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Students petition for new proposal

By MARK PANKOWSKI
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A petition to revise the student government constitution differently from the proposal being voted on today was presented at last night's Student Senate meeting.

The petition, signed by more than 1,300 students, could be adopted if today's proposed constitution fails and Ombudsman validates the petition's signatures.

The constitution proposed last night would eliminate the senate as a government body, giving most of its duties to the Hall Presidents' Council. Five senators would be retained, however, and would continue to serve as members of the Campus Life Council.

The latest proposed constitution could be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the student body, senate or HPC.

The proposal originally was brought to the senate as an amendment to the proposed constitution on the ballot today by former Judicial Council member Laura McKnight.

If the proposal had been accepted by the senate, today's ballot may have been changed to reflect the amendments, according to Student Senator K.C. Culum, speaking after last night's meeting. The

proposal also could have been taken off the ballot and sent to the HPC for adoption, he said.

During the meeting, however, Freshman Advisory Council President Patrick Cook pointed out that the petition states that if adopted, last night's proposed constitution would replace the existing constitution, and not the one being voted on today.

Thus, if the proposed constitution on the ballot today is adopted, last night's proposal would be invalidated because it amends the existing constitution, which would have been replaced by the vote to adopt the new constitution.

The proposal also could be invalidated if Ombudsman voids some of the petition's 1,307 signatures, a figure which represents 18 percent of the undergraduate student body, according to Student Activities Board Manager Lee Broussard.

Only 15 percent is required to propose an amendment under the current constitution. Although the proposal brought by McKnight would keep this requirement, other procedures for amending the constitution would be changed.

Under last night's proposal, an

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Ireland unrest

An old man walks past a burning van in Loyalist West Belfast after protestant militants hurled gasoline bombs and stones in a rampage yesterday during a one-day general strike to demonstrate op-

position to the Anglo-Irish accord. At least ten persons were injured in addition to the property damaged by fires.

AP Photo

College Faculty Assembly approves divestment resolution

By ELLYN MASTAKO
Senior Staff Reporter

The Saint Mary's Faculty Assembly approved a resolution last week proposing that the College divest from all companies with holdings in South Africa.

Nicholas Meyerhofer, assistant professor of modern languages, and chairman of the faculty assembly said, "The referendum originated because of a proposal by

a relatively small number of the faculty."

After discussion of both sides of the issue a vote was taken. "The resolution passed by a near unanimous count. While we had a quorum (40 percent), only about half of the members of the faculty assembly were present," Meyerhofer said.

The resolution reads: "Whereas Saint Mary's College is a Catholic liberal arts college for women and

apartheid destroy the unity of the black family; and apartheid excludes black women from participation in the economy; and the racial injustice of apartheid since the Second World War has been maintained and automated by United States investments; and the South African Council of Churches, on July 4, 1985, called for disinvestment; and continued investment in South Africa is inconsistent with the principles of the

College;

"Be it resolved that the Faculty Assembly recommend to the Board of Regents that they take steps to drop from our investment portfolio those corporations who have holdings in South Africa, unless they disinvest from their South African holdings within the next six months.

This resolution will now be sent to the office of the College president. "This means that the faculty

supports divestment.

Although he wasn't present at the meeting, Anthony Black, associate professor of history, disagrees with the referendum.

"I'm certainly opposed to apartheid, but from an historical perspective, divestment isn't the answer. If you divest, you have no leverage at all in the country," said Black.

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ND election voting underway

By LYNNE R. STRAND
Staff Reporter

Today Notre Dame students will elect their 1986-87 student body president and vice president.

Besides the presidential race, students will vote on a referendum calling for a new student government constitution and a referendum calling for the University to divest from companies doing business in South Africa.

The seven presidential tickets include Jim Domagalski and Laurie Bink, Tom Grier and Steve Guenther, Bruce Lohman and Jim Crandall, Mike Millen and Sheila O'Connor, Mike Switek and Don Monanaro, Mike Torkelson and John Kromer, and John Walsh and Pat Walsh.

Student can vote today in their residence halls from 11:30 to 1:30 and 4:30 to 6:30. Off-campus students can vote at the Ombudsman desk in LaFortune Student Center from 12 to 5.

All Notre Dame undergraduates are eligible to vote.

A run-off election will be held Thursday if no candidate receives 50 percent of the vote plus one vote today, according to Tom Brennan, Ombudsman election officer.

This year's Ombudsman Election Committee includes Brennan, the chairman, Daniel Gamache, Laurie Holderhead, Lisa Macalka, Patrick Murphy, and Alison Pivonka. Ex-officio members are Maher Mouasher and David Stephenitch.

Reagan asks Congress for \$100 million to support Nicaraguan anti-communists

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President REagan called on Congress yesterday to support \$100 million in assistance to anti-communist rebels in Nicaragua, saying those who resist will be held "fully accountable by history."

Reagan said if the Sandinista government achieves final victory, it would "open up the possibility of Soviet military bases on America's doorstep, threaten the security of the Panama Canal and inaugurate a vast migration march to the United States by hundreds of thousands of refugees."

The president issued his statement in the Cabinet Room as he was flanked by the top leadership of the resistance forces, known as the Contras, and by more than two dozen U.S. business supporters of the rebel cause.

Reagan spoke a few hours after Secretary of State George P.

Schultz outlined the stakes in Nicaragua in similar terms during a speech to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

If the United States fails to back the Contras, "our worry will then be a Soviet and Cuban base on the mainland of Latin America, and regime whose consolidated power will allow it to spread subversion and terrorism throughout the hemisphere," Schultz said.

Reagan said if Congress rejects his request for \$70 million in direct military assistance and \$30 million in non-lethal humanitarian aid, it would mean, "consolidation of a privileged sanctuary for terrorists and subversives just two days' driving time from Harlingen, Texas."

U.S. assistance to the Contras now is limited to \$27 million in non-lethal aid, which expires at the end of March. Reagan is asking Congress to approve around \$100 million over the next 18 months. A

House vote is expected in about two weeks.

He said the rebel Contras need more than humanitarian aid to confront the helicopters and tanks now in the Sandinista arsenal. Because of congressional opposition, the United States has not provided any military assistance to the Contras since the spring of 1984.

In his speech to the war veterans, Shultz said the alternative to democratic rule in Nicaragua is a Latin America comprised of "two, three, many Nicaraguas - a hemisphere of burning churches, suppressed newspapers and crushed opposition."

Later, Elliot Abrams, assistant secretary of state for Inter-American Affairs, predicted that if the Contras receive full funding from the Congress, the administration will have achieved its objectives in Nicaragua in about three years.

In Brief

The Saint Mary's freshman who had given birth to a stillborn baby in LeMans Hall early Friday is expected to be released from Memorial Hospital later this week, according to St. Joseph County Coroner Louis Grwinski. "I saw her yesterday and she was still in a state of shock," Grwinski said. "This was quite traumatic for her. . . she's still suffering from psychological shock." The infant's body was found in the dormitory bathroom, but Grwinski said he had spoken with the county prosecutor and that no charges would be filed against the mother of the child. — *The Observer*

Of Interest

Mandatory meetings for students who wish to run for the Student Senate and class offices will be held tomorrow night. Senator candidates must meet at 7 and class officer candidates must meet at 8 in Room 118 Nieuwland Hall. At last night's informational meeting for senator candidates and class officer candidates, Ombudsman Election Officer Tom Brennan discussed the schedules of dates and deadlines for the upcoming races. He also discussed the official election rules. Campaigning begins March 12 and ends March 17. Elections will be held March 18 and run-offs will be held March 20 if necessary. — *The Observer*

That's Entertainment will feature Irish singer John Tyler tonight from 9 to 11 at the Chameleon Room of the Haggar College Center at Saint Mary's. Admission is free and free food will be served. — *The Observer*

A representative from the Apostolic Volunteer Program will be on campus today from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the library concourse. After 3 p.m. the representative will be at the Center for Social Concerns. — *the Observer*

All undergraduates who plan to enroll for the 1986-87 fall semester must advance enroll by March 5. The advance enrollment card must be returned along with a \$100 deposit. The card should be turned into the Student Accounts office, 102 Administration Building, or mailed to Box T, Notre Dame Ind., 46556. A \$20 fine will be charged if the card is not returned by March 5. — *The Observer*

The department of music announces the Notre Dame Chorale and Notre Dame Chamber Orchestra in concert. The concert will take place tonight at 8 in Sacred Heart Church. The Chorale, accompanied by the Chamber Orchestra, will perform Mozart's Solemn Vespers and the Ave Verum Corpus. The concert is free and open to the public. — *The Observer*

Mary E. DePauw, counseling and career development director at Saint Mary's, will discuss the book "In a Different Voice" by Carol Gilligan from 12:15 to 1 p.m. tomorrow in the Stapleton Lounge of LeMans Hall. The presentation is part of the "Spiritual Roots" program offered by the College's Center for Spirituality. The review is open to the public and free of charge. — *The Observer*

Jacob Neusner, University Professor and Ungerleider Distinguished Scholar of Judaic studies at Brown University, will give a lecture titled "The Theological Enemies of Religious Studies: Theology and Secularism in the Trivialization and Personalization of Religion in the West," tonight at 8 in the Center for Continuing Education. — *The Observer*

The Fighting Irish Toastmasters Club will meet tonight at 7:30 in Room 223 of Hayes-Healy. Officer elections will be held. — *The Observer*

Weather

Boring, boring, boring. Partly cloudy today with highs from 35 to 40. A 20 percent chance of light snow late tonight with lows near 20. A 30 percent chance of snow tomorrow with highs near 35.



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The Observer is continuing to experience typesetting difficulties in the daily operation of the newspaper. The staff apologizes for any delays or production errors. The situation will be amended as soon as possible.

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Saint Mary's must develop new growth in Hickey era

With the appointment of William Hickey as the ninth president at Saint Mary's, it is conceivable to view the transition as the ending of one era of growth and the beginning of another era for the College.

Under former President John Duggan, Saint Mary's saw the building of a \$7 million library, and the \$1 million Angela Athletic Facility. An additional \$1.3 million was spent renovating the Alumnae Centennial Library into the Haggar College Center, and last but not least, the endowment was raised from \$3 million to \$6 million — the largest among Catholic women's colleges.

Duggan's tenure saw tremendous financial growth for the College. Alumnae contributions and other donations made the renovations and building construction possible. EXCEL: The Fund for Saint Mary's college, begun last year, helped to finance the renovations and addition to the Science Hall, now nearing completion. A phone-mail room, installed in the Haggar Center and staffed mostly by students, insures that alumnae donations keep coming in.

It seems safe to say that the College is financially solvent.

Now it is time for a new type of growth at Saint Mary's. With the College's financial stability, the time is right for other concerns to be addressed.

Two of these concerns were posed to Hickey during the press conference Friday morning, announcing his appointment. The first, minority enrollment, did not seem to meet with an enthusiastic response from the College's new president. According to Hickey, although they are now "recruiting highly" in minority high schools, Saint Mary's has trouble attracting minorities when the students discover how few minority professors and students are currently at the College.

Hickey also said the College has "to feel it's important to have minority students and then provide support services for them."

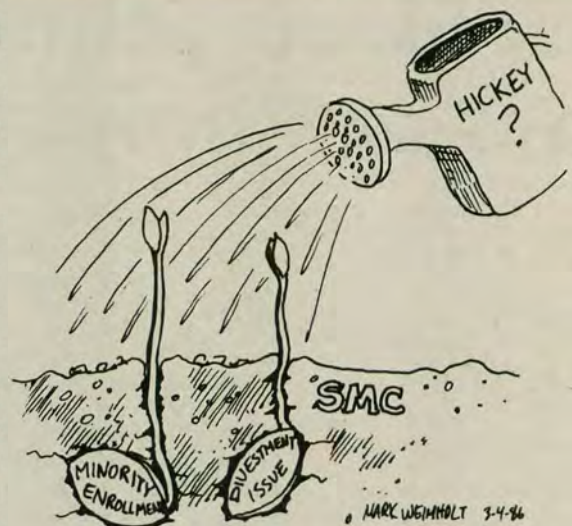
This answer seems rather disturbing for advocates of higher minority enrollment at the school. Hopefully the College has already determined that it certainly is important to diversify the student body, and they won't let excuses like few current minorities on campus stop their efforts at recruitment.

Saint Mary's will only attract minorities if it wants to do so, and that does not include offering specific "Support services." However, the administration's attitude at this time seems hesitant and a bit unwilling to put forth the effort needed for effective minority recruitment.

Another issue that Hickey addressed during the press conference was divestment, specifically Saint Mary's divestment from current holdings in South Africa. Hickey pointed out that divestment would not be that financially significant, since a small amount of Saint Mary's investments are in South Africa. Hickey said the investment committee of the Board of Regents would take up the question of divestment during its spring meeting in April.

Theresa A. Guarino

Saint Mary's Executive Editor



An important consideration for that committee should be the approval of a resolution last Tuesday by Saint Mary's Faculty Assembly. The resolution proposed divestment by the College and passed by an oral vote of the assembly.

This is a significant statement by a major constituent of the College community. The Board of Regents should not ignore the determination of the Assembly that divestment is an important and worthwhile step for the College to consider.

While officials can continue to debate whether divestment is the appropriate step for Saint Mary's to take right now, apartheid continues to plague the blacks of South Africa. More delay by institutions such as Saint Mary's will only mean inaction while the number of persecuted and murdered blacks grows.

These two issues of minority enrollment and divestment certainly are not foreign to each other. Saint Mary's has been a leader at educating students on such issues, as well as concentrating on student needs and concerns.

Now, at a time of stability, it is time for the college to extend that concern outside the community. Minority students would add to, and diversify the student body. Divestment would show the College places a high priority on the quality of life — within and far from campus.

These issues are important ones that can extend beyond campus, and ones whose time has come for the College. They are also issues that will undoubtedly become prevalent early in the administration of Saint Mary's new president.

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The Student Activities Board Presents.. Sophomore Literary Festival 1986

Authors are holding workshops at the following times and dates:

N. Scott Momaday, Monday March 3 9:00am
Alan Dugan, Tuesday March 4 2:15pm
Lore Segal, Wednesday March 5 12:15pm
Ronald Sukenick, Thursday March 6 12:15pm
Clayton Eshleman, Friday March 7 12:15pm
Robert Cormier, Saturday March 8 11:00 am

All workshops will be in the
Library Lounge

Dugan poems highlight problems associated with everyday existence

By MARK MELLETT
News Staff

"Any flowers that have their own spring, are all right for me..." recited poet Alan Dugan at the third presentation of the Sophomore Literary Festival. Dugan, winner of both a National Book Award and a Pulitzer Prize, appeared last night at the Library Auditorium. Dugan's readings examined the problems of everyday American life. He brought unsentimental irony and a low-keyed humor to the stage, as well as a personality that was quite unexpected. "Don't call a woman an ox," recited Dugan in one of his quaint poems. Speaking in a slow, expressionless manner, and twice taking swigs from a small bottle produced from his sports jacket, Dugan drew

the laughs of the crowd. "I'm different from what the introducer said," stated Dugan. Dugan's recitations ranged in subject from Macedonia to Nicaragua, from flowers to flirting butterflies, in language often described as coarse and concise. During a poem that described moths having intercourse, Dugan said, "watching others in passion is strictly for biologists." Dugan became temporarily disoriented in the first lines of his opening poem and on two other occasions. In a poem about a constellation, he misplaced the follow sheet which held the second part of lines. Occasionally commenting on the coughing that came from the audience, Dugan said, "I've heard a lot of coughing. That sounds like

inattention." Dugan later asked, "Am I boring you?" to which the crowd answered simultaneously "no." Questioning the values upheld by society, Dugan, whose manner is described as straightforward and open, challenged the listeners to look at their own views of life. "So that's what's happening someplace else, so here's the opposite," recited Dugan in a poem. Dugan is presently a staff member for Poetry at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Mass. His first anthology, "Poems," published in 1961, received both a National Book Award and a Pulitzer Prize. Dugan's works also have been published in magazines such as "The New Yorker," "Atlantic" and "Harper's."



Capitalizing on victory
Zeneida Albano holds T-shirts, displaying caricatures of new Philippine President Corazon Aquino and her late husband Benigno, before a Mass of Thanksgiving for the new government held in Honolulu recently.

Correction
Because of a production error, part of a sentence in Mike Switek's speech was inadvertently deleted in yesterday's student body president debate story. The correct quote should read, "We think the Hall Presidents' Council should have more power on campus, while the (student body) president and vice president make more speeches like the kind and queen of England." The name of Switek's running mate, Don Monanaro, was misspelled also due to a production error.

'Driver's service' among SMC discussion

By PEGGY PROSSER
Staff Reporter

Anne Marie Kollman held her last meeting as student body president at a joint meeting of the Saint Mary's Board of Governance and Programming Board last night. After the boards discussed current issues, Kollman took ideas from the board members for the incoming student government administration. The Saint Mary's Programming Board will sponsor a "driver service" from area bars and parties on Saint Patrick's Day, Programming

Board President Jeanne Heller said. She said the service will be offered from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. The service will take any Notre Dame and Saint Mary's student back to campus from area bars, Campus View Apartments and Saint Louis Street parties. It will not, however, be used to deliver students to bars and parties, Heller said. "We're not promoting going out, we're promoting not driving," Heller said. The Christian Life proposal has been accepted by Campus Ministry, said Kollman.

Changes made include a campus ministry commissioner on the Board of Governance, replacing the current Christian Life Commissioner position. Also, there will be no Christian Life Commissioner on hall or class councils, Kollman said. Campus Ministry has requested a service commissioner to act as a liaison between itself and the board. It was announced that students will be charged admission for both the Steinem lecture and Schlafly-Weddington debate. A definite admission price will be announced later. It was previously reported

that both lectures would be free to students. The Steinem lecture will be on a first come, first serve basis, as almost 2,000 people are expected to attend. The lecture will be held in the Angela athletic Facility, to accommodate the crowd, according to the lecture spokesperson. In other business, Regina president Mary Flynn proposed that minority problems on campus be addressed by the new administration, who will take office after spring break.

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Ostrich Olympics

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his bird. Neither ostrich nor jockey was injured in the mishap. Winner by a neck was "Big Bird" (shown at right).

AP Photo

Goode, aides negligent in MOVE bombing

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - Mayor W. Wilson Goode was "grossly negligent" in his handling of a confrontation with the radical group MOVE that left 11 people dead, according to a report compiled by a commission appointed by the mayor and leaked to reporters.

Lawyer William Brown III, who headed the 13-member commission, yesterday sharply criticized the leak, saying that although published reports were correct, "what you have seen is not complete."

"We do not expect the final version of these drafts to differ substantially from what has already been published," he said.

Goode and his aides displayed "a reckless disregard for life and property" in planning and executing the May 13 siege on MOVE's fortified headquarters, the report said.

Five children and six adults died after a bomb dropped from a police helicopter started a fire that destroyed 61 homes and displaced hundreds of residents.

"Dropping a bomb on an occupied rowhouse was unconscionable and should have been rejected out of hand by the mayor, the managing director, the police commissioner, and the fire commissioner," the report said. "The plan to drop the bomb was reckless, ill-conceived and hastily approved."

Navy surgeon guilty of homicide in deaths

WASHINGTON - Heart surgeon Donald M. Billig, convicted of involuntary manslaughter and homicide in the deaths of three patients at Bethesda Naval Hospital, was sentenced yesterday to four years in prison and ordered dismissed from the service.

The court-martial jury of nine naval officers also ordered Billig, a Navy commander who served as chief of heart surgery at Bethesda, to forfeit all future pay and allowances.

The jury foreman, Rear Adm. Harry S. Quast, read the sentence as Billig stood and showed no emotion. The jury had deliberated 90 minutes and could have returned a sentence of up to 115 years.

Defense attorneys said they would ask for a delay in imposing the prison sentence, a request that under military law goes to the naval command that convened the court-martial.

Billig was found guilty of two counts of involuntary manslaughter, one count of negligent homicide, and 18 counts of dereliction of duty stemming from operations in 1983 and 1984.

Billig, nearly sightless in one eye, was found guilty last Thursday of causing the deaths through gross surgical errors during operations in 1983 and 1984.

Earlier yesterday, Billig pleaded for his freedom before the jury, saying the end of his career as a heart surgeon is "punishment of a severity I don't ever think I can describe."

Two receive faculty endowments

Special to The Observer

Saint Mary's professors Ann Clark and JoAnn Widerquist have been selected to receive Lilly Endowment Faculty Open Fellowships for the 1986-87 academic year. The fellowships, awarded to 10 faculty members from Indiana colleges and universities, will allow them to take a sabbatical leave and pursue innovative work-study and research projects of their own design.

A philosophy professor, Clark proposes to spend a year at the Institute for Food and Development

Policy, coupling her interests in philosophy and women's issues. There, she will collaborate with author Francis Moore Lappe as a resource and discussion person for a text re-examining traditional American values.

The institute is known not only for its specialization on food, but for its reflection on American values and its educational and research work on social justice projects. In addition to her work with Lappe, Clark will work on programs that will allow her to write and speak about philosophical insights in ethics, politics and

epistemology in a style which is not dependent upon technical academic language.

A nursing professor, Widerquist has spent 33 years in the nursing profession, a career that has convinced her that nursing is a type of ministry. She has already practiced nursing in clinical and classroom settings and now plans to spend her fellowship year studying one of the greatest role models in the nursing field, Florence Nightingale.

Widerquist will travel in the United States and the United Kingdom, reading Nightingale's works and auditing liberal arts and theological courses.

Petition

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amendment could be adopted by a five-sixths vote of the HPC instead of the current requirement of a two-thirds vote. The student body would still be able to adopt an amendment by a two-thirds vote as

stipulated in the current constitution.

Most of the debate on last night's proposal centered around not the proposal itself, but on rule technicalities. The meeting was delayed several times while "Robert's Rules of Order," a book on parliamentary procedure was consulted.

Because last night's proposal

came the night before a scheduled vote on the senate's proposed constitution, several senators questioned the timing.

"I feel that this was a dirty eleventh-hour backroom try," said Student Senator Jim Hagan after the meeting.

During the meeting, however, McKnight said students had not had the chance to debate today's

proposed constitution. "It's my understanding from lots, and lots and lots of sources that many students are not satisfied with the ballot question as it now stands," she added.

In other senate business, a proposal to allow candidates involved in run-offs an additional campaign allotment of \$25 was defeated by a 9-4 vote, with two abstentions.

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"We're just playing with words in the referendum. If you carry their argument to a logical conclusion then the College should return any grants from companies that do business in South Africa," Black added.

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Campus Ministry helps students to convert

LESTER FLEMING

features writer

Notre Dame is considered by many to be the most Catholic-oriented institution in the United States today. The University has always prided itself on a strong religious foundation based on the doctrines of the Catholic religion. But this tradition is not self-containing; even non-Catholics at Notre Dame are provided with a means to convert to Catholicism if they choose to do so.

Under the direction of Father Andre Leveille, director of University Ministry, an organization called "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" regularly converts non-Catholics to Catholicism. Each September a group of men and women begin attending bi-weekly classes conducted by Leveille in an attempt to convert to the Catholic religion.

"We are preparing them for the Catholic baptism," said Leveille. "Many of these individuals have never been to church, and therefore have never had a relationship with the Lord. We want to help them achieve that."

Besides having a sincere desire to learn the Catholic doctrines and teachings, the student is required to attend classes every other Sunday, and must be interviewed by Leveille once or twice a semester to discuss the process of conversion. The reading of a catechism for adults with a sponsor is also required of the students and takes approximately one hour per week.

"Some of the students join, quite simply, because they want to find

out whether or not they want to become Catholics," remarked Leveille. "They have found a home at a Catholic university and are strongly considering the Catholic religion."

At some point during the program, the students are introduced to "The Steps in Becoming a Catholic," the first of which is the "Rite of Enrollment." Performed on the first Sunday of Lent, this ritual requires that the student, along with his sponsor, attend 12:15 Mass at Sacred Heart Church and afterward sign his name in the Sacred Book.

The second step is the "Scrutinies" which is performed on the third Sunday of Lent, while the third step consists of the "Sacramental" which is, in effect, the baptism or profession of faith. Finally, the fourth step is quite simply the ongoing follow-up on the newly received faith. "These students are on their way, some a little further than others, but now they are ready to make a commitment, a profession of faith to a particular religion," said Leveille.

According to Leveille, students have given many reasons for wishing to become Catholics. Some experience faith by living at Notre Dame and interacting with roommates. "There are always people ready to take a faith journey," continued Leveille. "Being in a large Christian environment like Notre Dame just makes it easier."

Several students currently participating in the program share Leveille's enthusiasm. Kathy Brom-

meland, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Letters, considers the program to be a vital part of her religious growth. "It gives you a lot of insight into faith and the Catholic Church," she said. "If you're really serious about understanding the Catholic religion, the program can be very beneficial."

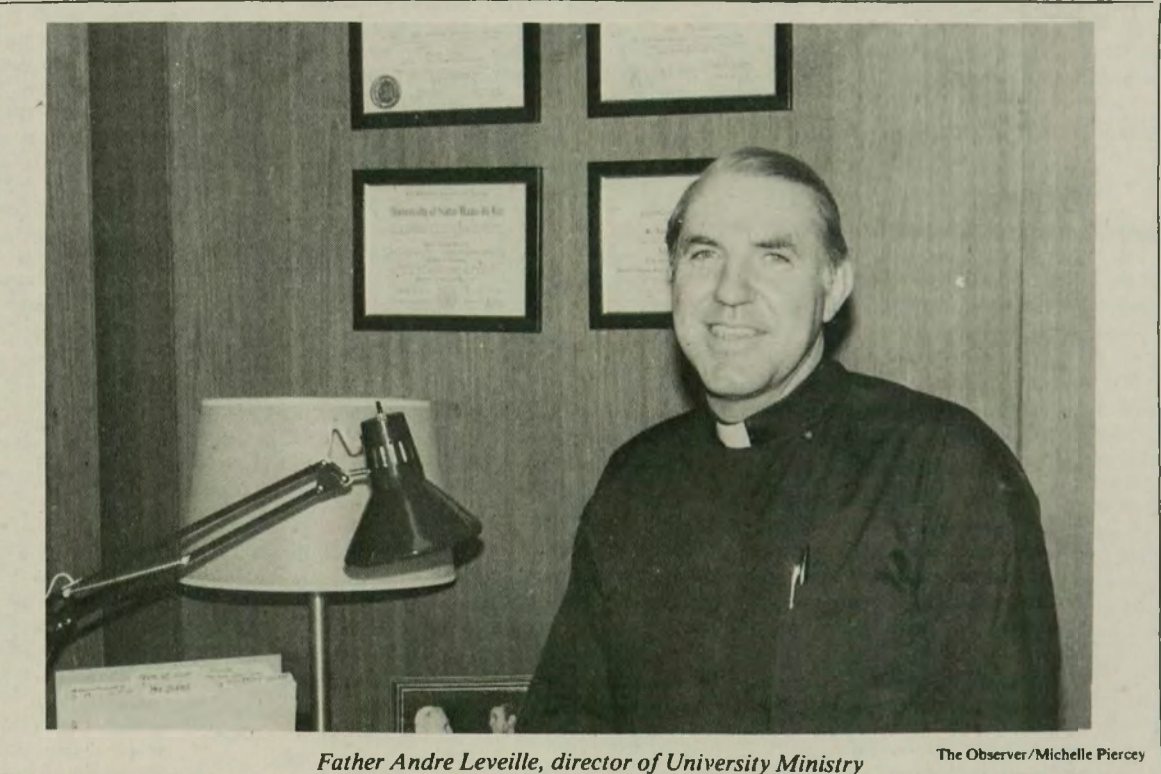
Senior John Hines also said he believed the program is beneficial to the Notre Dame community. "There are people on this campus

who have decided that they want to become Catholic," said Hines. "Father Leveille does a very good job of educating people on the Catholic doctrines. Notre Dame needs this type of program."

As far as the term "conversion" is concerned, Leveille said a conversion to a particular religion is merely the first step in an ongoing process. "I think that from the time we are born until the time we die we are converting closer and closer to God," said Leveille. "We should all

be striving to become closer to the Heavenly Father."

According to Leveille, it is important that the individual come in tune with his own life. "Everyone goes through some type of conversion," concluded Leveille. "What distinguishes the people in this program is that their conversion is much more focused, which means that they have decided to join a church, a faith. That's a tremendous step."



Father Andre Leveille, director of University Ministry

The Observer/Michelle Piercey

Poet spreads poetry over the airwaves

KATHY MARTIN

features staff writer

Are there any aspiring poets out there in the turrets of Sorin or over the arches of Lyons or Howard? Whether you write poetry yourself, hide it away in a drawer, or just admire the works of the masters, Notre Dame's poet-in-residence Paul Roche has a radio program for you.

"Words, Words, Words" explores the use and appreciation of language in poetry and prose and is designed to bridge the gulf between people and poetry. The half-hour radio program began Feb. 4 and will continue until mid-May on WSND-FM (88.9) every Tuesday and Friday at 2 p.m.

Roche begins each discussion with a reading of a well-known poem, and then concentrates on some aspect of language of both prose and poetry in order to clarify its nature and function in literature. He gives a "sentence quiz" in each program to be answered the following week. This usually deals with some common grammatical mistake in English or solecism.

Every talk concentrates on a specific question. For example, is there an essential difference between poetry and prose? How should the design of a poem be protected in the reading of dramatic verse? What are the primary ways to ruin poetry? There are also "how to" demonstrations, such as how to tell good poetry from bad, how to write a poem to order, how to create images and use them in self-hypnosis, and how Shakespeare turns a dime-store greeting card into a work of art.

Roche has devoted the first series of the program to the works of such poets and writers as Shelley, Keats, Wilfred Owen, Sophocles,

Wordsworth, Emily Dickinson, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Browning, Hopkins, Eliot, Ogden Nash and Sappho. If the program is a success, Roche would like to present a second series which would include the works of Blake, Whitman, the Greek tragedians, Homer, Byron, Coleridge, Francis Thompson, Tennyson, the English Metaphysicals, William Carlos Williams, Dylan Thomas, and Sylvia Plath among others.

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Notre Dame's poet-in-residence of the last six years is also a world traveler. Roche comes from the suburbs of London, and he first taught in America at Smith's College in Massachusetts in 1956-57. In the English Department, he worked

with several poets, including Sylvia Plath. He was awarded a grant for the translation of Greek tragedy, and moved to the island of Nevis in the West Indies, because it was the cheapest place to live and work, he said. Consequent work in writing and translating poetry took him and his family to Mexico. He returned to England in 1961 and lived on poetry and readings for many years.

In 1980, Roche took up the teaching again and came to Notre Dame as poet-in-residence. He teaches two courses within the Program of Liberal Studies: "The Language of Poetry" and "Novel," which he is teaching this semester for the first time.

His teaching method seems rather unique. "For the first exercise, I take a bad piece of prose, and we make it worse. Then we make improvements. The students rather enjoy making it worse," he added. "I collect pieces of bad prose like jewels. They give an opportunity for ridicule."

Roche resides on campus in his own sort of artist's garret in Brownson Hall with Julius Caesar, a canary of the English Gloucester breed. The walls are reminiscent of an art gallery, covered with paintings of his favorite painter, Duncan Grant.

How does a poet work his writings into a busy schedule on a college campus? Roche begins each day with his coffee, followed by half to three-quarters of an hour of poetic exercises in images and rhythms. Sometimes the exercises inspire a poem, and sometimes they are thrown into what Roche calls his "quarry" for future reference. "Writing poetry is hard work, and it doesn't get any easier," he said. "The more you get to know, the

more you realize new possibilities. I have become more critical of my work, and I find myself checking every word."

According to Roche, the idea for the radio program had been "simmering" in him ever since he first came to Notre Dame. "I wanted to do something for the word," he said. "I enjoy the music on WSND, and I thought, 'Why shouldn't there be something for the word?'"

"Less than 150 years ago, all who

I enjoy the music on WSND, and I thought, 'Why shouldn't there be something for the word?'"

could read, read poetry. Now the amount of the reading public who read and listen to poetry is minimal. But poetry in literature is the only art form in which the English-speaking world has achieved greatness. We've had good

music, art and sculpture, but not on the scale of Beethoven, Velasquez, and Michelangelo. With Shakespeare and Milton, poetry is the 'Cinderella of the arts' in our culture."

Roche believes that the poetic process is the way our minds work, through the image as the memory of sense perception. "All the knowledge that we have is not readily available to us until it is nailed down in an image. It's like a computer, filled with information, facts and data. If you don't funnel all that through an image, it stays all locked inside."

"We have to realize that imagination is very important. Through the disciplines of reading poetry and literature, the imagination is developed. Whatever we go to do later in life, whether we build bridges, sell burgers, or raise chickens, we will do it better if we have imagination. The greatest sin in contemporary life is lack of imagination."

He also emphasizes the importance of poetic meter. "I show on the program what happens if a poem is read the wrong way, with no notice of the orchestration of the lines. Most read it as if its only function is to give information like a newspaper. Unless you read poetry like a musical score, you're not getting all of it. It has to affect on subliminal as well as the intellectual level," he said.

If "Words, Words, Words" achieves a wide audience, Roche said he would like to develop some spin-off programs in the future, such as a weekly request program in which listeners could phone in and ask to hear their favorite poems, and a program in which visiting poets and writers could read and explain their work.

We must do all we can to aid apartheid's victims

South Africa is an urgent concern in a world contaminated by urgent concerns. As one who has spent the better part of his extra-curricular time in the last year devoted to the tragedy in South Africa, I often felt the temptation of self-righteousness. Every activist at one time or another feels that others are neglecting his urgent concern to their eternal embarrassment. So, I have contained any rising surge of self-righteousness simply because I am aware that it is always a possibility. Excessive self-righteousness eventually engenders feelings of hatred. We've seen activists, who in their love, are haters of all those who are not as righteous as they. I do not want to be accused of being an arrogant hater. Besides, I'd probably be miserable.

John C. Dettling

out of line

But I am minutely self-righteous in one regard. The solution to many human rights tragedies are not within our immediate reach. We are incapable of making an immediate impact on Soviet transgressions, for example. Yet, the whole urgency of divestment in South Africa lies in the belief that this is the moment in history when we should use our economic power as the last peaceful solution in order to prevent a bloodbath. And not in two years. Not even in six months. Blacks in South Africa are pleading with us to act now. If the situation in South Africa is to change for the better, a solution must be implemented quickly because South Africa is slipping into a civil war. A peaceful solution will soon be merely utopian nostalgia.

Today, Notre Dame students will have the precious opportunity to vote on whether Notre Dame should divest its holdings in companies operating in South Africa.

An informed opinion and action in any issue is best understood at Notre Dame within the context of Christian responsibility. Not only are we factually intellectual and affluently elite relative to the world's population, but we

also explicitly profess to be Christians. It is a powerful and profound position of responsibility.

One who illuminated my understanding of the inextricable relationship between Christianity and political action was Cedric Mason, an affable white Methodist pastor from South Africa. He has escaped to the United States to flee from bogus charges of high treason after enduring months of torture and interrogation in South African prisons. He is a theologian, husband, father, and revolutionary. Cedric Mason could also be mistaken for any Domer parent.

Mason confirms the notion that relationaries are not necessarily armed with Uzis while rashly spouting Marxist doctrine from their lips. Likewise, college activists are not necessarily rash stereotypical radicals. But both want to change the status quo because the status quo should always be in a state of flux until human rights are right-fully observed everywhere.

Mason attempted to define the ideal Christian in his talk here a few weeks ago. The ideal Christian is not conscious of his Christianity. Christ urged us not to be concerned about being Christians in a narrow sense as the Pharisees epitomized. Rather, to be authentically Christian is synonymous with being fully human. To be fully human necessitates seeing the world beyond your own ego. Activism is an expression of concern for others that is deemed sacred in our political and religious tradition, but has lately been regarded with condescension by our generation.

We know that the tragedy of oppression is that millions of people are denied the opportunity to fully realize their humanity. They need us to help them. But it never occurs to us that we need them in order to be fully human.

Whether divestment is the best moral policy, and I believe it is, a really disconcerting question is whether Notre Dame students deeply care if it is or not. I suspect that some conservative students will not even consider the validity of divestment simply because it is construed as a liberal cause. Too often, we are strapped into our ideological straight jackets

at the expense of the truth.

Others might feel that it is fruitless to vote at the referendum or apply pressure to the University. But history is an aggregate of small events that coalesce to change the status quo. South Africa is no different: protests at Berkeley and Columbia, board meetings at Chase Manhattan, legislation in Congress, referendums at Notre Dame - all impact to become a whole greater than each particular event.

Also, Notre Dame is a prestigious university in a powerful country and a very influential institution among the 55 million Catholics in the United States. Finally, if last fall's trustee meeting is any indication, the trustees might divest this spring if more pressure is applied.

There are other reasons why students may not be inclined to care fervently about the tragedy in South Africa. Understandably, South Africa is seemingly abstract; it is far removed from our snugness here in South Bend. There are no peers coming home in flag-draped coffins. And the news blackout imposed by the South African government has curtailed the plethora of violent images that flooded our television sets. But the sign of a true heart and mind is the capacity to transcend the abstraction that South Africa is by intellectually grasping the distant political obscenity of apartheid. At the same time, we must hear and feel with the heart the cries of the oppressed and their unweildly hurting even though one cannot personally attend to their lamenting and touch their wounds.

Some of us justify our disinterest by rationalizing that the world is so contaminated by suffering that anything we do can never even make a dent into the actual enormity of it all. We reduce the power of our own self to nothingness in the face of such colossal odds. We become paralyzed because we do not even know where to begin. But the real challenge is not to recede into our own egoism. Alone in our tears we feel what the news of the world daily confirms - a tragic sense of things.

Yet history for the last two hundred years has been a joyful overcoming of oppression. Perhaps this is what being a Christian is all about: knowing that tragedy perpetually

clings to life, but finding hope and joy in helping your neighbor to overcome it. This is what Cedric Mason lives for. This is what Steve Biko died for.

In the last analysis, there is no excuse if most of the campus votes "No Opinion/Not Informed Enough" concerning divestment in today's referendum. If the majority of Notre Dame students have this inclination, then it might be fair to conclude that we are politically comatose. This week students will have plenty of opportunities to inform themselves on the issue through literature, debates, and a rally. They will have the chance to hear rebuttals to University President Father Theodore Hesburgh's dubious statements on divestment.

Politics is a garment that shields the nakedness of our values. What would an apathetic and uninformed referendum tally indicate about our values here at Notre Dame, especially in a tragedy in which our University can make a difference?

After Cedric Mason lectured at the Center for Social Concerns, we gathered at a friend's house. In the midst of his incredible account of the torture and interrogation that he experienced in 13 months of prison, there was a jolting knock at the door.

"It's probably the security force," he said jokingly. A few more friends filled the house.

A friend immediately looked at me. "For a split second, he probably really thought that it was the security," he said.

In our careless indifference, in our smothering isolation at Notre Dame, we can never completely comprehend the utter helplessness, the paralyzing fear of such a late night encounter with an oppressive regime. But at least we should think about it - and then do all we can in our own little corner of the world to alleviate the pain of those men, women, and children who are daily stripped of their human dignity.

The world knows too much of those who do not.

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P.O. Box Q

South Africans asking for hands to be untied

Dear Editor:

Today, you'll be asked to express your opinion on how Notre Dame can best help the minorities living in South Africa. The Anti-Apartheid Network has done a great job disseminating information about the major points, but I would like to add a few comments.

One of the biggest arguments against divestment these days (one largely advanced by the U.S. corporations themselves), is that economic sanctions will impose suffering upon the blacks. Point granted. But, perhaps a few words from Allan Boesak, president of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, are in order here.

First, he asked, "Where was this corporate concern for the 'suffering of the blacks' in the last 25 years?" Apartheid is not an '80s issue" like TV violence of AIDS. Active, non-violent confrontations in South Africa have been staged since the early 1960s. I find it a bit naive to pronounce this corporate

"concern" - two and a half decades later - as anything but flimsy rationalizations of more profit-oriented philosophies.

Boesak also notes, "I would like to decide for myself whether or not I wish to suffer." The South African blacks and minorities are currently suffering - economically, politically, and psychologically; however, 77 percent of this population favors wide-scale economic sanctions. Obviously, the very people most affected by apartheid are willing to risk additional short-term suffering for the possibility of freedom.

No one has said that the road to freedom, in any country, was a smooth one; the oppressed in South Africa accept this fact and know they may have to suffer consequences today in exchange for a brighter tomorrow.

In short, while we as Americans cannot release their shackles, the oppressed in South Africa are merely asking us to untie their hands. Only through a weakened white population and economy will the minorities find themselves with any bargaining power. Don't you think we owe them this opportunity? Desmond Tutu, Beyers Naude, and Boesak certainly think so. Hesburgh doesn't.

But then again, neither does President Botha.

Vote "yes" for divestment on Tuesday.

Donna Maus
Walsh Hall

New CORE proposal allows best government

Dear Editor:

I am writing to encourage the passage of the proposal to restructure the student senate. Everyone agrees that the current system is inadequate. In the fall semester the Hall Presidents Council voted to disband the student senate, and when the proposal failed, it was agreed upon to come up with a proposal to restructure the senate. A proposal was drawn up that would centralize the power of student government in the hands of the Student Senate, consisting of a representative from each dorm (two from Flanner, Grace and off-campus). The other members of the senate would be class presidents and other certain appointed and elected officials.

This would ensure dorm representation in student government. Under the new proposal, the HPC can propose legislation but it cannot ratify it. The senate would be the only legislative body, but rightly so since it con-

sists of a representative from each dorm and class.

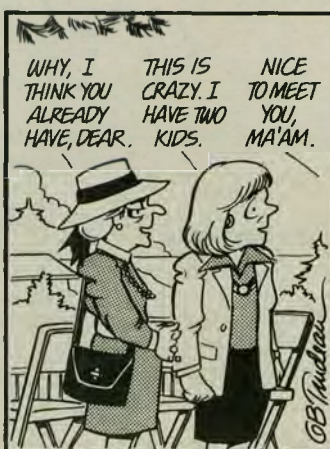
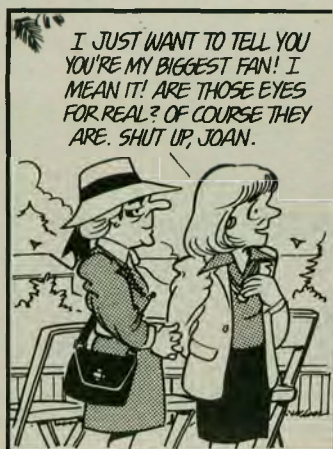
The current senate approved the new proposal, but the HPC voted it down with their main complaint that there was no check on the senate. This seems kind of ironic since the HPC wanted to disband the senate and have itself be the only legislative body. The HPC was asked to suggest changes to the proposal but they did not suggest anything.

The proposal is a sound one because it has the senate in charge of campus affairs and the HPC in charge of dorm affairs. When someone votes for a hall president, he or she votes for someone to concentrate on hall business rather than campus business. This is not to say that the hall presidents are uninformed or uninvolved with campus business, but it seems to be a great deal of work to ask someone to be in charge of a hall and also to make an informed vote on campus issues.

This new proposal was not written for anyone to gain a great deal of power, it was written to give the students the most effective and efficient student government. So let's put the power where it belongs by voting for the proposal for the restructuring of the senate.

John Hayward
Holy Cross Hall

Doonesbury



Garry Trudeau

Quote of the day

"We share the same biology, regardless of ideology. . . I hope the Russians love their children too."

Sting
"Russians", 1985

Past 'song of life' may cause some to think twice

"A Song of Life" should be a song of joy, particularly at this season of the year as we celebrate Easter, spring, and as we witness the earth bursting forth with new life, the grass turning green and the flowers blooming. My song, however, is one of sorrow; one which has grown out of my life as a "black man" in America.

Howard G. Adams

guest column

Throughout my life, to be black in America has meant being an underdog. It meant being received and treated second class. Today as we listen to the news of this election year one who is "Black" finds new and more vigorous attacks made toward him. Starting with the President of the United States, the Governor of our State, our Senator, our representatives to members of our City Council, renewed efforts are being made to expose those "Bad Black People."

First on the list is "Busing". The politician, with the grace of white America, used this issued to say blacks are destroying public education. But my experiences have shown that busing is an American product. As a grade school lad in Pittsylvania County in the mid-western part of the state, I walked three miles to a one-room school because there were no buses for blacks to ride. And I would have to run into woods, at six years

old, to dodge the rocks thrown at me by whites who were being bused by my school to "big" all white schools.

When I started high school I rode on the bus nineteen miles past two white high schools to get to the ill-equipped, all black high school. My bus made a round-trip of 110 miles per day to bus black children. This, however, was good because prior to 1949 there was no high school for blacks in my area. My mother and father had no high school to attend.

The second issue is "Welfare." They used this to show blacks are lazy. Now I ask you, if you would get up from your bed, catch three buses to a job to make \$35 per week, if you could stay home and get \$45 per week — and don't tell me this is not true for my mother is a cook at the school cafeteria at my home and has been there thirty years and makes less than \$200 per month. Or take my uncle who worked for Dan River Cotton Mill fifty-five years; he started there at the age of 10 and when he retired at the age of 65 in 1963 he was earning \$1.27 per hour. And when I tell my white friends this they simply say, "Adams, he had no skills." I ask you, how can one stay on a job fifty-five years and not learn something that would move him from the very bottom of the scale?

When I came to Norfolk to attend Norfolk State College in 1959, I had to work part-time to get through school. The only job available to me was a bagboy at the Giant Open Air Market paying 75 cents per hour. I was an experienced cashier and stockman,

but they trained me to bag so as to place me at the bottom of the scale. Had I been allowed to work as a cashier or stockman the pay would have started at \$1.50 per hour. When I terminated my employment with Giant in 1963 I was a senior majoring in biology at Norfolk State and was still a bagboy earning \$1.05 per hour.

The third issue is "Crime in the Streets", better known as "Law and Order." Americans say that blacks are criminals and they point to Angela Davis as an example. AS you know, she is accused of buying guns that killed a judge in California. Now I ask you, have you ever heard of anyone being placed on the FBI's Most Wanted List for purchasing a weapon that was used in a murder? Who bought the gun used by Sirhan Sirhan to kill Robert Kennedy? Who bought the gun used by James Earl Ray to kill Martin Luther King or who gave Ray the money and car to flee the country? I leave this for you to consider.

The final issue is "Drugs." Drugs have always been a part of the black community. It is another way white America has found to destroy the black man's soul. But blacks own no planes and we are afraid of water, so I ask you, who is bringing these drugs into the country? Surely, if the police can catch a black man selling a "Fix" on the street, he could apprehend the man who sold it to the black man.

The song, "Walk a Mile in my Shoes" came to me as I thought about this "Song of Life." But then white America cannot

understand my sorrow by walking in my shoes. For to walk in my shoes would mean being called names because of your blackness, sent to inferior schools because of your blackness, starting at the bottom of the job market because of your blackness, and even witnessing the President, yes, my President, vow to return you to those conditions of second-class citizenship when the Constitution and the Supreme Court had declared this unjust.

So I sing a song of sorrow for all the hatred I have known when we speak of love. I sing a song of sorrow for the brutality I have known when we speak of brotherhood. I sing a song of sorrow for the undemocratic way our country reacts toward blacks when we speak of Democracy.

I hope that as we think of spring and new life, we will think about our children, particularly the young ones — my daughter who is upstairs in church school who knows no prejudices, and that we try to make a better world for them.

(Howard gave this song of life on April 9 and many people have asked for copies of it so we are sending it to you, to share it with you and so perhaps you can share it with others. It may perhaps make some think twice).

Howard G. Adams is the executive director of the National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minorities in Engineering at Notre Dame. This column was originally written in April of 1972.

A different perspective may change a few ideas

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be different? For example, how would a man feel in certain situations if he was a woman, or vice versa? How about going from short to tall or tall to short? From Catholic to Buddhist, rich to poor? From white to black or black to white?

Dennis T. Tillman

guest column

The prospect of changing from one extreme to another is at once frightening and exciting. It would be fun to change from the "norm," but in many cases it would be too scary.

I would love to know how a woman feels when she says "no" to her not so moral date (maybe I could learn something). But the thought of putting on hose, wearing cosmetics, and walking to class in high heels scares me enough to make me thankful for my maleness. Somehow I would rather settle for rejection. And I would hate to face the disadvantages that women often face in our sometimes sexist society.

So being an open-minded person, I have to ask myself what can I learn from my thought on womanhood? If nothing else, then I have to appreciate the historical social pressures and setbacks that women have faced simply because of sex. Maybe the Statue of Liberty has more symbolism than we have been taught to think.

But if we do think with an open mind, perhaps we can eliminate many more prejudices at our school, in our nation, and even in the world. So in light of minority awareness week, let's take an open mind. Those of us who are black can become white and those of us who are white can become

black. Frightening, isn't it?

CASE 1: One of my white friends asked me to go to a party with him. I was rather tired and told him that I really did not want to go. Maybe my fatigue was not genuine because he got the impression that I did not want to go for another reason. "do you ever feel intimidated when you are the only black at a party?", he asked me.

Well I guess being a token black at a party, which happens often here, is rather intimidating. Have you ever walked into a party where all heads turned and all eyes were on you, at least for a moment, and felt like you were being noticed simply because you were black? Imagine that.

I wonder how it would feel to be on the other side. What would I think about a lone black person at a party if I was white? Would I notice him or her? Probably so. Would it matter that he or she was black and would I feel like my space was being invaded? Of course not.

The point we concluded is that neither of us had a reason to be intimidated if we felt 100 percent accepted. Frightening, isn't it?

CASE 2: Once I was the only black on an elevator that was filled with eleven people. With my 6'4" frame, space is always limited on elevators. But I had as much room for nine floors down on that night as I would have had if I was riding alone. I had a friend check to see if I smelled bad or something. I did not. I wonder how the eluding eleven would have felt if they were black and I was white? I wonder how I would have felt. Frightening, isn't it?

The point is that if we all felt 100 percent accepted, in the real or hypothetical case, none of us would have had a reason to feel intimidated or isolated.

CASE 3: Howard G. Adams, the executive director of the National Consortium of Graduate Degrees in Minority Engineering, which is based at Notre Dame, lives in South

Bend. Before he moved to his current address, there were no black families in his neighborhood. As in cases 1 and 2 above, Adams was met with some apprehension by his white neighbors.

One day a neighbor was talking to Adams about the presence of the Adams family in the neighborhood. "You know," the neighbor said, "I was talking to some fellows at work and I told them that I had the nicest colored next door neighbor." Can you imagine how Adams must have felt?

What he did was turn the situation around (sort of like what we are doing now). He replied to his neighbor, "Yes, and I told the people in my office that I had the nicest white neighbor." What Adams did was show how silly both comments were.

There are many lessons to learn from looking at these situations with open minds. They all prove how silly it is to live in fear or ignorance of other races. What we have to do is realize that our differences are, literally, only skin deep.

P.O.Box Q

Bengal Bouts offer us a chance to help others

Dear Editor:

O K — so I realize life is one big paradox, but I think some things are a tad bit more puzzling than others. . .

To anyone that doesn't know them, the guys that run the Bengal Bouts are as great as the cause they support (the missions in Bangladesh).

However, whether or not fighting is an

OK thing for peacemakers to support is a decision we all need to reflect on, make, and most importantly, act on.

The Bengal Bouts offer the Notre Dame community a chance to do something for peace and the poor: if fighting is something you are inspired to reject, then why not still but the tickets to the Bengal Bouts and then not show up? What a great opportunity for our actions to speak louder than our words!

Tim Hogan
Notre Dame student

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Sports Briefs

Grace Hall and Sorin Hall will meet tonight in the 1986 men's interhall basketball championship game. Action is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in the ACC Pit. - *The Observer*

The ND water polo team will hold practice tonight from 9 - 10:30 at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. Practices are also scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday at the same times. For more information call Tom O'Reilly at 283-3588. - *The Observer*

Taryn Collins and Kathy Cunningham, two of the top high school volleyball players in Illinois, have signed letters of intent to attend Notre Dame and play for head coach Art Lambert's program. Collins, a 5-8 setter from Oak Park, Ill., and Cunningham, a 5-11 outside hitter from Naperville, Ill., will fill the slots left by the graduation of current seniors Tracy Bennington and Mary McLaughlin. - *The Observer*

The ND Rowing Club will hold a general meeting tonight at 7 in Room 123 of the Nieuwland Science Building. All members are reminded to bring their checkbooks in order to pay for dues and spring break. For more information call Patricia Worth at 283-2759. - *The Observer*

They're talking baseball tonight at 10 p.m. on "Speaking of Sports" on WFV, AM-64. Listeners may phone in their questions or comments about the latest spring training news, the commissioner's drug ruling, or anything else about the national pastime by calling hosts Frank Mastro and Rudy Brandl at 239-6400. - *The Observer*

Hydrorobics will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:15 - 12:45 p.m. beginning today. Entry cost is \$3. For more information call NVA. - *The Observer*

The ND /SMC Sailing Club will hold a meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Room 204 of O'Shaughnessy Hall. All members should attend. For more information call Joan Anderson at 272-1259. - *The Observer*

A squash clinic will be held for beginning and novice players tomorrow at 7 p.m. Sign up in advance at NVA. - *The Observer*

A sneaker broomball tournament will be held on Saturday, March 8 from 3:45 - 6:45 p.m. at the ACC ice rink. Entry deadline for the tournament is tomorrow. Rosters with a minimum of six team members (late additions are acceptable) must be submitted to NVA by the deadline. For more information call NVA. - *The Observer*

The ND/SMC Women's Golf Team will be videotaping tomorrow at the scheduled times. Viewing will be Sunday at 5 p.m. in the ACC Football Auditorium. For more information call Laura Gleason at 283-3351. - *The Observer*

Irish track wins weekend meet

By **CHUCK EHRMAN**
Sports Writer

It was a dark weekend for Marquette and DePaul, as both teams fell victim to the Irish track team. For the Irish it was a meet oh so golden.

The Irish ran away with it, scoring 95 points. Marquette followed with 47, with DePaul finishing a distant third with 13 points. The meet featured 15 events, and the Irish won 12 of them.

"Overall, it was a good meet," said Head Coach Joe Piane. "We

gave a strong performance and I'm happy with the results."

Piane was especially pleased with the performance of Robert Nobles and David Wurst, who finished first and second in the half-mile with respective times of 1:53:21 and 1:55:41.

In the 600-meters, John Dadamio, returning to action following recovery from a nagging sprained ankle, managed a fourth-place finish.

"It was good to see him back," said Piane. "He had been out for a long time."

Other individual winners included Gary Lekander in the triple jump, Van Percy in the 440, Chris Matteo in the pole vault, Ray Dumas in the hurdles, Jeff Van Wie in the mile, John McNelis in the 600, Joel Autry in the long jump, Jim Tyler in the 1000, Tom Warth in the two-mile and Brandy Wells in the 60. The mile-relay team also won.

Matteo qualified for the IC4A's, which will be held at Princeton, with a vault of 15 feet. Percy also qualified with a 440 time of 49:68.

SMC fencing team finishes fourth

By **GLORIA ELEUTERI**
Sports Writer

Four members of the Saint Mary's fencing team competed in the Great Lakes Tournament this past weekend, combining their efforts for a fourth-place finish in a 10-team field.

The Belles tallied 23 points at the meet, placing all four members among the top-20. Seniors Becca Barnett and Mary Beth Proost placed eighth and ninth, respectively, junior Ann Raney finished 14th and senior Shannon Maughan

followed in the 20th position.

"The results from this weekend were nice," said Head Coach Mike Weeks. "I was pleased that there were no letdowns among the team."

The Belles continued to fence as well as they have all season. Weeks felt that at the fourth position, behind Notre Dame, Wayne State and Detroit, the team's consistency was maintained.

"It was too bad we couldn't have placed in third over Detroit but with the point system, they were able to pass us by four points," stated Weeks.

"Raney was the only fencer to meet against the Detroit women who managed to pull the team into the third position."

The six remaining opponents present at the meet were Cleveland State, Michigan Dearborn, Chicago, Lawrence University, Tri State and Oberland.

This may have been the last meet of the year for the Belles because the decision has not yet been made about nationals, which are held at Hunter College in New York City, in two weeks.

Duke remains in first place

Notre Dame stays at No. 12 in poll

Associated Press

Notre Dame, despite victories over top independents Marquette and DePaul, remained No. 12 in The Associated Press college basketball poll released yesterday.

Duke, the top seed in this week's Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, remained No. 1 and missed being a unanimous selection by one vote.

The Blue Devils, 29-2, received 62 first-place votes and 1,259 points from the nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters. Kansas, 28-3 and champions of the Big Eight, received the other first-

place vote and 1,195 points to hold second for the second consecutive week.

Duke held the top spot by winning the ACC regular-season title with an 82-74 victory over then-No. 3 North Carolina, which dropped one spot in the poll.

Thus, with one week of voting remaining before the NCAA tournament gets underway, the only teams to hold the No. 1 ranking this season have all come from the ACC. Georgia Tech was No. 1 in the preseason poll and North Carolina begun its reign with the first week of the regular season.

Kentucky, 26-3 and champions

of the Southeastern Conference, jumped from fifth to third with 1,080 points, 35 more than the Tar Heels, 26-4, who held the No. 1 spot for 13 weeks before being dethroned by Duke in last week's balloting.

St. John's, 27-4 moved from eighth to fifth with 938 points, 12 more than Georgia Tech, 23-5, with which finished between Duke and North Carolina in the ACC standings.

Michigan, 25-4 and currently tied for first place with Indiana in the Big Ten, improved from 10th to seventh with 829 points after victories over Wisconsin and Northwestern last week.

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Women's tennis drops match to Purdue by close 5-4 count

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's tennis team dropped a heartbreaking 5-4 decision to Purdue over the weekend in a match at West Lafayette.

"It was a tough match to lose," said Notre Dame head coach Michele Gelfman. "We fought back from a 4-2 deficit after the singles play and had a good shot at winning the match."

Picking up wins at Purdue were Izzy O'Brien (7-6, 6-2) and Tammy Schmidt (4-6, 6-1, 6-4) in the singles. In the doubles Susie Pan-

ther and Michele Dasso teamed up for a 6-4, 6-1 victory. The number-two doubles tandem of Mary Colligan and Natalie Illig scored a 6-0, 6-4 win.

The team comes back home this weekend, as it will play host to Bradley, St. Mary's and Akron in the Notre Dame Quadrangular at the Courtney Tennis Center.

"Now we'll have to get ready for this weekend," said Gelfman. "If we can play up to our potential, we should be pretty tough to beat. I'm really looking forward to getting back to our own courts."

Wrestlers

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tice with the team before the tournament. He was not completely healed for the tournament, which had an effect on the whole team, according to McCann.

"Durso's injury affected us a lot more than I thought it would," he said. "He's usually a big spark plug for us, and with him being less than 100 percent, we didn't get going like we should have. It really hurt us mentally."

Magnifying the frustration for the Irish was the finish of Drake, a team which Notre Dame beat

earlier this season. The Bulldogs sent five wrestlers to the National Tournament and placed second overall.

The disappointing finish in the tournament leaves the Irish with some bitter memories from the season, according to McCann, despite the progress his young team showed in his second year as head coach.

"It leaves us with an empty feeling," he said. "We didn't win the big matches and we didn't wrestle with the confidence we had in some other matches."

"It is really hard to accept. We all feel the season should not be over for us, but it is."

Gymnastics Club places second

The Gymnastics Club traveled to West Lafayette Saturday to participate in a five-team meet. The men's team, after a rigorous week of practice, finished second with a score of 121.15. The Purdue men's team won the meet with a score of 128.10. Chicago placed third, followed by Miami (Ohio) and Indiana.

"The men have shown a lot of improvement," said Club President Jim Ciesil. "The routines are really coming together."

Paul Nowak took fourth in the all-around for the Irish with a score of 42.2 for six events. He topped the competition in the rings, and he placed fifth in the parallel bars.

"Paul is a balanced, all-around gymnast," said Ciesil. "He had a good routine on the rings, hitting all his tricks."

Matt Sennett placed fourth for Notre Dame in the horizontal bar with a score of 6.4, and Ciesil finished second in the floor exercise with a strong routine.

"Practicing routines during the week helped me a lot," noted Ciesil. "I had been having trouble with a press, but I had no problem this time."

The women's team was hindered by injuries and homework demands. Only three gymnasts competed, combining to give the team a third place finish.

Pete Gegen

Club Corner



Michelle Broussard finished third in all four events, but managed to take second overall. Her score for four events was 31.45. Maura Leonard placed fifth in the beam, and Valerie Lamanna scored a 7.0 in the vault.

You can catch the Gymnastics Club in action this weekend as the team hosts Miami (Ohio). The meet starts at 2 p.m. at the Angela Athletic Facility.

The Volleyball Club, off last week, has three big games on the road this week. On Wednesday the team travels to Muncie, Ind., to face Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association opponent IUPI-Fort Wayne. Then the team plays two matches this weekend, one against Miami (Ohio) and the other against Ohio State. A victory against either the Mastodons or the Buckeyes, both Top Twenty teams, would make the Irish serious contenders for the MIVA title.

Irish

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better shooters, but not tonight. Because of that, we decided not to try and trap any earlier than we did toward the end."

When all was said and done, Dees came away very impressed with Notre Dame, still 12th in the latest AP poll.

"They're the best team we've played," said Dees, whose team has faced Memphis State twice and Oklahoma once. "They were great without Rivers. I can't imagine what they would have been like with him."

"Yeah, they're much better than Memphis State. Notre Dame has such good shooters, and they're so physical - you can tell that by looking at them. What surprised us was

how they physically intimidated us inside. That's why we missed so many eight-footers. They're a great team. I'd sell my soul to continue this series, but Notre Dame said no."

Next up for the Irish is their regular season finale at home against Dayton, and then it's off to wherever the NCAA Tournament selection committee sends them.

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Women's swimming team captures third

By KEVIN HERBERT
Sports Writer

"This team has been a wonderful group of kids to work with. They are very special." That is how Notre Dame swimming coach Tim Welsh described his team after the women captured third place in the Women's Midwest Independent Swimming and Diving Championships.

The event was hosted by the University of Illinois (Chicago) and took place Thursday through Saturday.

Notre Dame finished third out of a tough 14-team field. Winning the event, as they did last year, was Illinois State with 749 points. In second with 542 points was last year's third-place finisher, Northern Michigan.

Tied for third with Notre Dame was Oak Land (Michigan) with 404 points. Nine points behind in fifth place was last year's runner-up, Western Illinois.

Rounding out the field in respec-

tive order were Eastern Kentucky, University of Illinois (Chicago), Evansville, Northeast Missouri State, Eastern Illinois University, St. Louis, Northern Iowa, Grand Valley State and Oral Roberts.

"Going into the meet, we had three goals: to have a winning season, to win our conference, and to finish third in this Championship meet," said Walsh.

"In the very first event we had our relay squad disqualified for a false start. We lost up to 30 points because of this. But from this point on we swam beautifully."

The Irish were fifth after the first day and fifth after the second. On the third day, however, Notre Dame swam to near perfection to move up to their third-place finish.

One of the events which helped facilitate this comeback was the last swimming event of the meet, the 200-yard butterfly.

"Our team depth was a key to the third place finish," said Welsh. "In the 200-yard butterfly, we entered five girls and they all scored, and

that is a lot of points. In contrast, Oak Land (Michigan) had no one in the event and Western Illinois had only one swimmer competing.

"There was no one event which sparked the team. I think the key to our success was that a lot of single decisions were made to focus on personal excellence, to do our best. We talked about this before each event."

"This commitment is evidenced by the fact that by and large everyone swam their seasonal or lifetime best."

Four University records were set and one was tied at the Championships.

Sophomore Barbara Byrne broke two Notre Dame records. The first was in the 100-yard backstroke where she reset the mark at 102.92. She also broke the record for the 200-yard backstroke at 216.01.

Sophomore Amy Darlington also broke two records, one in the 200-yard freestyle and the other in the 500-yard freestyle. Her times were 154.56 and 508.60, respectively.

Earlier in the season, Darlington had reset the University record in the 400-yard individual medley.

Senior Venette Cochioli tied the University record in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 109.50.

As a final piece of good news for Notre Dame women's swimming fans, it was announced this past weekend that Notre Dame will host next year's Women's Midwest Independent Swimming and Diving Championships in the last week of February at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Correction

Because of a reporting error, a result in the 150-pound division of the 56th annual Bengal Bouts was reversed in yesterday's paper. Dan Sexton defeated Kevin Young by a unanimous decision.



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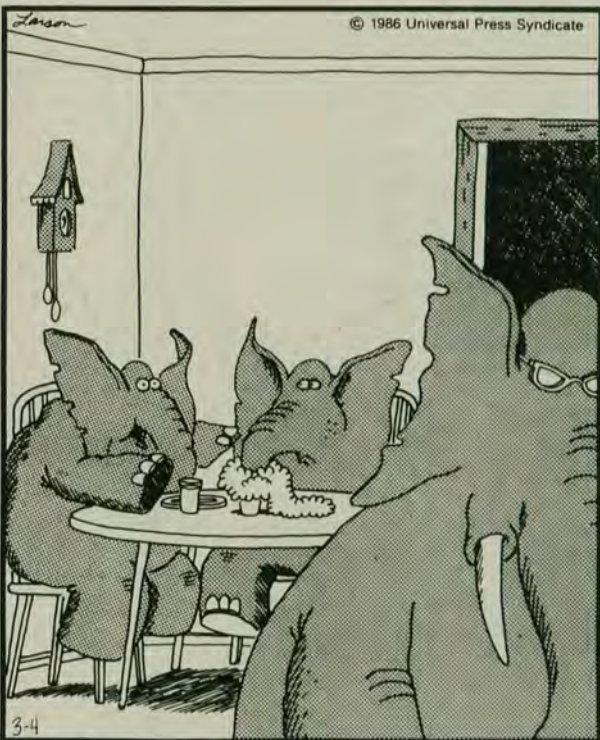
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*3:30 p.m. - Lecture, "Development of Forces at Polymer Contact Surfaces," Dr. Matthew Tirrell, University of Minnesota, Room 356 Fitzpatrick, Sponsored by the Chemical Engineering G.T.E. Emerging Scholar Series

*4:30 p.m. - Seminar, "Native Structures of Siderophore Receptors in the Escherichia coli outer membrane," Dr. Phillip Klebba, Notre Dame, Room 283 Galvin Life Sciences Center, Sponsored by the Biology Dept.

*4:30 p.m. - Lecture, "Islamic Politics Diversity," Jean Labasse, Paris Institute for Studies in Politics, Room 122 Hayes-healy, Sponsored by the Kellogg Institute and the O'Neil Chair

*7 p.m. - Movie and Discussion, "Killing Us Softly," Dillon Hall Basement, Social Concerns Film Series

*7:30 p.m. - Movie, "The Nun," Annenberg Auditorium, Tuesday Night Film Series

*8 p.m. - Concert, Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, Sacred Heart Church

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*8 p.m. - Illusionist, Bob Garner, Engineering Auditorium, Sponsored by SAB

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Notre Dame forward Donald Royal brings down a rebound in last week's victory over DePaul. Royal scored 11 points last night in front of a hometown crowd as the Irish defeated New Orleans, 75-67. Dennis Corrigan details the game at right.

Irish dispose of pesky Privateers, 75-67, to improve record to 22-5

By DENNIS CORRIGAN
Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS - The Notre Dame basketball team got its first taste of playing without David Rivers last night, and it was a taste not entirely to its liking.

But, as they have all season, the rest of the Irish grouped together in the face of adversity and defeated a pesky New Orleans squad, 75-67. Ken Barlow led the Irish, now 22-5, with 20 points and seven rebounds, while Ronnie Grandison had a game-high 25 points and 10 rebounds for the Privateers, who fell to 16-11.

Rivers found himself in a spot he is unaccustomed to - the bench. He was still feeling the effects of a sprained ankle that he sustained in Saturday's win over Marquette and Notre Dame head coach Digger Phelps was not about to take any risks where his premier guard was concerned.

"We didn't want to play Rivers tonight," said Phelps after the game. "With Dayton and the NCAA Tournament ahead, we didn't want to risk reinjuring it or making it worse. A few years ago, we played Orlando Woolridge against Dayton in the final game when he had a thigh contusion, and that affected him against BYU in the tournament. I wasn't going to risk that again."

"He (Rivers) hasn't been practicing. He tried to run today and was only 80 percent, so we went with

Scott Hicks who played very well for us."

But most of the crowd of 8,750, the second-largest in New Orleans history, had come to see Rivers and hometown favorite Donald Royal, who scored 11 points before fouling out in what he termed "a sub-par performance." When Royal was on the bench with foul trouble, the crowd yelled for Rivers, but to no avail.

"It was definitely something I'm not used to," said Rivers, who missed his first game in two years with the Irish. "It's something I'm not going to get used to. I could have played if they needed me to, but I didn't want to risk injuring it more. Scott did a good job, though."

Hicks scored 11 points and handed out four assists in 31 minutes of play. But while the Irish built a 37-23 halftime lead, the offense at times did not appear to have its rhythm and played out of sync.

"I did hurt us early," said Irish forward Jim Dolan, "but Scotty kept control. Once we got used to the change, we got things going and got in the groove."

Notre Dame built its first-half lead behind Barlow's 12 first-half points and freshman Mark Stevenson's seven in that half. Stevenson, who finished with 17, has been playing with more and more confidence the past few weeks, and last night he called for the ball in key situations.

"I'm much more comfortable with the offense now that it's late in the season," said Stevenson. "I have the ability to score, not to take anything away from my teammates. In high school I was the scorer and did what had to be done. Now I want the ball when I'm on

and when I'm not, I want to get it to someone who is."

The Irish lost some of their composure in the early minutes of the second half. The Privateers cut the margin to 39-31 behind Terrance Bellock's two free throws and layup following his steal of the resulting inbounds pass and two Grandison buckets. But following a Notre Dame timeout, the lead fluctuated from seven to 13 for the remainder of the game. While the Irish had the Privateers reeling, they couldn't knock them out.

"They're a very good team," said Dolan, who scored four points. "They've got a lot of good athletes. We weren't concentrating early in the second half and we let them back in it. Then we started concentrating on playing defense and rebounding."

The renewed concentration of the Irish and the Privateers' lack of clutch shooting from both the field and the free throw line spelled doom for any hopes of a comeback.

"We could absolutely not get the clutch shots of free throws when we needed them," said first-year New Orleans coach Benny Dees. "When we got close, we couldn't get the big one."

Dees was caught off-guard by Rivers' absence as was anyone else in attendance, but said that didn't change his game plan.

"It absolutely surprised us," commented Dees. "We talked about trapping more, but we decided not to. We didn't have quick feet tonight. I think anyone who has watched our team for awhile knows we're usually much quicker and

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Wrestlers come home disappointed

By RICK RIETBROCK
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It was not supposed to end this way. Notre Dame's wrestling team was wrestling well. The team's confidence was high and so were its hopes. Last weekend, however, everything came to an unhappy end at the NCAA Western Regionals.

The Irish placed 5th in the 12-team tournament, but none of the Irish wrestlers will go to the NCAA National Tournament. Notre Dame head coach Fran McCann said the weekend left the team short of at-

taining what it had in mind going into the season.

"We're just terribly disappointed with our performance," McCann lamented. "Each kid's goal from day one of practice was to get to the National Tournament. We just didn't accomplish what we set out to do."

"We had the people capable of making it to Nationals, but we couldn't get it done," he continued. "That's what makes it especially frustrating for all of us."

Frustration sums up the tournament for the Irish. In order to earn

a trip to the National Tournament, a wrestler must place in the top three in his weight class. Five Irish wrestlers, 134-pound freshman Jerry Durso, 142-pound freshman Pat Boyd, 150-pound sophomore Ron Wisniewski, 167-pound freshman Chris Geneser and 177-pound senior captain John Krug, finished fourth in their weight classes to narrowly miss berths to the National Tournament.

Durso pulled a muscle in his back last week and was unable to prac-

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Bookstore sign-ups this weekend

Special to The Observer

Bookstore Basketball doesn't actually begin until April 3, but sign-ups for the 15th edition of Notre Dame's annual springtime tournament are this Sunday, March 9. Registration will be held from 12 to 3:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of O'Shaughnessy, and the fee again will be \$5.

This is the sign-up for men's Bookstore only. Sign-ups for women's Bookstore will be at a later date.

Last year 560 teams participated in the tournament, as the commissioners were able to accept everyone who wished to enter a team. Two years ago, however, 22 teams had to be placed on a waiting list. As this year's tournament staff is unsure whether it will expand beyond 560, Bookstore Commissioner Steve Wenc has recommended that teams get there early or risk not getting into the tournament.

Eligibility for the tournament extends to all graduate and undergraduate Notre Dame-Saint Mary's men, women, faculty and

staff. "Staff" includes any person who works for ND-SMC; for instance, maintenance workers and dining hall staff. Students must be currently enrolled to be eligible. No alumni or future students are allowed.

The Bookstore commissioners have expressed a few simple rules that those trying to put together a team should keep in mind.

No one can play for more than one team. Teams advancing beyond the first round are free to use players other than their original five, but new team members cannot have already played for another team.

Only one former or present NCAA Division I basketball player, male or female, is allowed per team. In addition, no more than three varsity football players are allowed per team. But if a team has a varsity basketball player on it, then there can only be two varsity football players.

Should one football player be unable to play for his team, another football player may be substituted for him, as long as he

has not played for another team. Varsity basketball players, however, may not be substituted for varsity football players. "Football players" are those persons who were listed on the previous fall roster or on the current spring roster.

The names of two team captains and their phone numbers must be given at the time of registration, and the person signing up the team should indicate whether that team has any football players on it so that they may be scheduled only for late games. No games will be rescheduled.

Team names containing vulgarity (any of George Carlin's seven dirty words) or flagrant attacks upon other students will not be accepted by the tournament staff at the time of registration. Teams refusing to give an acceptable name will be assigned a team number only.

The finals of Bookstore XV will be held on Sunday, April 27, and will culminate the week-long celebration of An Tostal at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Fencers continue mastery at matches over weekend

By GREG STOHR
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Qualifying a lot of reasons for the NCAA championships is not a novel accomplishment for Notre Dame head fencing coach Mike DeCicco. Every season since he has assumed the head coaching post in 1962 DeCicco has seen his men's team qualify the maximum possible number of fencers at each position.

Nothing has changed in 1986 as six Irish men - two at each of the three fencing weapons - and two Notre Dame women reached the NCAA Championships with strong performances Saturday at the Great Lakes Championship and Sunday at the Midwest Qualifier, both in Appleton, Wis.

Yehuda Kovacs, Christian Scherpe and Molly Sullivan all won gold medals in the Great Lakes Championship to merit automatic bids into the NCAA tourney, which will begin March 18 in Princeton, N.J.

Kovacs captured first place in the foil competition with a 10-8 victory over teammate Mike Van der Velden. Scherpe dominated his opponents in the epee division to gain his second straight NCAA berth, while Sullivan gained an opportunity to improve upon her fifth place NCAA finish of a year ago as she won the women's foil gold medal.

The Irish fenced well enough that both the men's and women's squads captured first place in the tournament for the first time since 1977. The men won their third straight ti-

tle, surpassing their nearest competitor, Wayne State, by 36 points. The women edged the same opponent by 4 points.

The Irish filled their NCAA team the following day in the Midwest Qualifier. DeCicco made the difficult decision to allow junior Charles Higgs-Coulthard the opportunity to gain the final Irish foil position in preference to team captain Van der Velden. Higgs-Coulthard responded with a first place finish using his team's most potent weapon.

John Edwards and Don Johnson, meanwhile, each earned his third trip to the tournament in the sabre division. Edwards finished second and Johnson third of Sunday. Mike Gostigan will join Scherpe in the epee competition in Princeton due to his third-place finish in the qualifying tournament.

In women's foil action, Janice Hynes earned a NCAA bid with a gold-medal triumph in the qualifying action. The Irish will also field a foursome in the women's team competition at Princeton.

The undefeated men's squad, though, will represent Notre Dame's best opportunity for a national title. The Irish will be hoping to better their finish of last year when they placed second - only one point behind Wayne State.

"The men have a better chance than the women," says DeCicco. "They already have competed against tough competition. I think our guys are going to make a run at every weapon."