Chiefs of staff play key role in student government

By MEGHANNE DOWNEs

News Writer

Behind each good student body president and vice president lies a great chief of staff. This person, unknown to most, is the glue of the staff who works behind the scenes to make sure that the office is running smoothly.

"I am a stunt double for Brooke and Brian. If they have a couple of meetings conflicting, they will send me," said Jonathan Jorissen, current chief of staff under student body president and vice president, Brooke Norton and Brian Moscona. "My job is to organize and run the divisions of the office in an efficient and effective matter, that is essentially what I do.

Blair and her friends joined several Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students this week in the biggest trend in spring break travel. Students turn to Internet, professionals for convenient, quick spring break travel

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

Anunnita seniors Alissa Blair, Jennifer Wyatt, Jaime Mortens and Kara Tiririanore will pack their bags and pile into their cars for a 30-hour road trip to catch a cruise for spring break travel.

"We're driving to Miami and taking a boat to Jamaica and to Grand Cayman Island, and then back to Miami, and then driving back," Blair said. "Driving down was a way to save money, and the road trip is a trip in itself. This is my last spring break to do something like that. Take a road trip with my friends.

Blair and her fellow road-trippers are leaving at midnight on Saturday, and must be at the port in Miami at 4 p.m. Saturday. They plan to drive straight through on the way down, but take breaks on the drive back to Saint Mary's, stopping in Atlanta, Nashville, and Indianapolis to stay with friends.

"The bummer about driving for 30 hours after a cruise is that we will be very tired when we come back," Blair said. "I'm hoping the adrenaline will kick in and that we'll make it.

Blair and her friends will join several Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students this week in the biggest trend in this year's spring break travel, according to Kayleen Carr, assistant manager for Notre Dame's Anthony Travel office who handles spring break packages.

"The number one thing this year was cruises, then the Bahamas and Aracapalo," Carr said. "Many students on the West, Caravan, P齁eto Vallarta and Jamaica. People were also going to Mazalan and Colorado.

Most people want to go somewhere warm. It is typical.

The trend this year, according to Saint Mary's juniors Rachael Benkert and Meghan Lafferty pack for their spring break trip to Ireland. They studied abroad in Ireland last year and found cheap tickets to the locale through Council Travel on the Internet.

Carr, was to drive to the cruise point of departure, saving airfare. Carr reported that more than 150 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students booked cruises through Anthony Travel, and most of them were dri
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Senior Baggage**

In a duffel bag in the corner of my bedroom, every essential item is packed for the perfect spring break. Shirts, shorts, swimming trunks, a bikini with the store tags still attached, sunscreen and even the inevitable burn lotion my fair Irish skin will suffer from. There are tank tops and skirts and tiny-heeled shoes, a New York Times bestseller and an oversized beach towel. On top of the bulging zipper there is a road map, a guide for the road trip I will commence Saturday morning. I always pack one. It is an unfortunate consequence of what my friends like to call my "worst-case scenario" syndrome. I want to be prepared for every situation, every contingency, everything that I could never imagine happening.

There is nothing I've forgotten. But somehow, even with my careful planning, I can't ignore the feeling that I'm headed into some sort of terrain where no amount of planning will help me predict what will happen. It's not the trip, really. There's only so much unpredictability that can happen on a week of spring break breakthru. It's more a feeling of what will begin to happen when I step back onto campus, for the final weeks of what's been an epic collegiate journey.

I've always hated uncertainty. I hate it now, even with everything prepared and in place. My friends and family keep telling me I have nothing to worry about; everything will be fine after I graduate. I've got a job. I've got a decent salary. I'll be near family.

I've got great opportunities ahead. But I'm not ready to face all that yet, or leave the place I've struggled to carve into a home. I'm not ready to stop saying goodbyes, or to let reality hit me like a freight train and start contemplating the unknown.

In some ways, I feel like that kid moving from middle school to high school, worried that the cafeteria's going to be bigger, that his locker combination won't be the same, that all the cool kids won't like him. That his classes will be harder. That he won't get the good seat on the bus anymore.

Really, though, it's just the thought of leaving the people around me. It begins tonight, when I leave for a vacation and would not be able to return until March 20 by Temple's chief negotiator Robert Birnbauer. The postponement came after three days of talks, Feb. 26-28, at the Hospital Center City between Temple's negotiators and those of the Temple University Graduate Students Union. The talks were scheduled to last 10 hours each day. "The negotiators spent most of [the 10 hours] waiting for Temple's team to show up," said union organizer Rob Callahan, "The meetings were nowhere near as productive as they could have been." Birnbauer suggested that talks resume on Saturday, March 2 for the Temple negotiators time to work on proposals. On Friday, March 1, he notified the TGUSA negotiators that he was leaving for a vacation and would not be able to meet with them until March 20.

**BEYOND CAMPUS**

Senior baggages say cancer drug combats HIV

Stanford researchers say cancer drug combats HIV

**STANFORD, Calif.** Researchers at the Stanford Medical Center have discovered that a drug used to treat cancer — called Gd-Tex — may also be effective in combating HIV. The drug could help AIDS patients by targeting HIV-infected cells, without harming healthy cells that defend the body against disease. HIV weakens the body's immune system by killing white blood cells with CD4 receptors, particularly a class of white cells called CD4+ T-cells. These cells normally coordinate the body's defense system by stimulating immune system cells and natural killer cells to attack foreign invaders. HIV destroys CD4+ T-cells, leaving the patient susceptible to common infections.

Stanford University researchers have found that low doses of Gd-Tex — or mitoxantrone gadolinium — kill HIV-infected CD4+ T-cells, while still leaving normal cells unharmed.

"Our findings were extremely unexpected," Omur Perez, a pharmacology graduate student at the Medical Center's Nolan Laboratory, said. Perez is the primary author of the study reported in the Feb. 19 issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Gd-Tex is currently undergoing clinical trials in brain cancer research. The drug is manufactured under the brand name "NovoX Injection," and is produced by the Pharmacia company in Sunnyvale.

In radiation treatment of cancer, Gd-Tex has been shown to cause glioblastoma levels to drop. This process induces apoptosis, a kind of "cell suicide" in cancer cells.

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA**

Committee investigates plagiarism

Eleven months and 158 charges later, the University of Virginia Honor Committee has finished all the investigations for the Bloomfield plagiarism cases. So far, 38 students who took the Physics 105 and 106 courses, How Things Work, have been dismissed from the University. Including those who admitted guilt before and after their investigation panels. Of 59 cases referred to trial, 20 still are pending, and Committee Chair Thomas Hall estimates they will not be completed until the end of the semester. "We obviously are glad to have the investigation stage completed, and the process has been quite smooth," Hall said. Hall said he expected the trials to be finished last semester but now is confident they will finish by the end of the semester. "The cases may have moved slower than anticipated, but the truth has been found in every case," he said. "I don't think there is anyone out there who would want to sacrifice truth for speed."

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OIT plans outage during spring break

By MEGHAN MARTIN
News Writer

In a campus-wide e-mail sent out last week, the University's Office of Information Technologies announced plans for a temporary Internet connection outage on Sunday.

During the outage, all Internet connectivity outside of the Notre Dame network will be unavailable between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. Additionally, the network will not be accessible from outside sites, such as America Online or cable modem services.

This temporary disabling of the University's Internet system is the result of OIT's plan to install a second, backup ISP connection to the campus network. This will double the amount of bandwidth available to the Notre Dame community, making for more rapid Internet access.

Prompted by a number of unintentional outages, including one that occurred last year and lasted nearly 27 hours, the Office of Information Technology has been vying for project funding from the Board of Trustees for years. Just before the 2001 fall semester, the ISP-addition project was given the green light. Preparations began immediate-

Internet Outage
- Sunday
- 4 to 10 p.m.
- Notre Dame network will be inaccessible from outside

OIT plans outage during spring break

Notre Dame network will be inaccessible from outside during spring break sites, such as America Online

The impact of the concurrent network outage, the impact will be reduced even further by the fact that "people will not be doing work at the clusters any way."

Those students and other computer users who will remain on campus for the duration of the outage should be aware that they will additionally be unable to access or send e-mail outside of the Notre Dame network, use Instant Message applications, and visit websites outside of the system.

Students need to be sure to protect their computers appropriately by using virus protection software, as an increased amount of access leaves individual computers increasingly vulnerable to viruses, Christman said.

"The Internet is a dangerous place."

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SMC class runoffs yield winners

By KATIE VINCI
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Saint Mary's classes of 2003 and 2004 elected class officers for the 2002-2003 school year Thursday. The class of 2003 elected Rachel Finley's ticket while class of 2004 elected Nicole Haebeler's ticket.

Finley's ticket earned 55 percent of the class vote. Finley's ticket includes Candace McLelliot as vice president, Erin Moran as secretary and Torie Cox as treasurer.

"We will have student surveys which will be the basis of every thing we do. Basically, we need all the input from seniors to formulate our class activities," said Finley.

Opponent Nickey Prezioso's ticket received 43 percent of the class vote. Prezioso's ticket includes Candace McLelliot as vice president, Erin Moran as secretary and Torie Cox as treasurer.

"Spring into Junior Year" with Nicole Haebeler's ticket for class council. Haebeler's ticket includes Erika Kowalski as vice president, Kelly Vlister as secretary, and Jenny Burke for treasurer. The ticket earned 57 percent of the class vote.

"We plan to hold frequent class forums which will provide a casual atmosphere for the class to gather and speak their minds," said Haebeler.

Haebeler's ticket defeated Jamie Belcher's ticket. Belcher's running mates were Becca Doll for vice president, Annalise Woolf for secretary and Blay Doro for treasurer. Belcher's ticket received 43 percent of the class vote.

About 33 percent of the class voted. Contact Katie Vincen at vin0858@saintmarys.edu

Happy 21st Midge! Love, the PQ

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"Some things never change ...."
**Break**

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It’s hard to know why (people) are going to Aruba,” Nick Ca rra said. “I think a lot of seniors don’t necessarily have a job lined up for next fall. The economy is down, people are not spending money.”

Carr did not say the events of Sept. 11 impacted students’ desire to go to Aruba, but he is the first to say people are not shopping very much. People usually book early, because stuff isn’t left. This year there is so much still available. Students can still find a great deal.

Even the number of people choosing to travel is down, the number of destinations is not.

Where you see the shift is the number of people doing it in groups, things like that. This year Nassau is probably the biggest. Last year we went 180 people to Mazatlan, this year 240.

The cruise is the biggest, and seniors do the biggest trips. It doesn’t seem that we haven’t really enjoyed going to Aruba. They are all going where they can meet up with classmates. According to Lafferty, the group found inexpensive tickets through a cruise travel council.

“We went leaving there until the 18th,” Lafferty said. “We’re leaving tomorrow, the 19th, and another group will leave Saturday. Kevin Benkert just lives outside of Chicago, so we are driving to the airport and his mother is driving us to the airport.”

Still others, though, will just vacation at home or with relatives.

A group containing both Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students plans to stay at a relat­ionship’s beach house in Newport Beach, California. Meghan Vandesande, Anna Lentz, Jace Bos, Jackie Finley, Stephen Christ, and Tim Kennedy will stay at the beach house a few miles outside of Newport Beach on the beach and visiting famous hot spots in southern California, including Disneyland, California Adventure, Hollywood and Universal.

Vandesande and Lentz are juniors at Notre Dame. Bos, Jackie, Christ, and Poskin are juniors at Notre Dame.

“We want to get a jump start because the house is being sold this summer, so we want to take advantage of the space it is still available,” Vandesande said. “I am looking forward to a week away from school work and cold weather.”

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**Chiebek**

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He appreciates Saint Mary’s commitment to continual improvement, though he has learned through experience that some changes can bring difficul­tis. Chiebek has remained hopeful throughout his career that such challenges can be overcome.

“There are times when it’s try­ing and those particular occa­sions that I least enjoy, but there’s always been light at the end of the tunnel,” Chiebek said. For Chiebek, the rewards outweigh the number three values not only his ability to pro­tect, but also those whom he is responsible for. “I think I’ve always been con­cerned about the safety of the community and making sure that number one priority (I was) hired to provide a safe environ­ment,” Chiebek said. “I think we’ve done a very good job in that doing.”

Chiebek said he enjoys his career at Saint Mary’s, and will maintain a connection with the College. He plans on spend­ing time with family, including his five daughters who graduated from Saint Mary’s.

“I plan to catch up on my fly­ing and ... I live on a lake in Newburg, so I’d be spending a lot of my time there. My relaxation is watercolors and I love those projects around the home, travelling with the wife, and the grandchildren,” Chiebek said.

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**Chief**

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According to Norton, the Student Union would be impossible without Josi­ren. He is responsible for keeping the office organized and listening to staff concerns. He must facilitate communication between the president and vice president and ensure that the office is staying on task to accomplish its goals.

This year, Josi­ren oversaw 14 divisions with the help of three assistant chief of staffs. He trusts the capabilities of his staff members, and prefers that they keep him informed but use their best judg­ment to make decisions instead of constantly seek­ing his approval.

“I have a laid back attitude in my chiefdom,” said Josi­ren.

Without Josi­ren, the office would not be organ­ized. Josi­ren is a very crucial and important person for us. “Our office works in tandem, because we need to be there for people and resolve their issues.”

Besides accomplishing many platform goals, including the culture fest, “Last Lecture” series, Blessing Others and Student discount cards, Josi­ren helped to initiate and commanded the Notre Dame Student Foot­ball Game, raising about $271,000 for the victims of Sept. 11. This past winter after working extensively on the Board of Trustees report on freshman orien­tation, Josi­ren said that he was present with Norton to the Board in California.

“It was very nice to have someone like J.J. who cares so much for students and loves both Notre Dame and the University. He’s a very talented and smart person,” Norton said.

The position of chief of staff is a thankless job. Norton and Josi­ren explained that they do not speak to their office colleagues, because the house is b eing sold. Josi­ren lives in the office, and nobody else is available for the office to run. “We are currently working very hard to get the office turned around,” said Norton.

“I became impressed by his work ethic and his dedication to what Trip and I want to accomplish. He has had those two years of experience both on class council and student body, and I know he has learned how to work with people.”

Hallahan has been preparing for the transition, and finalizing the structure of the staff with Bishop and Foley. The new staff will be similar to Norton’s, however, there will be eight divisions with a handful of assistant positions.

“We are going to run a productive office because we realize that we only have a year to accomplish the rest of the job in doing that,” Chiebek said.

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Voters defeat Ireland abortion bill: By a razor-thin margin, voters rejected a gov­ernment plan to close a gap in Ireland's tough abortion laws, official returns showed Thursday. The result from Wednesday's refer­endum left in legal limbo a decade-old Supreme Court judgment that sought to legalize abor­tions for women whose pregnancies threatened their lives.

Judge denies Canada torpedo site: A federal judge has ruled the Canadian govern­ment improperly seized ownership of a torpedo testing site off British Columbia used by the Canadian and U.S. navies. The ruling means the Nanaimo Bay range on Vancouver Island revertsto ownership by the provincial govern­ment of British Columbia, igniting a dispute over whether nuclear-armed vessels can use it.

Schwarz free on $1 million bail: After nearly three years behind bars, a white former police officer whose conviction in the torture of Abner Louima was thrown out on appeal was freed on $1 million bail Thursday to await a new trial. U.S. District Judge Reena Raggi agreed to release 36-year-old Charles Schwarz but restricted him to New York City. The bail was secured with his mother's house.

Ex-priest won't face rape charges: A judge dismissed two child rape charges against the former Roman Catholic priest at the center of the Boston Archdiocese sex scan­dal Thursday, saying prosecutors had not filed them in time. The defrocked priest, John Geoghan, had argued the 1999 indictm ent of limitations had expired. County prosecutors said they had made no decision whether to appeal.

Man dies in train yard accident: A Lafayette man working in a train yard died Thursday combining tax cuts intend­ed to spark business growth and a 13-week extension of benefits for millions of unemployed people.

Three previous economic stimulus bills passed by the Republican-led House that contained much bigger tax cuts intended to spark business growth and a 13-week extension of benefits for millions of unemployed people.

House extends jobless benefits

Added House Speaker Dennis Hastert: "We think this is the right prescription."

The House vote coincided with a Capitol Hill appearance by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who gave a more upbeat economic prescription.

WASHINGTON

Ending months of gridlock on recession relief, the House over­whelmingly passed legislation Thursday combining tax cuts intended to spark business growth and a 13-week extension of benefits for millions of unemployed people.

Senate Democrats said after the 417-3 vote in the House they would bring the bill to the floor first thing Friday for a vote there. The White House said President Bush would sign the measure into law.

Israeli soldiers stand in front of the forced-open window of a Palestinian home as they conduct house-to-house searches in the refugee camp of the West Bank town of Tulkarem.

12 Palestinians die in strikes

Associated Press

JEERUSALEM

Israel pressed its cam­paign of intense strikes throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Thursday, conducting sweeps in refugee camps and killing 12 Palestinians.

A Palestinian suicide bomber attacked a West Bank settlement, while a gunman killed four people and wounded 20 in an Israeli settlement.

The attack on the Atzmona settlement came shortly after President Bush announced he planned to send his Mideast envoy back to the region.

A Palestinian gunman infiltrated the Gaza settle­ment late Thursday and killed four people, before soldiers shot him dead. The attacker wounded 20 people, five seriously, the Israeli military said.

Israel Radio reported the military wing of the militant Hamas organiza­tion claimed responsibil­ity.

The station said the infiltrator entered the Atzmona settlement from the south, near the Palestinian city of Khan Younis, and threw grenades as well as shooting.

Bush said he was send­ing Anthony Zinni to the troubled region next week in hopes of halting widen­ing violence and called for both sides to end the fighting.

The president said the Israelis had to show "a vision for peace. There's got to be more than security," Bush said, however, he fully supported Israel's right to defend itself from Palestinian attacks.

He called on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to make a "maximum effort to end terrorism against Israel."

Israeli troops stormed through two West Bank refugee camps before dawn and rocketed a police station after night­fall in one of Gaza's most crowded camps, sending Palestinian civilians run­ning for cover.

In the biblical West Bank town of Beilheim, Israeli airstrikes on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's local headquar­ters hit so hard they blew open bolted doors in nearby homes.

Israeli leaders said the campaign was aimed at forcing the Palestinians to stop terror attacks, but there was no sign of that on Thursday.
Judge awards former Playmate Smith $88M

Associated Press

A federal judge awarded former Playboy Playmate Anna Nicole Smith more than $88 million in damages Thursday in the latest ruling in a bitter legal fight over the estate of her late husband, Texas oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II.

U.S. District Court Judge David Carter ruled Thursday that Marshall's son, E. Pierce Marshall, had interfered with Smith's attempt to get part of her late husband's oil fortune, estimated at hundreds of millions of dollars.

"The evidence of willfulness, maliciousness and fraud is overwhelming," Carter wrote. He found that E. Pierce Marshall and others spied on the couple and controlled his father's access to money to deny Smith the sums she was promised.

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E. Pierce Marshall released a statement saying he would appeal and that his father "would be appalled that the district court continued to ignore his clearly stated wishes."

Thursday's ruling came after E. Pierce Marshall challenged a previous federal bankruptcy court decision that awarded Smith $475 million of his father's money.

Smith, 33, has fought lengthy court battles in California and Texas over the fortune of her late husband, who died at age 90 in August 1995, 14 months after they wed.

The former Playmate Playmate, whose real name is Vickie Lynn Marshall, met her husband in 1991 when she was working as a stripper. The couple married three years later when she was 26 and he was 89.

Before his death, his estate went into a trust that divided his fortune among charities, a foundation, his son and other individuals, but gave nothing to Smith. She sued E. Pierce Marshall to get part of it.

Carter's ruling said Smith had a reasonable expectation that she would receive a portion of her husband's estate and that she would receive it without interference.

"J. Howard made numerous promises to Vickie that she would receive half of what he owned," Carter said in his ruling. He said Smith was entitled to $44.3 million in punitive damages and the same amount in compensatory damages against E. Pierce Marshall, who controls the trust established by his late father.

"This is a complete victory for my client, and I think it's a victory for a husband's love for his wife," said Smith's attorney, Philip Boesch.

He said his client was subjected to the worst kind of legal maneuvering by her son-in-law.

Marshall and Smith were absent when the ruling was issued.

A year ago, a Texas jury concluded Smith had no right to any money.

Model Anna Nicole Smith arrives at a Santa Ana, Calif., federal court in January with her attorney for closing arguments. A judge on Thursday awarded Smith $88 million in her battle with her former stepson for her share of her late husband's estimated $2 billion estate.

Bush film debuts

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas

Alexandra Pelosi came to the Texas capital as an NBC News producer to cover Gov. George W. Bush's bid for the White House in 1999. This week, she returned as a documentary film-maker with "Journeys with George."

The 77-minute movie, debuting Friday at the South by Southwest film festival, shows a silly side of the man who would become president. Some Bush aides have been apprehensive it might make him look unpresidential.

"Stop filming me. You're like a head cold," an irritated but smiling Bush tells Pelosi in one scene. "This is going to be a hoopy documentary."

By the end of the movie, though, Bush has grown into a more comfortable, confident candidate. During one heart-to-heart, Pelosi asks how the 18-month campaign has changed him.
Crews may finish Pentagon repairs by Sept. 11

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Workers are rebuilding the Pentagon so quickly that by Sept. 11, Defense Department employees will be working at the site where a hijacked airliner crashed into the building a year earlier.

"We want them sitting at their desks, doing their work" on the anniversary of the attack, said Walker Evey, program manager of the restoration project.

The back-in-business symbolism of that image inspires hundreds of workers laboring long hours to restore the Pentagon's western flank and the offices inside. So far, the project is months ahead of schedule, Evey said.

"They have tremendous motivation," Evey said Thursday. "Some lost family members in the crash."

"Sept. 11 was Sept. 11. It's in the past. Our eyes are all on the future."

Walker Evey
restoration project manager

An aerial view of the Pentagon released Feb. 28 shows the building under reconstruction. Work continues nearly around-the-clock as crews repair damage from the Sept. 11 attack.

"The Phoenix Project" is already rising fast, but Evey is careful to say that the work will be far from finished by the tragedy's anniversary.

Unlike the outermost "E Ring," home to the offices of the most senior Defense Department employees, the "C" and "D" rings that also were damaged will likely not be completed by Sept. 11, he said.

That could happen as early as next year, when the new facade will blend seamlessly with the original, near an outdoor memorial planned by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Evidence of recovery has popped up out of disaster. Gone from the western flank is the jagged hole of blackened concrete ripped open by a rogue jetliner traveling 350 mph, six feet above the ground. In its place is a 100-yard-wide rectangular gap partly filled with five stories of floors in various states of construction. Looming overhead are two 140-foot-tall cranes.

Pentagon officials did not predict such quick progress given the damage and the unique challenges facing rebuilders of the massive building. American Airlines Flight 77 and its 20,000 gallons of fuel spread destruction, fire and death over 2 million square feet, killing 189 people in the plane and on the ground. The fire was so hot, Evey said, that it turned window glass to liquid and sent it spilling down walls into puddles on the ground. The impact cracked massive concrete columns far beyond the impact site, destabilizing a broader section of the building than contractors had originally thought.

Several challenges confronted the contractors. Poisonous mold in kaleidoscopic colors climbed the interior walls, fed by millions of gallons of water that had been sprayed at the fire over two days. Gloved, gas-masked workers pumped hot, dry air through the windows to remove it.

New security measures — from fortifying the structure's windows and walls to improving air flow, sprinklers and escape routes — drove up the price from around $700 million to about $740 million, Evey said.

And a few employees faced, then cleared, the more personal hurdle of putting a grinding sadness behind them and digging into the renovation.

"Sept. 11 was Sept. 11. It's in the past," Evey said. "Our eyes are all on the future."

A month and a day after demolition began on Oct. 18, workers had cleared a huge rectangular hole down to the concrete floor four weeks ahead of schedule. They filled spiral support columns with concrete to strengthen the structure against future attacks. Workers are now completing the fifth and final floor and preparing to begin work making the new exterior walls match the originals, Evey said.

Of the 4,600 Pentagon workers who were displaced by the attack, some 1,500 are back in their offices while others work elsewhere in the Pentagon or in rented space.

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Defining feminism

Someone should buy Lt. David Sauve a dictionary. Feminism is a movement whose ultimate goal is equality (essentially, equality of opportunity) between men and women, a rejection of U.S. power throughout the world, but with little regard for the effectiveness of justifying military action based on moral obligation.

In many ways the new colonialism is much like the moralistic arguments made in the late 19th century to justify invading places like the Sudan, which allowed the slave trade to flourish until a British expedition routed the forces of an extremist Muslim leader. The British General Gordon, who led the expedition to the Sudan, failed, what makes Bush think he can succeed?

On February 28, the NAACP held an event entitled "Music, Sex, and You." The forum addressed the impact of music, films and videos on relationships.

The region's prejudices and hatreds are too firmly implanted in the minds of the Middle Eastern people to be swayed by a single word resident. It seems absurd to think that only two years ago President Clinton proclaimed that peace in the Middle East was just over the horizon. That burden was too great for the United States to support, and now it is painfully obvious that no amount of U.S. intervention could halt the violence.

Kipling's words were certainly racist, but they are not yet an anachronism. Kipling's philosophy is having a rebirth in certain intellectual circles in this country under a new guise: international security. The result has been a resurgence of U.S. colonialism throughout much of the world, the British adventurer and writer Rudyard Kipling wrote one of his more controversial poems, "The White Man's Burden." His philosophy of noble self-obligation toward other races had a profound impact on colonial thought and still influences most of the discourse concerning developing nations to this day.

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By LAURA KELLY
Associate Scene Editor

As one of only a handful of Thai restaurants in the greater Michiana area, My Thai makes a valiant attempt to offer South Bend customers a diverse and extensive menu.

However, the restaurant’s unfortunate lack of atmosphere and its uninspired presentation overshadow what could otherwise be a unique or memorable dining experience.

Located at 1620 Ironwood, My Thai is situated near established favorites like La Esperanza and infamous late-night eateries like Boracho Burrito and Nick’s Patio. This convenient and accessible location gives the restaurant a boost in patronage, as seen in the comfortably filled dining room on a typical weekday night.

The creation of an interesting and sexually-pleasing atmosphere is where My Thai needs to focus more of its efforts.

With stark fluorescent lighting overhead and plain white walls, the single dining room is reminiscent of a small-town community center or grade-school cafeteria. A few tapestries and hand-crafted decorations give the walls some color, but there is no sense of an intimate dining experience.

As any restaurant should, My Thai focuses on the food. The large menu offers many varieties of stir-fries, noodle dishes, curry and other entrees. The prompt arrival of meals is convenient, but not enough to divert attention away from the bland flavor and harsh interior.

Located on Ironwood near popular college haunts such as Nick’s Patio and Boracho Burrito, My Thai appeals to a variety of guests. The prompt arrival of meals is convenient, but not enough to divert attention away from the bland flavor and harsh interior.

As expected, standard dishes like pad thai are found here, and the kitchen does a predictable job. Genetically speaking, the food is solidly, if not inventively, prepared. The portions are large — generous enough for all to bring leftovers home — but the delicate spices and flavorings so important to Thai food seem to be lost in the sacrifice for quick, large meals.

Even the menu items marked with a red dragon to indicate their spicy taste are not noticeably hot or exceptionally flavorful. Perhaps this is the curse of trying to please a Midwestern sensibility that considers even the mildest spices too hot, but it is a shame not to have a greater range of options for those who like to shock their taste buds.

Customers in a rush will appreciate the quick preparation of the dishes, but the practice of serving the plates in shifts as they become ready is disruptive to the overall experience of the meal. The kitchen would do better to keep dishes warm until they can all be brought out and enjoyed together.

For the prices charged, a customer should expect slightly more from the overall dining experience than what My Thai offers.

Appetizers, soups and salads cost around $5 on average, and main dishes range from $9 to $12. While sizes are satisfactory, the quality of cooking does not seem to equal the prices charged.

The small wait staff is friendly and attentive, however, which always improves a restaurant’s ambiance.

Judging from the wide range of customers — groups of elderly couples, young people on first dates and friends gathered for a meal — My Thai has a broad appeal, perhaps because of its dependable service and prime location.

While room for aesthetic improvement can be seen, such as the addition of screens to partition off the single dining room and the overall addition of more decoration, the restaurant still seems to enjoy a successful operation, which will hopefully translate into greater attention to the delicacy of Thai cuisine.

Until then, the Ironwood establishment will continue to work to establish itself not only among the ranks of neighboring Nick’s and Boracho, but also among other popular Oriental restaurants in the greater South Bend area.

My Thai is open for lunch and dinner from Tuesday through Sunday. Reservations are accepted at (574) 272-8872.

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The Big Easy is perhaps too easy
South Bend’s premiere nightspot for Cajun food, blues and slow service

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

Straight from Bourbon Street to South Bend, a piece of Creole culture has landed near the University. The Big Easy, South Bend’s premiere hotspot for live music and exotic food, offers patrons culture and culinary clout in one place. Of course, the culinary part may take a while to get to the table.

Co-owners Rick Weaver and Bob Miller opened the Big Easy because they wanted to give South Bend a break from the hum-drum sports bars and family-themed restaurants all too prevalent in the area.

“I saw the need in South Bend for something different, a change from all the cookie-cutter restaurants,” Weaver said.

Weaver and Miller wanted to start a restaurant that offered its patrons an escape from the work-a-day world. The result: The Big Easy, a slice of colorful New Orleans life in the gray Midwest.

“Good food, good drinks and good entertainment... It’s a fun place to be, just like in New Orleans: It’s all about enjoying life,” Weaver said.

The Big Easy, located at 1516 North Ironwood Drive between Edison and SR 23, is South Bend’s newest hotspot for live music. With bands playing four nights a week, The Big Easy is on track to claim the title of the now closed Mickey’s as the city’s outlet for local and traveling professional blues, jazz and swing bands.

Frank Krakowski, or “Little Frank” as he is known on stage, has been playing at The Big Easy since it opened last November. Krakowski had been looking for steady work in South Bend and The Big Easy fit the bill perfectly. Little Frank, his band and guest performers are featured at the restaurant every Thursday night.

“I was looking for a steady gig. The Big Easy provided that for local musicians like me,” Krakowski said.

The live music is top quality and really gives the renovated low-life bar a unique Cajun atmosphere. The patrons are enthusiastic about the music, loudly hollering and urging the bands on. The Big Easy has an obvious crowd of regulars that makes the scene feel homey. The scene at The Big Easy is hopping from Thursday through Sunday night when live bands play and the kitchen is open until midnight. The live music begins at 9 p.m. But the easygoing atmosphere is not the only good feature at The Big Easy. The food is great too. The chefs serve authentic Creole dishes that once New Orleans flavor through and through.

Must-haves on the menu include the Louisiana frog legs, which are lightly breaded and tossed in a house butter sauce, the succulent legs (which, in fact, do not taste like chicken) are a delightful appetizer and are well worth their $7 price tag.

Patrons will also enjoy the crispy fried gator tail. The juicy morsels of alligator are fried and then tossed in a tasty molasses barbecue sauce and served with cornbread croutons and a spicy corn relish. Although the dish is fried, the gator tail is very tender and moist and has a particularly delicate flavor.

The Gulf grouper is particularly good. Herb-crusted and served with a side of horseradish mashed potatoes, this dish competes nobly with the portabella burger, a large marinated portabella mushroom topped with spinach, tomato, provolone cheese and served on a foccacia roll.

For lunch, the fried catfish sandwich, is a hearty Cajun meal. Patrons, of course, can slather all of their entrées in The Big Easy’s fine assortment of hot sauces.

The prices at The Big Easy are definitely not for the spendthrift college student; expect at least an $11 per plate lunch and $20 per plate at dinner. The food and the atmosphere are definitely worth the price, however.

For the not so adventurous, The Big Easy also provides a meager selection of American grill standards like sirloin and ribeye steaks, as well as chicken breasts.

The Big Easy also features a full-stocked bar and a fine assortment of domestic, imported and specialty beers.

Unfortunately, the service can be grievously slow at The Big Easy; it can take up to an hour and a half to get a meal after being seated. Of course, the relaxed atmosphere is enjoyable, but patrons wanting a quick meal will not be satisfied with the restaurant’s despicably slow service. Perhaps the waitstaff takes the restaurant’s name a little too seriously.

In the end, The Big Easy has a wonderful atmosphere, bop music and great food (that is, if it ever makes it to the table).

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Near My Thai, The Big Easy is another new South Bend restaurant bringing ethnic diversity to please the palate.

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The Big Easy co-owners Bob Miller (left) and Rick Weaver opened their restaurant to provide a reprieve from the mundane work days and typical eateries available to South Bend residents.

Guitarist Frank Krakowski (far left) plays with “Little Frank” bandmates (from left to right) Robert Carter, Craig Ridout and Brian Cook. Little Frank performs at The Big Easy every week.

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Big EAST Men's Basketball CHAMPIONSHIP

Georgetown still on bubble after OT loss

**Hurricanes Panthers, Huskies advance to semis**

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Miami is in the BigEast tournament semifinals. Georgetown must wait to see what happens.

Marcus Barnes scored five of his career-high 27 points in overtime, and the 20th-ranked Hurricanes beat the Hoyas 84-76 Thursday to reach the semifinals for the third time in four years.

"This is the same feeling I've had too many times this season," Georgetown coach Craig Robinson said. "We're going to have three long days until we see what that feeling is that we're going to be thinking about when we go to the committee going to pick us up." "I certainly think we played well enough to win this game, but I also know that I would have felt a lot better about that decision if we had won this game," Riverside said.

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That's why tourney time often equals senior time. It's the last chance for a senior to leave his mark on a program. And with the three seniors having helped Notre Dame's program do a complete 180, he can bet they're itching to put one final stamp on Irish basketball history. Say all you want about Chris Thomas' sensational freshman season. He's good, but he's still a rookie at heart. He has three more years of basketball. He doesn't understand what it means to have only one more game left to play. And that's what Humphrey, Graves and Swanagan are feeling. When the Big East tournament is over, it's down to one-and-done. One bad game, one mental error, and three more seniors will be finished with their college basketball careers.

When a reporter asked Brey a question after Thursday night's game, he turned to Thomas for the answer. That might be one of the few times Brey will go to his young point guard this late in the season. When games, seasons and careers are on the line, Brey will turn to the seniors. They've been there. They've delivered. And they're ready to do it again.

Because everyone knows they don't have another chance.

"Whenever I go out on the court, I leave everything out there because I know it might be my last game," Humphrey said. "And when I leave, I'm ready to pass the torch onto Chris. But Humphrey isn't ready to leave yet. He's too busy holding onto that torch."

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**Irish**

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Irish point guard Chris Thomas maneuvers around the Red Storm defense Thursday night. The Big East Rookie of the Year scored 15 points and dished out 11 assists in the win.

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**Soukup**

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The No. 1 quality Irish head coach Mike Brey values in his players and fears in his opponents is experience. He would probably coach for free if he could have a team composed entirely of battle-tested seniors.

For Brey, finding experience in a player is like finding gold in California.

"Our program has taken the next step and we're back on the map," Brey said. "And that's a credit to these seniors."

This year's team acts like grown men who have been through a war. Last year's team acted like 5-year olds in the locker room," Brey said. "And when I leave, I'm my last game," Humphrey said. "And when I leave, I'm going to pack the torch onto Chris. But Humphrey isn't ready to leave yet. He's too busy holding onto that torch.

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**With Gratitude...**

During the One Year Celebration of the Robinson Community Learning Center, two awards which were presented are:

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**MR. ARTHUR QUIGLEY, PHD AWARD**

This award honors the Notre Dame Faculty or Staff whose "service and education in the Northeast Neighborhood exemplifies the mission of the University to exercise 'leadership in building a society that is at once more human and more divine.'"

"...the first annual recipient of the Arthur Quigley Award is Jim Paladino, from the Center for Social Concerns...his passion for the development of (the RCLC) clearly went far beyond his responsibilities at the CSC, and far beyond anyone's expectations."

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**REV. DON MCNEILL, C.S.C. AWARD**

This award honors "a Student volunteer whose commitment to service has strengthened interactions between Northeast Neighborhood residents and the academic community by reducing learning obstacles and building relationships with youth and adult participants."

The recipient of the Rev. Don McNeill Award is Kathleen "Katy" McCoy (ND '05)

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**Congratulations to Jim Paladino and Katy McCoy!**
**Women's Lacrosse**

**Irish head west to Stanford**

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Sports Writer

The women's lacrosse team usually faces Stanford this weekend to face the 2-2 Cardinal. Head coach Tracey Coyne said this is an important game for the Irish because Stanford's program is on a similar level to Notre Dame's.

"Stanford is huge," said Coyne. "They were ranked ahead of us for so long last year, and we felt that we should have been ranked ahead of them. It's exciting to have them on the schedule.

The Cardinal's two losses this year came against opponents from the east that are also on Notre Dame's schedule. Big East rival Syracuse beat Stanford 15-9 and Cornell beat them 20-6. Stanford needs this game to prove that they can play on the level of the stronger East Coast competition.

The Irish on the same note need to prove that they are deserialize to be the 17th-ranked team in the country and that they can beat the same teams that Stanford can.

If the Irish can carry the offensive potency that they showed against Ohio State last week, they should be able to attack the relatively weak Stanford keepers. Starter Virginia Solomon got pulled during the Cornell game after scoring only six out of 21 shots. With the speed and depth of the Irish attackers, combined with a more aggressive midfield, Solomon can expect to field a lot of Irish shots.

Tina Fedarcky should be back at full strength for the Irish on Saturday, and the return of all Big East defender should shore up the already stingy Irish backfield.

The women's lacrosse team then travels to Florida to face George Mason, March 17 at 4 p.m. It returns home March 17 to face Big East opponent Boston College.

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**MAC Men's Basketball Tournament**

**Kent State extends streak**

Associated Press

Kent State is close to home. The Golden Flashes just aren't ready to go back there yet.

In Thursday night's quarterfinals, Kent State advanced with a 62-54 win over Central Michigan 54.

In Friday night's semifinals, Kent State will play fourth-seeded Toledo in Friday's first semifinal. Trevor Huffman scored 24 points to lead the Golden Flashes to 82-70 quarterfinal win over eighth-seeded Northern Illinois.

In Thursday night's quarterfinals, second-seeded Miami of Ohio plays second-seeded Ball State, and No. 11-seed Akron plays third-seeded Bowling Green.

Ball State 62 Miami of Ohio 50
Theron Smith took over in the second half, scoring 19 of his 29 points Thursday night to lead Ball State to a 62-50 win over Miami of Ohio in the Mid-American Conference tournament.

Smith had 11 rebounds and Patrick Jackson had 12 points for the Cardinals (20-10), the MAC's West Division champion who earlier this season upset Kansas and UCLA on consecutive nights in Hawaii.

Ball State, the tournament's second seed, will play either eighth-seeded Akron or third-seeded Bowling Green in Friday's second semifinal.

In the other semifinal, top-seed Kent State will play fourth-seeded Toledo.

Alex Shorts had 17 points to lead seventh-seeded Miami (13-18), which had made it to the MAC semifinals with four straight wins after losing nine of ten.

Kent State, which shot 63 percent in the second half and closed with an 11-2 run, will play No. 4 seed Toledo in Friday's semifinals.

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Bowling Green 60, Akron 58
Keith McLeod hit a fadeaway 3-pointer with six seconds left and Bowling Green survived a late Akron rally for a win in the conference tournament.

McLeod scored 29 points and showed why he was the league's MVP during the regular season by hitting the shot that clinched a victory over Michigan in the MAC tourney.

The Falcons (23-7) will play Ball State (20-10), the tournament's second seed, in Friday's second semifinal. The Cardinals advanced with a 62-50 win over Miami of Ohio.

In the opener, top-seed Kent State (25-5) will play fourth-seeded Toledo (16-13). The championship is Saturday.

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**ACC Men's Basketball Tournament**

**Struggling Seminoles send Tigers packing**

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -

Devon Kornelion scored a career-high 24 points as Florida State salvaged what has been a disappointing stretch run with a 91-84 overtime win over Clemson in the semifinals of the ACC tournament Thursday night.

The Seminoles (13-16) upset No. 1 Duke on Jan. 6, but they continued to struggle since in the Atlantic Coast Conference, going 3-11 the last two months before losing the Tigers and advancing to play top-seeded Maryland in one of four quarterfinal games Friday.

Eighth-seeded Florida State fell behind by nine with 6:48 left in regulation, but went on a 14-2 run to take the lead late. The Seminoles then watched Tomas Nagys tip in a missed shot by Jamarr McKinney with 6.6 seconds left in regulation to send the game into an extra five-minute period tied at 67.

However, the Seminoles wanted little time turning the momentum around. Montie Cummings sank a free throw and Michael Basket hit a 3-pointer in the first 1:02 of the overtime and the Seminoles never trailed.

Nagys, who had a season-high 18 points and matched his career-best with nine rebounds off the bench, missed two free throws to start Clemson's slide in OT, and the ninth-seeded Tigers (13-17) missed two shots from the field to fall behind 82-79.

Florida State, which struggled most of the night at the foul line, made 8 of 11 at the end to take down nine of 10 coming in.

Cummings added 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Nagys was forced to play more minutes because of foul trouble against Clemson inside men Chris Hobbs and Ray Henderson - and the junior responded. He was 5-of-11 from the field and 7-of- 10 from the foul line to add punch to an offense that struggled most of the night.

Clemson led 55-52 before Scott hit a 3-pointer and two 18-footers in a two-minute span to put the Tigers up by nine.

But the Seminoles came charging back as Cummings, who had missed his first of 15 shots, hit a bank shot from the corner to give Florida State the lead and Arrington added a 10-footer a minute later to give Florida State the lead and Arrington added a 10-footer a minute later and take a 69-67 lead.

The Tigers fell to 13-49 all-time in the ACC tournament.

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**Track**

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Watson will be running the 3,000-meter this weekend, riding on the momentum of a spectacular mile time in the Wilson Invitational last weekend. He is also ranked second in the nation. In the 3,000 he ran a 7:54.52 in the Meyo Invitational earlier this year.

Overall, the Irish are looking for a record setting weekend. For the women, they are sending the most individuals than any other year. In 1999, the Irish sent three individuals, and this year they are sending four.

"Our women have a good chance at bringing home two titles. It is the last indoor meet for58.88 and 59.39. Shay and Grow, and they are hoping to make it a good one.

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Texas Tech in the Big 12 tournament.

said the writer had an apparent heart attack.

Dr. Larry Cordell, the physician on duty during the game, later said Hammel was breathing on his own by the time he was taken by ambulance from left Kemper Arena.

"The clinical appearance looked like a seizure," Cordell said.

WDAF-TV in Kansas City, broadcasting the tournament, said the 66-year-old Hammel had a low-blood-sugar diabetic seizure and was expected to recover.

Play was halted as paramedics attended to Hammel immediately and didn't have time to talk to the team.

Hammel was the sports editor for The Herald-Times for several years after retiring from his role as an editor of The Herald-Times newspaper of Bloomington, Ind., collapsed, a paramedic said the writer had an apparent heart attack.

Ellis said. "He didn't want us to lose that game."
Associated Press

Cordell Henry would let himself get trapped.

The slick point guard scored 25 points and eight 3-pointers as the Eagles brushed aside South Florida in the semifinals of the Conference USA tournament.

Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins said, "You have to play with everything we had, and it wasn't enough." Cincinnati coach Rick Pitino said, "Their point guard probably gave us more trouble than anyone else this season."
Irish face 9-game California trip

By AARON RONSEH
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame softball team will play nine games in eight days during spring break.

"I think they enjoy it. We get to visit a lot of great places. Every sport takes up time over one of the breaks. For us it's spring break," said head coach Deanna Gumpf.

The Irish will not just be playing softball. There are a few activities planned, such as viewing the taping of the Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

"It is a lot of fun. This is one of the times where we actually have some down time and aren't playing softball the whole time," said captain Jenny Kriech.

The Irish will start out their road trip with two games in Las Vegas, then a single game against Long Beach State. They will conclude the trip with the KIA Classic at the University of California-Fullerton.

In Las Vegas the Irish (5-7) will play UNLV (11-13) and Oregon (11-17). The Irish pitchers will have their hands full with Oregon's Andrea Vitud, Kaci Hall and Alyssa Lux who all have batting averages over .300.

Half of the Irish softball team will get the chance to play in their home state of California and spend some time with their family.

Freshman pitcher Stefanny Stenglein is one of the seven California natives, who will get a chance to play in front of her family and friends.

"I am looking forward to playing and going back home. It is cool that we get to play in California," said Stenglein.

Notre Dame will try to improve on last year's semifinal loss at the KIA Classic. The Irish are scheduled to play No. 1 Arizona State and No. 5 UCLA on the round robin games. Notre Dame then will play three more games in tournament play.

"This is a big tournament for us this year. It is a good measuring stick for us, especially after each team has played a few games," said Kriech.

It will be a tough task for the Irish to beat Arizona this weekend, especially if they see Jennie Finch on the hill. Finch was 32-0 last year and was named the national player of the year. The Irish have already faced Finch in the first game of the year, in which Finch shut them out 3-0.

"She was the only pitcher we were underfate last year. I would love to be the team to end her streak," said Gumpf.

This time against the Wildcats the Irish will be fully healthy and have few games under their belt.

"All of our players were healthy the first time we played them. It is our first game of the year and they had already played in two tournaments. Hopefully it will be a different game this time," said Kriech.

These will be the last two games for Notre Dame before they start their Big East schedule against Rutgers March 23.

"Our goal is to get better every game. I don't think we are a great team yet. We still have some work to do. But I think if we continue to improve we will be fine," said Gumpf.

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FENCING

Teammates fight for NCAA spots

Regional winners will determine 12 Irish NCAA qualifiers

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

This weekend's Midwest Fencing Regional Qualifier is the last chance for senior foilist Steve Mautone to qualify for the NCAA Championships. Although this is his final season, he does not feel any extra pressure.

"Last year, Mautone came very close to qualifying for the national championships after finishing second at the regional competition. But, since the criteria for the national meet is more than just results from the regionals, Mautone was passed over by the NCAA committee for a pair of teammates," junior captain Ozren Derbic and Forest Walston.

"I was a little upset last year. I was trying as hard as I ever had at the end of last season," Mautone said. "But, I needed to win the competition to make the team so it was my fault and I could live with it."

This weekend, Walston is studying abroad. But, Mautone has other competition for the second spot on the national championship squad. Freshman Derek Snyder, the No. 2 flier, has been at prac- tice this week after missing last weekend's conference championships and will make the trip to the regional. Mau-tone goes to help ease the expectations placed on Snyder by performing well.

"I don't have any more motivation because this is my last year," said Mautone. "But I do feel some pressure so Derek doesn't feel any extra pressure on him."

The other men's weapon where there is a race for the second spot is in epee. Captain Jan Viviani, with an individual title at last week's conference championship, should take one of the spots. But competition for the other spot will be between senior Brian Casas and freshman Michal Sobieraj.

Casas qualified for the NCAs in his first three seasons. Sobieraj is returning from a fractured bone in his foot and has not fenced since the Air Force Duals during the first weekend of February. His foot has been improving this week allowing him to practice and Sobieraj will fence this weekend.

In men's sabre, senior captain Andre Crompton and senior Andrej Bednarshi should be the top two. The Irish Crompton finished second at last year's regional competition to qualify for his first NCAA competition. Bednarshi was third last year and has been to the NCAs in his three other seasons.

On the women's side, every fencer that qualified for the NCAs returned, but that does not mean the team is set.

In foil, Liza Boutissakis has qualified for the NCAA's for each of her first two seasons. Standout freshmen Andrea Ament and Alejia Vera are hoping to make the NCAA's this year. They will be joined by sophomore Dominica DeSantis for the first NCAA Championship after impressive seasons. Frauens won the conference championship last weekend.

Maggie Jordan switched from foil to sabre to give the Irish more depth in sabre. She looks to return to the NCAs after making the championships in foil as a freshman. Senior Carianne McCullough and sophomore Destanie Milo, who both qualified last year, will compete with Jordan for the two spots.

Epee will also see competition among team members for the two NCAA spots. Juniors Meagan Call and Anna Carnell have qualified for the national championships in their first two seasons. Sophomore Kerry Walsh, fresh off defeating Carnell for the championship last weekend, gives Notre Dame three strong competitors to qualify for the NCAs.

The Midwest Regional Qualifier takes place at Ohio State's Recreation Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio on Saturday.

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**Hockey**

Irish ride new D-scheme

By MATT ORENCZUK

The Observer

Irish goalkeeper Morgan Cey stops a goal in a game earlier this season. Head coach Dave Poulin expects the freshman to play well in the CCHA playoffs this weekend.

**Notre Dame faces Neb.-Omaha in first round**

By MATT ORENCZUK

After being swept by Alaska-Fairbanks 7-5 and 6-5 on Feb. 1 and 2, Notre Dame's coaches knew they had to make some defensive changes. Most of Alaska-Fairbanks' goals came from the transition game in the middle of the ice.

When Notre Dame coaches came into the office the next Monday, the discussion was on how to fix Notre Dame's sagging defense. The plan the coaches came up with was to designate one of the two defensemen as a forechecker to sit back in the defensive zone. Then, the other defenseman is allowed to roam freely in the middle of the ice, pinch- ing up to help on offense or falling back to help on defense.

"The D knows to come up in the neutral zone," said Irish ride new D-scheme.

**BASEBALL**

Irish headed to Texas for break

By JOE HETTLER

The Notre Dame baseball team will play eight games in nine days during a spring break road trip in Texas.

The Irish (4-3) won three of four games at the Homestead Classic last weekend, despite being without five starters who were out with injuries.

"Overall I thought it was a good weekend," said head coach Paul Mainieri. "We had our freshman pitchers throw very well again, especially [Grant] Johnson and [Chris] Niesel. Some guys that haven't played consistently really stepped in and did a nice job."

Captain and centerfielder Steve Stanuley was pleased that reserve players have stepped up to fill in for injured starters.

"The fact of the matter is that we've got a lot of guys hurt right now," Stanley said. "That's no excuse. That just means that some of the other guys that we didn't count on to play starting roles in the beginning have had to step up and they've done a great job."

Notre Dame has consistent outings with Niesel and Johnson's appearances in the early-season campaign.

Niesel picked up his first career victory last weekend, going six innings for the victory. The young right-hander has struck out 19 batters and walked only one in 12 innings of work.

Johnson gave up only two runs in 5 1/3 innings of work against Florida International last weekend in getting a no decision.

"They've been playing really well," said Stanley. "They've been playing like veterans. They've jumped right into the thing and done a great job."

The Irish seniors, particularly Matt Bek and Stanley, have provided a much-needed spark to the club as well.

"Matt Bek had a tremendous weekend for us," said Mainieri. "I think he's leading the team in hitting right now. Steve Stanuley had a phenomenal weekend. What tremendous leadership he showed to our team last weekend. With all these guys out, all he did was have two hit games."

The Irish hope to beat some very good teams this weekend and more importantly gear themselves up for the Big East schedule that looms around the corner.

"We know we're going to play in two beautiful stadiums, we have some great opponents, and the weather, hopefully, will cooperate and be really good and it's fun," said Mainiei. "It's really a time to make the big push so we can get ready for the Big East schedule."

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Red Storm Calming

Notre Dame outlasts St. John's rally, wins 83-63

By KERRY SMITH
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NEW YORK
Notre Dame played St. John's type of game Thursday.

And won.

Just as the Red Storm weathered a run by Seton Hall Wednesday to advance to Thursday's quarterfinal round, the Irish staved off a second half burst by St. John's. The Irish earned a berth against Connecticut in Friday's semifinal of the Big East tournament with an 83-63 win.

Irish forward Ryan Humphrey dominated in the paint, scoring a team-high 21 points. Matt Carroll added 20 and Chris Thomas chipped in 15 to lead the Irish.

"I want to leave everything out there," Humphrey said. "I'm playing every game like it's my last.

Playing in their first tournament appearance after sitting out Wednesday's opening round with a bye, the Irish used stingy defense and hot shooting to take an early control of the game.

The Irish quickly quieted the predominately St. John's crowd at Madison Square Garden with a 7-0 run over the first four minutes.

"It was the greatest run of the game," said coach Pat Butts. "It was the most important run.

The game was over at that point. We had our hands on the game and we never gave it back.

The Red Storm never got closer than 10 points after that run.

"I'm proud of our team," Butts added. "Our kids played hard, played together and were very disciplined.

"That'll never change," Butts said. "Our kids are not going to lose or 20 points. We're going to make them work for every point."

Since qualifying in her freshman year, Humphrey has been a mainstay on the track, though, is how close she is to her meet record, a new track record both indoor and outdoor, and a school record. Nevertheless, they are still looking to improve.

"We're No. 3 right now, and we have a chance to actually become All-Americans and actually win the meet," said Boyd. "We're all happy. We have a chance to knock off a couple seconds off our time.

The squad posted a school record time of 3:36.84 last weekend at the Alex Wilson Invitational. It is also the time that automatically qualified them for nationals and spurred them to their third-place ranking.

"We were all hyped about the mile relay (for the Wilson Invitational)," said Boyd. "I just came to the meet excited and ready to run," said Love.

More important than their achievements on the track, though, is how close the four women have come over the past one-and-a-half years. And for Grow, this is her last season running for Notre Dame. And this weekend marks her last indoor collegiate race.

"We're like sisters," said Dodd. "We need a senior presence in the order to be a presence in the NCAA tournament."

Irish senior Ryan Humphrey prevents a Red Storm player from scoring during Notre Dame's 83-63 win over St. John's Thursday night. Humphrey scored a team-high 21 points in the win.