working for the paper in fall of 2000. Payne is currently an Assistant News Editor and will take over next month as News Editor. A Notre Dame junior who lives in McGlinn Hall, she is an American studies major with a minor in Latin American studies. She has been a News wire editor and copy editor since joining The Observer staff as a freshman. Payne's hometown is Benton, Va., but she lived in Ohio for several years. She studied abroad last spring in Santiago, Chile. This summer, she will work for the Associated Press in New York as a business reporting intern. Williams, a Saint Mary's junior, was hired as Photo Editor after serving as Saint Mary's Photo Editor this year. She lives in Holy Cross Hall and is an English writing and literature major with a minor in photography. Williams, of Murray, Ky., has been a news and sports writer and general assignment photographer since she joined the staff in fall of 1999.

She studied abroad for two semesters in Ireland as a sophomore. This semester, she is a photography intern at the South Bend Tribune. McFarley, Nagengast and Soukup have appointed Greco to the new Development Editor position to coordinate staff recruitment and training in the paper's seven editorial departments. Greco, currently a part-time Holy Cross student, has gained experience in several of the departments since she began work at The Observer in 1999. The Schaumburg, Ill., native is now an Associate Scene Editor, Assistant Viewpoint Editor, staff photographer, photo laboratory technician and news writer.

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White House says GAO does not need VP's Enron papers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

White House officials say they will challenge the investigative authority of General Accounting Office if it sue the Bush administration to get access to Vice President Cheney's papers about meet with Enron and other energy companies. A lawsuit by the GAO, Congress' investigative arm, could come as early as Friday. A spokesman refused to say when the agency would actually file a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in Washington. The dispute began last April but gained political traction once Enron, the largest single corporate benefactor of President Bush's political career, entered into bankruptcy court last December. The GAO wants to make White House officials identify the industry executives including some from now-collapsed Enron Corp., who met last year with Bush's energy task force, saying that oversight of energy policy and investigating the Houston-based energy trading company are "important institutional prerogatives" of Congress. Bush has refused to hand over documents from the Cheney-chaired task force that formulated a national energy policy, saying he is too busy to seek candid advice. There probably won't be a compromise on that issue, said a senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "I don't see us compromising the principle that the president or the vice president would have to disclose to an arm of Congress what conversation we're having and with whom," the official said. The White House said it would challenge GAO's ability to seek the information, saying the law specifies that the agency's purpose is to investigate the expenditure and disbursement of public money. The White House has provided the agency information relating to direct and indirect costs of the energy task force, the official said. "We believe that is the extent of the scope of authority of GAO to look elsewhere." The White House has provided the agency information relating to direct and indirect costs of the energy task force, the official said. "We believe that is the extent of the scope of authority of GAO to look elsewhere." The White House has provided the agency information relating to direct and indirect costs of the energy task force, the official said. "We believe that is the extent of the scope of authority of GAO to look elsewhere." The White House has provided the agency information relating to direct and indirect costs of the energy task force, the official said. "We believe that is the extent of the scope of authority of GAO to look elsewhere." The White House has provided the agency information relating to direct and indirect costs of the energy task force, the official said. "We believe that is the extent of the scope of authority of GAO to look elsewhere." The White House has provided the agency information relating to direct and indirect costs of the energy task force, the official said. "We believe that is the extent of the scope of authority of GAO to look elsewhere."
Bush praises U.S. ideology, promotes religion

Associated Press

BEIJING - President Bush sought to dispel China's doubts and distrust of America on Friday and urged the Chinese to embrace liberty, tolerance and religious freedom.

"Diversity is not disorder. Debate is not strife. And dissent is not revolution," Bush said.

"A free society trusts its citizens to seek greatness in themselves and their country," Bush told students and faculty in remarks prepared for delivery at Tsinghua University.

His appeal, which China promised to broadcast live, came on the last day of a weeklong Asian trip, even as he failed to persuade China's leadership to halt sales of missile technology and soften its stance on religious freedoms.

Bush sought in the measured remarks to avoid lecturing the Chinese, but he argued passionately that America is a better place than China for the human spirit to flourish.

"My country certainly has its share of problems and faults, like most nations we're on a long journey toward achieving our own ideals of equality and justice," Bush said. "Yet there is a reason our nation shines as a beacon of hope, a reason many throughout the world dream of coming to America."

He decried what he called Chinese misconceptions about the United States, blaming the disconnect on a distortion of American values in U.S. popular culture. Bush laid some of the blame on China too, noting that Chinese textbooks accuse Americans of bullying the weak and repressing the poor.

"Neither of these is true — and while the books may be leftovers from a previous era, they are misleading and harmful," Bush said.

Americans relish their liberty, abide by their laws, limit the powers of their leaders, love their families, serve their communities and respect others' right to religious worship, Bush said.

"Someone once called us a nation with the soul of a church. Ninety-five percent of Americans say they believe in God, and I'm one of them," Bush declared.

A day earlier, at a joint news conference with Bush, Chinese President Jiang Zemin said, "I don't have religious faith" and later claimed his government allowed its people to practice religion freely.

"My prayer is that all persecution will end, so that all in China are free to gather and worship as they wish," Bush said.

Bush said all of America's qualities were on display Sept. 11, when firefighters and police died to save others and volunteers poured into New York from around the nation to help their countrymen. "None of this was ordered by the government; it happened spontaneously, by the initiative of a free people," Bush said.
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Saint Mary’s took an enlightened step forward with President Marilou Eldred’s decision not to fight an unofficial reading of “The Vagina Monologues” that will take place on campus this Tuesday. Last year, when a similar event was organized after the play was officially banned, Eldred reprimanded the student officers of CARE for their involvement. This year, the College will respect the right of students engage in a reading of the play. That is certainly a praiseworthy development. Thanks to a dedicated group of students, the relevant and controversial issues of the Monologues will be addressed at Saint Mary’s. Unfortunately, the production still must hide in the shadows - unseen, unheard and unwanted. Organizers refuse to go on the record; advertisements are conspicuously absent from student publications. The performance will be officially recognized by the College. It is a Catholic institution with a mission to promote and develop Catholic values in a modernizing, globalizing world. Its students typically come from middle-class families with convictions similar to those endorsed by the Church. And its largely self-sufficient campus without much interaction with the surrounding community creates a parental role for the administration. Thus, the administration must monitor the ideas to which students are exposed, ensuring that opposing perspectives do not intrude on the Catholic nature of the College.

Last week I looked in a mirror larger than 3 inches by 3 inches for the first time in about four and a half years. I did not recognize myself. I am older. My hair is bleached out and a bit wavy; I have not lived in Africa for awhile. This triggered multiple reactions, the major one being a realization that I now use very different characteristics to describe myself. Much of how I saw myself in the United States is gone. I wear ankle length dresses every week with my hair in a ponytail. My last name is now Ba. When people ask about my family, I have to explain that I have one 80-year-old grandmother, my 16-year-old son and two 16-year-old twin sisters.

Pauline Uraga

Understanding a different life

The Observer

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Editorial

Quote of the Day

"An idea that is not dangerous is unworthy of being called an idea at all."

-Oscar Wilde

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ND Today/Observer Poll results

Next Question: Should “The Vagina Monologues” be performed at Notre Dame?

No: 34%

Yes: 66%
I often feel overwhelmed by expectations. It's like receiving an e-mail from the office of Dean Roche sent to all sophomores and juniors within the College of Arts and Letters this fall. It detailed a list of options that students should pursue "to achieve their academ­ic careers." I have difficulty reading the letter, somewhat pattered and anxious. It offered useful advice. I think that I decided then to rebel, to avoid the academic-internship scene and to work as part-time writer at the Jersey Shore.

In a constant stream of noise, professors, administrators, advisors and other students offer their views on how all students and I should think, believe, and act. As a writer for this newspaper, I myself contribute to the confusion.

We hear strong suggestions regarding not only what jobs we should pursue and what Therefore I, Fikra Fakir, will do, but also what ideas we should cling to and which beliefs we should promote.

Many times these voices that shout at us from the outside suggest the same message — uphold the same beliefs and ideas; other times, these voices contradict each other. Studying, like life, is challenging to decide, from among or outside them which voice is their own.

Most days, I have only a vague conception of 'my voice' — little idea of what I believe, what road I want to take in life and what ideas I want to uphold. Yet, I have a good idea of what I do not believe, what road I do not want to take and what ideas I do not want to uphold. In search, beliefs, values and ideas that I doubt my own proven more useful than those that are formed conclusions. Viewspoints that challenge, offend or destroy my own perspective have opened my mind and led me to think with honesty and to live life.

I have often discovered who I am not and what I do not want before I have dis­covered who I am.

In this sense, contradictory voices that can confuse and frustrate students serve a necessary function. However, at this university, the voices that shout at students too frequently convey the same message — uphold the same values. Without a city encroaching on the campus, little of the real world remains. The role of controversy and its non-Catholic under­standing infiltrates the University com­munity and the lives of students.

Until I brought a car to school this semester, I could not travel beyond Grape Road into the South Bend-Mishawaka area without Freshman year I saw little outside of the immediate area around my dorm and class build­ings.

In this bubble, administrators and pro­fessors have an inordinate amount of influence over the ideas and beliefs given voice on campus.

The greater the degree to which the viewpoints and ideas heard on campus are restricted, the greater the likelihood that dialogue on campus will be reduced to a black and white issue. Students, for example, would choose either to stand with or to stand against the conception of faith that the University wishes them to embrace.

To ensure that students remain in a true dialogue with the Catholic values supported by this University, all adminis­trators and officers should work to give all controversial beliefs and viewpoints a "voice" on campus.

The showing of plays, like the one cur­rently under debate that some within the community find challenging and insulting, does not threaten the values of the University community, but instead increases the students' understanding of them.

The University should continue to increase the diversity of "voices" on campus. It would further help students, like myself, discover new ways to believe and to think and new conceptions of the way to live life.

It would help us discover who we aren't.

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

Dear Editor:

I agree to disagree.

"Free speech" limited

Paul Schofield in a letter yesterday enti­led, "Knights misunderstand free speech," attacks the criticisms of the Knights of Columbus and claims they do not understand free speech.

May I suggest that it is Schofield along with much of the rest of the country — who does not understand the term "free speech." Although it is slowly being converted into a cultural term for the notion that we may publicize any content we like, the term has its roots in the Constitu­tion, the term applied only to political, or in a few cases commercial speech. As late as 1956, Supreme Court Justice William Brennan acknowl­edged that it did not apply to popular entertainment.

Since then, the U.S. Supreme Court has made the arbitrary decision to expand the scope of the First Amendment to provide for complete freedom of expression. The expan­sion of the scope of the First Amendment in such a profound way should have been done via amendment, not by judicial fiat.

Perhaps the more important issue though is whether all ideas, no matter how destructive, need to be considered. I don't believe that "free speech" means that we should not shut down any ideas no matter how confused, stupid or destructive.

Paul Schofield points to Galileo as an example of an incident in which the Catholic Church has previously erred. Galileo rep­resented a tangible advance in scientific knowledge; the act noted in Schofield's letter appears to be little more than an exercise in deplorably.

Terminating the Church erred in attempting to stop people from reading "The Catcher In the Rye." However, the past is not a guide. We should not relieve Catholic institu­tions of the right to bar messages that not only conflict with their view of life but actually threaten the very stu­dents whom it seeks to assist.

In sum, Catholic schools ought to feel free to admit "offensive" people, or fact obligated to bar car­bar­barian acts such as the one described in Schofield's letter. Such acts do not help students seek out truth. Catholic schools like Saint Mary's and Notre Dame ought to more forthrightly in standards that they will expose students only to paths that lead them to understand themselves, their world and their maker. If students want to be taken to the carnival, they can go somewhere else.

I suppose Notre Dame has no one to blame but itself, because instead of proudly advertising itself as Catholic uni­versity where the ravings of the lost are ignored, it seems to think, as a "national Catholic research university" that it must treat them the same as other education — expose everyone to every­thing, no matter how confused, stupid or destructive.

Peter Zavodnyik

Feb. 21, 2002
Past, present and future

Frank Helgesen, co-founder of the popular student-run Web site, comments

By EMILY HOWALD
Senior Writer

What was once a dream for graduate Frank Helgesen is now a reality that is considered to be the third form of communication on campus.

In 1998, Helgesen initiated a Web page that had only a student search. Due to the popularity that his personal Web page received, he decided to make a Web site that would tell others what was happening on campus.

Helgesen began advertising and slowly developing a page that would appeal to all the students of Notre Dame/ Saint Mary’s and would allow the students to share with each other what was going on around campus.

With the help of three of his friends, they created a way to unite the Notre Dame/ Saint Mary’s community via the Internet, through what is now known as NDToday.com. In March of 2000 the site took off and gained notoriety through the use of message boards.

“I thought once there was somewhere to go, they are going to keep going there to see what was new,” Helgesen said. “After the word got out, I hoped people would keep coming back and it would build up.” Helgesen said.

Graduate Andy Warzon, Helgesen, Nick Fellers and senior Robert Pazornik are still very closely affiliated with the site. NDToday is owned and operated by Jephie, Inc. (formerly 3bstudios) and all four founders have positions with the company.

Jephie Inc. funds the site through selective advertising because they don’t feel that college students should have to pay for use of the Web sites. Companies sometimes hope for exposure through the site so they offer a certain amount of money to NDToday for each response or reaction that is received about the campaign. NDToday recently made nearly $125 from a project similar to this done by Kaplan.

The founders finance themselves by building other Web sites, and they all have other jobs as well. Each founder still spends approximately 10 to 15 hours a week on NDToday. Jephie, Inc. has also begun to franchise and will soon be creating Web sites for other colleges.

NDToday began with message boards where students post their opinions, the student search, which can locate a student's address and the voting booth, which polls random questions and posts the answers. Now NDToday contains many applications that are designed to aid the Notre Dame/ Saint Mary’s student. The content is usually generated by user input and the users are automatically linked to their desired locations within the site.

The site contains powerful programming, but there is also interaction from Notre Dame/ Saint Mary’s students relative to the staff. The site is currently run by its NDToday president, junior Scott Palko, and sales manager, senior Robert Pazornik. There is also a general manager, sales representatives, a photographer and a food critic.

Although NDToday was founded and is run by Notre Dame/ Saint Mary’s students, the site is not directly affiliated with either the University or College. NDToday is exclusively a production of Jephie Studios. The ideas expressed on the pages are solely those of the authors and do not reflect the opinions of Notre Dame nor the producers of the site.

NDToday has grown from a page with few links to a resourceful Internet application. With direct links to the most common Notre Dame home pages and sites created for the community around the campus, around the town and more, the site appeals to many of the needs of students.

The most commonly used aspects of the site are the teacher evaluations, the message boards, the front page and the student search.

Teacher Evaluations

NDToday prides itself on “sharing info for when you need it,” pertaining to the teacher evaluations.

“I think that the school before teacher evaluations and the school after teacher evaluations are like night and day.”

Frank Helgesen
co-founder, NDToday.com

Scott Palko, NDToday president, PJ Mercanti, business manager and Joel Pidel, site manager, take a break from the hard work of maintaining campus’ favorite student Web site.

The message board section of NDToday.com is the site. There are 10 different sections with can post ideas and respond to others.
The Message Board

There are 10 categories on the message board that enable students to post their opinions and questions in a place where they are viewed by whoever may want to look. The categories range from general chat, to the rant, the rave, the love board, sports and more.

People who want to post their messages have to be members of the Notre Dame/St. Mary's community and some messages are censored. The main purpose of the message board is to allow students to say nearly whatever they want about topics on their minds.

The Front Page

The front page shows the user all the options that NDToday offers. According to Helgesen, it is common for users to just check the front page to see if anything is going on.

The front page contains sections such as Today's Polls, Campus Events, Observer Headlines, Photo Gallery and all the links that the pages present.

"From time to time, I just check in on the front page to see if anything new is going on. It's quick and it's easy so I enjoy using it when I need to," freshman Sara Sheffield said.

The Student Search

This aspect of NDToday allows students to search the database and virtually do a reverse caller-ID. The information is a front-end to the database of Notre Dame.

All of the information that is on the student search is also on Notre Dame's homepage but the availability is much more accommodating on NDToday.

"Everybody has access to a computer and it is easier to use because you never really lose your computer, but you lose your phone book all the time," freshman Mike Roaldi said. "There is more information and it is easier access too."

Many features of the Web page are only allowed to be used by students with an AFS ID password. The teacher evaluations are not available to any outside of the Notre Dame community because the University does not want the future careers of any teachers to be jeopardized by the evaluations.

The founders of the Web page try to maintain a close relationship with the University because they feel that the page is an important reference to the students and the founders don't want that privilege to be revoked.

NDToday is continuously expanding and is always open for new changes or recommendations.

The founders hope to start up a mini company that will be viewed as an unofficial club at the University. They hope to begin publishing articles and they want to come out with a new issue every two weeks.

For now, Helgesen said the site is looking for new ideas and more help. Ideally, new people will bring in fresh ideas that will benefit both the community and the Web site in general.

The founders will be sending out an e-mail to all the subscribers hoping to get a response from students who are interested. They don't care how much experience people have, they just want their input and involvement to better NDToday.

"Where we are right now is about 50 percent of where we could be and hope to be in the future," Helgesen said.

Helgesen encourages students to look into NDToday because of all the benefits that are available to the students. All the mediums can be published on the page because they are done so via the Internet, so there are more variations available.

"Come on, you are at ND!" Helgesen said. "This is what people are talking about and thinking; so why not check it out? It's made for you; and personally, we love what we've done for the people."

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Scott Falko, current president of NDToday.com, views the site from an on-campus computer. To post messages on the site, users must have an AFS ID and password.
Sophomore diver Meghan Perry-Eaton flips off the 1-meter springboard during diving competition at Thursday's Big East Championships.

"I hope I do well," she said, smiling. "I feel like I'm ready. Mentally, I'm getting ready. Physically, I can get up there. But mentally, I can get up there and lose."

"I've told her the five C's: confidence, competitiveness, creative, calm and concentric," he said. "I've said if you can control yourself, you can control the meet.

The injury still nags her, in practice and competition, however. And for a diver who is so tough, it's a constant struggle between coach and athlete about training. When she wants to push harder, Xie sometimes tells her to stop. Perry-Eaton said there are times, too, when she's in pain and he tells her to keep going.

Both are difficult in finding that training balance that lets her push hard enough, but not too hard.

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Perry-Eaton will climb up the boards again today in the 3-meter competition. Like every other performance this season, she knows it's a day-to-day guess at how she'll perform.

"I don't know what to expect," said diving coach Caiming Xie. "Sometimes because her back hurts, she cannot make her last dive."

She nailed the dive in preliminary competition Thursday morning, even though it wasn't one of her best dives. This time in finals was the result of the trouble Perry-Eaton has had all season focusing on her dives.

"Mentally, I'm just a basket case right now," she said. "I don't know what to expect day to day. I'm really excited — I wish I had won, because I could have. My last dive was pretty bad. But that's the way I did it in the 1-meter comes after an inconsistent season for Perry-Eaton. She shined at the Minnesota Invitational in November, coming back from fifth place to win the 1-meter. But in meet performances she struggled, even failing a dive at the Northwestern meet in January.

But she's the type of diver that hangs tough, said diving coach Cal Xie. "I've told her the five C's: confidence, competitiveness, creative, calm and concentric," he said. "I've said if you can control yourself, you can control the meet.

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Irish struggle after first day, hope to catch up

By SHEILA EGTS
Sports Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y.
The day went according to plan for the blue and gold at the Big East Championships on Thursday. But it was the wrong team of blue and gold.
The Pittsburgh Panthers were well on their way to defending their Big East Championship title with a first-day score of 250 points.

Disappointing sixth and eighth place finishes in key relay events left the Irish questioning their ability to turn the meet around and reclaim the second-place finish they held in 1999 and 2000.

"Both of our relays were slower than we had hoped they would be tonight," said Irish head coach Tim Welsh. "Can we still be second? Who knows?"

According to Welsh prior to the meet, the team was relying on major point contributions from the senior Jonathan Pierce in the distance events. Pierce started off on the right foot with a preliminary swim in the 500-yard freestyle. But his final time was nearly four seconds slower, leaving Pierce short of his expectations with a fifth-place finish.

"I know I personally did not swim as well as I wanted to tonight. I think I get caught up too much in how fast I need to go or who I need to beat," said Pierce, who swims again Saturday in the 1,650-yard freestyle. "I had a bad race but I just need to look past it and move on to my next races."

Fellow senior Mike Koss is still optimistic about Pierce contributing team points and getting the NCAA invitation he has been working for all season.

"It's tough for Jonathan especially as a senior. I thought he would do a little better, but this is his weakest event," Koss said. "His 400 IM and his mile should be a lot stronger."

With the addition of two competitive freshmen divers from Miami, Andy Maggio only managed to place sixth in the 3-meter diving, an event that he took second in last year.

"Four of the guys here were really Olympic caliber divers," he said. "I was shooting for fifth place and one of the guys beat me out at the end, but I still feel good about the 3-meter finish. I didn't dive my best but I placed around where I should have."

But Maggio is focusing on his stronger event in the 1-meter diving to compensate for some of the points he lost Thursday. As a whole, the Irish have their work cut out for them if they hope to catch up with Rutgers, who is currently in second place. According to Welsh, the team has an even set of entries for the rest of the meet with four or five swimmers qualified in the majority of the events.

"This has traditionally been a tough day. What I think we need to do is use this to build the momentum and really try to get focused for our next two days," said Koss, who competes in the 100-yard backstroke today. "But if you look at our scoring and our place compared to last year, we are way ahead of where we were last year. What I think we need to do is use this to build the momentum and really try to get focused for our next two days."

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Irish senior Jonathan Pierce competes in the 500-meter freestyle Thursday at the Big East Championships. The Irish hope to make up some ground on the leaders during the next two days of competition.

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The most experienced fighter in the bracket is junior captain Shawn Newburg who lost in the finals last year to Brian Rueda.

The senior won the bouts in his first round of the 135-pound weight class tonight will face a tough road ahead as three boxers considered to be favorites for the title all drew first-round byes. Senior Matt Fumagalli, captain and Boxing Club president, drew the spot at the top of the bracket. Sophomore Tony Hollowell, who upset Fumagalli last year in the first round on his way to the finals before being defeated by freshman T.J. D'Agostino, drew the third bye in the bracket.

At the top of the bracket, sparring partners Luke Dillon and Pedro Alves will square off for the right to fight the favorite Fumagalli. Since the two fighters have sparred against each other, their styles should be familiar.

"Luke has dropped about 13 pounds to fight in this class," Alves said. "When we sparred, I was faster than him and was able to throw clusters of punches. Since he's bigger than me, he's trying to keep me away with his jab, and I'll have to try to get inside."

In the top half of the bracket, senior Thomas McGree will take on classmate Richie "The Funky Gold" Redina and sophomore T.J. D'Agostino, who drew the third bye in the bracket. T.J. and Rich will square off in the first round.

In the bottom half of the bracket, juniors Kevin "I Pity Da" Hool and Chris "Please Don't Stop" Welsh will square off. The matchup between Jon "The Thunder from Down Under" Tisby and freshman Nathan "Low Blow" Lohmeyer.

Hollowell will fight the winner of the matchup between Jon "Tejano Terror" Valenzuela and Matt Shulha. Contact Chris Federico at cfederico@nd.edu.

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Hockey

Irish look for surge to playoffs

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

After a weekend off, the Notre Dame hockey team hits the road this weekend to take on the Lake Superior State Lakers. This game could be an opportunity for the Irish to get off the recent losing streak.

The game itself is not the only question for the Irish this weekend, as they will also be playing their first game in five weeks. Last weekend, the Irish were defeated by Michigan State and had their five-game winning streak snapped. At the same time, the time off might have been negated by the two games that were played during the break.

The uncertainty lies with the Irish going into the games ahead. In practice, the Irish have been working on their skating and have been successful in that regard.

The drive to the finish for the Irish will be whether the time off will help or hurt their chances.

The Irish are looking to play in the 5th place tournament and are currently last in the CCHA with a 4-18-2 record. Two of the teams they have been facing have been negated by the two games that were played during the break.

The Irish are in fifth place, only four points behind fourth place team Alma. The Belles are a mere 18 points behind third place team Kalamazoo, a team the Belles beat in dual meet competition earlier this season.

"I think we're not so far behind, we haven't lost touch with Kalamazoo up there," Petcoff said. "Allison (in sixth place) behind us are probably haven't broken free of them, but obviously. Between the three of us it could come down to a real close third day battle, but Allison could throw in some great swims and make it a third day battle."

But the Belles could have a leg-up in third day competition. Saint Mary's has been a second half team; the Belles came from behind in that win against Kalamazoo. With that in mind, Saturday's events are Saint Mary's strongest and as long as they keep in close proximity to the third and fourth place teams, they have a solid chance of a top three finish.

"We've been very strong in second half events and I think that might lend itself to the possibility that the third day, with the 200 fly and the 200 breast, we could have our best day," Petcoff said. "I think each day there will be strong events and some maybe not so strong. But our third day could possibly be our best day."

Saint Mary's produced one top three finisher on Thursday in sophomore Megan Ramsey- Ramsey, a sophomore who is the Belles' best bet for a national qualifier, took home third place in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5 minutes 18.12 seconds. Defending champion Michelle Smith from Hope took home first. Although she and Petcoff were looking for a little better time, her third place finish met their goal.

"I think time wise we were hoping for a little it more but with the training she was a little bit tired and ultimately when we went into the evening she did what we wanted," Petcoff said. "When you swimming in the evening finals, you do swim for third place. She was seeded third and that's what she could do. The goal was third and she met it."

Saint Mary's two relay teams, the 200-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard medley relay, both took home fourth place finishes. The 200-yard team finished in 1:41.81, just five seconds behind first place finisher Hope.

The Belles had two place finishers in the 50-yard freestyle event. Maureen Paichak finished in ninth place with a time of 0.25.78 and teammate Lane Herrington finished right on her heels with a time of 0.25.80.

"Some of those relay swimmers in the prelims had great swims. So I think some of those people we're hoping will be in the 5-12 are really primed and ready to come through," Petcoff said. "Our better days are ahead."

After the first six events, Hope has a controlling first place lead, with 198 team points. Calvin is in second with 159. Today, the next 11 events of the tournament will take place, beginning with the preliminary for the 200-yard freestyle relay.

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**FENCING**

Fencers return to action

**By MATT LOZAR**
Sports Writer

After a weekend off, the Notre Dame men's and women's fencing teams return to action this weekend at the Wayne State Duals.

While Notre Dame is the only team at the meet ranked in the top 10 nationally in both men's and women's competition, Andre Crompton knows this contest isn't meaningless. "I don't want us to get too overconfident because we still have some unfinished business," said the senior sabreman. "We still have to accomplish our goal of having an undefeated season."

"We have been working on the basics, doing some drills, and a little bit of conditioning," said sophomore Destanie Milo. "We are going to take it really easy, take our time and do our best."

Having last weekend off, the Irish were able to use their practice time to focus on becoming sharper and more prepared for the rest of the season.

"We have been working on the basics, doing some drills, and a little bit of conditioning," Milo said.

Besides host Wayne State, Detroit Mercy, Lawrence, Michigan and Michigan State will be competing this weekend at the duals in Detroit.

Next weekend, the Irish will host their only home meet of the year, the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships.
Irish veterans step up the stretch

By KATIE McVOY  Associate Sports Editor

At the beginning of the season, with a 2-4 record, the Irish were looking at a season that looked like it might never end. But now, with only two games left to play, Notre Dame is on an eight-game winning streak and just one win away from clinching the No. 2 spot in the Big East. Earlier in the year, the focus was on six freshman who would have a heavy load on their shoulders. But in recent games, it has been the Irish veterans that have stepped up and taken the lead and the spotlight.

Junior guard Alicia Hayat has been the leading scorer for the Irish in their last two wins, with 25 and 31 points respectively. And a much-improved Ericka Haney has finished up with double-figure numbers in the last four games and stopped some of the toughest individual competition for the Irish, including West Virginia's Kate Bolger.

As the Irish head into Georgetown on Saturday to face off against the 12-13 Hoyas, Haney will have to step up again. Her assignment this time: post-player Beatehak Brunson.

"It's just like every player Ericka's had to guard," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "I feel like each game I'm saying the same thing over and over again, 'Ericka, the key to the game you have to guard her.'"

Brunson has been one key to what success Georgetown has had this season. After sitting out six weeks with an injury, she returned to the Georgetown lineup and has been the key to their three victories in its last seven. She averages nearly 16 points a game and stopped some of the toughest figures in the last four games. Haney has finished up with double-figure numbers in the last four games and stopped some of the toughest individual competition for the Irish, including West Virginia's Kate Bolger.

According to Brey, the keys to an Irish win will lie in his team's ability to rebound and take care of the ball. "Their length bothers you on the perimeter, but they play very well together," Graves said. "They don't have one single go-to player, but they play very well together," Graves said.

"They are a great basketball team, a very effective machine," Brey said.

Notre Dame has had mixed results against ranked teams this season.

The good news for the Hurricanes is that the Irish own only a 2-4 record when matching up with ranked opponents. But the bad news in is the four games they have dropped, the Irish have lost by a combined total of 16 points, meaning they can hang with the best of them.

And that's exactly what the Irish plan to do Saturday. "It's going to be a hell of a game," forward David Graves said. "It's going to be fun."

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Despite the fact that the Irish have struggled on the road this season, they have found a routine in recent games. A win on Saturday would bring their road winning percentage up from a very slow start at the beginning of the season. "If we win this game we'll be 500 on the season and coming from whatever we started from, it's really a big jump," McGraw said.

Notes:
Freshman Jackie Batteast will be sidelined again due to a leg injury, but should be ready for Big East Tournament play.
Junior guard Jeneika Joyce is still questionable for play.

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Irish eager to open season in New Orleans

By CHRIS FERREDO Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame baseball team enjoyed a marquee season last year, winning a school-record 49 games and reaching the No. 1 ranking in both the Collegiate Baseball and Baseball America polls for the first time in the program’s history. Following such a successful 2001 season, the Irish are more than ready to return to the diamond as they travel to New Orleans this weekend for three games with Missouri, the University of New Orleans and Southern Illinois.

“We’re fired up,” Irish centerfielder Steve Stanley said. “We’re just getting through the practices inside, and I just can’t wait to get out there and play.”

The senior captain is coming off the best year of his collegiate career. Stanley batted .346 last year and was named Big East Player of the Year, earning national All-American honors. “As an older position player,” he said, “I haven’t seen much growth in myself since my first three seasons entirely behind the plate.

Unlike last season, when the Irish relied heavily on its pitching and on the strong arms of sophomores Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo, Notre Dame will be largely interested on the mound. All of the returning pitchers to the Irish staff batted for only 49 percent of the innings pitched last season, as Heilman and Tamayo handled the bulk of the assignments.

“I think even though we have a young pitching staff, it’s going to help us and contribute a lot,” Stanley said. “We’ve got a very experienced and veteran group of hitters, and we’re just going to help each other out until the year. We’re going to try to score going to try to score more runs for them to help them get their feet wet.”

The Irish return to play this year with one of the most experienced teams they have ever fielded. Notre Dame returns 16 of 21 key-winners from last season, including seven of eight starters in the field.

“I think we have a really experienced team this year, especially in the position players,” senior captain Andrew Bushey said. “I think we pretty much know what we have to do mentally and physically to get ready for this season.”

Like Stanley, Bushey is another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole, another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classmate Paul O’Toole.

Unlike most teams, the Irish return two of their top relievers from last season in juniors Matt Laird and Brandon Villoria, who notched ERA’s of 3.09 and 3.32, respectively.

“I think with our pitching staff, we have some veterans that have done the job day in and day out, but we also have some young guys that probably just need some confidence,” Bushey said. “As older position players, we know that at the beginning of the year, we can’t just play. We have to really start producing runs early to get them that confidence and that maturity.”

In addition to the many experienced players, the Irish enter this season with the top-ranked class of freshmen, according to Baseball America. Most notably is shortstop Matt Macri, who should start right away for shortstop and PORZEL, the only position player the Irish failed to carry over from last season.

Other freshmen that are likely to have an early impact on the Irish are pitchers Chris Niesel, John Axordon and Scott Bickford.

Notre Dame, a school that American according to Baseball America, is slated as the starter for Notre Dame’s game Sunday against Southern Illinois.

The most difficult task the Irish could have to overcome in the
11-year-old Craig Jakes of Australia broke a second-place tie and Kim St-Pierre stopped 25 shots. Hughes shocked the world, once again, to another American teen-ager — Sarah Hughes.

Hughes was sensational. Her mouth dropped open and the tension of her short program, rolled off her. When Hughes played the same role as Tara Lipinski four years ago, Kwan made two major mistakes and the rest of the competitors sat on the ice. In front of her stick and shot it off DeCosta. He enjoyed the sport, "I no longer think about the problems there could be," Gyulai said. "I am no longer scared by the speed at which this thing flies, but enjoy the extreme situation and thrive on it." So when Marton returned home after graduation, his brother had an opportunity waiting. The younger Gyulai first sat in a sled this fall, an experience he will not soon forget. Initially, it was horrible," said Gyulai, who also worked as an RA in Knott Hall last year. "You are shoved into a very tiny spot, with carbon fiber walls on either side, no seats but a metal sheet that you sit on, nothing to really hold on to. You wear a helmet, a speed suit and a pair of skates, someone behind you probably accidentally rested their spikes in your cail just because there is no space, and you are flying down an ice tunnel over 90 to 90 mph."

But Gyulai soon adjusted, and quickly found his way onto the national team. "I no longer think about the problems there could be," Gyulai said. "I am no longer scared by the speed at which this thing flies, but enjoy the extreme situation and thrive on it." If the team reaches its goal of improving on its prior 24-place finish and makes the top 20, some of that success can be attributed to Gyulai's leadership and hard work, an attribute he showed often as a member of the track team at Notre Dame. "Marton was a guy that came out and would do anything you asked him to do," Millar remembered. "He enjoyed doing I'm sure and obviously making the Olympics in that event, he must have shown abilities in it as well. I'm sure you don't just walk out there and jump on the sled and all of the sudden become a bob­ sledger."

The Olympic experience has been interesting for Gyulai, who says he is enjoying the atmosphere in the Olympic Village. "The town is nice, the people are great, you can really feel they made a huge effort here," he said. "The security is so-so. Some places it is extremely harsh, other places it is surprisingly low. However, I feel safe and enjoy it a whole lot. I don't think there will be any problems."
One look at the 165-pound bracket shows that there are two obvious front runners for the title — junior captain Clay Cosse and Chris Matassa. Matassa narrowly defeated the two seniors in the preliminary matches Matt "Diesel" Wilkerson facing off against William "The Kid" Phillip, and junior captain Clay Cosse, Matassa appear to be one of the more interesting with the fights starting Friday as 14 other fighters battle for a spot to join him in the quarterfinals.

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In the top part of the bracket, Keith "The Little Ball of Love" Arnold could pose the biggest challenge. The senior is a seasoned veteran of the bouts and made it to the semiinals last year. "He's won a few fights," Cirinti said. "I see him as being a tough competitor."

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Bengal Bouts 180-pounds - Heavyweights

By MIKE CONNOLLY - Sports Writer

Two-time champion Mark Criniti received the only bye in the 180-pound weight division and will watch Friday as 14 other fighters battle for a spot to join him in the quarterfinals.

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BENGAL BOUTS 155-pounds - 160-pounds

Old bodies, new faces square off in Bouts

By PAUL CAMARATA
Sports Writer

With a mix of seasoned boxers and rookies, the 155 and 160 pound divisions of this year’s Bengal Bouts offer many intriguing matchups. While several veteran boxers will bring both great technical skill and past experience to the ring starting in tonight’s preliminary rounds, every fan knows the Sweet Science knows that predicting the results of any given fight can be the most unscientific aspect of the sport.

155-pounds

Action in the 155 pound division will begin with seven fights on Friday night.

After winning the 150 pound title in 2001, bruising junior George "Landers" Heckmann looks to repeat his success in a different weight class. With the ability to withstand punches and his talent as a strong counter puncher, the seasoned Heckmann may be the boxer to beat at 155 pounds. He will be challenged in the first round by Morrissey senior and second year Bouts participant Dan "The Manler" McCoy.

Senior Mike "Dynamite" McCabe, a first year boxer who brings to the ring the poise and discipline he developed while earning a black belt in martial arts, will take on "One Punch" Pettit. Fighting in his third Bengal Bout, Pettit will try and use his skills as a lefty, generally atypical among boxers, to disrupt the strong technique that Baun has on both offense and defense.

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160-pounds

An even pool of 16 boxers means a full bracket in the 160 pound weight class, so that every man must win three matches in order to climb past the competition and fight in the Joyce Arena one week from today.

The 160-pound division includes the only two Notre Dame boxers who hail from overseas. Chris "Can't We All Just" Kitaleng, an off-campus senior, is a native of Palau, a small island southeast of the Philippines in the Pacific Ocean. A second-year boxer who relies on fast hands and athleticism, his first round opponent is law student Ethan "The Dude" McKinney, ironically, a native of nearby Mishawaka, Ind.

The other international matchup pits former Dillon Hall resident and current off-campus senior Dan "The Daniel" Probasoli, of Columbia, S.C., with third-year law student and current Dillon assistant coach John "The Chris Reid Shamrock Express" Murphy from New Ross, Ireland. Probasoli, who has a questionable decision as a sophomore, will face his first round opponent as a law student.

Off-campus boxer Brock "Landers" Heckmann won the 150-pound title last year. This year, he moves up in class and hopes to repeat.

Bengal Bouts offer many intriguing matchups with former Dillon Hall resident and current off-campus senior Dan "The Daniel" Probasoli, of Columbia, S.C., with third-year law student and current Dillon resident Mike "The Danimal" Nowak in the first round.

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2. Not good at losing
22. Surgical setup
23. Turkey, e.g.
25. TV planet
32. First name in the White House, 1885
34. Bearded ones
36. "It's Too Late"
38. "Yes, Too Late"
39. "It's O.K.;
40. Diner order
41. Not good at losing
43. Autobiographer
48. Launchers' launch
49. Calculus developer
52. 1944 initials
53. Yelled at
55. "Staring"
56. Commercial name for brine shrimp

DOWN
1. Wicket/row
2. Snake, e.g.
3. Work
4. Darker girl
5. Obviously interested
6. Dinner order
7. Capital near Encouter Bay
8. "You are the best!"
9. "But of course!"
10. Notch in the door
11. "I'm a little bit taller than you!"
12. "Total Recall"
director
13. Paul
14. Stonework made of colored quartz
15. Messes light of
16. Lost of quarters
18. Early capital of Georgia
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50. Send flying
51. Yelled at
52. In addition
53. Station wagons burned
54. "Staring"

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56. Commercial name for brine shrimp

Solve by Mark Holm

Horoscope

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You should be the one to have a new innovative thought. You must make a move. You will be best at coming up with the right ideas. You are highly intuitive and can pick up on other people's feelings easily.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): You will be on an emotional rollercoaster ride today. Try to stay grounded and don't let anyone stress you. Be true to yourself and honest about the way you feel.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22): You may want to cut ties with someone. You may want to break off contact with someone you considered a close friend. A misunderstanding may cause problems with someone you consider a close friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov 21): You will have a successful day at work. You will be on an emotional rollercoaster ride today. Try to stay grounded and don't let anyone stress you. Be true to yourself and honest about the way you feel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have the opportunity to do something creative. You may find new hobbies or learn new skills. You may find a new hobby or learn a new skill.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may want to stay quiet today. You may want to stay on your own. You may want to stay quiet today.

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BENGAL BOUTS

First-time boxers await tonight's prelims

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Jim Christoforetti has been dreaming about a short walk for almost eight years. Ever since the freshman from McMurray, Pa. watched his brother John win three titles in 1995, '96 and '97, he has waited for his chance to step into the ring.

"I'd imagined it and envisioned it," Christoforetti said. "It was sort of one of those childhood dreams. It seems weird that tonight it's going to come true when I step into the ring." Christoforetti is one of many first-time boxers who will step into the ring tonight when the 72nd Bengal Bouts begin in the Joyce Center at 5 p.m.

Not all the first-time fighters have that experience. Sophomore Douglas Pope had never even been in a playground scuffle before he signed up for the Bouts at Activities Night. "I usually quite a pacifist," Pope said. "My nose hurts a little more than I thought it would.""It was a real wake up call," Pope said. "It was kind of funny," Barker said. "I just kind of stood there for a moment and thought 'what did I get myself into?'"

After five spars, however, the shock of getting punched has worn off but the pain remains. "It hurts a little more," Pope said. "My nose hurts a little more than I thought it would." Pope has also been forced to battle his natural instincts in the ring. When the instinctive fight or flight reaction kicks in, Pope's first thought was flight. But now he has to fight.

"It's sort of fighting your natural tendencies that you body has to just start flailing your arms and protecting your face," Pope said. "You can't do that. I think I've gotten better through sparring."

Although many first-time fighters are freshmen or sophomores, there are several seniors stepping into the ring for the first time. After watching the Bouts from the stands for four years, they weren't going to let

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Women lead by more than 100 points after first day of Big East finals

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y.
The meet had barely started before the Irish women's swimming and diving team sent a message to the Big East. In the second leg of the 200-yard freestyle relay, the Irish outdistanced the heat by a body length. By the end of the event, the Irish were ahead of the pack by more than a second, and

Big East Swimming and Diving Championships

Alone at the top

Notre Dame's Marie Labosky swims the butterfly leg of the 200-yard individual medley. Labosky will face Sydney Olympian Maddy Crippen from Villanova in the 400-yard individual medley today.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

- Bengal Bouts, today, 5 p.m.
- Big East Swimming Championships, today, Sunday, 10 a.m.
- Men's Basketball at Miami, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.