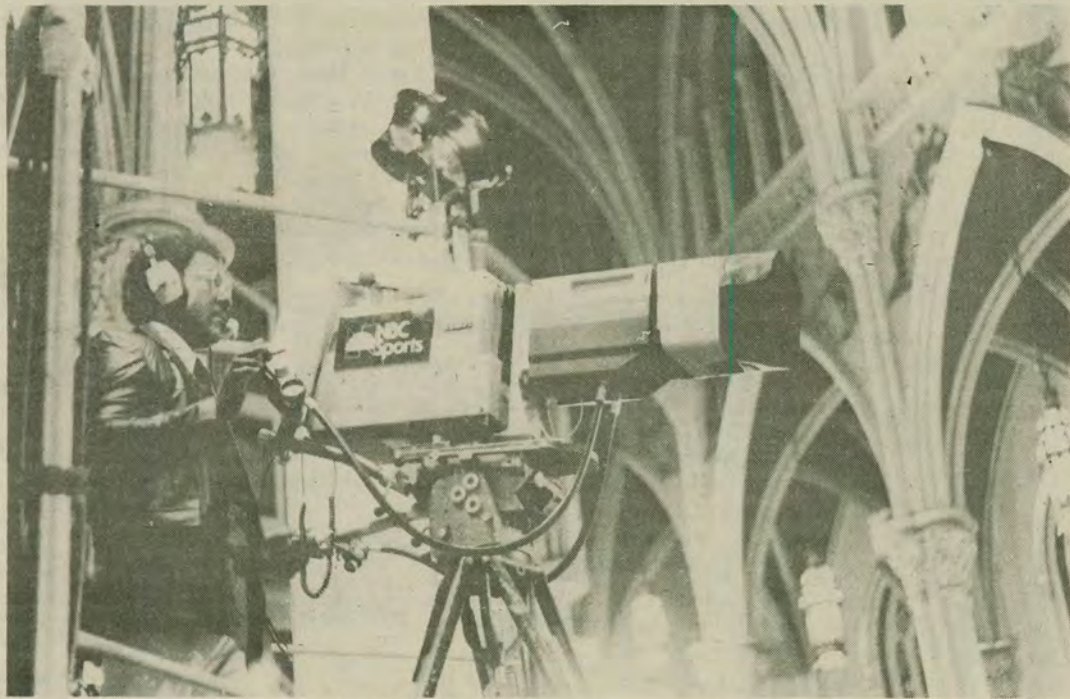


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Live from Sacred Heart

A cameraman for the National Broadcasting Company covers the proceedings at yesterday's 11 o'clock mass celebrated by University President Father Theodore Hesburgh at Sacred Heart Church.

The Palm Sunday liturgy was a special live broadcast by NBC. The mass was the first ever telecast nationally from the University's 19th century gothic church.

Visiting professors exchange views on child education and instruction

By BUD LUEPKE
Staff Reporter

The development of moral values in children was one issue addressed in a debate Friday at the Notre Dame Law School.

The education of children was the topic of discussion between Professor John Coons of Princeton University and Professor Amy Gutmann of the University of California at Berkeley.

The debate also focused on the manner in which children should be

taught a tolerance of the beliefs of others.

Coons, an author of numerous books including "Education by Choice," argued that parents should be allowed to choose the school they want their children to attend. He said parents can best recognize the educational requirements of their children, and they are best qualified to choose a curriculum for their children. "Judgments made by human persons are better than judgments made by random selection," he said.

Coons is an advocate of educational vouchers, which involve a government gift to each family in the form of money. The family would use this money to send their children to the school of their choice. Coons said an information system could be set up to aid parents in choosing schools. Such a system would give parents more participation in the education of their children.

According to Coons, parents who see SENATE, page 3

Student Senate to vote tonight on restructuring proposal

By AMY BAKER
News Staff

The Student Senate tonight will vote on the proposed restructuring of the student government constitution.

The student officers-elect were scheduled to take office today, but because of the proposed changes, the 1984-85 senate voted to extend their terms of office until April 15.

"We were elected to a position that's not there anymore - that's absurd. The present senate changed the position and extended their time in office, which is an abuse of authority, nothing new for this senate," said Jim Hagan, district 5 senator-elect.

"There were a million different issues to address and the senators just didn't do it," said Hagan.

"A restructuring is not necessarily needed. What's needed is a better instrument of communication between the senate and administration and better people," he said.

Chris Abood, district 1 senator-elect, favors implementing the proposal for the 1985-86 school year, but said the senate should have completed the restructuring before April 1, rather than extending their terms for two weeks.

"It takes about two weeks to hold an election, but the Student Senate wants to try and rush it through in a week, before the new constitution

which provides for the new senators is even written," said Abood.

Hagan said, "The whole restructuring should not have been taken up this late and has gone much too quickly. It should have been left up to us, the new senators. This action sets a trend, and student government can't be taken seriously if this type of abuse continues."

"The restructuring is a good idea and is well intended, but too rushed. There should be a transition year for the restructuring," said Steve Taeyaerts, special projects exchange coordinator.

The proposed changes include electing a student senator from each dorm, as well as one off-campus senator, removing the voting privileges of the student body treasurer, Student Activities Board manager, Hall Presidents' Council chairman, judicial coordinator, class presidents, Freshman Advisory Council president, and three HPC members on the senate.

The voting members would include the student body president in the case of a tie, the student body vice president, and the 25 elected members of the student senate, according to Jim Domagalski, member of the senate restructuring committee.

As a procedural change, the student body president would be able to veto a proposal of the senate, but a

two-thirds majority could override the veto, according to Domagalski.

The proposed changes, if passed, will take effect for the 1985-86 school year. This means that the five senators-elect will no longer have the same positions in student government as they understood them to exist when they were elected. The principal reason for the proposed change in the set-up of student senators is so that the senators can better represent the people who elect them, said Domagalski.

In the past, the appointed members of the president's cabinet were doing the work that should have been done by the senators. Therefore, the senators were unable to meet students needs, according to Domagalski.

"The restructuring is a reaction to the senate's inactivity in the past. They felt that the inactivity and abuse of power weren't the fault of the senate, but the fault of the constitution, so they have decided to restructure it," said Taeyaerts.

"The senate keeps playing fast and loose with the rules," said John Ginty, district 3 senator-elect.

The senators-elect, under the new proposal, will automatically represent their own dorms. "It's logical for the senators-elect to represent their respective dorms,

South African police open fire into crowd; 1 killed, 10 wounded

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - Police fired rubber bullets and tear gas into a crowd of blacks leaving a funeral yesterday near the southern city of Port Elizabeth. Witnesses said one man was killed and 10 people were wounded.

Police Lt. Henry Beck said at national headquarters in Pretoria that police used "rubber bullets, tear gas and shotguns" in Zwide black township. He said he knew of no casualties.

But, witnesses said a 28-year-old man was killed.

Several black reporters and other witnesses said a crowd of undetermined size left the funeral, which was held for blacks slain in recent violence. They were walking to the township bus terminal when police in armored personnel carriers opened fire.

"There were some incidents of stone-throwing by the crowd . . . One youngster picked up a tear gas canister and threw it back at police," said one of the reporters. He asked not to be identified because as a journalist, he is banned from entering the townships.

The identity of the man reported killed was not known, nor was the seriousness of the reported injuries. Hospitals in the area said they did not treat any victims, but blacks injured in riots generally shun hospitals for fear of being arrested.

Four people, including a 9-year-old boy, were buried in the Zwide funeral. They perished in clashes with police, and in attacks by blacks against other blacks accused of

fronting for the white-minority government.

Six miles inland, two riot victims were buried without incident outside the town of Uitenhage as hundreds of police and army troops stood by, according to police and witnesses.

On March 21, police shot and killed 19 blacks near Uitenhage, charging their demonstration had turned violent. Black witnesses denied a police account which said demonstrators were armed with stones and weapons, and said police attacked without justification.

Soldiers and police manned key intersections near the Zwide township and Uitenhage funerals, witnesses said. In Uitenhage, civilian police reservists with shotguns lined the streets as vehicles ferried blacks from the burial area through a three-block white section to a black slum.

Police have frequently called out the military following a nationwide outburst of anti-apartheid rioting in black communities eight months ago. More than 250 people have been killed since last summer by unofficial count.

Funerals of riot victims, attended by thousands of mourners, may touch off more violence.

Police guarded government buildings in Uitenhage and threw up a roadblock on the main highway linking the area with Port Elizabeth, residents said. The four-lane highway brushes against several impoverished black areas, where white motorists have occasionally been stoned.

Proposed structural changes

Current Senate Voting Members

Student Body Vice President Treasurer, Student Activities Board Manager, Hall President's Council President, Three HPC members, Judicial Coordinator, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior class presidents, Freshman Advisory Council President, Five district senators, Student Body President (only in case of tie)

Non-voting Members

Four Executive Coordinators, Parliamentarian, Secretary of the Senate

Total: 6 non-voting members, 17 voting members

Proposed Senate Voting Members

Student Body Vice President, 24 Dorm Senators, One Off-Campus Senator, Student Body President (only in case of tie)

Non-voting Members

Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Secretary of the Senate

Total : 3 non-voting members, 26 voting members

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In Brief

At the Palm Sunday Mass yesterday in Sacred Heart Church, which was broadcast nationwide by the National Broadcasting Company, University President Father Theodore Hesburgh's homily may have been a little too long. The homily, which was about the meaning of Holy Week, lasted 9 minutes, 30 seconds. Only 4 minutes had been allotted in the broadcast schedule. As a result, the broadcast was cut off in mid-Communion and replaced with a discussion of Nazi Germany on the program, "Campus View." — *The Observer*

Lights out, uh huh. That was the case at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's yesterday, when a tree fell across some power lines, causing electricity at both schools to be cut off. The power outage, occurring at about 6 p.m., lasted only a few minutes at Notre Dame, and approximately an hour at Saint Mary's. — *The Observer*

Professional wrestling body slammed its way to the peak of chic yesterday, squeezing the likes of Liberace, Billy Martin, singer Cyndi Lauper, TV's Mr. T and Muhammad Ali into its new-found hammerlock on hype. The ballyhooed event was "Wrestlemania," an extravaganza of head-bashing at Madison Square Garden, which was broadcast via satellite to Stepan Center. Topping the card was the grudge tag-team match pitting Hulk Hogan and Mr. T of television's "A team" — in his first professional wrestling performance — against Rowdy Roddy Piper and Paul "Mr. Wonderful" Orndorff. "It's rough out there," panted television's Mr. T, who joined good-guy wrestling champion Hogan in stomping two heels in a tag-team grudge match. "It's not for no wimps, wrasslin'." Pianist Liberace, timekeeper for the main event, arrived in a full-length fox coat. Hogan posed for photographs with referee Ali, dwarfing the former boxing champion. — *AP*

An inmate's clean living during six years as an escapee so impressed the Florida Parole and Probation Commissioners that they have changed his release date from 1988 to this summer. "This to me was a meritorious case," commissioner Judith Wolson said Friday in Miami. James Hendry was imprisoned in 1976 on a 10-year sentence for aggravated battery with a firearm. After becoming a trusty at the Cross City prison, he walked away in 1978. Hendry headed to Oklahoma City, where he worked, paid taxes, and opened his own salvage business. Later, after being erroneously told by a relative he was no longer wanted, he moved to Perry, Fla., and turned himself in when he learned he was still being sought. — *AP*

Of Interest

Carl Anderson, special assistant to the president of the U.S. for family policy, will give a lecture titled "Legislative and Judicial Decline of the Family Unit - A Short Path to Poverty" today at noon in Room 101 of the Law School. The presentation is sponsored by the Thomas J. White Center on Law and Government. — *The Observer*

Weather

April fool's joke? No, there is a 50 percent chance of snow showers today. High in the middle and upper 30s and windy. Clearing with a 20 percent chance of snow showers tonight. Low in the middle and upper 20s. Sunny and warmer tomorrow with high in the middle 40s. — *AP*



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A cartoonist's guide to the Inside column

Ha! It's finally my chance to write the inside column. As the cartoonist for this page for over a year now, I've acquired a keen skill for picking out the really good articles from the bad.

It's simple. The good ones are easy to draw for; the bad ones aren't.

How can you tell if it's going to be a column worth reading? Simply look at the cartoon. If it looks neatly drawn, has action, good composition, contrast, and maybe a clever idea worked into it, then chances are it will be an enjoyable piece of journalism.

But, if the cartoon looks sketchy, disorganized, or simply doesn't make sense, you should pass on this one.

Another way to tell a good article from a bad one is to recognize the different kinds of authors.

•The editor-in-chief: This author will always provide a meaningful bit of opinion writing, often with a twist that makes it more personal to the reader. The editor-in-chief knows that his or her name and position will appear at the top of this column, and that everyone will read it with scrutiny. No dining hall articles here. This will be a well researched or at least relevant editorial. David Dziedzic wrote excellent columns last year. So has Bob Vonderheide this year. Sarah Hamilton, who will be the editor-in-chief next year, continues the tradition. (Hamilton even shows promise in the area of cartooning, as shown on this page.)

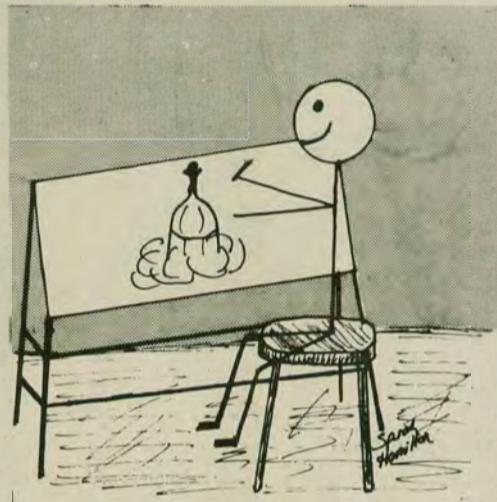
•The Baffler: This writer's specialty is to choose a topic so intangible or abstract that it creates a visual block in the artist's mind. The average column takes an hour to illustrate. That includes reading the column each night, brainstorming for ideas, making a sketch, and finally inking it in. But, an idea for the Baffler's column can take as long as two hours. A walk to the Memorial Library usually is required to research some obscure politician's face, or several captions are needed to explain the meaning of the column.

•Trivial Nauseatum: This breed of authors likes to take a mediocre subject and blow it into gigantic proportions. Take the dining halls. How often do we have to hear how bad they are? We should, however, give these authors credit for the variety of angles they come up with to attack the same subject.

•Repetitious Repetatum: These column writers are simply redundant. They say the same thing about the same subject over and over. They repeat themselves. They're redundant. They take a subject and beat it into the ground. Last year it was the alcohol policy. This year

Mark Weimholt

Cartoonist



it was the elections. These writers simply don't know when enough is enough.

•Administration Abhorration: Look out, Ted! Frustrated with writer's block, these people release their anger by attacking the dome. From admissions policy to commencement speakers, they will find something wrong, and then find a way to blame it on the administration.

•Anthropomorphatum: These are my favorite writers. They write with enthusiasm and imagery, lending their columns to flying doughnuts, walking alarm clocks, or a bulging LaFortune Student Center. With an article like this, I can be out of here in half an hour.

Actually, the categories could go on and on. Each writer contributes a unique perception of life at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Because I'm probably the only one who reads every one of these columns, I can say that I have benefited from this vast resource of student opinion.

But, if you're in a hurry at lunch time, check out the cartoon. And if it looks like it was drawn by someone with a hangover, you've been warned.

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are allowed more involvement in the education of their children are more tolerant of their society. He said, "The society allows full expression of ideas. People enjoy plurality."

Coons also said it was in the best interest of children to have their parents, not society, decide their education.

"Parents are the greatest source of their own children's liberty," said Coons.

Gutmann, a professor of politics, countered with several arguments. She said tolerance would not be nurtured under Coon's method of education. Instead, she said, parents would send their children to the schools that were most in conform-

ity to their own beliefs. "All the prejudices of Protestant parents would continue to be instilled in their children," she said. In this way, she said, "Democratic citizens can abuse their public authority."

Gutmann also appealed to the right of the individual child. She asked Coons, "Aren't children democratic citizens?" Gutmann argued that children should not be considered merely an extension of their parents, but should be allowed to develop values in a randomly selected environment. This, said Coons, is best done in a school with a mixture of students.

The debate was sponsored by the Thomas J. White Center on Law and Government. The center was established to examine public policy questions within the framework of Judeo-Christian values.

Senate

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Taeyaerts continued, "When I asked Duane Lawrence (student body vice president-elect) why they were doing all this, he repeatedly answered, 'Why not?'"

"My main objection to the process is that the present senate decided for themselves that a new election is necessary, without getting input from the recently

elected student senators," said Ginty. "The procedure is atrocious, though the goal of better serving the students is good."

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Saint Mary's class of '85 to pledge donations for EXCEL fund drive

By ANNE MONASTYRSKI
Senior Staff Reporter

A three-year pledge to the EXCEL program is the parting gift of the class of 1985 at Saint Mary's.

The Challenge, the name of the senior gift, is designed so that seniors will donate increasing amounts during the next three years. April 8 through April 18 has been designated as "blitz week." This week will be used to receive pledges from the seniors.

The gift is an effort to show class spirit as future alumnae, according to Lisa O'Shea, assistant director of development at Saint Mary's.

The \$25 million EXCEL campaign is the College's current fundraising effort begun by College President John Duggan.

This year's gift is a new type of senior class gift because it is designed to create an awareness of seniors as alumnae-to-be, according to Senior Class President Deborah Pascente.

Last year, the class of 1984 donated the exercise bicycles in Angela Athletic Facility.

Because this is Duggan's last year at Saint Mary's, "We're a special year to begin this (campaign)," Pascente said. The class of 1985 has benefitted from the EXCEL campaign already because funds were used to build the Cushwa-Leighton

Library and the Haggar College Center.

Each of the 25 senior board members will ask individual seniors for their contributions. The names of those who pledge will be posted on the senior bulletin board in LeMans Hall along with a thermometer to indicate campaign progress.

The committee composed of O'Shea, Pascente and senior class Vice President Mary Sue Dunn devised three possible pledges totalling \$90, \$120, and \$150 during the three-year period. But, O'Shea stressed that donations of any amount are acceptable.

"It's important to the school that they (seniors) get going on this," O'Shea said. According to O'Shea, while the last 10 graduating classes have been the largest in the College's history they have given the least.

O'Shea points to two probable reasons for the lack of donations by this group. "One, the College has not been asking (for donations) for many years (about 10 to 11 years) and two, seniors never have made a pledge before," unlike most colleges. Colleges "exist by gifts," O'Shea said.

The first year's donations will be a restricted fund. The money from the pledges will go to counseling and career development at the College.

The senior board decided to

direct donations there because as seniors who have used the center in job search, "We can relate to that," Dunn said. Since the College cannot afford to fund all things on campus, counseling and career development "is one of the last things that would get money." The money will be used to help computerize the Counseling and Career Development Center.

The following two-year's pledges will go to the regular EXCEL campaign fund to be used in all areas where there is need.

Because Duggan has been committed to fundraising for the College, O'Shea said, "he'd be really excited to see that the senior class understands the needs of the school as a going away present, especially since he's leaving."

At most colleges it's a question of how much to give, but at Saint Mary's "the question here is should I write a check at all." Statistics gathered by O'Shea indicate that among 10 private colleges and universities Saint Mary's has the lowest percentage of alumnae participation with 29.3 percent donating. William's College, a private co-educational school with 1,910 students has the highest with 65.4 percent alumnae donating. There were 1,839 students at Saint Mary's when the statistics were gathered. Alumni contributions at Notre Dame were 41.2 percent.

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Banking research center opens

Special to The Observer

A center for research in banking has been established by Notre Dame's College of Business Administration with funding from a group of 20 banks in Indiana.

"The continually changing nature of the financial services industry in Indiana, the nation and the world necessitates the expanded research that the center will provide," said Frank Reilly, dean of the College of Business Administration.

"Our business faculty has the talent and the expertise in banking to provide the research and education that will help Indiana banks to thrive in this rapidly changing environment," Reilly said.

Reilly will serve as one of 12 members of an advisory board which will recommend research topics to be studied by the center.

In addition to Reilly, the advisory board will be composed of four business faculty members and six bankers from the sponsoring institutions. A director, yet to be named, will complete the board.

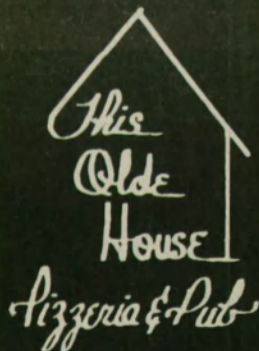
The center also will support faculty research at Notre Dame in banking-related areas such as monetary theory and investment.

Other activities sponsored by the center will include presentations by guest speakers from other universities and the banking industry, and two seminars each year during which the results of the selected research projects will be presented to the sponsoring bankers.

Sponsoring banks from the South Bend area are 1st Source Bank, National Bank & Trust Co., and St. Joseph Bank & Trust Co., all of South Bend; Valley American Bank & Trust Co. of Mishawaka; and First National Bank of Elkhart.

Additional sponsors include American Fletcher National Bank, Indiana National Bank and Merchants National Bank & Trust Co., all of Indianapolis; and Calumet National Bank, Hoosier State Bank of Indiana and Mercantile National Bank of Indiana, all of Hammond.

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Student Senate vote is April Fools joke

Today, April 1, the new student government officers were to have taken office. They will not. Instead, the outgoing senators will be voting tonight on a proposal which would radically change the positions to which these new officers were elected.

In a move to restructure student government, the present officials extended their terms of office for two weeks and in that time they plan to complete an overhaul of student government.

The first question to be asked is why the present leaders have taken it upon themselves to restructure student government now?

An obvious answer is that the sudden burst of activity stems from an effort to rebuild prestige after the secret senate meetings, the questionable reinstatement of the Browne-Cahill ticket, the subsequent resignations of some government leaders and the poor voter turnout of 44 percent.

Although Rob Bertino, student body president, and other government leaders began discussing the possible revamping of student government in November, and although Bertino made restructuring a goal of his administration as early as last spring, no significant effort to restructure was made until after the election's debacle. Had these campus leaders seriously worked on the reconstruction throughout the past year, they would not have needed to extend their terms of office.

There can be no excuse for the extension other than inefficiency and indecisiveness. It is that simple.

Two weeks is not enough time for the present senators to do a job which should not be theirs in the first place.

The problem with student government is not just what they do, but how and when they do it. Student government suffers from a chronic sense of bad timing. Rather than defining the problems of student government and leaving the actual restructuring to the newly elected officials, the present leaders - many of whom are to blame for the problems student government is now facing - took it upon themselves to lengthen their terms and hurriedly move to form a new constitution.

Students elected new leaders a month ago and expected these officials to take office today. Because this has not happened, the credibility of student government is once again brought into question.

Under the restructuring plan, the senate would be comprised of 25 senators. Each of the 24 halls would have a senator and the off-campus students would be represented by one senator.

The soon-to-be senators find themselves in a most difficult position. They ran for office, campaigned throughout their districts, and now find themselves at the mercy of those they were supposed to replace.

According to the plan, the four district senators and the one off-campus senator just elected automatically would become the senators of their respective places of residence. This is not the position for which they campaigned and it is not the position which students elected them to fill.

It may be argued that because each of the new senators carried his place of residence, the plan has some justification. Still, the fact remains the new senators were elected to be senators from their districts, not their dorms.

In this case, student body opinion seems to be an afterthought to the present officials. The campus leaders should have sponsored a public forum to discuss any restructuring plan, and that plan ultimately should have been voted on by the student body. No plan will succeed unless the students support it and students should not support this rushed restructuring.

The present senate and the Hall Presidents' Council should reject the new constitution before the credibility of student government completely crumbles. The final solution is being made without the approval of those whom the government serves: the students.

How appropriate for April Fools Day.

- The Observer

Catholic dissenters and church leaders are one

The Catholic church is a church that claims to be fired by "the Spirit of the truth." But more and more this claim is being called into question. This is because many Catholics feel the pope, the hierarchy, and certain vocal minorities in the church misrepresent the role that individual conscience plays in the faith. Indeed, some Catholics feel their consciences are being manhandled by an institutional church that is overly impressed with its own authority. These Catholics feel abused, and think the leadership of the church is undermining the church's claim of being inspired by the truth.

Clearly, church leaders claim that Catholic morality is firmly rooted in the idea that one's conscience must always be obeyed. But many

Many Catholics encounter this cynical attitude in the "Humane Vitae" in what the church leadership called the "grave consequences" of artificial methods of birth control. Many Catholics feel that, because of its cynical view of human nature, the leadership of the church has taken it upon itself to provide the faithful with a yardstick by which those in the church might reliably determine how sincere they are in wanting to know the truth. Indeed, the pope, the hierarchy, and others often seem to claim that the ultimate measure of a Catholic's sincerity is whether he listens to the teachings of the leadership of the church. If he follows these teachings, then his sincerity is beyond question; if he does not, then his sincerity falls under suspicion.

Now there are a great many Catholics who do not agree with, or who do not follow the teachings of the pope and the hierarchy, and there are a number of these who do so in good conscience. It is these Catholics who feel most offended by the church leader's cynicism, and it is these Catholics who feel that the institutional church is trying to bully them either out of the church or in line by presuming to call into question their sincerity in wanting to know the truth. These Catholics feel the pope and the hierarchy are grossly overstepping their authority, and that in so doing, they are undermining the church's claim to be inspired by "the Spirit of the truth."

But the fact is neither the pope nor the hierarchy have any authority to judge the sincerity of the faithful, nor do they claim any such authority. But, because the leaders of the church often take strong stands on issues where there is much disagreement, and because certain big mouth minorities in the church (including some members of the institutional church) often distort the leadership's position on these issues, those who find themselves disagreeing with the church's teachings are frequently made to feel like second-class Catholics. Of course, they are not, although the leadership of the church does not go out of its way to tell them that they are not.

In the future, perhaps the challenge before those who dissent from the teachings of the church's leaders is to make sure they really know what those teachings are. And perhaps the challenge before church leaders is to be less cynical, more clear, and more supportive of those Catholics who have disagreements with their teachings. Indeed, if both Catholic dissenters and church leaders treat each other with more understanding, perhaps neither side will be inclined to feel abused.

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afterwords

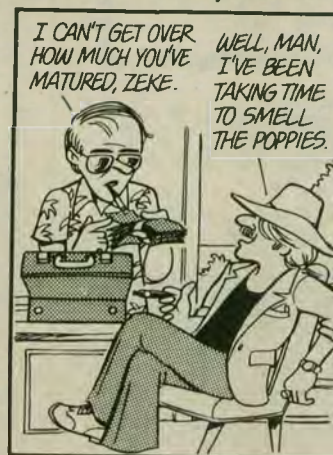
Catholics feel that, coming from these leaders, it is a dubious claim. Instead of allowing this claim to stand on its own, many Catholics feel church leadership obscures the integrity of this claim by surrounding it in a fog of officiality and cynicism.

Certainly, if to be Catholic means to obey one's conscience, then it is not adequate for a Catholic to obey someone else's conscience, be it the pope's, the hierarchy's, or whoever's.

This is not to deny or make light of the fact that Catholics belong to a community of believers which is united by the truth, and that out of a sense of fidelity to this unity, they should obey the pope when their conscience tells that such obedience is warranted. But this in no way implies that to be true to his Catholicity, a Catholic must subsume his conscience in favor of the pope's or anyone else's. And any authority, tradition, or attitude that implies that he must, or that impedes or makes more difficult the honest exploration of one's own conscience, is at its heart uncatholic and is abusive of not only any claim of Catholic authenticity that it is presuming to invoke, but also of the unity of the church that all Catholics seek to preserve and enhance.

It is an unequivocally Catholic belief that the members of the church are obligated to act on the proddings of conscience that is certain, and that if this certainty is lacking, they must seek to educate their conscience. Thus, Catholics believe that faithfulness to conscience is connected with a sincerity in wanting to know the truth. But many Catholics feel the pope, the hierarchy, and others inject into this Catholic idea of conscience the cynical notion that human beings are somehow predisposed to evade the truth when they think that it will lead to hardship or the giving up of something that is pleasurable.

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- Will Rogers

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The Observer/Windy Gales



Undercover

The Absurder has learned that the coach of the Notre Dame broad's basketball team, Mary DiStanislao, is actually a Russian spy. DiStanislao is really Raisa Gorbachev, wife of the recently elected general secretary of the Communist Party. In an exclusive interview with The Absurder, DiStanislao admitted that she had been sent to Notre Dame to infiltrate the athletic department. DiStanislao is in the custody of the PAC 10 and after she is debriefed, DiStanislao-Gorbachev will be deported to Northwestern University at Siberia.

SMC gets a Prince of a new president

By **PRODUCT**
SMC Chick Extraordinaire

The purple rain will fall as Prince takes top billing at Aint Married's College following his appointment as College president until 1999, said president Jock Dugger.

"Prince is the ultimate choice for these SMC's," said Dugger. "He is someone the chicks can look up to, sort of like a role model, you know?"

"Let's go crazy, girls," exclaimed Prince, upon hearing news of his appointment. "You should all know that I would die for you."

The new president said there are many policy changes he's looking forward to implementing.

"For instance, parietals, what is a parietal, I'd like to know?" he asked. "Twenty-four hour a day visitation has come to campus with your ew leader, babes."

"Prince was, like you know, my first choice for the job," Dugger commented. "Here I was sitting at Purple Rain with the wife, and, like, I just could not believe the talent oozing from this guy! Plus, you know, I was looking at those costumes of Apollonia, Wendy, and Lisa. Why can't those SMC girls start

dressing like that, I want to know?"

Prince agreed with Dugger and said his first appointment as president will be the selection of Apollonia as Dean of Student Dress. "Anyone caught with a Forenza sweater will forced to listen to 'USA for Africa' 1,500 times in a row," he said. "That should teach 'em."

Father Tepid Huddleburger, president of the University of Never Doom, expressed dismay over the announcement. "With Prince over at SMC, how are we ever going to get students over here for Engineering Auditorium movies?" he questioned. "Huddleburger is just scared," said Prince. "He knows I'm just biding time before starting a revolt that will overthrow him and install Sheila E. as president over there."

Huddleburger denied reports that he has been in contact with singer/actor Morris Day, in an effort to recruit him into a high-ranking position with Never Doom. "That simply is not the case," said Huddleburger. "Why, I don't even like the man's music. In fact, I can't even dance. And not only that, I don't even listen to the radio. And besides, I don't even own one. And on top of that, I'm never here."

Ethanol Plant reeks havoc

By **WILL LIBEL**
Phew Stink

The South Bethanol City Council today decided to investigate claims that the odor emanating from the city's new ethanol plant is reeking havoc in the community.

According to Health Director Barney "Stinky" Stenchson, citizens have been complaining of dizziness, nausea and even impotence as a result of the odor. "When they opened up the plant they told us the smell would go away in a few days because it was caused by some 'darn kids with a stinkbomb.' Silly us, we believed them," he said.

"Then, when the odor continued, we went back and asked them about it again," he explained. "And, do you know what? Those darn kids were back again."

On the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses, some students are up in arms about the smell from the west. "It's really terrible," said Notre Dame junior Y.U. Lookinatme. "This morning it got all over my socks. I tried washing it off, but they really stunk P.U."

Saint Mary's sophomore I.M. Hungry said it has affected her appetite. "I can't explain it. Every time I smell the ethanol I just want to go out and eat a gallon of Haagen-Dazs ice cream. You can see what it has done for my figure," she said. "I think I may sue the plant owners for \$200,000. That's exactly the cost of a truckful of popsicles."

The ethanol plant manager, Myron Weaselface, said yesterday that the problem has been corrected. "We have purchased 1,000 cases of Old Spice Stick Deodorant to be used by our workers," he said.

Senseless constitution announced

By **OLOGICAL WARFARE**
News Stud

A new name, a new constitution, and indeed a whole new roll of toilet paper were unveiled at last night's Student Senseless meeting.

The Student Senseless has taken what Bob Burntoenails, student body poster child, calls "a really radical turn toward the future" in adopting the first ever multiple-choice constitution.

"Now whenever we want to change a rule, we can just choose a

different letter. No one can ever again accuse us of breaking our own rules. These rules aren't really rules, they're just like hints," said Burntoenails.

He further noted that now that the Student Senseless has the hassles of constitution writing solved forever, "maybe we'll be able to do something really useful, like change our name."

An integral part of the new constitution are the election procedures. In response to the confusion in the recent student elections, the sense-

less has decided to try a whole new way of choosing representatives.

"Elections are out," said Burntoenails. "From now on we're going to have tryouts for Student Senseless. It works for the Prancin' Irish, I don't see why we shouldn't give it a shot."

According to the new constitution, the tryout will include talent, poise and personality categories, but no bathing suit competition. "We don't want to turn this into a joke," said Burntoenails.

Sexual domination at issue in Neuter Dream admissions

Editor's Note: This is part 69 in an indefinite series of articles sizing up the issue of sex domination at Neuter Dream and Sore Mouths. Today's article will peek behind the scenes and doors on both campuses. Tomorrow's article may have no focus.

By **SEXUAL**
Staff Infection

In an affirmative action move, the Bored of Mistrustees of Neuter Dream have decided to stop admitting men to the University.

"I can't fight this feeling any longer. Men have dominated this school for more than a century, and frankly, I'm fed up with it," University President Father Tad Hasbeen said in a closed-door interview yesterday.

"They can't produce a winning football team, they can't hold their

liquor, and these days they can't even win a wet willy contest. Besides, I'm sick and tired of the ratio," he added.

When the change was announced, the Neuter Dame male population didn't just lie back and take it. Students hung protest sheets from dorm windows, and some went so far as to organize a food fight in the South Dining Hall.

Hasbeen, however, calmed the uproar by promising all Neuter Dame males that they would be given a chance to buy season football tickets next year and would be issued discount subscriptions to Spurts Illuminated magazine.

Hasbeen said he wasn't surprised at the relatively easy time he had calming the protest. "After all, it never has taken much to pacify us Neuter Dream boys."

Not everyone has taken the change so well. Former Neuter

Dream Student Body President-elect Chill Freely said, "I can't believe it. For years, Neuter Dream was the bastion of male supremacy then along came a woman and it's all just a beautiful dream."

Freely said he plans to continue his political career at Sore Mouth's. "At first it was a grave disappoint-

Sexual Domination

ment, being dethroned - I mean thrown out of office and all. However, I've now seen the light and decided to join the Pullman generation."

Although the male protest quickly dribbled down to nothing, hundreds of angry women

stormed the administration building refusing to move to Pangborn or Fisher.

Although women eventually will be housed in all of the men's dorms on campus, the changeover could take months. "I wouldn't house my dog in most of those dorms," said Hasbeen. "They didn't call Carroll the vermin for nothing."

Father Davehad Myson, vice president for student affairs, is working with the Environmental Protection Agency to prepare for the male-free campus. He said it could take months to make the men's dorms habitable.

"Despite accusations by the EPA, we maintain that the odor hanging over South Bend emanates from the Ethanol Plant, not Dillon," Myson said.

Neuter Dame men will not be left out in the cold. Sore Mouths

new president, Prince, announced yesterday that Dreamer men will always be welcome at Sore Mouths College. "We're rolling out our red corvette and spreading our gates wide open for them."

Many girls from Sore Mouths expressed ecstasy over the new policy. "I'm so excited, I just can't hide it. I think it's a super idea," said one LeManless resident. "It is about time Neuter Dream men realized there are women over here. We can chow down as much ice cream as any Walsh girl."

The more militantly feminine students at Neuter Dream also were pleased as punch with the policy change. Gloria Van Dyke, president of the Prancin' Irish, voiced her thrill, "For Neuter Dream, it's a hard habit to break, but it's time people realized who wears the pants at this university."

No new point

Leader lists past accomplishments

Robber tino

nothing doing

Robber tino is a senior at Notre Dame and is the president of the Notre Dame student body.

B.O.Box Pew

Wobber's weally wong

Dear Editor:

In response to Wobber tino's column of today, I'd like to complain. Wobber hasn't done half those things. I did tem all.

Shoore, Wobber tino wants all da credit, but oi'm da one whose made student government what it is today.

Can we tawlk? Everyone knows whose da boss, and it ain't Wobber. I shoulda been da precedent, but a woman can't be precedent at ND.

An anuda ting, when's da campus gonna wealwise wob has no weal dasire to give up da trone?

Apathy Da Vid
Student Bawdy VD

Rob's right

Dear Editor:

That's right Apathy, this campus isn't big enough for the both of us. ND means no

Dinglebury



Hairy Truedoo

bowl of ice cream.

PILL "The Haig" heely
President-erect

P.S. Hey tino, Go ahead make my day!

Flasher goes too far

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to the Flasher's letter of this same page. I have to protest the involvement of the administration in this matter. It is bad enough that they are making us drink milk and eat veggies at every meal, but having to give up my raincoat would really stick in my craw. In my opinion it is umbrellas that cause all the problems on this waterlogged campus. They crowd people off the sidewalks and could very easily poke someone in the nose, causing a suit to be taken against the user or the university. They also have a very nasty tendency to drip all over everything. Bethideth, raincoat are nith and colorful and I love the thmell and feel of the wet rubber againtht my thkin. It remindth me of the good old dayth with all the boyth in Akron.

Lyle Soap
St. Mary's Lake

You're all wrong

Dear Editor:

In repsonse to the above three leaders of our beloved student body, let me just say I'm bad, bad Pattie Brown meanest dud in whole damn town, fatter than a BP girl, madder than a Holy Cross hog.

Where have you gone Joanie Caill? Our campus turns it lonely eyes to you.

Well, we're not going a take it. No, we ain't gonna take it. We're not gonna take it anymore.

I'm leaving on a jet plane. Don't know when I'll be back again. You're not going to have Pattie Brown to kick around anymore.

Pattie Brown
Should've been, but now a hasbeen

Whose a hasbeen?

Dear Editor:

Speaking of hasbeens, I am writing in response to Mark Beenahasbeen's May 23 column, "Ducks Just Wanna Have Fun." I must disagree with his claim that slickers offer the best rain protection on this soggy campus. Slickers are downright dangerous and they infringe on other people's rights. You cannot see to your right or left because of the hood and could easily get run down by an overzealous, passing groundscrew member. It is also as difficult to hold a conversation with a slicker wearer as with a Walkman user. This is just plain rude. I think the administration should come up with a Rain Policy requiring the use of umbrellas to protect us all from these problems.

A. Flasher
Dripping wet in Alumni

You're both wrong

Dear Editor:

I am responding to the above letters, but not the column. It speaks for itself.

My advice to tino is start looking for a job. I'm in charge here.

I just wana have power. Tino better give it to me. I won't wait much longer. Tino, you better ask yourself - Do you feel lucky?

Tino thinks he's a big man on campus, but I am a rock. I touch no one and no one touches me.

In fact, I am the world. I'm too good to be true. Can't take my eyes off of me. I'm like the Dome above...and tino better beat it... it doesn't matter whose wrong or right, just beat it.

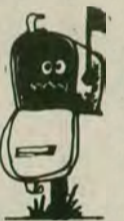
As for Apathy, she can go drown herself in a

Robber
President for life

Q Says:

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Briefcase

Rhoades Scholar Boob Wonderchild has been stripped of his scholarship because the admissions office of the University of Never Drunk discovered that Wonderchild cheated on his SATs in high school. "With the scores Boob really got, he couldn't get into IUSB," said Bill Melater, admissions director. After the truth was revealed about his SAT scores, Wonderchild admitted he also had cheated on an elementary school spelling test, the test of the emergency broadcasting system and a breathalyzer test. - *The Absurder*

The Bored of Mistrustees of the University of Near Doom have decided to divest the school's interests in South Africa. Instead, the University will invest its money in South Dakota. "We are investing our money in South Dakota, but not without reservations," announced Father Thadeus Iceberg, Near Doom president. "Farms there must operate according to the Sillyvain Principles. If treatment of the state's pigs and cows does not improve, we'll pull out of there too." - *The Absurder*

Of No Interest

The Soviet news agency TOSS reported today that after three weeks Constantine Chernenko is still dead. The release was in response to reports that the former Soviet premier has been seen frequenting a certain liquor store since his reported death.

TOSS also released statements confirming that Brezhnev and Andropov are still among the deceased. - *The Absurder*.

Physics Colloquium: "The Effects of Solar Radiation on Non-Binding Electron Pairs in Macromolecular Subdural Hematomas on the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Patterns Achieved From Spectral Analysis with a Xerox 2500 Copier." Professor Chaing Hai Shek, department of Physics, University of Kokomo. 2:30 p.m., 128 Nomansland Hall. - *The Absurder*

Whether

Pack it in! Nuclear winter is expected to begin this afternoon. Temperatures will reach a late morning high of 1,000,000 degrees Celsius, cooling off to an icy -273 Kelvin by late afternoon. Citizens are advised to huddle up and to take a crash course in Russian. - *The Absurder*



We, the management of Senior Bar, want your money. Frankly, we're sick and tired of having to invent outrageous specials to bring you in to trash our joint. I mean, here we are, a nice group of people trying to provide a service, and all we do is get ragged on by penny-pinching cretins who don't bat an eye when they waste hundreds of daddy's dollars everytime they drop a class, but they'll chew your ear off because their quarter beer has half an inch of foam on it. Ergo, and in conclusion, it is indeed the case that...er...I forgot what I was going to say. I think I need a beer.



OUT OF THIS WORLD...



Little curly pig tails

Notre Dame Chemistry Professor Squeemil T. Hoggman announced today that he was retiring after 20 years of teaching. "It's snout like I'm trying to bog this job for too long. But, to be oinknest about it I'd rather root around the house for a while. That would be swine with me." He added later that he didn't think it would be kosher to continue as a chemistry professor.



SM update

Torture to highlight this week's Millions for SM events

Cretin McClutzsy

creatures staff writer

More pain is on the way!
So keep the coins and quiet money rolling in.

As the ND Millions for Sado-Masochism drive prepares for its fourth week, the dollar amounts keep rising for SM, as well as St. Joseph's Medical Center. Yet more revolting activities are scheduled for the Neutered Dame/Sick Minds commune for the coming week. And don't forget . . . if enough pain is generated, we could reach the peak of excruciation with a free MVD concert right here on campus!

LAST WEAK

•**SOB Movies**- Tuesday night, the Sick Obsession Board presented the final film in its SM benefit series, "The Unnatural," starring Slobert Deadford.

THIS WEAK

•**Curl-Out Contest**- At SM College, the sick chicks of LaMania and Wholly Cursed Halls will plug in the curling irons and put them on high as they compete in a curl-out contest Wednesday. The team to keep

curling irons in hair the longest wins. Singed hair and sizzling scalps will earn bonus points.

•**Festival of Death**- University Funeral Services begins its Festival of Death this week. The festival will include the SM Spike-a-thon which will take place in the dying halls during the dinner hours.

•**Sinner Cocktail Party**- A Sinner Cocktail Party will be held in the ACC tonight from 9-1. The specialties will be Gory Marys and Gin and Toxics.

•**Python-a-thon**- Snakes alive! This one should be fun. The Fishymen Advisory Council is sponsoring a python-a-thon on Saturday evening in LaUnfortune Ballroom. The pythons will be eaten alive at the fastest rate possible.

•**Jock-Alike**- Don't forget, the Non-Fartsity Afflictics sponsors the big Jock-Alike competition this weekend. How will the Non-Fartsity jocks stand up to the Fartsity jocks? Come and find out on Fryday night at the ACC. Winners will qualify for a national competition.

•**Special Fundraising Song**- The Neutered Dame administration has spontaneously offered to produce and record its own special song to demonstrate the depth of its feeling about the SM issue and to raise money for the cause. Written by fathers Wooly Blowchunks and Rabid Ticson, the LP boasts a distinguished chorus of Wholly Cursed

priests, with University President Father Turd Hisburp as soloist. The song goes,

*We are the whirled
We are the beaten
We are the ones who make a painful day
So lets start killing
There's a choice we're making
We're taking our own lives
It's true we make a battered day
Just you and me*

DORM ACHEITIVITIES

•**Axe Toss**-The fun was flying Thursday evening as Loose and Squalsh Halls competed in an axe toss. Loose chopped Squalsh. The score was Loose - seven survivors, Squalsh - three.

•**Phlegmer Gross Tug of Mar**- This Wednesday teams from Phlegmer and Gross halls will stand on their respective dorm roofs with a rope strung between. This is a real show of the SM spirit. Down below volunteers from the Pusgorillas will sell refreshments to spectators gathered around the special cement platform placed there just for the occasion.

•**Aluminum Hall Bloodsales**- Aluminum Hall held a special bloodsales night and raised \$69,690 for SM. Good work, boys!

•**Long Distance Ear-Piercing Clinic**- This week booths will be set up in the dying halls during meals to serve men, women and others interested in acquiring a new look. Volunteers from Brawn-Fatlips hall will use forks or darts (depending on the number of pierces desired) to compete for the longest-distance pierces possible.

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The Absurder/Vicious Grossino

Massy McMurder, a junior from Loose Hall, obviously enjoyed herself as she participated in last Thursday's axe-toss event.

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The Absurder/Door Latches

"Ya know, I'm almost certain that the big one over there is a Michelangelo," insisted NBC Snorts color crayon Al McLiar during yesterday's telecast of the Calm Sunday Liturgy from Scared Heart Church. "But it's gonna take a lot more than that to

get a bid to the Roman Catholic Mass Tournament. The Iwish can't count on Livers to do it all with the chalice. He can really dish it out, but Huddleburger's gonna have to be the aircraft carrier at Communion."

Telecast of Calm Sunday Liturgy shows intercollegiate Mass action

By THE POWER VESTED IN ME

Snorts God

Exerpts from the NBC Snorts telecast of the Calm Sunday Liturgy in Scared Heart Church.

"Hello, America. This is Al McLiar with Dick Iceberg live at the University of Neuter Dream with all the action and excitement of intercollegiate Mass."

"That's right, Al. Of course, everyone knows that we're in the last week of the Lenten season, and Neuter Dream is looking for a bid to the Roman Catholic Mass Tournament. A good service today is vital for the Iwish priests to stay on The Road to the Vatican...."

Boy, this sure is a nice facility. Al, did you notice all the beautiful paintings here in Scared Heart?"

"Yes I did, Dick, and they're quite impressive. I'm almost certain that the big one over there is a Michelangelo!"

And now, the starting lineup for the Mothers of Holy Cross... At center, a 5-8 monsignor from South Bethanol, Indiana... Number One... Theodore Huddleburger...!

"Well, the reader has just finished the first reading. Huddleburger motions... time out, Neuter Dream! The band has started playing something rather slow. That's funny; does it sound like the 'Neuter Dream Defeat March' to you, Dick?"

"Things are getting a little slow out there. Wait, Father Huddleburger just looked up for some inspiration. Now he's got Brave Livers bringing the offertory up the aisle. Just look at those moves; there's nothing that kid can't do with a chalice...."

"We're back live. It's halftime at the Calm Sunday Mass at Scared Heart Church at the University of Neuter Dream. I'm Al McLiar with Dick Iceberg and our guest today is Absurder snorts babbler Duck Frisbee. Hello Duck."

"Hello again everybody. And I mean everybody. Again and again, hello. Not goodbye, but hello. You say goodbye, but I say hello. Again. Everybody."

"Duck, you're our inside man at Neuter Dream. Tell us, just how good is this year's squad of the Mothers of Holy Cross?"

"Well Al, they've got a lot of experience on the altar. And they've got a lot of depth, too, with Father Blowchunks, Father Red 'Rolls' Royce and Father Birdshell in the sacristy. They take a little too much time for the homily, but they can't be beat at the Consecration. The sacraments really are their game."

"That's right, Duck. We saw them in the CYO Christmas tournament with Market, Dateless and DeFault. And they really burned the place up on Ash Wednesday. The big question now is: will they rise to the occasion on Easter?"

"I don't know, Al, but with the coaching they've got, it's going to take a miracle to beat them...."

Just wanted to say hello a time or two

Duck Frisbee

Snorts Babble



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Hi. Hello. Howdy. How you doin'?

Hello, again.

Hello again, everybody.

Well folks, this is going to be some kind of column, because I came to write, and you came to read. The Iwish are somewhere in between really great and really bad, but I can't make up my mind which, and I really don't want to say because then I would take a stand. So, let it be said that they are doing something dreadfully wrong, and we've got to do something about it.

Now let me see if I can find another cliché to write in here because that will really make this some kind of column, and, after all, you came to read and I came to write. Of course, I already know that, but I'm telling you because I figure you don't know it and I should tell you about it even if it's irrelevant to the topic I'm discussing.

Speaking of irrelevant topics, did you notice what a long sentence that last one was? I like using long sentences because they use lots of polysyllabic words that really make me look like I know what I'm talking about, and that makes you respect me even more than the rest of the clowns on the sports staff that don't know anything. Speaking of long sentences, wasn't that a good one?

Well anyway, back to the topic, which I really haven't started discussing yet, but what the heck, I've got to fill up all this space on this side of the page, so I might as well throw in another sentence which doesn't pertain to anything but takes up a few more lines of space. And wasn't that a nice, long sentence?

Let's get back to the topic, which is clichés. Who better to write about them than me? I like to use a plethora of them, a veritable bevy of them, and a lot of them, too. I can say that Yelps "couldn't stop a jumper that brought rain because he closed the barn door after the horse was gone, and now his defense is going to have to be on those guys like bees on honey." Basically, I have said absolutely nothing, but it took up a lot of space and made a nice long sentence.

Cliches. They're wrong. He's wrong. She's wrong. Everybody's wrong, except me. Because I'm never wrong. How could I be wrong? I write for this paper, and we're never wrong. It's wrong to think that I'm wrong. Yes, it's wrong.

Well, goodbye. So long. Sayonara. Auf Wiedersehn. Au Revoir. Adios. See you later, alligator. In a while, crocodile.

Again.

Everybody.

Pick of the Week.... This is actually a meaningless sports event that no one in their right mind would go to, but I figure you've read this much of my column, so how could you possibly be in your right mind? This week I suggest you go out to Jack Klunk Field and watch grass grow. It should be really exciting for you, but don't look for me to be there because it really doesn't matter to me. Furthermore, you really don't matter to me either, and that's why I keep sending you to these stupid things.

Snorts Briefs

Tryouts for the Jerkin' Irish will be held tomorrow in the men's room on the second floor of the Memorial Library. Anyone who is interested may attend. Appropriate magazines will be provided. - *The Absurder*

The NoManless vendo relay team of Aint Married's faces off against the Bay of Pigs team tomorrow at 1 a.m. in LeFat vendoland. The dorm to wolf down the most Hostess pies in the post-parietals pigout will be the proud winner of 100 bags of Sour Cream and Onion potato chips per person. - *The Absurder*

At the end of gEEK week, the Neuter Dream electrical engineers lead the CHEG's in relay team nose picking. The AERO's are in the lead of the TI-55 programming contest, and the ME's won the build a better breakfast contest. - *The Absurder*

NCAA Basketball Tournament tickets for the first-round games at Neuter Dream are still available. Bleacher tickets are available at the Gate 10 ticket office at the ACC at \$75 for the general public and \$120 for students. - *The Absurder*

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"We have to save our butts"

Neuter Dream initiates cheating

By HOOK or By CROOK
Snorts Ltars

Neuter Dream has started a policy of cheating wherever possible in intercollegiate athletics.

"You're darn right we're going to cheat now," blurted athletic director Clean Boreagain. "Look at our tiddlywinks record the last few years. You think we're going to get kids to come to this pit anymore? We're looking at a situation in the athletic department where we have to save our butts." The decision was confirmed by executive president of vice in charge of athletics, Father Red "Rolls" Royce. "Here at Neuter Dream, we used to put a lot of emphasis on recruiting the student-athlete," recalled Royce. "But when I was freezing my chalice off in Memphis last year with the tiddlywinks team, I realized I could be getting a tan in some warmer place if we just cheated a little. That's when we said, 'The hell with the student-let's go for Hawaii.'"

Notre Dame Nerfball coach Bigger Yelps praised the decision by Royce. "This is definitely a Neuter Dream moment," said Yelps. "We're looking at a situation in college athletics right now that really isn't very important, but I'll talk about it

anyway. We've got too many schools playing by the rules, and it really puts a damper on the good places that cheat like my friend Dim Valvoline at N.C. Great. Look, he gets a convict to play Nerfball and wins the national championship, and I'm stuck with Slim Unkempton.

"Last year, I almost couldn't get Brave Livers to come here because I had to pay for the Porsche out of my own pocket. I shouldn't have to do that. I'm the star."

Notre Dame tiddlywinks coach Berry Louse also was pleased with the decision. "I'm really proud of Father Royce for protecting the integrity of these young men," said Louse. "We've had a lot of injuries on our team - you know, people getting fingers in the eye and getting scratched coronaries, strained achilles tendons, and that kind of stuff. I've always said we should string these young men out on dope and make them a real team, but nobody ever listens to me."

Yelps joins convent

Neuter Dream basketball coach Bigger Yelps finally fulfilled a lifelong ambition last night when he secretly escaped to a Laporte convent and became a nun.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," said Yelps at a hastily called press conference. "There was something inside of me that kept saying, 'nun, nun, nun,' so I became one."

Yelps has yet to decide if he will leave the University, but cited his relationship with local snortscaster Jerk Piano and the South Bend nightlife as factors influencing him to stay on.



Coach Bigger Yelps

Irish track team performs well in Notre Dame Invitational Saturday

By JOHN COYLE
Sports Writer

Though you couldn't tell from the score - because there wasn't any - the Notre Dame track team did very well in the Notre Dame Invitational on Monogram Track at Cartier Field on Saturday. Since this was a non-scoring meet, there was no combined score for each team competing. This type of format was perfect for his team, according to Irish head coach Joe Piane.

"People don't understand the reasons for a non-scoring meet," explained Piane. "They always ask if you won or lost. They don't understand the concept. People forget that the Olympics is a non-scoring meet."

"It enables us to run more guys in some events. Also, the format allows us to experiment by having guys

compete in other events which gives us flexibility. This early in the season, there are many benefits for having a non-scoring meet," he said.

Most of the competitors probably wished that it was still the indoor season after going outside on Saturday. A temperature in the low 40's and a strong wind are not exactly ideal conditions for an outdoor track meet. Western Michigan, in fact, was so discouraged by the cloudy sky and the cold temperature that it thought snow was coming, so they decided to stay home.

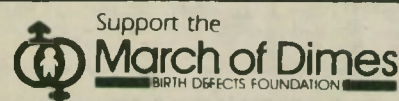
Not everyone was so pessimistic about the weather, fortunately. Leading the way for the Irish was Van Percy, who set a meet record time of :21.5 in the 200. Percy was also a member of the winning 4x400 relay team. The quartet of Phil

Gilmore, Mitch Van Eyken Dan Shannon and Percy won the 400 with a time of :41.6., which was also a meet record.

Piane was also impressed by the performances of several other members of the Irish track team. Brian Driscoll won the javelin event with a throw of 185-7, while having to contend with a stiff wind. Rich Mulvey topped the field in the steeplechase in 9:36. Robert Nobles also ran well, finishing second in the 800.

This was the first meet of the outdoor season for the Notre Dame track team. It was good preparation for the Irish as they get ready for some very competitive upcoming meets.

As Piane said, "It was a very successful afternoon in terms of what we had hoped to accomplish".



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Golf

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winds, three Irish golfers recorded scores in the 70's for Saturday's match.

O'Donovan led the field with a remarkable round of 74, while Fuhrer was just one stroke back with a 75. Huffman was the third Irish golfer under 80 with a score of 79.

Irish head coach Noel O'Sullivan said he was quite pleased with his team's performance. Although he had hoped for a course record this weekend, O'Sullivan conceded that the playing conditions made a course record virtually impossible.

"Our consistency this weekend, especially under such adverse conditions, was brilliant," said O'Sullivan.

Notre Dame's low scores would surely have been lower were it not for such terrible conditions. According to O'Donovan, this weekend's weather was "the worst two days in a row I've played."

The Irish were disappointed that they didn't have better conditions to go after the course record, but without a single senior, this team can only get better.

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There will be a mandatory meeting for all Observer writers Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 in 306 Haggar College Center. Anyone not able to attend should call Tess Guarino at 239-5313. All interested in writing are invited to attend.

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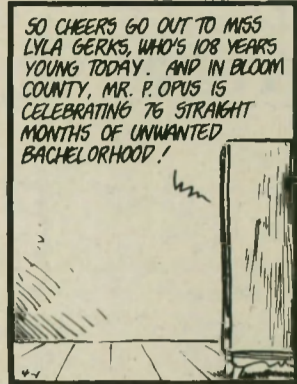
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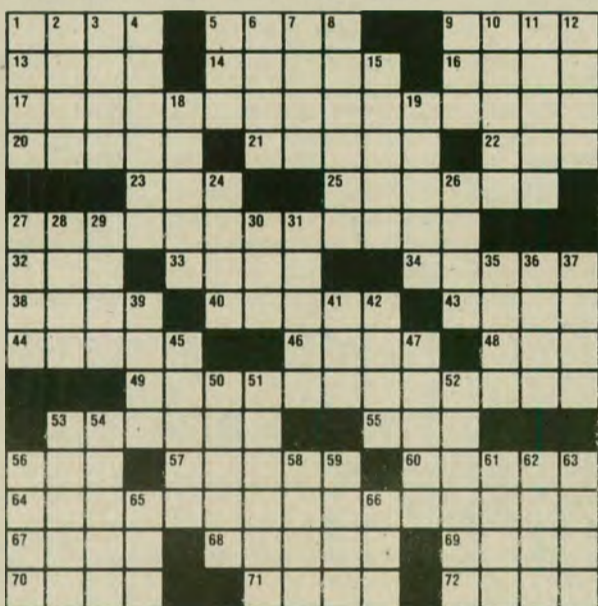


"Get, you rascal! Get! ... Heaven knows how he keeps getting in here, Betty, but you better count 'em."

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The Daily Crossword

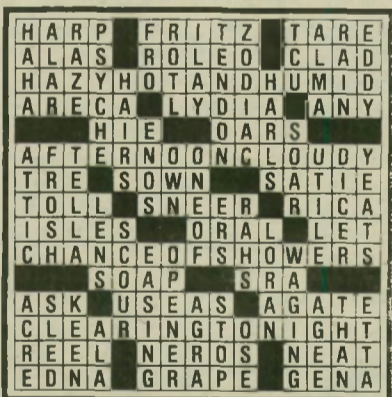
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 - 22 Brown or Paul
 - 23 Sparked
 - 25 Rubber-stamped in a way
 - 27 DeSylva-Silvers song
 - 32 "— Haw"
 - 33 Den
 - 34 Himalayan kingdom
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 - 46 Important times
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 - 53 Whim
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Friday's Solution



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 - 24 Mogu!
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 - 37 Sediment
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Campus

- — **Blood Drive Sign-ups**, Saint Mary's Dining Halls, Blood Drive to be Held on April 11 & 12, Sponsored by St. Mary's Senior Class.
- 6:30 p.m. — **Meeting**, "Fruitbasket Fun," Grace Hall Pit, Sponsored by AIESEC.
- 7 & 9:15 p.m. — **Film**, "Brother Sun, Sister Moon," Engineering Auditorium, Sponsored by Social Concerns Spring Film Series, \$1.
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Sophomore defenseman Jim Fallon and his lacrosse teammates raised their season record to 3-3 with a 14-8 victory over the Kenyon College Lords on Saturday. For more on the contest, see Phil Wolf's story at right.

Irish lacrosse team beats Kenyon to stay undefeated in conference

By PHIL WOLF
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame lacrosse team took a "ride" to victory Saturday afternoon on Cartier Field.

It was the ride, the defense that continually prevented Kenyon College from clearing the ball from its defensive zone, that helped the Irish beat the Lords, 14-8.

"It began in the first quarter," Kenyon coach Bill Heiser explained. "The first three times we got possession, we failed to clear and we weren't successful for the rest of the time, really."

"I think Notre Dame rode very well," he continued. "They used a full-field, pressure-type ride which we haven't worked against much and we haven't seen yet all season from our opponents."

"That was our biggest problem," Heiser concluded. "In fact, it was the only thing we talked about every timeout and at halftime."

The Irish ride held the Lords to only 14 clears in 27 attempts, while Notre Dame was able to get the ball out of its defensive zone on 14 of 17 tries.

"That's the best our ride has

played this year," Irish head coach Rich O'Leary said. "That's something we've worked on. We haven't changed much since the beginning of the year, but this was the best we have looked on it, and it made a big difference early in the game."

Of course, the Irish still needed to generate some offense to come away with 14 points on the board, and they found plenty of people to do the scoring. Senior co-captain Bob Trocchi scored four goals and gave away four assists to lead the scoring barrage. Junior Joe Franklin had three goals and two assists for the Irish, and junior Mark Steranka scored three goals, all of them in the first half.

Joe O'Brien scored two goals and co-captain Justin Shay had one to round out the scoring. John McLachlan and Dave O'Neill each had one assist.

Shay's goal put the Irish ahead, 7-2, with 6:17 remaining in the first half, when the defenseman picked off a pass in the Notre Dame defensive zone and went 60 yards for the shot.

The Irish scored the first two goals in the game less than 40 seconds apart, at 2:08 and 2:47 of the first quarter. Notre Dame led, 4-1, at the end of that period.

In the second quarter, Kenyon opened the scoring at 0:27, but the Lords did not score again until early in the third quarter. Meanwhile, the Irish offense began to click, and Notre Dame went ahead, 10-2, at

halftime and 12-2 before Kenyon scored again.

The game was played under less-than-ideal conditions. The officials were more than an hour late, and the teams practiced for an hour-and-a-half in rain and sleet before the game began. High winds persisted throughout the game, and Cartier's astroturf was wet from recent rain.

"I think with these conditions," O'Leary said, "we were real happy that we started off well, and we managed to control the game throughout the whole contest."

"Our offense managed to create some opportunities, something we worked on the last two days. We did a real nice job of that. We also took advantage of their (the Lords') mistakes throughout the entire game, something we haven't done up till now."

The Lords scored three consecutive goals in the third period before the Irish answered and went ahead, 14-5. In the fourth quarter Notre Dame failed to score, but Kenyon's three goals were not enough to get the Lords back in the game.

The Irish hurled 47 shots at the Lords' goal during the game, forcing Kenyon goalies Bill Broda and Peter Houston to make 20 saves. Notre Dame goalie Rob Simpson made 15 saves on 27 shots at the Irish goal.

Notre Dame's record now is 3-3 and 2-0 in the Midwest Lacrosse Association. The Lords fell to 1-2.

The Irish will play host to Radford at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday on Cartier Field.

Women fall to 10-2 on season

Tennis team loses to Hoosiers

By MARY SIEGER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's tennis team went on an emotional rollercoaster ride as the Irish lost their second dual meet of the spring season to the Indiana Hoosiers, 9-0, yesterday in the South Bend Racquet Club.

However, the meet was closer than the final 9-0 score indicates, and the Irish almost prevented the shut-out in four of their nine matches.

With the exception of junior Mary Colligan playing at number-two singles, Notre Dame was dominated by the top ranked Hoosiers in the singles competition.

"They have good singles players," said senior co-captain Lisa LaFratta. "Mary played well and might have pulled it out, but her girl got more consistent."

But it was a different story when the doubles teams took to the court. The Irish gave the Hoosiers a run for their money, as all three Notre Dame

doubles pairs split their matches with Indiana.

"We could have done better and our concentration was not as intense as it could have been," explained Irish head coach Sharon Petro. "Our doubles went up and down and up and down. We had fleeting moments of concentration, then they built up their momentum."

Since Indiana is ranked twelfth in the NCAA Division I and offers full scholarships to its players, the Irish did not anticipate a victory over the Hoosiers. After yesterday's meet, the Irish proved to themselves they are competitive with tennis powerhouses and hope the rivalry between the two schools will continue in the future.

"I hope we can learn from this and do better in the future - if not, it's a terrible loss," said Petro. "If we're up, we must work extremely hard and remember a meet isn't won until the last point is scored."

"We're known to be scrappy when we're down," she continued.

"But we must develop a killer instinct when we're up."

"I think people realize now they can beat people they're not supposed to beat," reflected LaFratta. "We can't give up before we get on the court."

Earlier this weekend, the Irish claimed two victories against Bradley and Drake Universities, bringing the team's spring record to 10-2. Notre Dame overwhelmed Bradley, 8-1, Friday afternoon and later went on to drub Drake, 9-0, Saturday morning.

Tomorrow, Notre Dame plays host to a tough squad from Western Michigan University in a dual meet which probably will not be decided until the last set. On Saturday, Western Michigan lost to the Hoosiers by a score of 7-2, claiming its only wins at number-two singles and number-one doubles.

"We should get two of the doubles," said LaFratta. "It will probably come down to the doubles, and if it does, we could get the meet."

"We've not defeated them before and I'm tired of losing," said Petro.

Golfers continue to play well in two victories this weekend

By SEAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Although this weekend's weather was hardly conducive to good golf, the Irish golf team made the best of it by winning both of their weekend matches at Burke Memorial Golf Course.

Yesterday, the Irish beat Wayne State and Xavier in a triangular match, and Saturday they defeated Tri-State, 389-410.

Yesterday's triangular match against Wayne State and Xavier saw strong winds which hampered shots all day. Notre Dame won the match with a score of 382, well below Wayne State's 413 and Xavier's 445.

Leading the way yesterday was freshman Rich Connelly. His score

of 73 was the lowest recorded all weekend. After firing a two-over-par 38 on the front nine, Connelly parred the back nine, finishing his round with birdies on 15, 16, and 18.

Junior Lon Huffman was just two strokes behind Connelly, finishing with a 75. Huffman's round was highlighted by an eagle on the par-five fifth hole. After two tremendous drives, Huffman sank a 70-foot putt for the eagle.

Finishing two strokes behind Huffman with a score of 77 was sophomore Chris Bona. Team captain John O'Donovan shot a 78 yesterday, while both Steve Fuhrer and John Anthony recorded scores of 79.

Despite bitter cold and strong

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Football team shows hard hitting in first spring scrimmage

By MARTY BURNS
Sports Writer

It was not a pretty sight at Notre Dame Stadium early Saturday morning as the Notre Dame football team took to the field for its first intrasquad scrimmage of the spring season.

Dark clouds loomed over the cold, damp stadium, and one of the goalposts leaned over to one side, a forgotten casualty of the student body's ambush after the rout of Penn State last Nov. 17.

Things didn't really get ugly, though, until the Irish took the field. That's when the hitting began. Just about every Irish player responded favorably to the challenge, and several crushing tackles rang out in the air during the two and-a-half hours.

And that was not a bad way to ring in the new spring football season, at least for head coach Gerry Faust.

The tenacious hitting which characterized the practice was, in his eyes, anything but ugly.

"I was impressed with the hitting," said Faust. "Today, we were mainly interested in the hitting and the execution. We just wanted to find out who could run, hit, and block, for this is where we develop the football team."

Saturday's scrimmage should indeed be a good stepping-stone for the remainder of the spring season, for over 70 Irish players saw action, many of them for the first time in unfamiliar roles.

The squad was divided up for the scrimmage into three offensive units and three defensive units. The units consisted of a mixture of players from all three tiers of the depth chart, a move made by Faust to keep as many people ready as possible in case of injuries.

"We won't make a first or second unit until later in the year at the end

of the spring," noted Faust. "We had so many injuries last year, it all got changed around anyway. We're just mixing them up this year."

No score was kept, as the three units moved the ball only between the 20-yard lines. Once all three units were finished with their 14 plays, however, the ball was placed at the three-yard line, and the units then rotated punching the ball into the endzone against the goal-line defense.

"We were not interested in how many times we scored," said Faust. "We were just concerned about the aggressiveness and the execution. We went down to the goal line because we had just lined that up (Friday) for the first time, and we wanted to see it."

Apparently, Faust was not interested in working on any complicated formations or schemes either, as simplicity seemed the rule of the day. There were only 20 passes

thrown throughout the entire practice, and very few variations in the defensive formation.

"We didn't run a whole lot of offense," admitted Faust. "We've moved a lot faster in the past in terms of putting things in. This spring we're taking a different approach, and (Saturday) we wanted them just to go right at it."

One offensive formation foreign to Faust's past teams which was used often Saturday was the option, although the fifth-year Notre Dame coach instituted the formation more for the benefit of the defense than for the offense.

Stopping the option has been a difficult chore in the past for the Notre Dame defense, and one of the Irish coaching staff's main objectives this spring is to prepare the defense completely to shut down the option offense employed by many of Notre Dame's opponents.

"We ran a few options," said Faust.

"But it was primarily for the defense. We put that in so that the defense could learn to play it."

Another type of option, the halfback option, was responsible for the longest pass completion of the day. On the very first series of plays, tailback Lester Flemons (11 carries - 71 yards) took the pitch from quarterback Terry Andrysiak, and then tossed the ball downfield to receiver Tim Brown for a 27-yard pickup.

Ironically, this same play backfired later in the day when tailback Alonzo Jefferson (six carries - 44 yards), teaming with quarterback Tom Byrne on the No. 2 offensive unit, unjudiciously attempted a pass while being pulled down by the Irish defense. The ball nestled comfortably into linebacker Cedric Figaro's hands, and the 6-3 freshman promptly took it into the endzone.

Other than this play, the only con-

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