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SMC President Hickey defers 'Alliance' recognition

Editor's Note: At the request of both President Hickey and student body president Jen Turbiak, the following letter has been printed in its entirety.

April 14, 1997

Dear Jen,

I have read with interest the articles on the "Alliance" that appeared in recent issues of the student newspaper, *The Observer*. The official title of the organization, "The Alliance of Lesbian, Bisexual, Straight and Questioning Women of Saint Mary's College," prompted me to gather and review all material (including Board of Governance minutes) which would assist me in understanding the purpose, goals, and place of this new organization in the life of this college community.

I now have completed that review and am writing to indicate that I have decided to defer official recognition of the organization at this time. It is important to state, however, that I am in complete agreement with BOG in recognizing the significant issues raised by the "Alliance" in their prepared materials.

In fact, the issues of sexuality, relationships, insight to be gained from Catholic teachings, and a host of related questions led me to establish, almost a year ago, a Committee on Relationships. This committee was charged with the development of an agenda which would define ways in which members of the College community could gather to openly and broadly dialogue about these issues.

It was and is my desire to have these issues recognized and supported as important ones at the institutional level which led me to my present decision.

The Committee on Relationships has been asked to review the "Alliance" materials and to advise me as to whether the agenda and for that they envision will, in fact, address the concerns as outlined in the "Alliance" materials. My final decision on whether a specific student organization in this area would enhance such campus-wide dialogues will be heavily influenced by their recommendations.

I would have welcomed an opportunity to have some conversation prior to the BOG decision so that you and others would have been more fully aware of the initiative that led to the establishment of the Committee on Relationships. I applaud the student body initiatives that have been taken to produce meaningful conversation on campus about relationships, and I also commend the Board for the seriousness with which you constantly address very crucial issues.

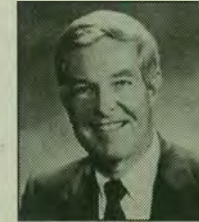
Since the desires of BOG and the College administration are similar, I am certain the outcome in this matter can be one that will achieve our common goals.

Congratulations on a most productive year as student government president.

Sincerely,
William A. Hickey

By LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's Editor

President Hickey released a statement yesterday to student body president Jen Turbiak, indicating his decision to defer official club recognition on The Alliance of Lesbian, Bisexual, Straight and Questioning Women of Saint Mary's College.



Hickey

This decision came in response to last week's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting which granted club recognition to The Alliance.

After reviewing all material pertaining to The Alliance, Hickey, in his letter to Turbiak, stated that "I have decided to defer official recognition of the organization at this time. It is important to state, however, that I am in complete agreement with BOG in recognizing the

significant issues raised by The Alliance in their proposed materials."

According to the Saint Mary's College Student Handbook and Calendar, BOG may recognize or support any group, club, or organization that respects the Catholic tradition, the Mission of Saint Mary's College, and the philosophy of the Division of Student Affairs. The decision by BOG to confer recognition of a group, club, or organization will be made after review of the application material submitted to the Office of Student Activities.

According to Turbiak, Hickey will make the decision on

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Taking a nasty spill...



The Observer/Joe Stark

A man walking on South Quad tripped on a small rise in the pavement and fell to the ground yesterday at about 1:30 p.m. He had minor injuries to his knees, knuckles, chin and lip. Notre Dame's Security Police came quickly to the scene, just a few feet from Knights of Columbus Hall, and gave him on-site treatment. He was taken in an ambulance to St. Joseph's Medical Center for further treatment.

HALL PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL

Council discusses funds, Saferide

By SEAN SMITH
News Writer

Kevin Cannon, director of Student Residences, addressed the newly elected members of Hall Presidents' Council last night to inform them on how to obtain matching funds next year through the Office of Student Residences.

Cannon's office will match two-thirds of any dorm's funds, but only up to \$1000 per dorm.

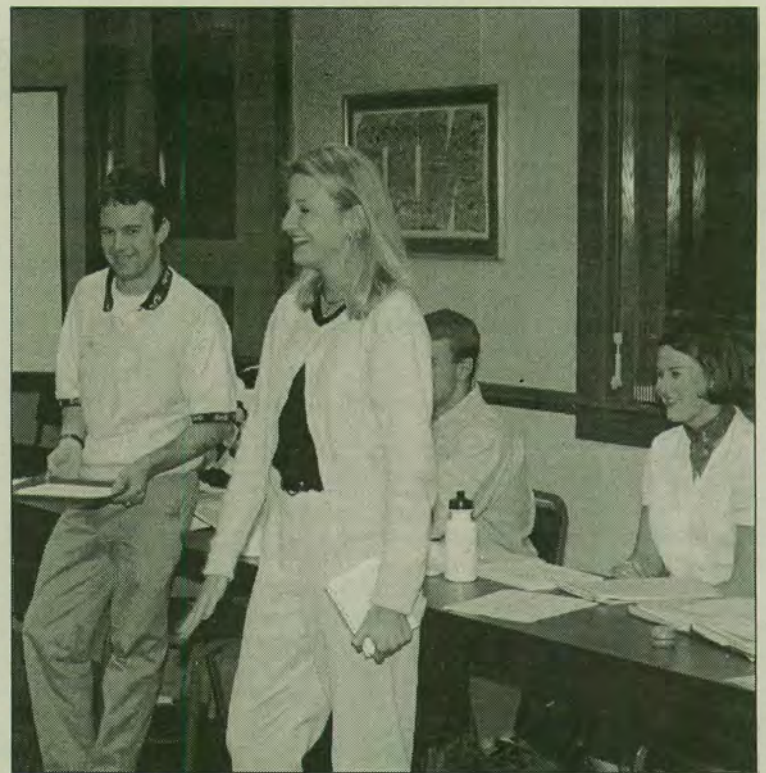
Dorms can individually decide how they want to spend the matching funds, but there are some catches.

Any dorm purchases must go through the Purchasing Department before they are even considered by Student Residences. This allows Notre Dame to purchase merchandise free from taxes and save the dorms money by purchasing orders in bulk.

To be eligible for matching funds, the dorms must put their money towards permanent objects that will benefit all members of the dorms for years to come.

"What will be approved is anything in social or study areas that is of a permanent nature," Cannon said.

In order to avoid the hassles of having all dorms request matching funds at the very end of the year, all female dorms will be



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Members of Saferide spoke to the HPC last night about volunteers

required to submit orders to the Purchasing Department between Sept. 15 and Oct. 31, and all male dorms between Oct. 20 and Nov. 28.

In other HPC news:
• Saferide, the Student Union sponsored designated driver program, is asking for volunteers to help transport students

from off-campus locations back to dorms. The directors of the program is asking dorms to sponsor the program for one night during the fall this year.

• Schedules of times and places for all of An Tostal's events will be placed under the door of each room in all of the dorms

University introduces new identification cards this fall

By HEATHER COCKS
News Editor

Retooled and expanded student identification cards will be ready for use upon commencement of the fall 1997 semester, according to yesterday's official University announcement.

Following a trend set by several states in redesigning driver's licenses, the photographs will be video images, printed directly onto the card, as opposed to lami-

nation.

"The signature is also going to be digitized, then printed on the card," said Dave Prentkowski, director of Food Services. "It'll be much crisper-looking."

The images will be permanently stored in the databases, Prentkowski explained, making them almost immediately accessible in the event of an emergency.

"The student will only need to go to a manufacturing station on campus, and a new card can be made quickly and easi-

ly," he stated.

Thus far, the Registrar's Office, Human Resources, and Notre Dame Security are the locations definitely slated to house such terminals.

Initially, few real changes affecting the entire student body will be made in the card's day-to-day function. Welsh and McGlenn Halls, opening in fall 1997, operate with a detex system similar to that present in most female dorms, but using the new ID card instead of a separate

one. "Other dorms will probably convert to this system in the future," Prentkowski theorized.

"Campus computer clusters will activate a swipe system, as well, instead of the student giving up his or her card when they want to work," he added.

During the week of April 28 to May 2, photos of students, faculty, and staff will be taken for the new cards from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., with locations to be announced closer to the actual date.

INSIDE COLUMN

Of golf carts and nosebleeds

Some people can dish it out, but they just can't take it.

David Freddoso
News Copy Editor

I have always had a great deal of respect for the traditions of Alumni Hall. I hadn't seen anything quite like the Wake before last year. I think that more dorms should have similar traditions.

But Alumni Hall had better wake her dead, because the living have gone whiny.

This year, as usual, the Wake procession made an elongated stop outside of Zahm Hall (a dorm which I despise, just like everyone else). As they blocked the sidewalk outside of the much-maligned dorm, chanting in unison something which cannot be printed here, a lone Zahm hero, Hector of the shining helmet, was returning from work in his golf cart.

Naturally, when he saw the mob outside of his own dear residence hall, there was only one thing for him to do. Like Moses parting the Red Sea, he drove his golf cart through the midst of the Hounds of Hell.

The Dawgs attacked him, as he should have expected, hitting him and leaving bruises and cigarette burns on his chin and neck (not all smokers are good people). But our Hector of the shining golf cart passed through from amongst the grim-faced sons of the Achaeans, and went on his merry way.

Hector, the god-like son of Priam, had planned to let it go as all in good fun. Unfortunately for him, some of these Dawgs began to whimper.

Don't get me wrong, because I feel bad for the Dawg who was knocked over in a valiant attempt to stop the shining golf cart. But apparently, although he was not hurt, he is taking his case to Student Affairs.

Maybe we should get the ND Security Police to protect the Wake procession next year.

Some of the poor Poodles also got nosebleeds (!) in the incident, and they are pressing charges against Hector and his shining golf cart.

I may be wrong, but I'd think nosebleeds would be more likely caused by running around naked in freezing weather with a blood alcohol level higher than Lou Gehrig's lifetime batting average.

But hey, who am I to judge? In any case, it's probably a dumb idea for them to press charges, because they will end up in the pound when Student Affairs asks what the bad Dawgie in the picture in Monday's Observer was doing holding his cigar so close to Hector's face.

But as Alumni's rector is reported to have said, "Justice will be served!"

Now, if they had just decided to get him back, even if all that meant was sending him lots of e-mail bombs so that his program would crash, at least the Dawgs could have preserved their manhood. Instead, they are disgracing what is probably the best dorm tradition on campus.

After all, how can the Dawgs dare make fun of Zahm if they become mama Patty's boys? How can they wreak havoc on campus if they blow the whistle on anyone else who tries?

By the way, my e-mail address is dfreddos@darwin.helios.nd.edu. Feel free to send complaints, death threats, and small-sized Urdu dictionaries, if you like.

Or are you going to take me to Student Affairs, too?

If convicted, Hector will be requested to suggest his own punishment. I advise that he do as Socrates did, and ask to suffer a free meal plan for the remainder of his days at Notre Dame.

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Investigators bring in "fresh eyes" in search for missing jet

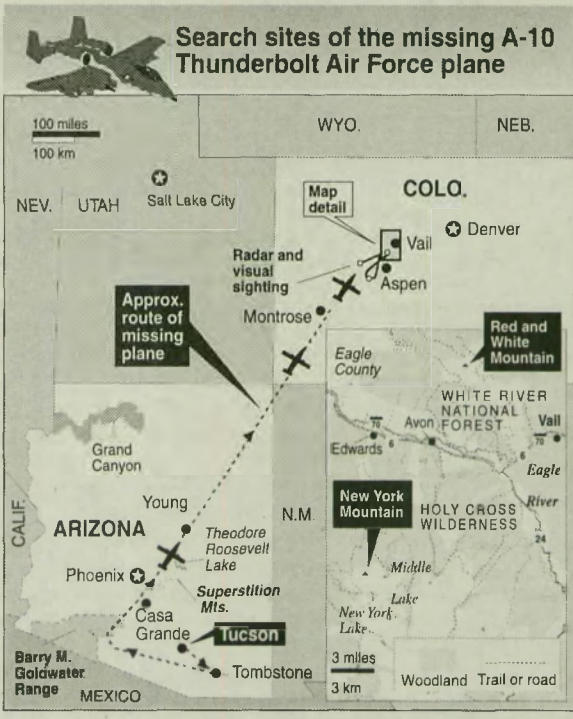
EAGLE, Colo. Stumped in the search for a missing Air Force jet, officials said Tuesday they plan to re-interview people who reported seeing a crash and bring in a team to look at evidence with "fresh eyes."

More than 200 search flights across the Rockies southwest of Vail have found no sign of the \$9 million A-10 Thunderbolt, the four bombs it was carrying or Capt. Craig Button, who veered away from an Arizona training flight April 2.

Ground searches of New York Mountain, where the plane is believed to have crashed, turned no new clues Tuesday.

There were no flights Tuesday while officials focused on analyzing data already collected, and forming a team to look for missed clues.

"We will not constrain anything the team does," said Lt.



Gen. Frank Campbell. "We are asking them to take all of the evidence we've seen and analyze it anew."

Capt. Mike Richmond called the team "a fresh set of eyes" and said plans were to "give them a mountain of evidence and step away."

Investigators also planned to re-interview local witnesses, and take one witness back to the mountain area where he had reported seeing a glow nearly two weeks ago.

When asked about conspiracy theories that Button stole the plane for an attack to coincide with the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing, 2nd Lt. Keith Shepherd rolled his eyes.

"Right now the prime focus is finding the plane and the pilot," he said. "Until that point, we're not going to speculate on any such rumors."

Reeve wins star on Walk of Fame

LOS ANGELES

Christopher Reeve hopes one day to visit the Hollywood Walk of Fame and stand in front of the star unveiled Tuesday in his honor. Reeve, who is nursing a broken arm suffered when two attendants dropped him, appeared with his wife, Dana, and son, Will, at the emotional ceremony attended by about 400 fans. "If we keep giving our scientists the funds they need for research, I will take my family by the hand and I will stand here in front of my star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame," Reeve said. "I'm very thrilled to be here. After what happened to me two years ago, I'm thrilled to be anywhere. My son, Will, is thrilled also. Who knew I'd ever get this close to Big Bird?" Reeve said of his star's proximity to a star for Big Bird from "Sesame Street." A group of fans of Reeve's 1980 film "Somewhere in Time," in which he was a lovestruck time-traveler, raised the \$7,500 to get Reeve the star after the "Superman" actor was paralyzed in a horse-riding accident. Sponsors who recommend celebrities to get stars must pick up the tab.



Helicopter plunges into East River

NEW YORK

A corporate helicopter with four people aboard crashed into the East River off midtown Manhattan seconds after takeoff Tuesday, killing one person and critically injuring at least one other. Two pilots and two passengers were on board when the chopper went down just north of the 59th Street Bridge. The pilots escaped on their own, while the passengers were pulled from the water by divers. "It appears the tail rotor came off, for whatever reason," Police Commissioner Howard Safir said. Police did not identify the victims, but said the chopper was owned by the Colgate-Palmolive Co. and was on its way to White Plains after dropping off two passengers from Piscataway, N.J. The helicopter crashed about 30 seconds after taking off at 5:35 p.m. and was submerged, said Arthur Berkowitz, spokesman for the 60th Street Heliport. Raymond Sarno was on a walkway at nearby New York Hospital when he saw the crash. He said the helicopter "hovered for a second and then it went over. We heard a loud bang like an explosion." The chopper, a BK 117, is a twin-engine helicopter built by a German-Japanese consortium, MBB-Kawasaki. It is widely used as a corporate and medical transport aircraft.

Fish hospital full to the gills

HOEVELAKEN, Netherlands

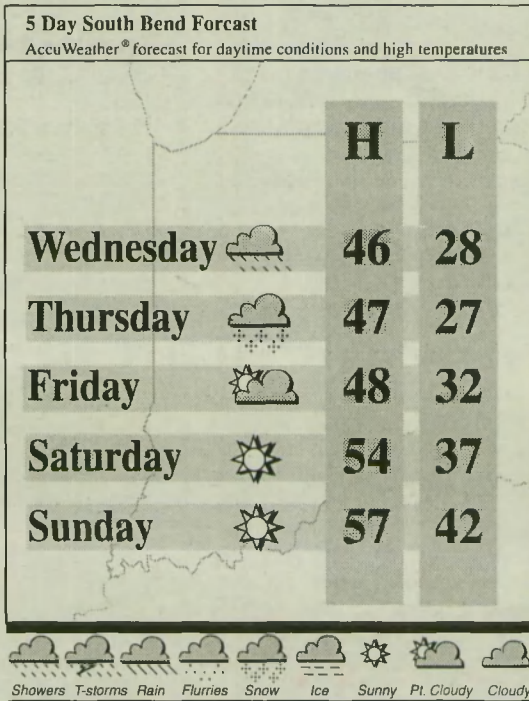
Struggling against the currents of life? Feeling a little green around the gills? Then this is the place for you — if you're a fish. The patients never leave the pool at an unusual "fish hospital" set up by veterinarian Mario Blom in Hoevelaken, 40 miles southeast of Amsterdam. "We get phone calls and faxes every day, but I only take the most serious cases," Blom told the daily De Telegraaf. "We're going to dig special pools out in the garden so we can admit more patients." Though Blom takes care of all kinds of pet fish, most of his charges are the expensive and long-lived Japanese koi that many Dutch keep in small garden pools. The medical bill: \$13 for the first day and \$5 per day thereafter. Blom slaps some with salve, injects others with medicine and even performs microsurgery to repair tattered fins. The contagious are confined to the 50 or so aquaria that line the walls of the clinic. And Blom is as happy as, well, a clam.

Life sentence for lover's sister's killer

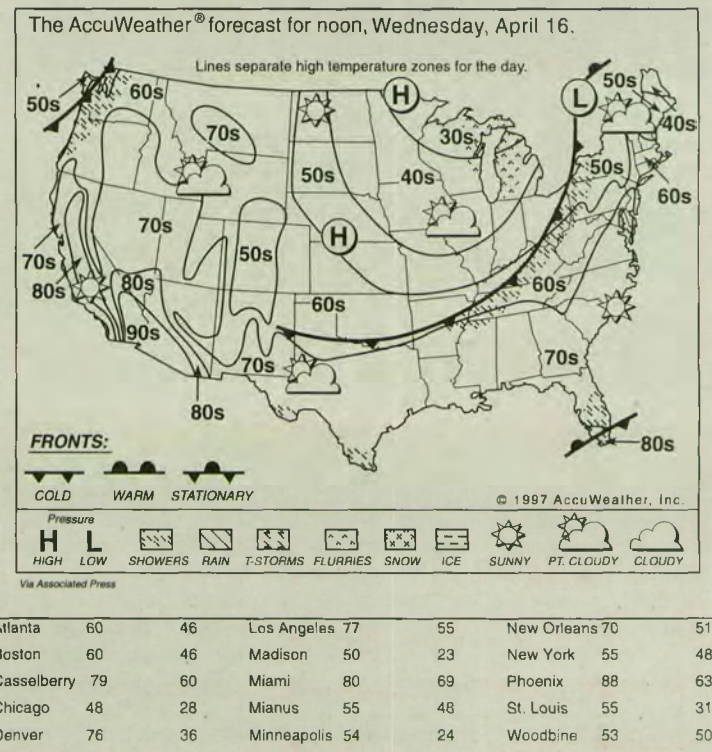
DEDHAM, Mass.

A man who fatally shot his ex-girlfriend's look-alike sister was convicted of first-degree murder Tuesday and sentenced to life in prison. A jury convicted John Anthony Diaz of killing 25-year-old Dawn Brown on July 10, 1993, at a bridal shower for her sister, his former girlfriend, Kimberlee. Prosecutors said he planned to kill Kimberlee but made a crucial mistake. As he jumped from behind a tree outside her parents' home on July 10, 1993, he accidentally shot and killed her sister. Both have blond hair and blue eyes and looked so much alike that people got them confused. "I'm thinking that justice has been served and that my sister can rest in peace," Kimberlee Brown Goldstein said outside court after the sentencing. When Kimberlee Brown left him, "he didn't know how to deal with it. He blamed her family for the breakup. He hated himself, wanted to be someone else," his attorney, Henry F. Owens III, said.

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Saint Mary's smoking survey sparks debate

By ERIKA WITTORF
News Writer

Last night, the Saint Mary's College Board of Governance sponsored a forum to discuss the recent ban on halogen lamps and the addition of two non-smoking floors.

"I was hoping that we would find a consensus about the current smoking policy. What we learned is that most students feel very strongly about this subject and want to make sure their rights are not infringed upon. I'm not sure our results indicate an overwhelming desire to change the current policy," Katherine Rosswurm, housing coordinator, expressed in a letter to students.

That concern was expressed by the students in attendance last night at the forum. The purpose of the open meeting was to discuss several issues related to smoking: health, social freedom, and safety.

Last night's forum was called not to formulate a decision but rather to solicit opinions from students on the

policies that were recently enacted by the department of Residence Life. The new policies include the addition of two non-smoking floors to campus — the second floors of LeMans and McCandless — and the prohibition of halogen lamps in the residence halls.

Health issues related to smoking were central to the evening's discussion.

"I take care of people that have suffered health problems from second hand smoke. For instance, I take care of an old man who has never smoked a cigarette in his life and he has suffered the effects of an individual who would have smoked," a nursing student stated.

Social freedom conflicted greatly with the issue of health.

"We try not to take away the social freedom of our students," stated Suzie Orr, director of Residence Life.

Last semester, students voiced their opinions in surveys regarding the smoking situation on campus. The surveys were coordinated by a Residence Life committee concerned

with the issue. Of those that participated, 13 percent were smokers and 87 percent were non-smokers.

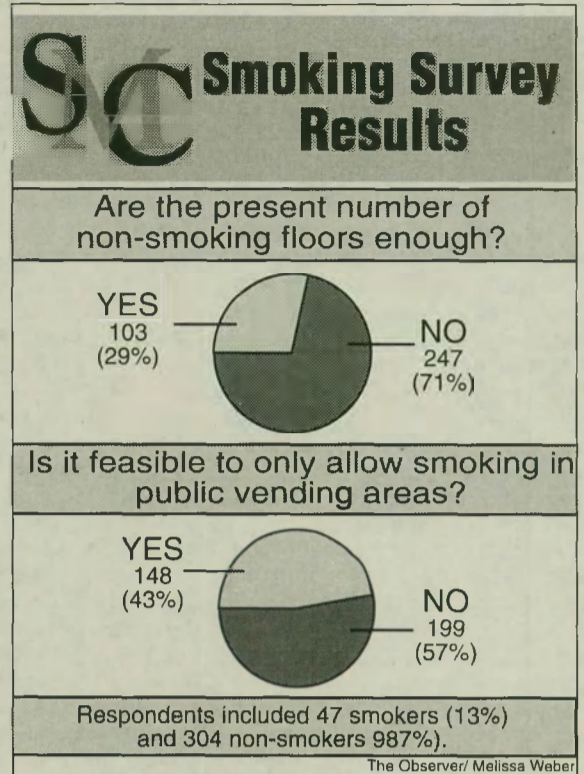
Reflecting survey results, several students indicated that while some feel the need to exert their social freedom by smoking, they often don't realize that they infringe on others' freedom to live healthy lives.

"Every time I go down to the basement lounge in LeMans and get a Coke or do my laundry, everything smells like smoke," said junior Meg Winkler.

The safety issue pertaining to halogen lamps was also debated. Gretchen Fink quoted a statistic that halogen lamps were the fifth leading cause of domestic fires. She added that smoking was the leading cause of domestic fires.

Orr responded as to why smoking was not banned, even though it is the leading cause of domestic fires.

"We felt that we could not prohibit smoking because it would have been more reasonable to prohibit halogen lamps than smoking because smoking is a way of life," she stated.



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ND names new Kellogg director

Special to The Observer

Scott Mainwaring, chair and Eugene and Helen Conley professor of government and international studies at Notre Dame, will become the new director of the University's Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, according to Nathan Hatch, the University's provost.

The Kellogg Institute, a center of comparative international studies with a special focus on Latin America, has been cited as the foremost Latin American research center in the world. The Institute has helped to shape the policies of political, economic and social liberalization now at work in the region, and its faculty fellows have included the principal architects

of those policies, among them Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso, former Chilean Minister of Finance Alejandro Foxley, and numerous other scholars and government ministers.

Mainwaring will succeed the Institute's two founding directors, who are retiring from those roles. Fr. Ernest Bartell, professor of economics, assumed the executive directorship of the Institute at its establishment in 1981 and Guillermo O'Donnell, professor of government, became the Institute's

academic director in 1982. "Foremost among the factors that distinguish the Kellogg Institute is the prominence of its scholarship in studies ranging from democratization and economic liberalization to labor issues and the role of the Catholic Church in Latin America," Hatch said in announcing Mainwaring's appointment. "Scott Mainwaring reflects these strengths superbly in his own scholarship and is ideally suited to lead the Institute."

CORRECTION

On page 10 of last Friday's edition of The Observer, a photograph was mistakenly associated with a lecture story concerning air pollution. The man actually pictured was Astrik Gaberiel, professor emeritus in the Medieval Institute; he was giving a presentation in the Hesburgh Library Rare Book Room. The Observer regrets the error.

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Faculty discuss alcohol and 'problem drinking'

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant News Editor

In an attempt to spread its message through the campus community, the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education sponsored a faculty discussion yesterday about alcoholism.

"Some people don't even think about it," said Gina Poggione, coordinator of alcohol and drug education. "But those people who live with it or with someone who is affected by it live with it everyday. If you are dealing with an alcoholic in your life, whoever you are, you are not alone."

Poggione began by describing the differences between a problem drinker and an alcoholic.

"With a problem drinker, when they drink, bad things happen. Their actions have consequences that negatively affect them," Poggione said. "The alcoholic has a physiological dependency and a loss of control."

She noted that alcoholics might not have problems every time they drink, but that even an occasional feeling of dependency can signal a problem.

Kelly Landry, assistant coordinator of alcohol and drug education, said that many people can mask the signs of alcoholism, but that even those signs can be quite different for everyone.

"There are many people who use and abuse alcohol and many of them are very high functioning," she said. "There is not a typical person who fits the stereotype, but if drinking is getting in the way of things that should be more important, like health, work and relationships, then alcohol could be a problem."

The pair then discussed the genetic component of alcoholism, saying that "it is the only indicator we can really rely on." They said that genetics seems to play a part in alcoholic tendencies in families, especially affecting sons, daughters and same-sex siblings of alcoholics. Alcoholism can also skip a generation and could be attributed to environmental effects.

"If a father is an alcoholic, his son, who might have a gene for alcoholism, might stay away from alcohol because of the effects he saw in his environ-

ment. But that man's son, who hasn't seen the effects, might be more prone to try alcohol and become an addict," Poggione said.

The drinker's friends and family are often affected emotionally, physically, and socially by alcoholism, according to Landry and Poggione, and they must participate in a confrontation in order to help their loved one. These people must ask themselves if they are unconsciously allowing the drinking to continue though covering up for the drinker's actions.

"It's a huge systematic approach, [helping someone with a problem]. Drinking does not only affect the drinker. [Loved ones] have to ask, 'What am I doing that allows this to continue?'" Poggione said.

Landry then discussed ways to confront a person who might have a problem, re-naming the situation a "care-frontation" to focus on its goal of aid.

"There are specific ways to confront, but people have to remember that we, as a species, don't take criticism well," she said.

Alliance

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this matter by the end of the academic year, and will not leave the issue to be settled for the incoming president, Marilou Eldred.

The matter will be presented to the Committee on Relationships of the Board of Trustees at this Friday's meeting, along with the purpose of The Alliance, as stated in the organization's constitution, the research team report, the student handbook guidelines and procedures for recognizing a student club or organization, the articles from The Observer, and the letter from President Hickey.

"It was and is my desire to have these issues recognized and supported as important ones at the institutional level which led me to my present decision.

"The Committee on Relationships has been asked to review The Alliance materials and to advise me as to whether the agenda and for that they envision will, in fact, address the concerns as outlined in The Alliance materials. My final decision on whether a specific student organization in this area would enhance such campus-wide dialogues will be heavily influenced by their recommendations," Hickey stated.

"We stand behind our decision to recognize The Alliance as an official student organization, and have made ourselves available to President Hickey and the Committee on Relationships to help them in

any way we can," said Turbiak.

The Alliance strives to provide a safe environment for students dealing with issues regarding sexuality, and aims to grant students a physical space with a welcoming atmosphere to hold discussions on sexuality.

"The Alliance plans to cooperate fully with President Hickey in assisting him with finding answers to any questions he may have," said Carol Jones, one of the founding members of The Alliance.

The Alliance first proposed its constitution at the March 3 BOG meeting, and was tabled until the March 19 meeting. At the second meeting, BOG members formed an internal research team to seek out unbiased information to educate the members of BOG to ensure an informed decision on the question of official recognition of The Alliance.

"I applaud the student initiatives that have been taken to produce meaningful conversation on campus about relationships, and I also commend the Board for the seriousness with which [they] constantly address very crucial issues," stated Hickey.

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MATH 105 - Elements of Calculus I - (3 Credit Hours) 1:15-2:55 MTWTF, May 27-June 27

Call #3317 - Last "add" date: May 28.

Course Content: An introduction to the calculus of algebraic, exponential and logarithmic functions.

MATH 108 - Elements of Calculus II for Business - (3 Credit Hours) 8:35-10:10 MTWTF, June 30-July 29

Call #4055 - Last "add" date: July 1 - Prerequisite: MATH 105 or equivalent.

Course Content: This course, designed for first-year students who intend to major in the College of Business Administration, introduces the basic concepts of calculus through problems arising in business and economics.

MATH 120 - Calculus B - (3 Credit Hours) 1:15-2:55 MTWTF June 30-July 29

Call #4056 - Last "add" date: July 1 - Prerequisite: MATH 119 or equivalent.

Course Content: This is the second semester of a course for biology and preprofessional students whose programs require a one-year terminal course in calculus.

MATH 126 - Calculus II - (4 Credit Hours) 8:35-10:10 MTWTF, June 30-July 29

Call #4105 - Last "add" date: July 1 - Prerequisite: MATH 125 or equivalent.

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Fires driven by high winds tore through a sprawling, overcrowded tent city Tuesday, trapping and killing pilgrims gathered for a sacred Islamic ritual. The official death toll was 217, but witnesses said at least 300 died.

Saudi Arabia said more than 1,290 pilgrims were injured in the fire, which witnesses blamed on exploding canisters of cooking gas.

Most of the dead were Indians, Pakistanis and Bangladeshis, many of them elderly, witnesses told The Associated Press. Some were trampled to death as pilgrims fled the fire on the plain outside the holy city of Mecca.

"Men panicked and ran in every direction," said an Indian pilgrim who spoke to The Associated Press by telephone and identified himself only as Irfan.

Helicopters dropped water from above while civil defense workers used firetruck hoses on the flames.

Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims were stranded after the fire destroyed an estimated 70,000 tents, which the pilgrims use for shelter in the final days of the Hajj. Civil defense forces from Mecca and nearby Jiddah and Taif rushed to the scene, handing out tents and supplies.

Prince Majid bin Abdul Aziz, the royal family's representative in Mecca, ordered that new tents be provided to all pilgrims affected by the fire, Saudi television reported Tuesday.

King Fahd, the Saudi monarch, expressed his sorrow for the victims and their relatives and friends. "I ask that God gives them patience to cope," he was quoted by the Saudi Press Agency as saying.

The fire erupted shortly before noon as Muslims gathered for the hajj, or pilgrimage, were beginning to move to Mount Arafat, where the Prophet Mohammed delivered his final sermon in the seventh century.

There, 2 million Muslims will stand together in prayer Wednesday in the climax of the pilgrimage to the Muslim holy sites.

The hajj has been the scene of several recent tragedies, including the deaths of 1,426 people in a 1990 stampede.

Less than an hour before the fire began Tuesday, security forces had thrown up a cordon around the entire plain, closing it to new arrivals to stop fur-

ther overcrowding, witnesses said.

The fire was started by exploding gas cylinders, which pilgrims use for cooking in the tents, they said.

Fanned by winds of nearly 40 mph, it swept across the plain and quickly spread chaos through the camp, crammed with row after row of white tents.

The injured were carried away on stretchers and in people's arms, while others wearing white robes for the pilgrim-



Previous disasters during the Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina:

- Dec. 4, 1979: 75 Sunni Muslim extremists take over Mecca's Grand Mosque and die in gunbattle along with scores of Saudi troops.
- Aug. 3, 1980: 301 people die in Pakistani jetliner fire soon after takeoff from Jiddah to Riyadh.
- July 31, 1987: Security forces clash with Iranians staging an anti-U.S. demonstration in Mecca; 402 are killed and 649 wounded.
- July 9, 1989: Two bombs explode in Mecca, killing one, wounding 16.
- July 2, 1990: 1,426 pilgrims killed in a stampede in an overcrowded pedestrian tunnel leading to holy sites in Mecca.
- March 21, 1991: 92 Senegalese Muslim troops and a six-man Saudi crew killed when Saudi Arabian transport aircraft crashes after an off-season pilgrimage to Mecca.
- May 23, 1994: 270 pilgrims killed in a stampede in Mecca during a pilgrimage ritual.

age fled a long smoke-filled alley between the tents.

Witnesses said they had seen hundreds of bodies. Saudi newspaper reporters who visited the site said at least 300 had died, most of them trampled underfoot in the pandemonium.

Three hundred fire engines helped battle the blaze, and helicopters dropped water, witnesses said.

The fire was brought under control in about three hours.

Hours later, a cloud of smoke still hung over the encampment, and was visible miles away.

By Tuesday afternoon, as temperatures soared to 104 degrees, the desert plain was a scene of devastation.

Pilgrims wandered amid the smoldering remains of tents. Many appeared lost as they searched for relatives or friends, witnesses said.

Cleanup operations were

launched quickly, with workers sweeping away the charred remains of hundreds of air conditioners, mattresses and burned pages of the Koran, Islam's holy book. Some tents are reinforced with wood and equipped with such amenities as air conditioners and stoves.

Pakistan's government set up a 24-hour emergency number to field calls from relatives. India official from New Delhi to make sure Indians received assistance, United News of India said.

Every Muslim who can afford it must perform the pilgrimage once in a lifetime. Every year, the hajj brings together one of the largest groups of people in a single place anywhere in the world.

Saudi Arabia has spent billions of dollars in upgrading hajj facilities to ensure the comfort and safety of the pilgrims.

It takes deep pride in its ability to maintain order during the huge gathering and has created a special cabinet portfolio for running hajj affairs.

But the ritual has often been overshadowed by tragedies and disturbances stemming from political rivalries.

In 1994, 270 pilgrims, most of them Indonesian, were killed in a stampede as worshipers surged toward a cavern for the symbolic ritual of "stoning the devil."

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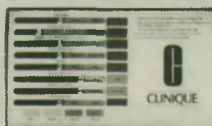
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FBI finds tainted lab results

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Criminal defense lawyers say inaccurate testimony and flawed scientific work by FBI crime lab agents criticized in a Justice Department report could taint thousands of past and pending prosecutions.

But Justice Department officials argue the lab's problems have not changed the outcome of any of 13 cases in which defense lawyers already have brought up the errors in court. And officials say a far smaller number of cases still faces evaluation.

On Tuesday after an 18-month investigation, Justice Department Inspector General Michael Bromwich criticized the world-renowned lab's work in some minor and major cases, including the Oklahoma City bombing, New York's World Trade Center bombing and the mail-bomb murder of federal appellate judge Robert Vance.

Assisted by five outside scientists, Bromwich's investigators studied allegations against three of the lab's 23 units: explosives, materials analysis and chemistry-toxicology. Bromwich said his criticisms "should not be imputed ... to other units."

But Judy Clarke, a federal public defender in Spokane, Wash., who is president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, disagreed.

"The prevailing culture of the lab — examiners not properly performing or documenting tests; preparing inaccurate

reports, testifying about matters beyond their expertise and much more — suggests that thousands of prosecutions may have been tainted," Clarke said.

Stephen Kohn, attorney for FBI whistle-blower Frederic Whitehurst, whose allegations triggered the investigation, agreed with Clarke.

"There are thousands of cases implicated," Kohn said, pointing out that one agent criticized for inaccurate testimony worked on 4,000 cases and another faulted for sloppy work was involved in 600 cases. "All those cases have to get looked at."

The deputy general counsel, James Maddock, said, "There are approximately nine individuals whose past cases we're reviewing. I expect the number will total several hundred."

Justice officials said 500 cases already have been reviewed. Attorney General Janet Reno said only 55 of those cases contained problems that might tend to exonerate defendants.

The findings were shipped to federal and state prosecutors who decided that in only 25 of the cases were the problems serious enough to turn them over to defense attorneys, Reno added.

Maddock said in all 13 cases in which defense attorneys have raised the problems so far, the government either obtained guilty verdicts on at least some of its charges or was able to defeat a motion for a new trial.

Kohn said this review of past cases must be opened to

defense attorneys. Clarke's group is waging a court fight here to gain access to Bromwich's draft report and other data from his investigation.

"What has been ignored, covered up or covered over?" Clarke asked. "How can possibly innocent Americans, wrongly convicted, identify their particular case from the limited scope of this review?"

Clarke herself is a defense attorney for Theodore Kaczynski in the Unabomber case, in which Bromwich said lab examiner Terry Rudolph inadequately documented his tests on some bombs. But chief prosecutor Robert Cleary said none of Rudolph's work would be used against Kaczynski at his November trial.

Bromwich recommended discipline for five agents and transfer of Whitehurst out of the lab but concluded that lab agents did not commit perjury or fabricate evidence.

"The problems and deficiencies that Whitehurst brought to our attention are extremely serious," Bromwich said.

"That report essentially validates all the major concerns I had," Whitehurst said in an interview. "It's the beginning of the correction process" and outside oversight of the FBI.

Deputy FBI Director Bill Esposito admitted, "There was a clear and serious failing in not adequately detecting these problems and ... not moving swiftly enough to resolve them." The bureau accepted nearly all Bromwich's recommendations.

■ CHINA

UN strikes down rights resolution

By ELAINE KURTENBACH
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BEIJING

Exulting in its triumph over a U.N. human rights resolution, China expressed "admiration and gratitude to all the countries that have upheld justice" today in backing Beijing.

China used a parliamentary maneuver Tuesday to block discussion and a vote by the Geneva-based commission on the mildly worded motion censuring Beijing for its treatment of dissidents, religious believers and political prisoners.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang described the criticism as "anti-China" and unwarranted, given Beijing's "enormous achievements in promoting the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Chinese people."

China has managed to block a similar resolution each year since 1990. But Beijing claimed unprecedented success this year in persuading many Western nations not to back the motion.

"The Chinese government today expressed its admiration and gratitude to all the countries that have upheld justice and rendered support to China in foiling" the motion, Shen was quoted as

saying.

Shen accused Denmark, which sponsored the motion, the United States and other Western countries that backed it of trying to meddle in China's internal affairs, undermine its stability and obstruct its development.

He urged nations critical of China's human rights record to avoid confronting Beijing and to discuss such issues through diplomatic channels.

China has won increasing support for its campaign to keep talks on human rights out of the public spotlight, threatening economic and political reprisals for critics of its almost total ban on public dissent.

Shen announced Tuesday that China had suspended official visits and exchanges with Denmark in retaliation for its sponsorship of the human rights motion.

Human rights activists say the trend represents a triumph of the profit motive over humanitarianism and that lifting pressure on Beijing merely allows it to crack down even harder on dissent.

Others, however, argue that public pressure on China is less effective than diplomatic dialogue and personal appeals by foreign leaders in talks with Chinese leaders.

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Russian women, American men meet their match

By GREG MYRE
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW

Marc Hasara, an American bachelor determined to find a wife, is giddy with anticipation. Running on adrenalin, he has barely slept for days, knowing he's about to meet the Russian woman he intends to marry.

Though he's never set eyes on Tanya, his prospective bride, he's brimming with confidence based on the barrage of letters, photos and phone calls they've exchanged since connecting through an American-Russian matchmaking service.

"There's a ninety-nine and one-half percent chance this will lead to marriage," Hasara says.

A handsome, athletic, 42-year-old gas company worker from just outside Los Angeles, he is among 30 American men who flew to Moscow for the chance to mingle with several hundred Russian women equally eager to check them out.

Russian-American matchmaking services have flourished since the Soviet breakup. Dozens of firms in both countries now link up American

men, mostly middle-age, prosperous and lonely, with Russian women, mostly 10 to 20 years younger and struggling financially.

Asked why they want a foreign husband, Russian women tick off a long list of shortcomings among Russian males, with drunkenness at the top. Tired of insensitive Russian men, the Russian women will bluntly ask an American man they've just met, "How do you kiss?" Correct answer: softly, passionately, and often.

For their part, the American men invariably cite the striking beauty of the Russian women, their demure femininity and willingness to assume a traditional role of wife and mother.

The men, who pay around \$5,000 for the trip, also express a strident hostility toward American-style feminism.

Dave Besuden, the head of Anastasia tours, which organized the trip on the American side, says he always tells his clients a good news-bad news joke before they come: "The bad news about Russia is that women's lib is coming. The good news is that it's still 100 years away."

At the Manhattan Express nightclub, set in the shadow of the Kremlin, the men and women socialize for three days and nights as best they can, considering most don't share a language. It's an odd scene, tinged with desperation and a sense that dreams will be dashed rather than realized.

In the cavernous club, the Russian women outnumber the American men four-to-one.

While the men stroll about, most women sit silently along the walls, beneath the leopard-print curtains, waiting to be approached.

The rock music is deafening. Introductions are awkward, usually requiring an interpreter. A dinner date afterward automatically becomes a threesome.

Peter Draper, a 48-year-old fireman from outside San Francisco, is on his third matchmaking trip to Russia, still searching for the right woman.

He spent all of February in Tver, north of Moscow, dating more than 20 women. He's asked several to come to the United States, but all turned him down. Other women have offered to be his wife, but he declined. Still, he has faith.

"I think I'm going to find somebody this time," says Draper. "In fact, I know it."

The odds of a successful match may be long, but the matchmaking firms say they have produced thousands of Russian-American marriages in recent years.

They help the lonely hearts make contact long-distance through letters, e-mails and videos and then face-to-face at the "socials."

Nina Rubasheva, who runs Vesta-Fortune, the Russian group organizing this event, says she has married off hundreds of clients over the past five years and has 1,000 single

Russian women not always satisfied

Associated Press

Sveta Filichenko, tall, blonde and attractive, discovered the perils of cross-cultural dating the hard way.

Last year, the 32-year-old Russian bank teller and her 8-year-old son headed off to Gillette, Wyo., to live with a man she'd only spent a week with in Moscow.

"When he was here, he said all the right things," Filichenko said.

"He was very attentive. He treated me in a very nice manner. He said he would

love me and take care of me," she added.

The man, whom she identified only as Philip, owned a business and had a big house and nice car.

But in Wyoming, she said, "I discovered he was a different man. He was very rough. He seemed uneducated. He never read. He didn't like my son. He wanted only me."

After two months, she chose to leave despite Philip's objections.

"I liked America. I didn't like the man," he said. "I will be more careful next time."

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When she launched her company five years ago, it was more of an "emigration service" for young Russian women desperate to leave. And at that time, many of the women were leggy blondes.

Now there's a greater cross-section. All the women are well-dressed, most are educated, some speak English. A fair number are divorced and have a child. If they hit it off with an American man, they can go to the United States on a three-month "fiancee visa," but at least 25 percent decide not to marry and return home.

When Hasara first learned about the matchmaking tours, he was searching for a certain type of woman — Pamela Anderson, the buxom, blond lifeguard on TV's "Baywatch." But when he flipped through the catalog of women provided by Anastasia tours, he locked in on brown-haired Tanya, who's 40, divorced and mother of a 14-year-old daughter.

He sent Tanya a 13-page, hand-written letter, including a copy of his W-2 form confirm-

ing his annual \$60,000 salary. "She satisfies my first requirement — she's extraordinarily beautiful," says Hasara, a lifelong bachelor.

While waiting several days for Tanya to arrive from the Siberian oil town where she lives, Hasara has been unable to sleep in Moscow, rising every morning at 4 a.m. to call her.

"I can't wait to become part of your life," he told Tanya. She replied, "I think I'll just die when I meet you."

When Marc Hasara meets Tanya for their first date, they are the only people in the restaurant, but they wouldn't notice if the place was packed. "It was the most exciting night of my life," Hasara says.

Before they receive the bill, Hasara proposes, and Tanya accepts. Since neither drinks, they celebrate their engagement with a cup of tea. They will have five days together, touring snowy Moscow and planning a life together in sunny California.

Before Hasara returns home to await the arrival of Tanya and her daughter, he offers a piece of advice: "I'd tell all the men who can't get dates in America to come to Russia. There are diamonds here, and I found one."

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■ ZAIRE

Malaria strikes Rwandans

By HRVOJE HRANJSKI
Associated Press Writer

KASESE, Zaire
Comatose with malaria, the emaciated men and women lie on the ground of a makeshift hospital. Hundreds of flies bite their limp bodies while intravenous drips of nutrition keep them alive.

In just a few days, the Rwandans in this jungle refugee camp are supposed to start being evacuated to a nearby transit center, where they'll be screened and registered for a long-awaited trip home.

But aid workers say the repatriation plan is being frustrated by Zairian rebels, who by Tuesday still had not given the United Nations permission to set up the transit center. That means healthy refugees must wait longer.

At the same time, rebels want all the refugees out quickly. And that means the thousands of sick may not get well enough to make the trip. Already, many have died.

"For us, the death toll is not dropping. We've got an average of 10 deaths a day," said Dutch nurse Danny Decamper, 27, already sweating in the jungle's morning heat. "It will take time before we can stabilize these people and prepare them for repatriation."

He and other aid workers are running against time, struggling to heal thousands of sick refugees while overcoming the bureaucratic tangle of sending as many as 100,000 people back to Rwanda.

The U.N. refugee agency needs permission from rebel and civil authorities to set up the transit center at Lula, just 15 miles from the camps. From there, 2,000 people a day will be flown aboard three U.N. aircraft to Goma, on the Rwandan border.

"We're afraid we may be losing momentum," said Paul Stromberg, a U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees spokesman. "The refugees are sick, some are dying, and they want to go home. And we're still waiting for permission to carry out the operation."

He said the first flight, scheduled for this week, will probably have to be postponed.

The 100,000 Hutus in the

Kasese camp and another nearby are among the last Rwandan refugees in central Africa. Aid workers estimate that another 100,000 are still missing in Zaire. Hundreds of thousands of Hutus fled Rwanda in 1994 after the Hutu government-sanctioned genocide of a half-million Tutsis.

Many of the Hutus, especially the defeated government troops and Hutu extremist militiamen, had refused to return, fearing retribution from the new Tutsi-run government.

For nearly three years, the refugees lived in camps near the Rwandan border in eastern Zaire — many of them civilians held hostage by Hutu militias who wanted them as human shields. In October, Zairian rebels raided the camps, driving the refugees west and freeing them of the militias.

Even so, the refugees were still cornered, by rebels on one hand and lack of food and medicine on the other. Defeated by the filth and death-stench of the camps, the refugees became the most vociferous in asking to be sent home.

"If only someone would take me home, even today," said Sosthene Ntirampaga, supervising the Tuesday morning distribution of food at the Kasese camp.

Rebels, fighting to oust President Mobutu Sese Seko, want the refugees out immediately so they won't have time to settle. The camps are just 20 miles from Kisangani, and rebel authorities apparently worry the refugees might bring instability to Zaire's third-largest city.

The Rwandan authorities have agreed in principle to the refugees' coming home, but insist on screening the refugees to make sure that they do not include former government troops or Inter-hamwe militia.

Zaire update



In Washington, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the Rwandan authorities, citing security concerns, still hadn't given permission for the refugees to enter the country. Rwandan officials denied they were holding up the repa-

triation.

"There is a wrong assumption," said Ephraim Kabajja, the chairman of the Rwandan government's repatriation commission. "We want everybody back. There is no single Rwandan who we don't want. ... We have no exception."

So while governments argue, the refugees wait in the makeshift camps south of Kisangani, clusters of palm-tree huts along the road and railroad track that cuts through the thick tropical forest.

Around the camp, dead bodies are wrapped head-to-toe in gray blankets. Red Cross workers, wearing face masks and rubber gloves, spray the decomposing bodies with chlorine before taking them to makeshift burial sites.

Thanks to food and relief supplies, aid workers say, the death rate in the camps has dropped significantly in the past week. Stromberg said there were 55 deaths on Monday, down from 180 10 days ago.

■ PACIFIC ISLANDS

Island nations prepare for tourism bonanza

By ROBERT KEITH-REID
Associated Press Writer

SUVA, Fiji

The islands of the mid-Pacific will have some extra fun celebrating the new millennium.

This region straddling the International Date Line will be the first to ring in 2000 — and the last to ring out 1999.

The island groups see either of those possibilities as a fine peg for a tourism campaign.

In an effort to head off cut-throat marketing tactics, twelve nations have agreed to work together to promote the region as the prime vacation destination of the new century.

Worries about each nation working against the other had grown following Kiribati's decision last year to unilaterally move its part of the International Date Line east, which would put it first into 2000.

But now, working through

the Tourism Council of the South Pacific, the islands are negotiating with a U.S. event promoter to use the region as the anchor for global television coverage of 1999 New Year's Eve celebrations, the last of the old millennia.

Half the countries are just west of the date line and will be the first to welcome the arrival of 2000. Those east of the line will be the last to bid farewell to 1999.

And they could do it all over again a year later, for those sticklers who argue that the millennium doesn't actually start until the dawn of Jan. 1, 2001.

The Tourism Council of the South Pacific nations and Pacific airlines have formed the Millennium Consortium to get promotion that the mostly poor, small and increasingly tourism-dependent islands can't afford individually.

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WHERE I'M CALLING FROM

Arrival of spring brings thoughts of marriage

The signs of spring at Notre Dame — block parties, blizzards, behemoth squirrels and a bunch of Ms. Notre Dames becoming Mrs. Notre Dames. In one month's time, I will leave this campus with a car full of debris and a head full of memories, but all too many of my

ing the plunge, to watch them speed on by in the fast lane as I sit and smile in the breakdown lane, I fear for the both of us. I don't know where I'm going, but if I crash and burn, I sure don't want anyone in the passenger seat.

It is truly a bizarre phenomenon — how springtime puts this marital, vocational springtime on the shoulders of graduating seniors when there is really no need for it. We have our lives to figure it out. But I do sympathize with students who are as interested in getting their MRS as their BA degree — Notre Dame is a great place to meet THE ONE. We come from similar backgrounds and have similar goals and interests. We are intelligent, Catholic and highly acceptable mates to bring home to Mom and Pop. As boring as our homogeneity is at times, it ensures that a lot of us will leave Notre Dame having found that partner, that person who is just like ourselves.

And that is not such a bad thing I suppose. The only thing I am more afraid of than the idea of meeting the person I will care for forever (I can't even take care of myself) is the image of me drowning in the predator-infested waters of the singles scene. I can see me now — thirty-something, having lost all sense of style and a good bit of my hair, sucking in the gut I spawned at a mindless desk job, going to loud, smoky bar to hit on loud, smoky women, trying to find that special someone in an altogether un-special environment. That's not for me. So there's four weeks left — maybe I should hop on the "Will You" bandwagon.

But there's always the question of how to do the deed. It's fun to romanticize about it or listen to how it's been done in the past, but actually going out and proposing, actually pulling it off — that is an altogether scarier proposition. My first step would be to go out and pick up a pair of Depends, because when I pop the question, the chances of me wetting myself are high. And if she says no, an altogether different reaction may take place — either way, adult diapers would

come in handy.

I suppose that isn't the most romantic image when thinking of asking for another's hand in marriage, but my time is winding down. I don't have time for romance. All that "Make it meaningful for her, do something special she likes" mumbo jumbo is nice if you have that luxury, but I'm in dire straits. I'm at the cliff of academia, the rocky descent called singledom below me, the hands of rejection on my back, ready to push. I need a YES, and I need it fast.

There are a number of ways to go about proposing at Notre Dame, none of which particularly send the right message. The proposal on a high flying banner at a home football game is obviously the pinnacle of exhibitionist romance, but if one could read between the lines in the sky, what the banner really says is, "I am the biggest idiot in this entire stadium of 60,000 people. This is only the beginning of a long life of ridiculous, embarrassing things I will do for you. Will you marry me?"

And then there is the mainstay of Notre Dame proposals, the Will You by the Grotto. This one says I'm sweet, but it also says our life together will be as exciting as plain yogurt. You will have 3.2 children, you will drive a Mercedes and a Volvo, station wagon, send your kids to Catholic school, then to Notre Dame, where you will return twice a year to tailgate out the glory of your Volvo and regate your glory days and cry when you visit the Grotto, the spot where it all began.

Sounds nice for some, but not for me. Besides, when I ask a woman to spend the rest of her life with me, I don't think doing it with a large likeness of the Blessed Virgin staring down at me is going to set the tone I'll be looking for in a relationship that is supposed to last 50 years.

And then there is the proposal in The Observer. I don't know if it's been done, but I'm sure it has crossed the minds of a few love-struck and tactless Domers. In the tradition of the ubiquitous birth-

day ads in The Observer, some hopeless romantic could squeeze a picture and a "Will You Please" somewhere between an insightful how ND needs a good defense to play well defensively and a cryptic SUB ad that no one can decipher. That's up there with doing it by banner, but even worse. Here's a piece of advice that I live by — if you're going to be tactless and obnoxious, don't do it half-way.

I think my best bet for finding the babe to bear my babies would be to do it in the truest of Notre Dame fashions — sloshed. After a night out at assorted watering holes, I could stumble through the 'Backer, and with the melodic aphrodisiac of "Oh What A Night" blaring softly in the background, I could drop to my knees (I might be there anyway) and pop the question to the first girl that buys me a drink, trying to remember to propose to the one in the middle should my sight be a bit blurred. Perhaps it's not the apogee of romance, but after four years at Notre Dame that haven't exactly been a crash course in smoothness with the opposite sex, it's the best I can do.

I suppose this proposal stuff just isn't my cup of tea. Right now I can't even find the damn tea party. But as much as I am shocked and downright terrified by students on their way to "forever ever" land, I am also in total admiration. Those of you who can make that decision have what a lot of us don't — first, you have the maturity and security to make a commitment to something larger than yourself. Second, and most importantly, you have someone. You have someone to walk through life with, someone to grow old with, someone who makes the future look like just the beginning when, for many of us, it looks too much like the end. Best wishes and God Bless. What you are doing is truly amazing.

R. Thomas Coyne is a senior Arts and Letters major.

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peers will be leaving with more than a degree in tow — they will be bringing home a fiancé.

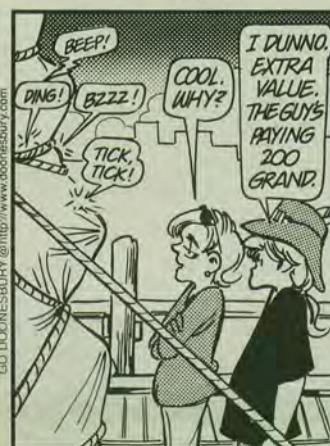
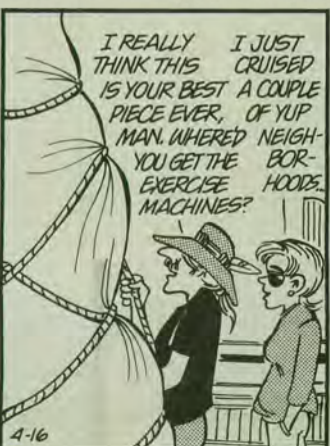
And while I want to send my most heartfelt congratulations with a card and a place setting to all those happy couples on their happy day, a somewhat different thought also springs to mind: What the hell are you doing? We're just kids living in a playground called college. Marriage — what is that? We are glorified schoolchildren with no real responsibilities, no real pressures, no ties to the real world — we live in a little utopia, and you want to tell me you know what you want for the rest of your life? I can't even decide what I want for lunch. But maybe your cupboard isn't as bare as mine.

When I came to college, I thought I would have it all figured out when I left — the wife, the job, the glorious future before me waiting with open arms to welcome me in. Those college seniors were so old, they were so big, so mature. They seemed to have a wisdom and maturity I was so far removed from and was so looking forward to acquiring. When I was 22 I would be a man. I would know what I want.

And now I am 22, and the only thing I know is that I don't know. College has felt like a rest stop on the road of life, so to hear about my peers and friends tak-

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Rather than love, than Rmoney, than fame, give me truth."

—Henry David Thoreau

The Bands are Back

MATT CURRERI

Matt Curreri is a Keenan Hall sophomore, best known for his vocals and acoustic guitar performances in the Keenan Review and Acoustic Cafe. His full-length, original album, *Cool Record Sound Quality*, is a solo, acoustic project, but at NAZZ he will be joined by singer Dan O'Brien and Dean the drummer. The trio, fronted by Curreri, will perform original favorites, mixing pop and rock grooves.

TASHI STATION

Only a month young, Tashi Station is a jam-oriented band with a broad range of influences. Composed of Steve Stadler, Brendan Bayliss on guitar and vocals, Gregg Andrulis on keyboards, Ryan Stasik on vocals and bass, the foursome has been playing together and writing songs for about a month.

DJ SKAN-DA-LUST

Isaac Duncan and Robert Stanton will provide a new, unique act to NAZZ's line-up of bands. The duo, from Brooklyn and Detroit respectively, have both had four years of experience as deejays, and hope to pump some reggae, house and hip-hop into Alumni-Senior Club.

Shooting Cupid

Shooting Cupid — Greg Szilier and Chad Kalmes on guitar, Mark Marino on vocals, Rick Foster on drums, Matt Loughran on bass, and Greg Lucas on background vocals and acoustic guitar — was formed in the fall of 1996. Their set includes covers of The Rolling Stones, Phish, Hendrix and Pearl Jam, as well as some originals. Today marks their debut NAZZ appearance.

SKALCOHOLIKS

After forming in August of 1996, the Skalcoholiks have performed all over campus and in area bars, bringing the unique sound of ska to Notre Dame. Joe Cruz plays bass, Noah Gray is on drums, Jack Elum plays guitar and Tim Bowers is on vocals. The horn section is composed of Paula Conolly on alto sax, David Griffith on trombone, and Tony Eltink on bass trombone. Known for their revisions of Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Goldfinger and the like, the band has plans to release a CD early next year entitled *Prostitution: Cause not Everyone can get into Bars*. On this freshman effort, Mike Bechtel will replace the graduating Jack Elum on guitar. This will be the Skalcoholiks first NAZZ appearance.

Stomper Bob

The recent release of their CD *Not Just For Breakfast Anymore* marks this band's strength and intensity. After forming over a year ago, Stomper Bob will compete in their second NAZZ tonight, and showcase Matt Buttel on bass and vocals, Joel Cummins on keyboard and vocals, Nina McDowell on vocals and percussion, Mike Mirro on drums, and both Matt Scherer and Ricky Zalamea on vocals and guitar.

George and the Freeks

The name may be familiar, but the sound is brand new. Over the past year, the George and the Freeks have trimmed down to five band members: Andy Brenner on piano and vocals, J.P. Hurt on bass, Mark Lang on electric guitar and vocals, Doug McKenna on 12-string guitar and vocals, and Chris Whiffen on drums. The band boasts a cleaner, tighter sound that proves to be more mature than their first album, *Join Us*

cod in salsa

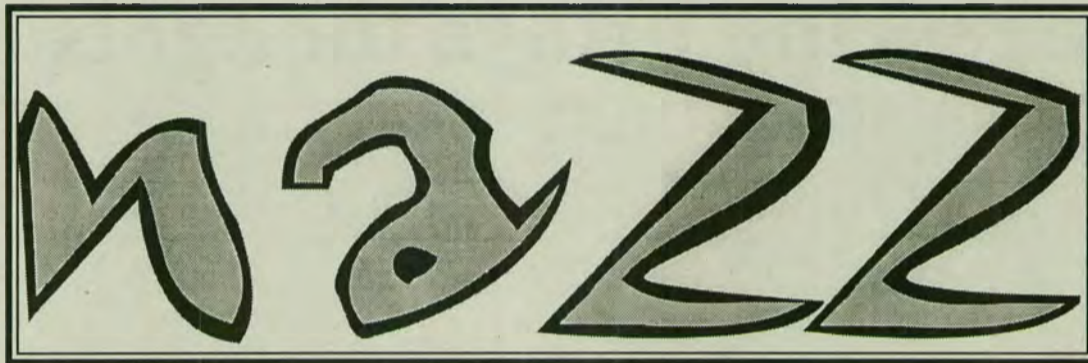
"Cod in salsa tastes bad, but sounds good," according to member Jim McNamee. The band with perhaps the fewest lyrics, seldom offering more than a quirky, "Hey," Cod in Salsa is the collaboration of McNamee's clarinet, John Scherpereel on guitar, and Jim Kennedy on tuba. This eclectic Morrissey trio has played together for almost two years, and 1997 will mark their second NAZZ appearance.

Elsie's Promise

Although Elsie's Promise has been around since the fall of 1995, this will be the first NAZZ appearance for this band that primarily dwells in the coverland of the Grateful Dead and the like, although the band does perform original music. Dean Busack plays drums, Kris Crow contributes on keyboard and vocals, Ryan Schwartz supports with rhythm guitar and vocals, Andy Snook plays bass guitar, and Dave Lillis plays lead guitar and vocals.

Aaron Dunn

Aaron Dunn has been playing acoustic guitar for nine years and writes songs about life and how to live it. Inspired by Paul Simon, Toad the Wet Sprocket, Jackopierce and R.E.M., the Stanford junior considers his music to be contemplative and is sure to share this feeling with audiences as he performs at NAZZ.



Recent controversy concerning the presence of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campus music scene surrounds this year's Battle of the Bands. A reassurance that talent is alive and well, tonight's competition should provide an enjoyable, energetic medium for students to check out just what these artists have to offer.

CHRIS GODDARD

Chris Goddard, the Morrissey freshman who has enthusiastically jumped into the campus music scene this year, will kick off NAZZ with his unique blend of folk and rock. His song-writing, voice and acoustic guitar have been enjoyed by audiences at Acoustic Cafe and Keough Kafe throughout the year.

The Wheateaters

This foursome, a new presence on the campus music scene, will bring punk to Alumni-Senior Club tonight.

101 Damnations

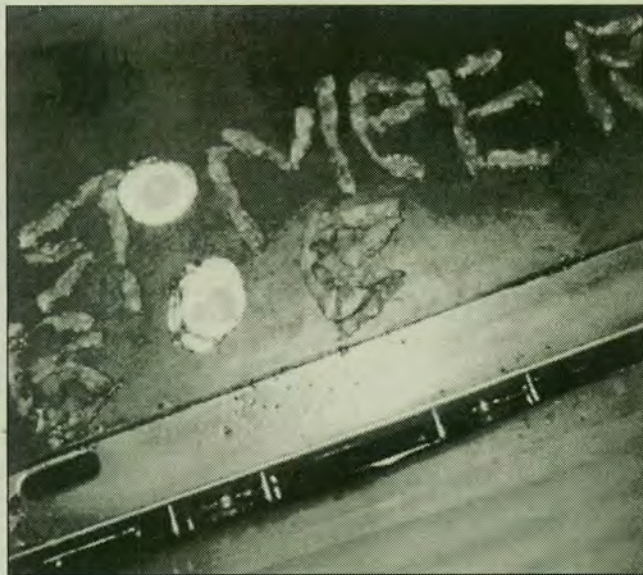
Take Pete Byrne on vocals, and add him to Brett Hawkes on drums, Roger Leech on bass, and Dave Stocker on guitar, and you have 101 Damnations. While the band, which formed in October of 1996, is so far primarily a cover band, they represent a diverse mix of styles, including songs by Reverend Horton Heat and U2 in their set.

NAZZ is the annual battle of Notre Dame's campus bands. Tonight's free, all-ages event will occur at Alumni-Senior Club on Notre Dame's campus. Four judges will rate the bands' performances, which will run from 7 p.m. until midnight. Free stuff will be provided. For information on these bands and more, check out <http://www.nd.edu/~openmic>.

New treats in the campus cookie jar

Stomper Bob

Not Just For Breakfast Anymore



While there seem to be few sweethearts on the campus music scene this year, or at least few who are deserving of the attention, after listening to Stomper Bob's spanking new CD however, those who have lost faith should run for their rosary. This band oozes talent.

Not Just For Breakfast Anymore flaunts a variety of influences and instruments. At moments fast-paced and jumpy, at others groovable and smooth, this album mixes moods, dialogues and even a "Dramatic Interlude."

"Vagabond Blues" starts off the CD with catchy-tune energy. The majority of songs maintain this enthusiasm and intricacy and flaunt Stomper Bob's collective talent.

Nina McDowell's voice often seems sultry — especially on songs like "Sin Boy V," but her male counterparts surely hold their vocal own. The percussion struts through the album like a peacock on parade, as do the keyboards. Tracks like "Drift" show off Cummins' incredible talent.

The band members responsible for the lyrics deserve to take a bow as well. Lines like "I want to be with you/ but you know I like your sister too. Why can't I have you both. Laura take me home tonight/ your sister just passed out," demonstrate both humor and imagination.

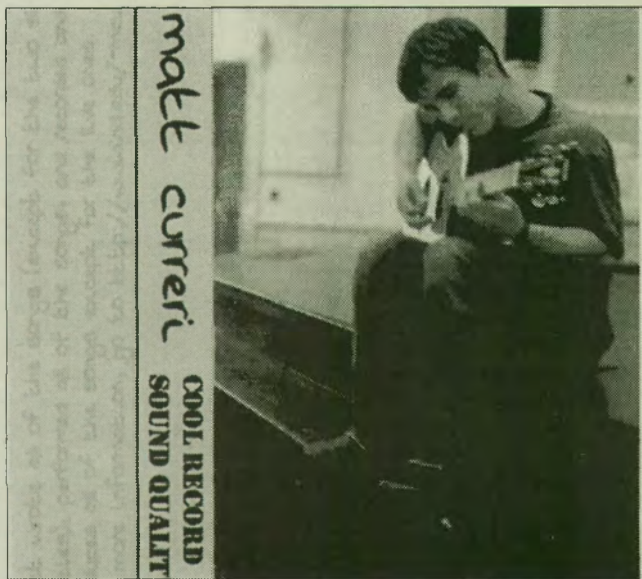
The band chose to include some random conversation bites at the end of the CD that, while humorous, remind the listener that Stomper Bob is indeed a campus band. Like any college recording, *Not Just For Breakfast Anymore* has its share of awkward lyrics, and even a few notes that wander like a misguided kite on a windy day.

Despite these quirks, Stomper Bob produced an upbeat album worth owning. Even if the grooves sometimes run away with themselves, they always seem to return back to a solid, rhythmic home.

by Ashleigh Thompson

Matt Curreri

Cool Record Sound Quality



Matt Curreri has a unique voice. It reminds me of a blend of the guy from Drivin' and Cryin', Jeremy Enigk of Sunny Day Real Estate, and a Muppet — i.e. it's high pitched, holding and sliding between notes, and sometimes adapting a bit of a rootsy twang.

It is this voice that adds an innocent, naive, and heartfelt ambiance to the collection of 16 songs, *Cool Record Sound Quality*, and ultimately wins you over. It's wonderful to hear a voice that vehemently avoids Vedder-isms and other garbled, "angstful" wails.

But hey, Curreri can play a guitar, too. In fact, his thick strumming, thumb'n'finger plucking, and fret sliding put him right up there with the Acoustic Cafe All-Stars. Curreri also breaks out of the traditional chord fingerings that burden most acoustic rock.

On the other hand, the tunes that drill in your mind the most on Cool Record Sound Quality are ones in which Curreri adds a second guitar, feedback fuzz ("All True"), whippin' woodwind ("Top Down"), and swirling expansion pedal effects ("Walk Back From Tracks" and "Crush").

The straight-up solo unplugged numbers, although breezy and poppy, tend to run together.

Curreri is at his best when running his two instruments — six-string and voice — through electric effects to thicken out the songs a bit. However, the slow, descending plucking of "My Shy Tongue" and Hayden-ish "Dora May" are necessary changes of pace. Curreri even works in a few keyboard ditties between tracks that are sure sparks for future experimentation and fire.

Curreri is definitely a needed fresh voice on the ND scene, and I'd love to see more recordings with added production elements. The only downside to Curreri are his unmemorable lyrics, but their simplicity works well with his innocent vocal style. Now he just needs to go make a CD. After all, a "cool record sound quality," although a good album title, makes the tape sound a bit like a fast food drive-through speaker or WVFI.

by Brent DiCrescenzo

Cod in Salsa

Ring Bell For Yardman



Photo courtesy of Cod in Salsa

When Cod in Salsa's "people" slipped me an advance copy of the group's forthcoming CD, *Ring Bell For Yardman* today, I was feeling very tired. For the first time in forever it was warm outside, and the lazy sun worked like a muscle relaxant on a body that had seen little sleep over the past two days. On top of all that, I had just carried a heavy box the size of a large-screen TV up a few flights of LaFortune stairs. I melted into a seat like butter on english muffin and popped in the tape. Ahhh...

These were the perfect conditions for Cod in Salsa — laid back, relaxing, melodic, and at times a bit rockin'. The rumors that they had gone hardcore were greatly exaggerated. The collected tunes are the jazzy, swiny, marchy, slightly-Eastern-European indie rock chamber soul that has become a trademarked breath of fresh air on the Notre Dame music scene. Cod in Salsa has come a long way over the past year. They have a catalog of a couple of dozen songs, and the tuba-guitar-bass trio has been known to dabble a bit

with piano and a shadowy new trombone player.

John Scherpereel writes the music in little scribbled notes on treble cleff lines just like they used to in the old days. He plays guitar. It's a choppy, staccato type strumming with non-standard barre chords.

Then Jim Kennedy lays down a thick tuba groove that serves as the "bass" of the group. Finally, Jim McNamee floats some clarinet melodies across the foundation, kinda like the "singer" or "lead guitar." So basically, it's not that much different from rock and roll — really fun, time-changing rock and roll.

The standout tracks pop and crack and soothe. "Old William Penn," "@," and "Fetch the Hoosgow" get your feet tapping just like the boys do live. "Regardless" and "Port Bou" relax like the warm sun that's been slowing me down today, with the occasional disrupting solar flare. Did I already say "Ahhhh?"

by Brent DiCrescenzo

■ MEN'S TENNIS

Irish dominate Wolverines, improve record to 17-4

By JIM ZALETA
Sports Writer

After the match began Tuesday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, Notre Dame was the last place Michigan wanted to be.

"This is always a big game for them," said freshman Ryan Sachire concerning the Michigan Wolverines men's tennis team. "They look forward to playing us."

From the opening serve, the 11th-ranked Irish gave the Wolverines a warm welcome to South Bend. The Irish improved to 17-4 on the season with the 6-1 win.

At No. 1 doubles, junior Jakub Pietrowski and sophomore Brian Patterson defeated Anvid Swan and Brad McFarlane, 8-2. It was all

Irish as the pair continued their steady pace to compete at the NCAA doubles tournament in early May.

The 18th-ranked duo have been a key part of the double portion for the Irish. The Irish have not lost a doubles point since playing North Carolina in mid-February.

Freshmen Ryan Sachire and Trent Miller came back from a tough loss last Wednesday to defeat Matt Wright and Miki Puszbal at No. 2 singles. The pair fixed their game since last match and were able to win the match, 8-4. Miller and Sachire limited their unforced errors and secured the doubles point for the Irish.

Senior co-captain Ryan Simme and junior Danny Rothschild easily defeated John Long and Will Farah, 8-3.

The Michigan pair came out strong, but the Irish pair battled back and captured the third double win for Notre Dame.

At No. 1 singles, Sachire continued his unstoppable streak. He defeated Wright in two sets. Wright would not give up a set, and it took Sachire seven games to win the first one. The second one was not as close, but Wright hung in there until the end and was defeated, 6-4. Sachire commented that the biggest improvement for the team this year has been their "overall aggressiveness."

"We have been in better shape than many of the teams we have played, and this gave us the extra advantage we sometimes needed," Sachire said.



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No. 4 singles Brian Patterson needed three sets to win, but Notre Dame easily defeated Michigan Tuesday afternoon at home.

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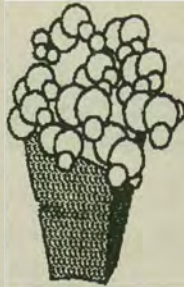
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■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish sweep match against Rainbows

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's tennis team finished its three game home stand yesterday as strong as they started it, defeating the University of Hawaii in a 9-0 shutout win.

In singles action, all six matches were won by the Irish in straight sets. Sophomore Jennifer Hall won at No. 1 singles, 6-1, 6-0 for her third straight singles win. Kelley Olson also won her third straight, defeating the Rainbows' Melissa Mesiona 6-2, 6-0.

The closest scare for the Irish was at No. 5 singles, where Darcie Sweet defeated Hawaii's Kim Ann Young, 6-4, 6-2. Other winners included Marisa Velasco, Tiffany Gates, and Sarah Scaringe.

In doubles play, the team won all three matches without any significant challenge.

The closest match came at No. 3 doubles, where the team of Scaringe and Sweet defeated the Rainbows' Georgiana Sesto and Alicia Lee, 8-5. In the other matches, Gates and Hall won at No. 1 singles, 8-2, while Olson and Courtney Haskell won 8-4.

"Everyone on the team played well today," head coach Jay Louderback remarked. "The team needed to play outside, since the weather forced us to stay indoors for the last

couple of matches. The Big East championships are played outdoors, so it's important to get in the right mindset for the next few games."

Five Irish players won both their singles and doubles matches. With the victory, the Irish improved to 14-10 on the season and stretched their winning streak to four games. It also is the team's third straight shutout, a mark that has only been achieved by the team twice in the past ten years.

"A few weeks ago," Louderback said, "we were 10-10 and still had two tough games before the end of the regular season. On the way down to Indianapolis, we discussed how we could win the last few matches and have some momentum going into the conference tournament. The match against Indiana proved to be the turning point of our season."

Up next for the Irish is the Big East Championships, where the team will attempt to defend their conference title.

"The Big East tournament is a great contest," Louderback said. "This year, we are the No. 1 seed and get a bye for the first round. In the second round, we'll play the winner of the Boston College/Syracuse match. Our goal right now is to win the Big East Championships and then our region in the NCAA tournament early in May."



No. 1 singles Jennifer Hall easily defeated her opponent yesterday, winning by a score of 6-1, 6-0.

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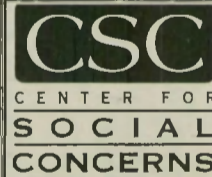
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Ron Powlus, of The Sixth Man, attempts to score in yesterday's action. The Observer/Bret Hogan



Bookstore basketball is beginning to draw more of a crowd with the improved weather recently. The Observer/Brandon Candura

Bookstore

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Once again, it was a case of a seeded team getting an opportunity to work on its game before facing its fellow seeds.

Although the No. 11 Downtown Assassins were not able to really get out and run in their first game last night, their energetic opponents did all that they could to test the Assassins' nerves. Calling themselves Fancy Face, after the boat owned by Bo Brady in "Days of Our Lives," the five

women stepped on to the court wearing t-shirts with the names of various "Days" characters.

They proceeded to impersonate their characters while using various antics, such as spraying the Assassins with water, to throw their opponents off their game.

Assassin Eric Chappell admitted that his squad had a difficult time getting going with all of the clowning around but got a chance to have fun and wait for the stronger competition.

"We're just playing around right now," said Chappell, "but once the competition gets a lit-

tle better, I think our team will round up, and we'll get a chance to play a ranked team that will give us a challenge."

So, while some seeded teams may simply waltz through the first round without breaking a sweat, it is the squads that get a chance to face real competition early on that may display an edge as the tournament moves on.

First round contests will continue through Thursday, and before long, each of the 1997 top 32 teams will have had the opportunity to loosen up and prepare to chase their ultimate goal.

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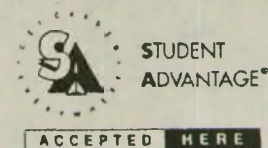
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■ SOFTBALL

Irish take two from Wildcats

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

The sun shone down brightly on the Notre Dame softball team yesterday as they defeated the Wildcats of Northwestern at Ivy Field, 2-1 and 7-6.

With their second and third wins of the season over the

Wildcats, the Irish improved to 24-18, and find themselves in the midst of a six-game win streak.

Game one proved to be a pitching duel between Notre Dame's Angela Bessolo and Northwestern's Jaelyn DeBoard. Bessolo's seven strong innings, in which she allowed five hits and one

earned run while fanning four, sealed the victory for the Irish. With the win, Bessolo improved to 11-8 on the season.

"(Angela) Bessolo pitched well in the first game," said first baseman Kelly Rowe. "And we got the key hits when we needed them."

DeBoard managed to hold the powerful Notre Dame offense to five hits, but a focused Fighting Irish squad rallied for two runs in the third. Catcher Kris McCleary knocked in the only tallies of the game with a double to center field, following singles by Meghan Murray and Liz Perkins.

In game two, Notre Dame overcame a sloppy defensive effort, including four errors, to win the contest in extra innings. The eight inning game marked the third overtime victory for Notre Dame this season.

Notre Dame jumped out to take a 4-2 lead in the fourth, but the Wildcats answered in the top of the fifth with three runs, capped by rightfielder Mikeal Chambers' RBI to center field. Northwestern held a 5-4 lead going into the bottom of the seventh, until Murray's RBI double to left-center field plated Perkins and Katie Marten to even the score.



The Observer/Brandon Candura

The softball team squeaked out two victories today, 2-1 and 7-6.

Kelly Rowe's infield single with two outs in the eighth scored Tara King, who had reached base on a fielder's choice, for the winning margin.

"Northwestern was pretty strong, but we just kept coming back," said Rowe. "I think we really came together as a team."

Marten and Murray led the way for the Irish at the plate, going 3-4 and 2-4, respectively, with two RBIs apiece. The co-captains lead both the team

and the Big East in batting, with the two-time All-American, Marten, hitting .392 and the 1996 Big East player of the year, Murray, hitting .391. Murray sports a .523 average in conference games, and Marten's .500 places her second in the Big East.

For the Irish, the homefield advantage proved to be just what they needed to solve the puzzle of the Big Ten conference.

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Little incentive is left for players to stay four years

Last week The Observer's own Dan Cichalski decided to forgo his final year of college to enter the work force. Following in his footsteps, I have declared myself eligible for the NFL, NHL, MLB, NBA, and MLS drafts. Although I may not be spectacular at any one of the sports, I feel that with so many picks available in all these drafts combined, one of them will be used to select a short kid from Long Island.



Gene Brtalik
Sports Writer

This recent attitude of leaving college early or not going at all has become prevalent throughout the NBA and the NFL over the past few years. Many cynics have stated that this is leading to the decline of college athletics, and in a way it is; just look at the NCAA basketball tournament and think what it could have been without the departure of certain key underclassman.

Why should these top-notch players stay? After leaving college, they are guaranteeing themselves a life of fame and fortune, or so they think. These players will make enough money in one year to support themselves for 10 years. They have done everything they could in college, and now it is time to move on to bigger, better things.

Why should these players stay? First of all, they have an obligation to the school that signs them. When the players sign their letter of intent, they are stating that they will devote the next four years of their life to the school that they

sign with. When they leave early, it is like a breach of contract.

The college is entitled to pay for the athlete's schooling for four years, but the athlete voids it by not staying. This leaves the school in a bind because it is too late to recruit another prospect to fill the departee's space. Another reason to stay in school is the whole matter of education. Pro careers are the main focus on these athletes' minds.

It reminds me of Ohio State freshman linebacker Andy Katzenmoyer. Each year, Ohio State has a beginning football banquet to introduce the new players to the team. Each player is supposed to stand up and announce his name and his intended major. Andy, who can barely read (wonder how he got into Ohio State?), stands up in front of his teammates and says, "My name is Andy Katzenmoyer, and I don't have a major because after three years, I am going to the NFL."

This attitude is also seen around many of the college basketball players as well. Tim Thomas (remember him?) of Villanova is rumored to have stated that he was only going to attend one year of college to fine tune his game before making the jump to the NBA.

One of our own basketball players is also rumored to have said upon signing his letter of intent, "If I am good enough after my sophomore year, I am leaving for the NBA."

It also makes you wonder whether or not Texas Tech running back Byron Hanspard knew he was leaving early because his fall GPA was 0.00 — a GPA my little brother could achieve taking his class-

es. These athletes should be more concerned about the education that is being given to them because they never know when a career threatening injury can end their career. Just look at Brian Bosworth, a former first round draft pick whose career was over before it started, who is trying to support himself by making poorly acted action movies. He is also quoted in an ESPN chat that his daughter helps him to read.

Other athletes who have left college early have gone back to receive their degrees, such as Emmitt Smith, Bo Jackson, and currently Notre Dame's Jerome Bettis.

Look at the schools over the years in which underclassman have left early. You never see an ND, Duke, and until recent years, Georgetown athlete leave early. These schools are known for their education as well as athletics, and the athletes that attend these schools devote themselves to four years of an education to get their degree.

Over the past two years, sev-

eral key underclassman have decided to stay that extra year in school to try to improve their status or win that elusive national championship.

Two of these returnees, Wake Forest's Tim Duncan and Tennessee quarterback Payton Manning were both slated to be the number one picks in each of their respective drafts but stayed the extra year to win the most coveted prize in college athletics—a national championship.

For one of those who stayed the extra year, his plan backfired. John Wallace of the New York Knicks went back to Syracuse for his senior year to improve his draft status from middle to late first round to a lottery pick (the first 13). John took his team to the national championship game only to lose to this year's runner-up Kentucky, and many experts as well as John believed that his stock had risen.

John sat anxiously as the picks were read off one by one. Finally, he was selected with the eighteenth pick overall, probably around the same spot

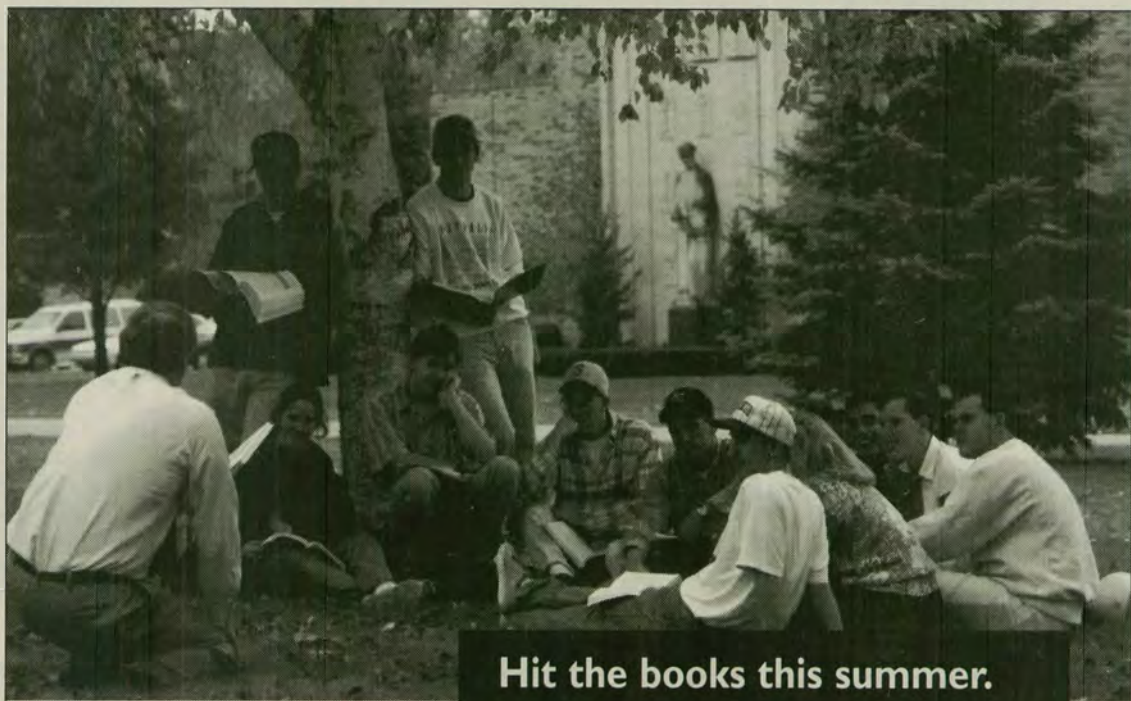
he would have been picked last year.

John warned on draft day that he was going to make the teams that didn't select him very upset. For now, John has shown promise, but when you are playing behind Larry Johnson and Charles Oakley, one has to expect that he won't play much.

Just think of how much better Ohio State's football program would be without the departure of their top juniors each year, or the North Carolina Tar Heels this year with Jerry Stackhouse and Rasheed Wallace still on the team.

Leaving early not only affects the player's education but also his team. Georgetown faltered without Iverson, and UMass did the same without Camby. What a great college athletic season we could have had.

Now back to my predicament about entering the drafts. With over 2,000 chances of being selected this year, I see my chances of returning to ND this fall are slim. Now if only I had athletic ability.



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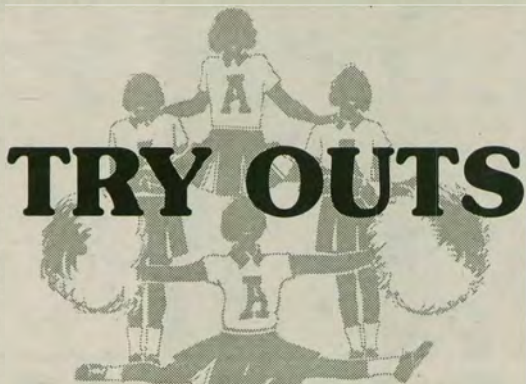
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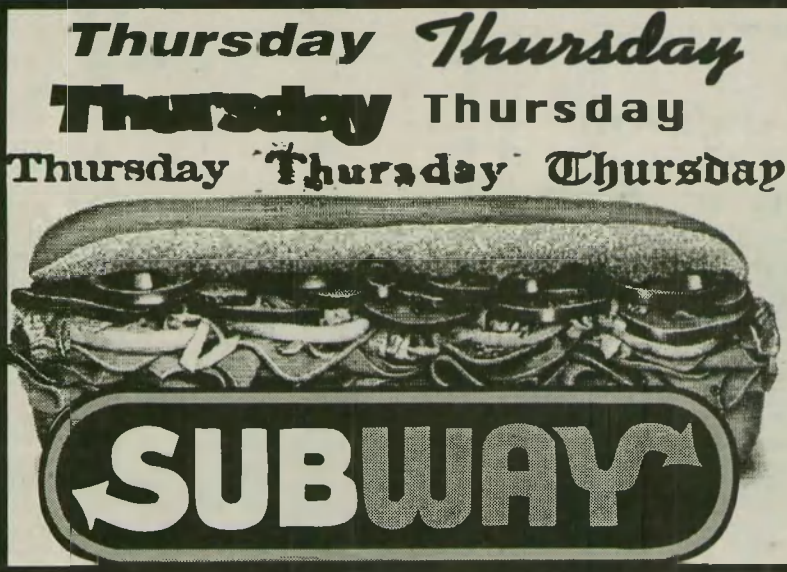
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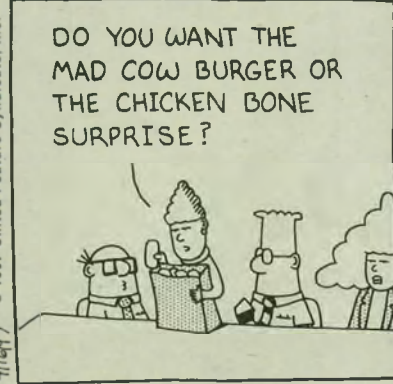
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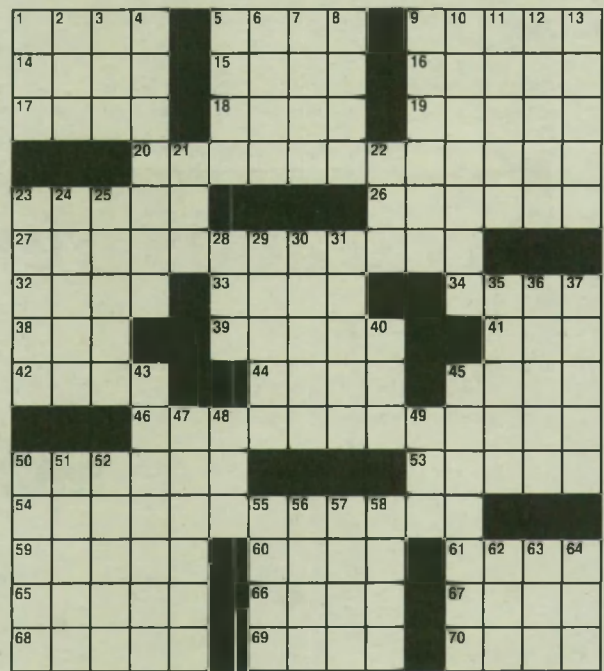
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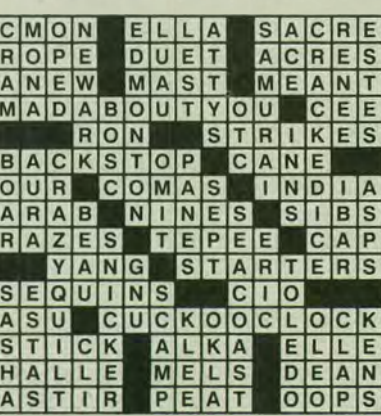
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 - 18 Ring site
 - 19 1954 Oscar-winning composer
 - 20 "Anatomy of a Murder": Defense
 - 23 Singer with the 1991 #1 hit "Rush, Rush"
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 - 27 "Anatomy of a Murder": Prosecution
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 - 33 Stadium since 1964
 - 34 ___ Club (retail chain)
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 - 45 Zhivago's love
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 - 50 Classic work by Montaigne
 - 53 Extra
 - 54 "Inherit the Wind": Defense

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 - 23 Once more
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 - 25 Adoring one
 - 28 Double curve
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 - 30 Gent from Argentina
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 - 36 ___ Island, Fla.
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 - 40 Computer key
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 - 47 Higher in fuel-to-air ratio
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 - 49 Big ___
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 - 51 Bride, in Brescia
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 - 55 Torture device
 - 56 Small duck
 - 57 A Kennedy
 - 58 Pot starter
 - 62 "I see!"
 - 63 Big gobbler
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Puzzle by Michael S. Maurer

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ellen Barkin, Bobby Vinton, Charlie Chaplin, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

DEAR EUGENIA: I would like to know if I will be very lucky this year. Also, will I have as much trouble with Pluto, where the planet was retrograde at my time of birth? Thank you for your time and consideration. I was born Dec. 4, 1943, at 5:00 p.m. Nancy

DEAR NANCY: This is a much better year for you with regards to your own personal attitudes, creativity, travel, learning, relationships, getting out and involved in organizations you believe in and so on. Pluto is really not a problem; it is well-aspected in your natal chart and this year in particular it will be well-situated to the transiting planet Saturn, giving you additional discipline to accomplish as well as make new friends. If you are looking to win a lottery, I'm not a big fan on playing the odds, but if you must, use these numbers 4, 12, 15, 17, 26, 44. Good Luck.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): You can do very well in speculative money matters. Take some time to spend with children and don't forget to keep in shape.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Home or work will be emotionally draining for you. Steer clear of those who are likely to upset or confront you.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Some-one you work with may not be totally honest with you. Drastic alterations in your work environment are likely.

Born Today: Get ready to give life your best shot. You can have whatever you want as long as you don't ponder over past mistakes or regrets. Move into the fast lane and get into the swing of things this year. You have a lot to offer and much to get back in return.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Don't spend too much on children or entertainment. You may find that situations at work will get blown out of proportion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23): Changes in your living quarters may appear to be alarming at first glance. Give things a chance to settle down.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22): Stay away from joint financial extravaganzas. Expect to have problems with deals that appear to be too easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Don't start disputes at work. If you disagree with your boss, swallow it. Your best efforts will come through family outings and pleasure trips.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): You can work well with others if you roll up your sleeves and help those who are not in as high a position. Your energy should be directed into meeting your deadlines.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): You should be on the go again. Travel and involvement in large groups will bring added knowledge. Be aware that someone may be out to get revenge.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): Limitations are likely. Be careful not to overindulge in spicy foods or stomach problems will slow you down. Take care of yourself first today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18): You're ready to snap at anyone who gets in your way. You are tired of being everyone's punching bag. New partnerships can be formulated now that you're in a position to set the rules.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Some-one you work with may be on the rampage. Get to the bottom of the problem and don't count on anything that hasn't been put down in writing.

OF INTEREST

Guima the Tyrant, an African feature film from Mali, will be shown tonight at 7 p.m. The film will be followed by a panel discussion on "Wisdom and Political Power." The film and discussion are sponsored by the African Student Association.

The ND Choral and Chamber Orchestra present their spring concert tonight at 8 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. They will be performing excerpts from Haydn's "The Creation" and Handel's "Concerto Grosso in D Minor" (Op. 6, No. 8). The two groups are under the direction of Professor Alexander Blachly. The concert is free and open to the public.

An open discussion on 'diversity' will be held in the Dillon Hall chapel at 7 p.m. tonight as part of Dillon Hall's celebration of cultural diversity. The discussion will be facilitated by Cheryl Iguri. Refreshments will be served.

A Self-Assessment Workshop will be held today from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in 118 DeBartolo Hall. In this workshop, students will learn the process of self-discovery through which satisfying career decisions are made. The workshop will discuss exploring personality type and environmental preferences. It will be presented by Olivia Williams of Career & Placement Services and Wendy Settle of the University Counseling Center.

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- Cream of Broccoli Soup
- Philly Steak Sandwich
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- Chicken Strips

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- French Onion Soup
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Seeded teams continue to dominate early rounds

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXVI

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

The continuing trend of the top 32 Bookstore teams advancing without fail to the second round may create the illusion in some people's minds that the first round is unimportant for these heralded favorites. However, for some of the seeds, nothing could be further from the truth.

As Kevin Poppink of Malicious Prosecution explained, his team's first round contest was important for the development of their team.

"We haven't been able to play much together," said Poppink of his third-seeded squad, "because we have a lot of different schedules, so it was good to play and have a good game."

The team of law school students used a combination of strength and solid shooting to overcome a resilient opponent. The toughness of the opposition allowed Prosecution to play in a competitive game situation, which should certainly be to their benefit later in the tournament.

As far as those later rounds are concerned, Poppink indicated that the team had set goals to prepare themselves for the tougher competition.

"We set sort of an intermedi-

ate goal tonight of keeping our seed or doing better by the time we re-seed for (the round of) 16," Poppink commented. "So that's our next goal, but absolutely, we want to win this."

Another seeded squad who faced decent competition last night was No. 13 The Sixth Man. The team comprised of Tom Krug, Ron Powlus, Marshaun West, John Cerasani and A'Jani Sanders, originally called Awesome Backer Babies, decided to make a change before their debut.

The game featured acrobatic dunks by West, power post moves by Cerasani, and a couple of turn-around jump shots from Powlus, but despite the strong play of Sixth Man, their opponents, The Guertler Faction, refused to lie down and accept the blowout. Before the game was over, The Faction had proven that they were worthy Bookstore competitors.

"They were a good group of guys," said Powlus of The Faction squad. "I think we just had a couple more athletic guys. They were a tough team. I think it was unfortunate for them that they played us early because I think they could have won a couple games."

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The Observer/Brandon Candura

As has been the case with all seeded teams so far, BW3 (shown above) advanced easily to the next round. No seeded team has lost at this point in the tournament.

BASEBALL



The Observer/Rob Finch

A run from Mike Amrhein helped ND win for the 15th time in 17 games.

Irish nip Purdue 6-4 to extend hot streak

By T. RYAN KENNEDY
Sports Writer

You can neutralize Notre Dame's best bashers, and still, the team will find a way to win. This is unusual.

Notre Dame's Big Noises — Randall Brooks, Mike Amrhein, Jeff Wagner — have carried a heavy burden of late. They can take over an entire game, and they are responsible for over 50 percent of Irish offensive fireworks this season. But yesterday's

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FOOTBALL

Davie adds fresh look to staff

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

It is probably the easiest question to answer at this university. Indeed, by now, everyone and his dog knows that Bob Davie is the new head coach of the Notre Dame football team.



Sanford

And in light of the important transition that has taken place, most fans have learned that Jim Colletto and Greg Mattison have taken over as offensive and defensive coordinators, respectively.

However, the rest of the Irish coaching staff may be a mystery to some. If nothing else, it

certainly poses the question: who else is in charge of instructing the players that Notre Dame fans will come to live and die by next fall?

When it was all said and done, Davie decided to go with something old and something new.

The rookie head coach opted not to keep Joe Moore (offensive line) and Earle Mosley (running backs) on his staff in 1997, and former offensive coordinator Dave Roberts fled to the Lone Star State, becoming the head coach at Baylor.

However, Charlie Strong (defensive line), Tom McMahon (secondary), Urban Meyer (receivers), and Kirk Doll (special teams) were asked to return in 1997.

"Our status was initially unclear after Coach Holtz decided to step down," said

McMahon. "But Bob made it known who he wanted to be part of his staff. He's been implementing his ideas and philosophy, so it's good to be part of it."

In addition to Mattison and Colletto, Davie has added two more new faces to his staff since taking over in December.

Desmond Robinson is now responsible for instructing Irish running backs, while Mike Sanford has been working with Ron Powlus and company as the new quarterbacks coach.

Although the transition has been anything but easy, Robinson and Sanford have been able to make the proper adjustments during spring workouts over the last three weeks.

"It hasn't been as hard as it

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Spring Football 1997

The Observer will be profiling a different position on the Notre Dame football team each day this week.

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
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- Running Backs
- Tight Ends
- Coaches
- Quarterbacks
- Ron Powlus

The Observer/Melissa Weber

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- at Big East Championship April 17-20
- at Big East Championship April 17-20

- vs. Northwestern Today, 3:30 p.m.
- Men's vs. Air Force Thursday, 3 p.m.
- Softball at Goshen College Wednesday, 3 p.m.

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