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◆ PLS celebrates 50 years of Great Books at Notre Dame

By TIM LOGAN
Senior Staff Writer

It began as a bold experiment.

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These things were far from the norm in American higher learning in the 1940s and 1950s, and many scholars were skeptical of them. But they were the pillars on which the Program of Liberal Studies [PLS] were built.

Fifty years later, as PLS celebrates its silver anniversary, the Program is still strong, and much of academia has come to share its emphasis on reading and discussion, at least at some level.

But PLS is still unique. "It was, and still is, different," said F. Clark Power, chair of the Program. It is different in that its students learn philosophy and psychology, mathematics and literature, all by reading, and discussing, original texts about the subjects in a rigorous series of courses stretching

over three years.

From the beginning, PLS has been focused on reading and discussion, and, today, that style of teaching may not seem unusual. But in 1950, when Father John Cavanaugh, who was then University president, and professor Otto Bird collaborated to found the Program, it was unusual indeed.

It was a time when lectures reigned supreme in the academy. Professors stood before a podium and unloaded on a captive audience their accumulated knowledge on their subject of mastery. Undergraduates supplemented these lectures with readings from a textbook written by their professor, or someone like him, who had read and understood the great texts at the heart of his subject, and who was passing that understanding along in digestible form. There was little exposure to the great texts themselves, and even less discussion of them.

This began to change, on a small scale, in the 1930s. That was when a handful of humanities professors at progressive schools like Columbia University and the University of Chicago, started having their students read some of the classic texts and discuss them in seminar classes. Their classes focused on the Great Books, timeless works of unparalleled wisdom and significance, like Plato's "Republic" and James Joyce's "Ulysses." An education built around the reading and discussion of Great



Books, it was thought, would teach students how to think for themselves, and to think about the great problems that have plagued mankind since the days of the Greeks.

The Great Books movement came to Notre Dame in 1949, when then-president Cavanaugh invited Bird, a Great Books scholar, to the University to start a General Program of Liberal Studies. When it opened in 1950, the Program demanded four years and required the study of several languages and a host of academic fields. It also demanded a high faculty-to-student ratio and the

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PLS teaches students how to think about the problems that have plagued mankind since the days of the Greeks. In preparation for discussion, Kendahl Lund reads Plato's Republic.

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Right to Life conference returns to ND, SMC campuses

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Right to Life clubs are gearing up for their second annual Pro-Life Collegiate Conference, "Our Duty to Serve, Our Call to Lead," to take place this weekend.

The theme of this year's conference, identical to last year's, explores the dual concept of being opposed to abortion.

"Being pro-life is actually a type of service. You're serving people who are unable to serve themselves ... who have no voice," said Mario Suarez, the co-president of Notre Dame Right to Life and one of the conference coordinators. "In service, there has to be people who point others in the right direction."

The coordinators hope to "point others in the right direction" over the weekend through a series of workshops, lectures and opportunities for members of different

pro-life organizations to share ideas. Suarez characterized the weekend as a big brainstorming session between pro-life clubs.

"This conference is actually a lot different from last year's. We had seven keynote speakers and a few workshops [then]," Suarez said. "The students really wanted to come and share their ideas and learn. We've restructured the whole thing."

This year's conference promises to be more "hands on," featuring six workshop sessions. The sessions, meant to educate other organizations on how to run a successful club, focus on issues like motivation, management skills and first amendment rights. The workshops and moderated discussions are run by members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's clubs, as well as prominent members from the national pro-life community.

The conference, however, is not limited to those wanting to become leaders within the pro-life movement.

"Even if you have no interest in assuming leadership, you'll learn a lot and have some fun," Suarez said. "I think that abortion is an issue that everyone has an opinion on."

In addition to workshops, the conference features two keynote speakers. Steve Mosher, president of the Population Research Institute, will deliver a speech on "Life Issues Around the World." His lecture will focus on human rights abuses in third world nations with a pro-life perspective.

Cathy Cleaver, the director of Information and Planning for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat, will speak on "How to Communicate the Pro-Life message." Her speech will deal with outsiders' perceptions of the pro-life movement and offer suggestions on how to discuss abortions issues with minimal conflict.

Initially, the conference was to feature a speech by Alan Keyes, a politician who ran in the Republican primaries. Keyes' office,

however, cancelled his appearance last Friday because of a schedule conflict.

"I know [Keyes' absence] will disappoint many, and we apologize for this. ... Alan Keyes is a phenomenal speaker and will be missed, but now we can have more dialogue among students, and better focus on developing leadership skills and learning how to use our gifts to make a difference," Suarez announced in an e-mail to students registered for the conference.

The club plans to fill his speaking time with two student speeches.

The club expects attendance similar to last year's event, which drew 150 people from 15 colleges and universities — some from as far as California and Texas. Organizers began planning this year's conference a month before winter break, mainly under the direction of Suarez and Kaitlyn Dudley. Although official registration ended on March 30, Suarez said they will admit students until seating capacity has been reached.

INSIDE COLUMN

Celebrate our champions

Well, Irish fans, we have a lot to learn about supporting our teams. We need to take lessons from schools like Purdue, Maryland, Arizona, Penn State — and the school with the most spirit in the country — Michigan State.

We are certainly amateurs when it comes to supporting our teams in victory and defeat. Just think about last Sunday, our women's basketball team wins the national championship and what do we do? We assemble at Main Circle at 2:30 a.m. and cheer when the victorious Irish get off the bus. You actually think that thousands of people cheering is the proper way to support a champion?

Hardly. Just ask Purdue freshman Jim Bartela. Even though the Boilermakers lost the title game, Purdue students welcomed their team back with broken windows, fires and overturned cars.

"Even though there's destruction of the town, it's a great way to get people together, to help celebrate the basketball team," Bartela told the Purdue Exponent.

I would like to personally apologize to Ruth Riley, Niele Ivey and the rest of the team for not properly celebrating their championship. I thought attending nearly all of their home games for the last three years and meeting them at Main Circle was enough. I was wrong. I really should have done something to get myself arrested.

Because nothing says National Champs like a bunch of drunken idiots trashing the campus and getting tear gassed by police.

Just ask Michigan State. The Spartans know how to celebrate a champion. Last year after their men's team won the title, the fans caused thousands of dollars in damage and more than 100 were arrested.

Some might question if riots are the proper way to celebrate a championship. Some might say it's classless and shameful to burn cars, attack police and destroy property. But how can you doubt that Penn State students weren't making their school proud when they smashed windows, tore down signs and light posts after the Nittany Lions' loss to the Temple Owls in the NCAA tournament?

In fact, I believe Irish fans were disgraceful when they refused to destroy anything after Ole Miss knocked Notre Dame men's team out of March Madness.

But fear not Irish fans. We can redeem ourselves. Our spring teams are playing really well. The men's lacrosse, women's tennis and baseball teams are all ranked in the top 10. This weekend, every time Tom Glatzel scores a goal against Denver, smash a window in DeBartolo. For every Michelle Dasso ace, flip a car in D6. And when Aaron Heilman throws another fireball past a bewildered batter, burn down a dorm.

We need to celebrate our athletes accomplishments.

Troy Murphy may jump to the NBA draft. Do you think that if a couple hundred rioting Irish fans had gotten tear gassed by ND security/police, Murphy would even be considering the NBA? Of course not.

Purdue students like Eric Forbes are making sacrifices for their teams, we should too.

"The tear gas burns your eyes and your throat. It really sucks," the Boilermaker said.

The tear gas may be painful but thanks to fans like Forbes, no one will ever question the class of Purdue fans.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Seniors invite Doonesbury cartoonist April 5, 1977

The graduating class picked Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist, Garry B. Trudeau for the Senior Class Fellow invitation and he gladly accepted. Especially important was the cartoonist's appeal to college students and the emphasis that he gave to social and controversial problems in Doonesbury. That year, he addressed the entire class during Senior Week celebrations.

Community unites against Ku Klux Klan April 6, 1998

A group composed of Notre Dame students, faculty and staff, Bethel College students and members of the South Bend community and numbering more than 100 people, attended a two-hour demonstration on the Fieldhouse Mall to remember the 30th anniversary of the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. and to protest an upcoming Ku Klux Klan rally in Elkart.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

U of M affirmative action ruling could see high court

LOS ANGELES

On March 29, a federal judge halted the use of affirmative action at the University of Michigan's law school.

The university plans to take the case to the Supreme Court, and if it succeeds, the decision could determine the fate of affirmative action in admissions nationwide.

"I think it's unfortunate that the University of Michigan will have to deal with the constraints that we're all too familiar with here in California," said Leo Trujillo-Cox, executive director of the Outreach Resource Center at the UCLA School of Law.

"If the Supreme Court makes a decision, it's binding law nationally — it would change the face of public education," he added.

What makes the case unique is that



the University of Michigan's undergraduate affirmative action program was recently determined to be constitutional by another federal court judge.

The conflicting cases may likely force the U.S. Supreme Court to decide the matter once and for all.

"It's quite likely that the Supreme Court will take a look at this case especially with the conflicting opinions

whether or not this type of affirmative action is permissible," Trujillo-Cox said.

The University of Michigan expects to win the case if it goes to the Supreme Court.

"We will appeal this decision and are confident that we will prevail in a higher court," said University of Michigan president Lee Bollinger in a statement.

The Supreme Court affirmed the use of affirmative action in the case Bakke v. Regents of the University of California, which barred the use of quotas in the admissions process but said that race could be used as a factor.

Last week's decision concerning the University of Michigan was made after a non-profit organization, the Center for Individual Rights, helped launch the court case.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Horowitz debates reparation issue

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

David Horowitz continued his crusade against slavery reparations for African-Americans in a debate at MIT Wednesday night against Dorothy Lewis, co-chair of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America. Horowitz has attracted significant media attention in recent weeks because of an advertisement he submitted to college newspapers across the country listing 10 points against reparations for descendants of African slaves in America. Many papers — including The Crimson — said the advertisement was unnecessarily inflammatory and chose to reject it. Falling on the anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination 33 years ago, last night's debate aimed to discuss the validity of such reparations. The bearded and bespectacled Horowitz said he did not support reparations because they would not go to the victims of slavery themselves. "These slaves are dead. Their children are dead. There's no one to pay the reparations to," he said.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Basketball may boost applicants

COLLEGE PARK, Md.

During visits to Chicago high schools last week, University of Maryland interim admissions director Jim Christensen talked to prospective students who all wanted to talk about one subject: the Maryland men's basketball team. It seemed to Christensen the team's Final Four run was every student's link to the campus. It was common knowledge. The students knew little about campus life and academic programs, but their interest was piqued and their ears opened. Thanks to the media spotlight focused on the University of Maryland during the NCAA tournament, the campus could potentially see an increase in students applying for admission next year. Boston College experienced it with its 1984 football team. After a win over national powerhouse Miami, Boston College saw its applicant pool increase nearly 40 percent. More recently, the University of Florida, Northwestern, Oregon State, Seton Hall and Syracuse have seen it.

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African tour convenes in DeBartolo, discusses policy

By MARIBEL MOREY
Assistant News Editor

African political and human

rights activists, a singer/song-writer, a lawyer, the former Rwandan prime minister and a member of the Pan Africanist Congress in South Africa will be

available for questions in DeBartolo room 140 from 1-5 p.m. today.

As part of the African Peace Tour, these and other Africans,

are speaking at venues across the country to promote citizen action for a more people-oriented US policy toward Africa. Notre Dame is one of their last stops on the tour.

"Looking as an outsider, [this variety of speakers] shows to me that those who put the conference together are interested in providing more than one perspective," said Hugh Page, director of African and African-American Studies which is sponsoring the event.

The Peace Tour is designed to help U.S. citizens understand African issues. Through this understanding, Americans will hopefully encourage an American policy toward Africa that will benefit African people and allow the continent to recover from centuries of exploitation, according to the program's Web page.

"Our goal is to sponsor programs that will increase the University and local communities' concerns in understanding issues that are of concern in Africa and in the African

Diaspora in Europe," Page said. "[This event] is an educational opportunity."

All the speakers will offer their distinct perspectives on Sub-Saharan Africa.

Kalisa Rusangwa Remera lost his parents and most of his extended family in the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

Fautin Twagiramungu is a former Rwandan Prime Minister and Adnane Bouchaib is a lawyer and the Secretary General of Somoud, a group that represents families of individuals that have been kidnapped by terrorist.

Bakary Tandia is a human rights activist from Mauritania and Rebecca Wakuteka is a singer/song-writer from Democratic

Republic of the Congo whose lyrics include political commentary.

The African Peace Tour is a unit of the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization that includes people of various faiths who are committed to peace, humanitarian service and social justice.

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Hugh Page
director of African-American Studies

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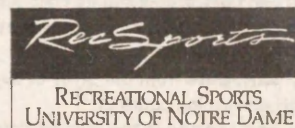
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PLS

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patience of other departments, who feared the new program would overlap into their disciplines.

This, according to professor Frederick Crosson, put PLS on shaky ground in its early years.

"There was always the question of whether it would be dissolved," he said. PLS never was dissolved, thanks in large part to steadfast support from Cavanaugh, and, later, Father Theodore Hesburgh. But people across the University were slow to embrace the Program. Some critics felt it was not Catholic enough for Notre Dame — some Great Books were on the Church's Index of Forbidden Books, and the seminar style defied the Catholic idea that the truth could be known. Others simply did not support its revolutionary methods.

"The survival of the young always seems precarious to me and even miraculous.

Life is frail and fragile in its beginnings," Father Nicholas Ayo wrote in his "The Beginning of Great Books in the Cavanaugh Years."

But that frail life continued, and, despite the reduction of the Program from four years to three, to make way for a common First Year of Studies in 1954, PLS began to thrive. Hesburgh used it as a model when he introduced the Collegiate Seminar — a forerunner of the Core Course — which was an interdisciplinary discussion course required of

all students. And gradually, enrollment grew.

As the decades went on, the Program's place at Notre Dame solidified. And while other departments in the University changed their curriculum, PLS remained largely true to its original texts. Sometimes a text would be dropped and another added in the Great Books seminars. Sometimes a new elective would be offered as professors came in and out of the program. But just as Dostoevsky's "Crime and Punishment" has not changed since it was written, PLS at Notre Dame remains essentially identical to its origins.

Professor Michael Crowe graduated from Notre Dame in 1958. He came back two years later to teach in the Program which he majored in, and he has been doing that ever since. PLS today, he said, is basically unchanged from PLS then.

"The two are very close. Just about every other major in the University is doing significantly different things. We're doing pretty much the same," Crowe said. "Continuity in the Program is very substantial."

The reason for this, the Program's directors said, is that the great questions which the courses deal with remain unanswered. And the purpose of the Program remains unchanged as well. PLS purports to teach its students more than just the latest skills they will need in a changing business world.

"Education ought to make students relevant 20 or 30 years in the future," Crowe said.

This education, with a thor-

oughly interdisciplinary style, tends to mold students who enter a wide range of pursuits after graduation. About one-third of each graduating class does service work, Power said. Another third goes to law school. The others enter a mix of graduate programs, teaching jobs and the business world.

This interdisciplinary approach, so revolutionary in 1950, meets greater appeal today. Broad majors, such as American Studies, and concentrations and minors like Philosophy and Literature or Science, Technology and Values are growing at Notre Dame and other schools. There are few new Great Books programs under development these days, but the idea of truly liberal education has not died, supporters said.

"Devotion to Great Books is more alive across the nation than a survey of universities might allow," said Eva Brann, a professor at St. John's College in Maryland, which teaches an all-Great Books curriculum, at a talk celebrating the 50th anniversary of PLS Wednesday. These timeless texts carry a weight that lasts through the years, Brann said. And they will always have something to teach us.

Thus Cavanaugh and Bird's experiment grew and matured at Notre Dame into an unusual and challenging major which is certainly no longer in danger of being dissolved. Instead, after 50 years of exposing undergraduates to the Great Books, the PLS program will continue to show those books. And it will continue to prepare its students for life beyond college in a unique, unparalleled way.

"The preparation is not seen so much as preparation for a career," Power said. "As it is preparation, you might say, for life."

"Education ought to make students relevant 20 or 30 years in the future."

Michael Crowe
PLS professor

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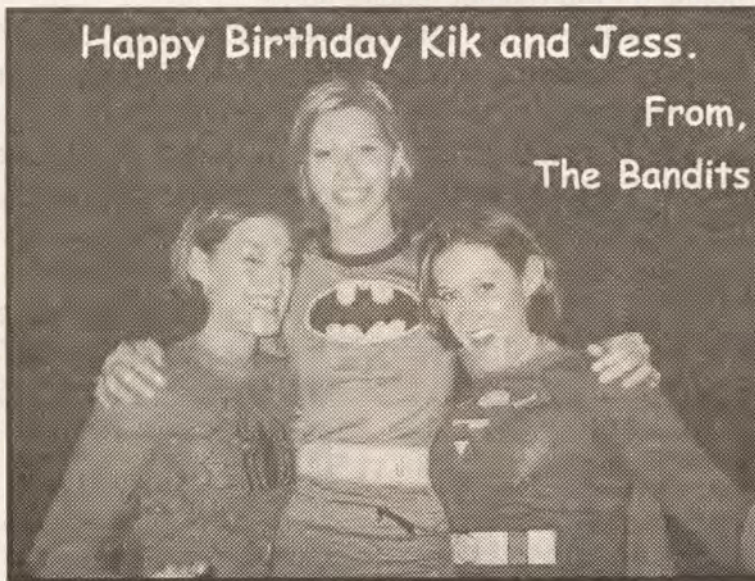
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

India offers talks with rebels: In a major attempt to end five decades of regional unrest, India on Thursday offered to hold peace talks with Kashmiri separatists living abroad as well as those in the disputed Himalayan region. But the offer was immediately rebuffed by a key umbrella organization of political and religious groups in Kashmir, which demanded that the Pakistani government should be part of a tripartite dialogue.

Workers occupy Acropolis: Workers from the Greek culture ministry occupied the Acropolis, Athens' main tourist attraction, for 30 minutes on Thursday, preventing visitors from entering to view the 2,500-year-old monuments. The workers, who were employed on a temporary basis, were demanding a renewal of their contracts.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Bush to visit Poland: President Bush will visit Poland during a June trip to Europe, a White House official said Thursday. "The president looks forward to reviewing ways in which the United States and Poland — old friends, new allies — can intensify cooperation in pursuit of common goals," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. On the European trip, Bush is also traveling to Goteborg, Sweden, and to Brussels, Belgium.

Jury: tobacco industry not liable: A flight attendant awaiting a lung transplant is not entitled to money from the tobacco industry for illnesses she blames on cigarette smoke in jetliner cabins, a jury decided Thursday. The jury found the tobacco industry was not liable for the lung disease that made Marie Fontana cough up blood on the witness stand during her testimony in the three-week trial. Jurors began deliberating late Thursday morning.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Bedford man tried to run over wife: A Bedford man injured when he crashed his truck while allegedly trying to run over his wife will be charged with attempted murder. John Evans, 25, remained in police custody Thursday at Dunn Memorial Hospital, where he was being treated for head and possible internal injuries he sustained in Tuesday's crash. Witnesses said Linda Evans, 19, was walking along a Bedford street Tuesday afternoon when her husband approached at high speed in his 1967 Ford truck, said Maj. Dennis N. Parsley of the Bedford Police Department.



Amanda Darnell, 11, ties a yellow ribbon onto the fence of the Old North Whidbey Middle School in Oak Harbor, Wash. to show support for the crew of the EP-3 surveillance aircraft being detained by the Chinese. AFP Photo

U.S., China bump up spy plane talks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
The United States and China intensified negotiations Thursday for the release of an American spy plane's crew, and U.S. officials said they were encouraged by the talks. President Bush, in a conciliatory gesture, expressed regret over the in-flight collision that triggered the tense standoff.

"The Chinese have got to act," Bush said, "I hope they do so quickly."

China called the 24-person crew lawbreakers and said the servicemen and women would remain in

China for questioning.

Both countries held firm to their opposing positions in public — China demanding an apology, Bush refusing to offer one — but sent encouraging signals in a diplomatic flurry. The administration's tone brightened as weary Bush advisers embraced the first notes of progress.

In Santiago, Chile, visiting Chinese President Jiang Zemin again said the United States should apologize for last weekend's collision. "I have visited many countries, and I see that when people have an accident, the two groups involved, the two parts,

always say excuse me," Jiang said.

Several high-ranking government officials said the situation improved practically overnight, though they still had no assurances the crew of 21 men and three women would be released.

While most Americans slept, Bush's team worked on China time Thursday morning to open new channels of communications with Beijing. The talks continued as dawn made its way around the globe: Chinese Ambassador Yang Jiechi met with Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage in

Washington; U.S. Ambassador Joseph Prueher met twice with Assistant Foreign Minister Zhou Wenzhong in China.

"We're having intensive discussions with the Chinese," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

Frustrated for days by the lack of talks, American diplomats were suddenly negotiating with Chinese counterparts over U.S. demands for the crew's release. "We're talking about what we want to talk about, which is release," said a senior government official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

NETHERLANDS

Disease threatens rare livestock breeds

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM
Several rare breeds of cows, goats and sheep — familiar from 16th century paintings by Dutch masters — are threatened with extinction by the foot-and-mouth epidemic that has struck the Netherlands.

For some breeds, the few remaining specimens could be caught up in the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of animals in efforts to contain the virulent livestock disease. On Friday, the last 100 Schoonbeker sheep left in the world are due to be destroyed.

Only a handful of these varieties still survive on protected national parks and farms. Some have already been slated for "preventive clearing," or the killing of healthy animals to build a firewall against the ailment.

"We have been struggling for years to keep populations up. This would be a fatal blow," said Robert Moens of the Society for the Preservation of Nature. The society said it would ask a judge to prevent the killing of special animals. Protection groups say 19 endangered breeds are threatened by foot-and-mouth.

The rare cows are usually named for their markings, which distinguish

them from common dairy or beef cattle. Names such as Lakenvelder, Brandrood and Groningen Blaarkop — Dutch Belted, Burned Red and Whitehead — have come to symbolize more than just a farming heritage.

"It's a piece of our culture," said Anno Fokkinga, author of books on rare Dutch livestock. "It would be a real shame if they disappeared, only to be seen in paintings."

The animals were common in the famed landscape paintings of 16th and 17th century Dutch artists, such as Pieter Brueghel, Paul Potter and Albert Cuyp.

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ND honors Wooden for sportsmanship

Special to The Observer

John Wooden, the most successful coach in collegiate basketball history, will be honored tonight for his longtime commitment to integrity in athletics by Notre Dame's Mendelson Center for Sport, Character & Culture.

The recognition will come during the 25th annual presentation of the Wooden Award to the nation's outstanding men's basketball player at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of Notre Dame, will make videotaped remarks on behalf of the University, and Mendelson Center co-director David Shields will present Wooden with a plaque that reads in part:

"The consistent modeling and promotion of teamwork, sportsmanship, respect, hard work, and integrity — timeless values nurtured by Coach Wooden and honored in perpetuity by the John R. Wooden Award — remains the most important goal for student-athletes, coaches, and all who are concerned with the quality of sport. The Mendelson Center unites with the legions of friends, colleagues, and admirers in congratulating John Wooden and the Wooden Award Committee for keeping this goal foremost in mind and action."

Tommy Hawkins, a 1959 Notre Dame graduate and All-American forward for the Irish, will serve as master of ceremonies for the Wooden Award. He is the vice president of communications for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Notre Dame also will be represented at Friday's black-tie event by junior Troy Murphy, a finalist for the Wooden Award, and Irish men's basketball head coach Mike Brey.

A native of central Indiana, Wooden led his Martinsville High School team to the state championship in 1927. He went on to become a star at Purdue University, earning recognition as the college player of the year and leading the Boilermakers to the national title in 1932.

After coaching for two years at Dayton High School in Kentucky, Wooden spent the next nine years just a couple of miles from Notre Dame, coaching at South Bend Central High School. His overall high school coaching record was 218-42.

Following service in the Navy

during World War II, Wooden coached at Indiana State University from 1946-48, compiling a record of 47-14 and leading the Sycamores to the finals of the NAIA Invitational in his final year.

In 1948, Wooden accepted the head coaching job at UCLA, where for the next 27 years he established one of the greatest dynasties in sports history: 620 wins against just 147 losses, four perfect 30-0 seasons, 88 consecutive victories (a streak broken by Notre Dame in 1974), 38 straight wins in NCAA Tournament games, 20 conference championships, and 10 national titles, including seven in a row.

For all of his accomplishments as a coach, however, Wooden is equally admired for his personal integrity, commitment to academic excellence, faith, and self-control, all with the intent of helping his players develop to their fullest both on and off the court. "Ability may get you to the top," he said, "but it takes character to keep you there."

Wooden, now 90, resides in the Los Angeles suburb of Encino.

Crosson recreates great authors

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
News Writer

Frederick Crosson, former John J. Cavanaugh Professor of Humanities in the Program of Liberal Studies, sees the Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) as a "conversation with the authors of the core texts."

Consequently, his lecture — given Thursday afternoon at McKenna Hall — took the form of a dialectic with his favorite Great Books authors (played by himself), each interjecting their comments to spur the conversation. Crosson and his imagined interlocutors discussed, specifically, the role of faith in liberal education.

"The title [of my lecture] is 'Seeing and Believing,' not 'Seeing is Believing,'" Crosson said to begin defining his argument. Crosson's lecture was part of Notre Dame's PLS conference "Liberal Learning and the Great Books," which commemorates the department's 50th anniversary.

"A good deal of what we learn in college comes about through believing," Crosson said. The difference between believing and knowing, for Crosson, is that to know is to have experi-

ence. On the other hand, to believe one must either have faith in other's experiences of mortally perceivable things or faith in things that are beyond human experience.

Crosson said that most of our "knowledge" is actually belief. We all "know" that the earth revolves around the sun, but rather than observe those facts for ourselves, we understand the process of how others observed them and have faith in their experience. It is in this way that what we "know," Crosson said, we actually "believe." Although he admitted that, "It would be better to know than to believe."

Crosson described the classic Greek thinkers as seeking understanding through what was evident in the natural world, "what showed itself to be true." In antiquity, he said intellectuals sought to replace opinions with knowledge.

In the more modern intellectual (Christian) tradition, according

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to Crosson, knowledge is intrinsically intertwined with belief. "Flesh and blood, that is humans, cannot discover the whole truth," said Crosson. Rather, they may only believe in knowledge.

Crosson established two "grounds for belief." First, like Aristotle, one may have to believe before one can understand something. Secondly, one may believe when the thing is, in principal, beyond human capacity for understanding.

Past individual beliefs, Crosson examined religions, or systems of belief, based on three questions: whether the their doctrine was illuminating, whether it was consistent with things one already knows to be the case and what are its benefits to the individual and society.

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ND constructs visiting prof housing

By LIZ ZANONI
News Writer

Building commenced recently for the new Fischer Visiting Faculty Residences, apartments for visiting professors and faculty members, said Joe Schellinger, director of Notre Dame's Academic Space.

The residences, which are to

be located behind Fischer Graduate Housing, will consist of two buildings with 24 units, said Schellinger who is working in conjunction with the Office of the Provost on the new apartments.

"This gives the University more of a marketing tool," said Schellinger who believes that the residences will help the University compete in recruiting

quality professors. The apartments are especially accommodating to visiting professors with children because the residences are all two-bedroom complexes.

Often it is difficult for visiting professors, especially professors on sabbatical from other countries, to find housing in the local South Bend community because their stay is so brief, said Schellinger. The new apartments will provide a place for these faculty members to live.

"The whole program is designed for a short term stay," said Schellinger.

Although the University has the funds to begin building, Schellinger said Notre Dame is still looking for donors to subsidize the apartments.

The University has been aware of the increased need for housing and is committed to the project, said Schellinger.

The Office of the Provost is in the process of deciding which colleges and institutions at Notre Dame will receive the badly needed apartments, said Schellinger. Distribution of the apartments is based on the budget, size and need of the colleges and institutions requesting space. Each college must have a five-year commitment to rent in their budget.

Although the assignments have not been announced yet, there is a long waiting list from different colleges and institutions at Notre Dame, said Schellinger. The apartments are expected to be ready for spring of 2002.

Sterba leaves ND to research race issues

By ALLIE JAY
News Writer

Professor James Sterba will leave Notre Dame at the end of the semester to pursue his research interests at the National Humanities Center in North Carolina. Sterba, a philosophy professor, was awarded one of 35 residential fellowships.



Sterba

"I was honored and surprised especially to find out that only four philosophers were awarded fellowships," said Sterba. "The time off is the most important thing. With a year off I can get to these projects."

The fellowship, which Sterba received in March, will allow him to complete two books for Oxford University Press without teaching obligations. One of the books he hopes to complete during his fellowship year is a defense of affirmative action.

"I feel things are going badly on the affirmative action issue right now, and I wanted to have input and sway things in a positive direction," Sterba said. "Today the Supreme Court is turning the 14th amendment on its head and making sure whites don't have to make any

concessions to blacks."

The 14th amendment, or the equal rights and protection amendment, was passed after the Civil War as a means to defend the government's dispersal of land and aid that was offered to blacks. However, according to Sterba, the Supreme Court is not allowing race to be taken into account when designing aid programs under its current interpretation of the amendment.

Sterba also expressed concern that the present Court's interpretation of the 14th amendment prevents programs that help African Americans catch up. He said programs need to be implemented to aid African Americans that suffer injustices in today's society which is still not color blind.

"To get beyond racism you have to take race into account. ... If you look at the lives of blacks today, there's plenty of evidence. You don't have to look to the past, but just look at our white lives and the benefits and privileges we have," he said.

On April 27 Sterba will debate his position on affirmative action with Carl Cohen from the University of Michigan who strongly opposes affirmative action. The second project Sterba will work on will draw on the history of ethics to argue for the importance of practical arguments such as the distribution of goods in society and the morality of homosexual relationships.

"These are all important practical issues that we usually don't look to the ancient philosophers to answer" said Sterba.

Sterba has written more than 150 articles and published 21 books.

His book, "Justice for Here and Now" was awarded the 1998 Book of the Year award by the North American Society for Social Philosophy.

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Demand disclosure from contractors

When Saint Mary's opened bidding on the construction of an addition to the maintenance building, the administration first entertained bids only from contractors using unionized workers. Saint Mary's deemed these bids to be too expensive

and reopened bidding to non-unionized companies in a second round of bidding hoping that the addition could be built for a lower cost.

A non-unionized company, Majority Builders, submitted the lowest bid in the second round of bidding and was awarded the contract. While Saint Mary's has received criticism from some student groups and union workers for not using union workers, this criticism is not necessarily

justified.

Unions companies are not intrinsically good nor are non-unions companies intrinsically bad. As long as a company does high-quality work, uses the best materials and pays its workers a fair wage, Saint Mary's should not

have qualms about doing business with it, be they unionized or non-unionized.

The problem is, currently Saint Mary's has no way of knowing these three stipulations are being met by companies who bid for campus contracts. Saint Mary's should require a breakdown of the various costs the company expects to incur working on the project so that it can assure that the company is not cutting corners to submit a

lower bid.

A demand for disclosure of wages, materials and conditions would not be unprecedented. In the Anti-Sweatshop Task Force's final proposal last year, Saint Mary's requires companies making Saint Mary's apparel to disclose its wages and work conditions.

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If Saint Mary's holds international contractors to these disclosure standards, it should hold its local contractors to the same standards. This disclosure by local contractors would not be public. Only Saint Mary's administrators would see the breakdown of the bid.

This solution would not only protect local workers from unfair wages as compared to other contractors but also would protect Saint Mary's. By seeing the exact breakdown of money budgeted for materials and workers in each bid, Saint Mary's could avoid contracting with a company which would spend money on cheaper materials and lesser skilled workers.

In the long run, this plan will assure that construction on Saint Mary's campus is high quality and that local workers are paid fairly.

The Observer Editorial

Looking back on the last 10 years

"The Notre Dame women have gone where their football team used to regularly go," said the ESPN announcer after the women's basketball team won the NCAA National Championship. The statement was another example of the typically useless babble sports announcers blurt out on television, but it really was an insult to the Notre Dame athletic program. It tacitly implied that the Notre Dame football program needed to turn back its clock to be great. Nothing could be farther from the truth for Notre Dame, for our nation or for each of us.

This current school year marks the 10th anniversary that this writer has contributed "Capitol Comments" to The Observer. Throughout that decade Notre Dame has made tremendous strides in building its physical facilities. The nation has taken giant leaps forward in social policies and domestic human rights. Hopefully, each of us has progressed in our interpersonal relationships rather than stagnated with outdated prejudices.

Thirty years ago, before Notre Dame became a coeducational institution, life on campus was somewhat different than it is today. Everyone from outside Indiana used the word hoosier in a negative context and made fun of the state. Nobody had answering machines in the dorm rooms, let alone digital voicemail. Nobody had cordless telephones, let alone cellular phones. Everyone had typewriters and the Internet was still a laboratory experiment.

Not much changed for about 20 years

until the 1990s.

Back then the issues on campus were objections to an authoritative University administration and parietal hours, a desire for coed housing, opposition to high tuition costs, lacking social interaction between male and female students, inadequate parking for students and concern over drinking abuses on campus. Today, those issues still exist along with the civil rights struggle of gays and debates over what types of monologues to allow for presentation or advertisements for publication in The Observer.

Nationally, the early 1990s saw a coalition of countries led by the United States defeat Iraq's aggression. It was a time when Communism had crumbled but foreign policy remained in full Cold War gear as tensions with China and Russia remained high.

Gays were marching against discrimination in housing and employment. The stock market was declining and national growth had stopped for several quarters. Democrats and Republicans were cooperative and cordial in a friendly "loyal opposition" manner.

Thus far, the Bush Administration seems to be turning back the clock in several domestic and foreign policy matters. It is too early to judge the affects of such policy changes, but by next fall we should know more about this country's relationships with China and Russia.

When the next school year begins, we can judge two more quarters of economic statistics and have an entire summer of votes in Congress to judge just how civil the institution has become.

A decade ago, this writer was enjoying his 14th year of work at the U.S. House of Representatives with its friendly atmosphere and campus environment. Having just served as president of the Washington, D.C. alumni club, I was a board director waiting for an opportunity

to run for the national alumni board. My Thunderbird Super Coup was a big deal in my life and having a dog or expressing outrage over civil rights violations were the furthest things from my mind.

Today this writer is in a transition from working two of the best employment years of my career in the Clinton Administration. I have attended just one Notre Dame Alumni Club function in the last five years and usually leave the T-Bird parked while I drive a 1990 Dodge Caravan.

My two dogs, Potamus and Miss Beavis, are the most enjoyable companions anyone could imagine. My public stands for personal and human rights as well as my questioning of traditional dogma result in my receiving several nasty and threatening e-mails each month.

When I stood in 1990 looking forward, I could not have imagined that Newt Gingrich could poison the atmosphere of the institution of the House to the extent that it still has so many distrusting and nasty participants today. I would have never guessed that alumni functions would not mean much to me today. And I certainly would not have expected that I would stand so solidly for personal rights that I would speak out as staunchly when I saw an injustice in government, church or academic policy.

As I stand in 2001 gazing back over the last decade, I appreciate the change. Maybe most of the Hoosier State has one redeeming quality after all — it remains on Eastern Standard Time throughout the year and never turns its clocks back.

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Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Do you know the difference between education and experience? Education is when you read the fine print; experience is what you get when you don't."

Pete Seeger
musician

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporting the unknown athletes

You may know them. They are in your dorms, your classes, or they may be one of your friends. They are athletes, but you may not know that at all or may not know what they do.

You may have mistaken them for offensive linemen on the football team because of their size or their letter jackets. If you work in the issue room, it may have been you who mistook them for male cheerleaders. To the average person eating in the dining hall, they might look like guys who pile up a little too much on their trays at every meal.

They study science, business and engineering in the library at night and attend classes during the day in preparation for their various futures: flight school, medical school, banking, entrepreneurship or being the technical mastermind behind a project.

In addition, they spend the majority of the afternoon in the weight room or in the field. They push their bodies to the limits to achieve some personal realization of success. They are rarely recognized and hardly publicized, further proving they are not in this sport for the glory.

They are athletes of caliber meeting or exceeding all other Notre Dame athletes but are never asked about their accomplishments nor complimented for their performance. They'll never see a colorized Irish Insider highlighting their team's upcoming competition. Even so, this tight knit group works unceasingly to do their best and derives strength from camaraderie (and cookouts).

Who are these mystery athletes? What do they do? They are the hardest working, most dedicated, genuine and humorous men that I have met in my time at Notre Dame.

They throw the hammer, the javelin, the shot put and the discus for the men's track and field team at Notre Dame. Come support and cheer on John Scolaro, Matt O'Brien, Derek Dyer, Brian Thornburg, Mike Madigan, Jason Davis and Juan Alba in their only home outdoor meet of the season.

This group, affectionately known as "the throwers," will compete this Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at Meyo Field. They're your friends, boyfriends, housemates, classmates or fellow dorm members. Don't let their hard work go unnoticed again. Go Irish!

Kelly Gallagher
junior
Cavanaugh Hall
April 5, 2001

Challenging the established sexual order

When is bigotry not bigotry? Apparently, when it is declared natural law by a patriarchal institution to support its value of heterosexual supremacy.

Well, at least that's what Charles Rice wants us to believe. And, it helps, of course, if we conveniently forget that religious institutions have invoked (and still do) the specter of natural law to support bigotry in many forms — slavery of African Americans, dominance of women — among other things.

Rice's diatribe could easily have been reduced to one sentence reflecting his oft-touted opinion: "A society in which it makes no difference whether boys marry girls or other boys is on a dead-end road to extinction."

It may surprise you that I actually agree with Rice on the content of this sentence. First though, I need to reword it just a bit so that I can be comfortable agreeing with it: "A society in which it makes no difference whether men marry women or other men, or women marry women is on a dead-end road to extinction."

Maybe I'm being fastidious, but referring to men and women as boys and girls seems a bit paternalistic — almost like I am being shown my place in the hierarchy compared to Rice's perception of his. It would kind of be like me calling him Chuck.

Oh yeah, then there's that women marrying women phrase I've added. In my experience, lesbians tend to be a little sensitive about being left out, rendered invisible, acted toward as if they don't exist. Rice probably assumes that lesbians forget that they are women and that being women their relationships with each other aren't really that threatening to a male-centered structure.

Perhaps that's why Rice left them out. He probably wanted to go after the real traitors of the patriarchy — men who love men or men who love men and women (another group he left out). He knew that women who love women weren't even worth the mention.

Now that I've got semantics out of the way, I think I might be able to agree with Rice. However, another problem arises. I realize I probably don't agree with his unstated major premise, his underlying assumptions and worldview.

Howard Becker, a well-respected sociologist, encourages us new social scientists to "extract the hidden major premise" when we are looking at any social interaction. So I look closer. Does Rice have a hidden major premise, one that he is not stating forthrightly?

Of course he does. Society, just like it is currently, is good — at least in regard to how it treats gay and lesbian people. And he doesn't want that goodness to be taken away by some concept like equality or dignity.

Bringing forth his hidden major premise, I can now wholeheartedly agree with him. A society that grants privileges to certain groups of people solely because of their sexual orientation (or their skin color or sex or lack of disabilities) will become extinct when it dismantles those privileges.

Built on heterosexual privilege, this "good" society will fall if gay and lesbian people are treated with equality. We have found common ground — we believe the same thing.

Heterosexual privileges — what are those you ask? Those would be things like not being beaten or killed by complete strangers because of your sexual orientation. Heterosexual privilege is having a full array of legal rights that acknowledge and support your relationship — even after a three-day courtship with a stranger and a Las Vegas Elvis Chapel wedding. It is seeing accurate reflections of your life and your relationships represented in history, in literature, in art, in science — throughout popular culture. Gosh, its even having your romantic relationship considered legitimate.

If I were Charles Rice — a white, educated, Christian male who is (presumably) economically comfortable and heterosexual — I'd be very concerned about any changes that threatened the privileges that got me — and keep me — in the comfortable place where I live.

N. Eugene Mills
graduate student
April 5, 2001

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

University responds inconsistently to banners

During the last three weeks, many people have in some way seen or heard about the DCBFA Project. You may have read or heard about the mock newspaper The Observed (which was in no way produced or endorsed by The Observer, I should note). You may have also seen banners in various locations on campus which address topics of gender relations at Notre Dame. Some have seen them and some may have heard about them but I thought it worthwhile to share information about those banners that people wouldn't otherwise find out about.

What is very unusual to me is the reaction I have gotten from the University regarding the banners. In seeking permission for the banners to be hung, I met with numerous University officials, explained the DCBFA project numerous times and received numerous responses.

When I requested permission to hang the banners on various buildings on campus, the University (individuals need not be named) said no.

The reasoning behind the decision as I understood, was that the University wanted to avoid the possibility of a precedent being set about hanging banners on

campus buildings, academic or otherwise. While my banners are in some ways controversial, I found it strange that the University had declined my request based on the reasoning being offered.

In meetings, the sentiment was expressed that it was not the content of the banners that were in question (if it were, issues of censorship and freedom of speech could have become an issue). The University declined my banners because they were afraid that if they allowed these banners, people would want to begin hanging banners of all kinds on buildings. I would argue that the precedent the University wants to avoid is well past set. There is in fact a tradition of banner-hanging at Notre Dame.

Since I was a kid, I can remember coming to Notre Dame for football games and seeing the large banners that hung from the dorms showing the great sense of spirit and pride unique to Notre Dame. These spirit banners are a tradition at Notre Dame and a great one at that.

Aside from banners that support our athletics there have been banners that promote student government nominees as well. Dorms aren't the only buildings that

communicate with banners though.

Just a few weeks ago, the Engineering department displayed large banners on Fitzpatrick and Cushing halls promoting Engineering Week. In addition, the newly opened Coleman-Morse building currently advertises the Writing Workshop on its facade.

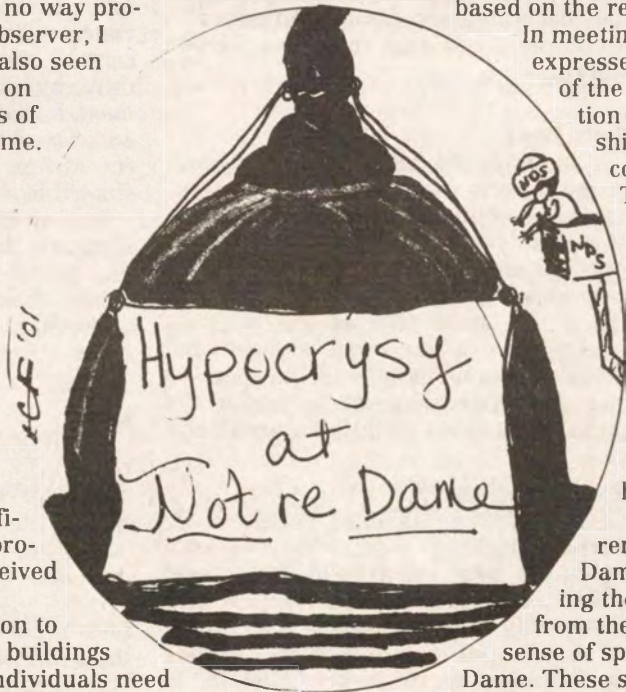
It seems the precedent has already been set. Banners are used often at Notre Dame, and they have become a tradition as well as an effective means of communication. So why then were my banners declined permission to hang?

After going ahead and hanging the banners, some of them have been taken down. After one of the banners was taken down from a dorm, I was told that banners aren't supposed to be hung from dorm windows. I'm not sure I've seen banners hung any other way, and I'm not sure I accept that as a reason for the banner to be taken down.

With varied reasons for why the banners aren't permissible, none of which seem to hold water, I have to wonder why the banners are receiving resistance. Is it because the University wants to avoid banners being hung or is it because the University doesn't like what my banners have to say? I'll let others be the judge of that.

From now on the banners will hang safely in the gallery window of the Snite Museum of Art while the DCBFA Project is on exhibit there.

Dave Clark
senior
off-campus
April 5, 2001



How well do you

Scene offers a complete guide to Lenten observance

By LAURA KELLY
Associate Scene Editor

Easter break is a mere week away, and visions of chocolate bunnies and pastel eggs are beginning to dance in our heads. And everyone who has stuck to (or attempted to stick to) a Lenten resolution knows that very well — after weeks of greedily eyeing other people's desserts or craving caffeine every time a Coke machine is in sight, many Lenten sacrificers are more than ready for Easter to arrive.

But the holiday is not yet upon us.

There is still a week of Lent left, another week of waiting patiently not simply for the chance to enjoy whatever we gave up, but for the feast day itself.

Easter is the central, solemn feast of the Catholic Church, and the liturgical year is focused on this one celebration. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of feasts,' the 'Solemnity of solemnities.'" Therefore, the season leading up to the feast day is an important one, a time for Christians to reflect on the mystery of Easter.

Yet, often Lent seems to be a mystery in itself. Often the focus of the 40 days becomes giving up some cherished vice — cigarettes, sweets or alcohol — or bad habit — gossiping, swearing or lying. While these sacrifices are all good and admirable, they are not the focus of the season. Neither is abstaining from meat

on Fridays, although the grumbles of hungry dining hall goers each week might hint differently.

What, then, is the focus of Lent? Why give up anything? Where did the "no meat" conspiracy come from, anyway?

Sometimes even 15 years of Catholic schooling leaves one without satisfactory answers to these questions. And lest this final week before Easter pass by without any enlightenment, here is Lent spelled out as simply as it can be: the ABCs.

Ash Wednesday

This feast day marks the beginning of the Lenten season. While not an official day of obligation, Catholics have traditionally attended Mass on this day, receiving a mark of ashes on their forehead in the shape of a cross. The ashes come from the burning of the palms from the last year's Palm Sunday celebration. The marking of ashes has a two-fold meaning, representing the message of Lent itself.

As a sign of the penitential nature of Lent, the ashes remind Catholics of their own mortality and need to return to God — "dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return." The sign of the cross is also a reminder of the baptismal side of Lent.

Barren decorations

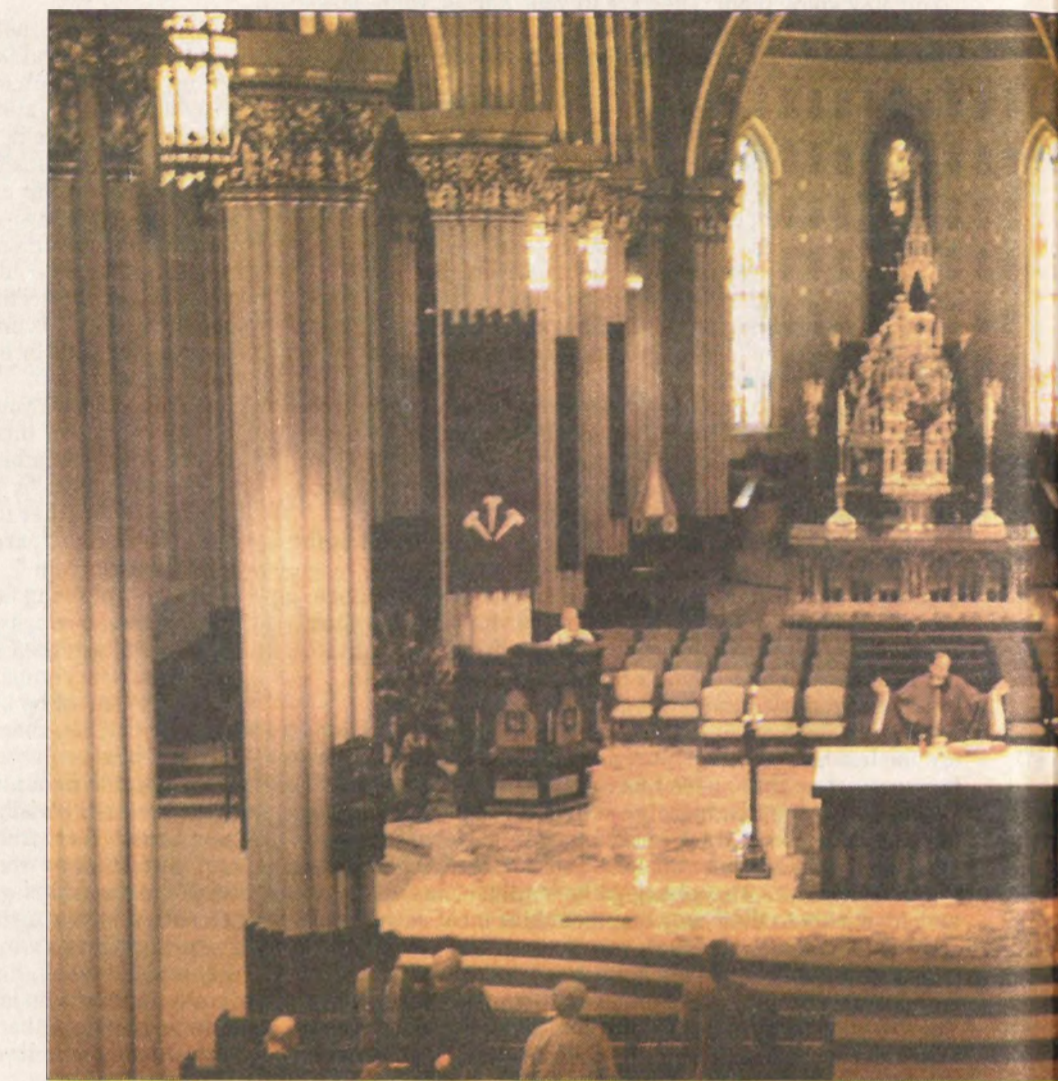
Entering any Catholic church during the early spring reveals a stark contrast to the usual colorful decorations. Altars are stripped of flowers and decorations, while the liturgical color of the season is a dark purple. This color, used as the priest's vestments and often used in a rough material like linen to cover the altar, is symbolic of penitence, solemnity and royalty.

Charity

Donating time or money to those in need is one of the Church's traditional Lenten practices: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Christian charities and dioceses often have "Lenten Appeals" to raise money for church projects, missionary groups and other causes.

Desert

The Gospel story of Jesus's 40-day fast and temptation by the devil in the desert is often evoked during Lent. The liturgical season is meant to be a time of the same struggles, preparation and sacrifice that Christ underwent as He prepared for His public ministry. The image of the often harsh, barren desert reflects the somber mood of Lent, and Catholics believe their own Lenten



From now until Easter, masses held in the Basilica are devoid of the usual decorations in the church are all purple, the color of the season. Easter mass will see the return of other springtime ornaments.

sacrifices reflect Jesus's deprivation in the desert.

Easter

The holiday of Easter, celebrating Jesus's resurrection from the dead, is what the season of Lent is aiming toward. As the pivotal, defining event in the Catholic religion, Easter is worthy of 40 days of preparation. Once Easter Sunday arrives, the churches are again fully decorated and filled with flowers — a complete contrast from the former starkness.

Forty Days

In the Bible, the number 40 traditionally means discipline and preparation. Examples of this are found throughout — Moses stayed on the mountain for 40 days, Elijah traveled for 40 days until he reached the cave where he had his vision, the city of Ninevah was given 40 days to repent. The stories of Jesus's life reveal this same number, as he spent 40 days in the desert and later laid in the tomb for 40 hours until His resurrection.

Glorias and Alleluias

Songs of celebration like the Gloria are omitted during Lent, to serve as a reminder of the season's solemn and sober tone. Likewise, the Alleluia normally sung or spoken before the reading of the Gospel is replaced by another acclamation, as the word "Alleluia" is not to be said until Easter.

Hot Cross Buns and Pretzels

Two common culinary treats have their origin in the observance of Lent. Legend has it that hot cross buns — an obvious

reminder of Jesus's sacrifice on the cross — were first made by monks at St. Alban's Abbey in England and given as food for the poor. Today, the sticky buns covered with thick frosting are no longer made from the same sparse Lenten ingredients, but many families still enjoy making them together on Good Friday, often saving the indulgent treats to eat on Easter.

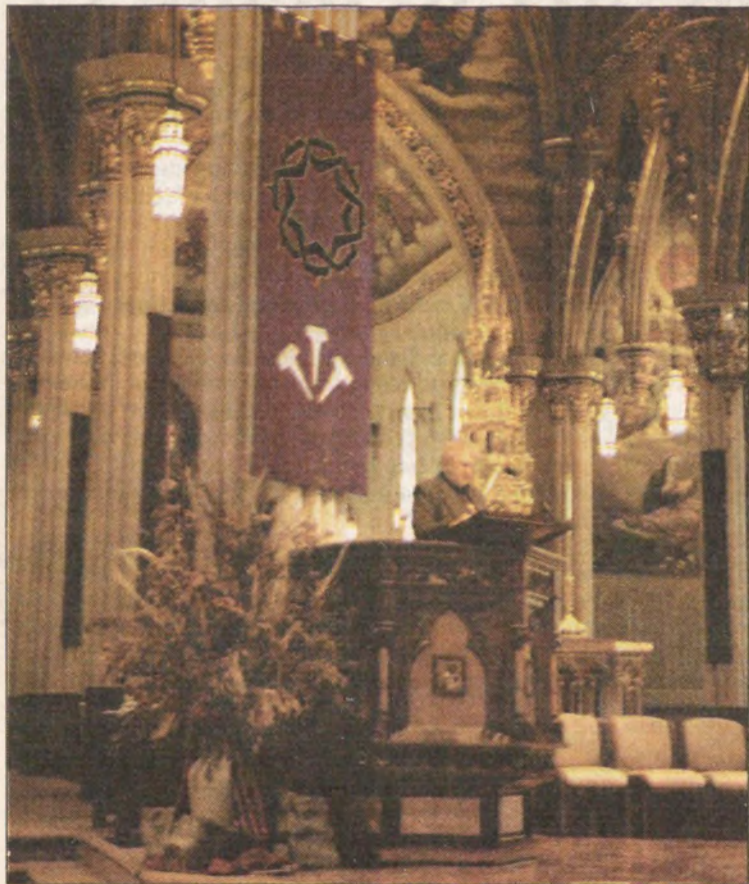
Another snack food from Christian tradition is the pretzel. During early observances of Lent, Christians of the fourth century observed a strict fast prohibiting milk, butter, cheese, eggs, cream and meat. Faced with few options, they created a bread which they called "bracaliae" (meaning "little arms") which was shaped like arms crossed in prayer. This bread sprinkled with salt served as a reminder that Lent was a time of prayer and penance. When monks later introduced these breads to the north, the Germans dubbed them "bretzels," from which we get our word for pretzel.

Lent

The English word for the season comes from the old Anglo-Saxon term "lencten." This word for spring actually meant the gradual lengthening of the days following the winter solstice. The derivation of the word is unique to English, as most other languages take their name for Lent from a derivative of the Latin term "quadagesima," meaning "the 40 days."

Meat/No Meat

While Fridays in Lent may be a day of smug rejoicing for vegetarians, giving up meat is a real sacrifice for many others. At Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, non-



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Father Rocca presides over a Lenten mass held in the Basilica. The season is one for solemnity and penance, one in which mass, confession and reconciliations are frequent.

know your Lent?

tions, giving reasons for all facets of the season



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n found in the church. Priests' clothing and banners of varied colors, floral arrangements

Catholics don't even have a choice of whether or not to observe this practice, as no meat is served in the dining halls on Lenten Fridays. The tradition is a long-standing one, however, and before Vatican II, every Friday of the year was a day of abstinence from meat. Today, only Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all other Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat. This rule of abstinence applies to all Catholics above the age of 14.

In addition, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting, defined as avoiding snacking and eating only one full meal and two smaller meals that together do not equal the third. The idea is obviously not, however, to weigh plates of food so as to eat as much as possible, but instead to think of the sacrifice as commemorating Jesus's death on Good Friday. The rule of fasting applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

Passing up the juicy Whopper can bring some grown men to tears, but consider how much more of a sacrifice it could be. Fasting rules in the early days of the Church allowed only one meal a day in the evening and prohibited meat, fish, eggs and dairy products. Even today in the Orthodox and Eastern churches, fasting encompasses no meat, no dairy products and no condiments made from animal fat. So while giving up chicken, ham and the meatballs on your spaghetti may be a true sacrifice each Friday, consider what it is meant to represent — and how much more it could be.

Penance

The season of Lent is known as a time of penance, a time to recognize the faults and short-comings that come with being human and to come to God in sincere prayer for forgiveness. During this season, Catholics are

encouraged to take part in the sacrament of penance, also known as confession or reconciliation. At Notre Dame there are many opportunities to go to a priest for confession, especially during Lent. Priests are available to hear confessions at the Basilica on Monday through Thursday at 11:15 a.m., 5 and 7 p.m., and on Friday at 11:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. Reconciliation is offered at the Sacred Heart Parish Crypt on Saturday from 4 to 5 p.m. Opportunities for the individual sacrament of penance will also be available in the Basilica after the campus-wide Stations of the Cross on April 10.

Sacrifice

Finally, the defining characteristic of the season. Around Catholic schools like Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, the question "What are you giving up for Lent?" is not uncommon in the early days after Ash Wednesday. Sacrificing desserts, candy, soft drinks or alcohol is one common Lenten resolution. People often take this opportunity to reform themselves of bad habits or try to improve their relationships with others. While giving something up for Lent is not mandatory, it has become a traditional practice of self-denial and sacrifice for Catholics.

Technicalities

The attentive observer has noticed by now that the "40 days of Lent" concept doesn't hold up when checked on a calendar — if the Church wants to be accurate about this, shouldn't they call it the 46 days of Lent? This is where a slight technicality comes in: the Sundays that fall during the Lenten season are not actually a part of Lent. As Sundays are set aside for celebrating the resurrection of Christ, they are not part of the penitential and somber season of Lent.

Now the wheels are turning as they have in many a Catholic schoolchild's head: if Sundays aren't a part of Lent, then Lenten promises don't apply to those days either, right?

Well, technically, no. You are allowed to have whatever you gave up for Lent on Sundays and feast days as well, like the Feast of St. Joseph. But while you can indulge yourself, the Church encourages you not to, in the spirit of maintaining an honest (albeit difficult or irritating) sacrifice during Lent. Basically, if you go for the dessert on Sundays and all your roommates know you've given it up, their dirty looks may be justified.

Via Dolorosa/ Way of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are another traditional form of prayer that is held year round, but receives special attention during Lent. This reflection on 14 moments or stages in Jesus's sentencing and crucifixion originated during the early days of the Church when pilgrims would retrace the last steps of Jesus in Jerusalem along the "Via Dolorosa," or the "Sorrowful Way." As more Christians longed to follow in Jesus's footsteps but were unable to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, churches set up stations commemorating the journey of Christ to Calvary.

Today at Notre Dame there are Stations of the Cross in the Basilica, around the lake and in many residence halls. On April 10 at 7 p.m., Campus Ministry is hosting the annual Campus-Wide Stations of the Cross, a candlelit reflection on the Stations that moves to different stations on campus and moves up in the Basilica.

From A to Z, there is much more depth to the season of Lent than giving up swearing or hitting up the local fish fry on Friday nights. With ancient and rich traditions, the 40 days of preparation for Easter offer a valuable time of reflection for Christians and non-Christians alike.

SCENE ASKS



What did you sacrifice for Lent?

"I gave up red meat and any form of negativity towards fellow humans."

Weston Webb
sophomore, Carroll Hall



"I tried to give up complaining about physics."

Katie Jeter
sophomore, Farley Hall



"I gave up scooting, but I wasn't faithful."

Tim Murray
freshman, Keenan Hall



"I gave up certain pleasures."

Dave Vosburg
freshman,
Stanford Hall



Battle

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interceptions and only passed for 94 yards, causing many to question whether or not he could pass the ball effectively.

But when the season finally started, Battle quieted most of his critics. In the opener against Texas A&M, Battle completed 10-of-16 passes and threw for 133 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed for 50 yards and was named NBC Player of the Game.

"Coming out and playing a good Texas A&M defense, one of the best defenses we were going to face that season, and having a pretty good game, I was very comfortable about the season," he said. "I was very jacked up about it."

But the excitement only lasted one week.

"After the game, I knew something was wrong"

It happened on his first play from scrimmage — on national television against the No. 1 team in the nation.

"It was the first play," he said. "I rolled out and avoided a guy as I stepped up. As he hit me, I was falling back and I thought I was going to fall on my tailbone, but I didn't. I landed my left wrist down and I could feel kind of a pinch in it."

After the hit, Battle bounced right back up and played the rest of the game, finishing with 107 rushing yards. But he only completed three passes for 40 yards. He knew something was wrong, but he didn't know how bad it was.

"I didn't think it was anything, but towards the end of the game it was sore," he said. "After the game, I knew something was wrong."

But he had no idea how bad it was. The next morning, Battle went to have his wrist x-rayed. The doctors came back with bad news — his wrist was fractured and needed a cast. Worst of all, he would be out six to eight weeks.

The loss devastated the Irish offense. At the time of his injury,

Battle was leading the team in passing and rushing yards. The coaches had spent all summer tailoring the offense to Battle's strengths. When a reporter asked Davie what the coaches did after hearing the extent of Battle's injury, he responded, "After we stopped crying?"

Eventually, Davie named Gary Godsey the starter and an unknown freshman named Matt LoVecchio backup. But after a loss to Michigan State, when Godsey showed that he was unable to run the option, Davie named LoVecchio the starter.

Meanwhile, Battle watched from the sidelines with a cast on his left wrist.

"I thought I had a chance to come back and play"

Although the doctors said he might be out for the rest of the season, Battle didn't give up.

"I thought I had a chance to come back and play and get the spot back and contribute to the team," he said.

Davie clearly wanted Battle on the field. Before the Oct. 28 game against Air Force, he said, "If Arnaz was healthy, he'd be the starting quarterback."

But Battle wasn't healthy, and he wasn't the starting quarterback. And as LoVecchio won game after game, Battle began to re-think his options. He didn't even have his cast off, and his injury was taking a long time to heal.

Eventually, he decided it would be best if he didn't try to make a comeback.

"The bone that I broke was going to be a long healing process," he said. "It took week after week, and it got to the point where I just didn't want to throw away a year and I wanted another year."

LoVecchio's success also played a factor in his decision.

"I don't wish bad on anyone," he said. "I wanted what was best for this team. I wanted someone who would go in there and take control and get the job done, and Matt did that."

By saying he would sit out the rest of the year, Battle ended any speculation he might play quarterback in a bowl game.

"Obviously, things didn't turn out as I thought they were going to," he said.

"I felt that moving to receiver was the right decision"

Now Battle had a much more difficult decision in front of him. Should he stay at quarterback, or should he try to become a wide receiver? If he stayed at quarterback, he would have to compete against LoVecchio for the starting job. But if he made the switch, he would have to get used to playing an unfamiliar position.

Through conversations with Davie and the rest of the coaching staff, Battle eventually settled on becoming a receiver.

"I felt my best option was for me and as well as the team was for me to move to receiver to eliminate the quarterback controversy," he said. "For me to just try to make it to the next level, I thought it would be best if I changed positions."

"I had made the decision after we had won seven football games that the first day of spring practice Matt LoVecchio was going to be that starting quarterback," Davie said. "I also realized Arnaz Battle is one of our 11 best players on offense."

"It was a culmination of a lot of things, but in my gut I knew it was the right thing," he continued. "It was one of those situations that I felt, looking at it from the distance a little bit and seeing all those things, that this was the right thing to do and the right time to do it."

But when the team heard the news, Battle got some mixed reactions.

"Some guys were for it, and some guys were against it," he said. "It's just one of those deals where you have to look out for what's best for the team and for myself, and I felt that moving to receiver was the right decision."

"It was very difficult"

It's definitely been a struggle for Battle to make the switch.

The last time Battle played wide receiver was his freshman year of high school. He got some exposure to flanker while the Irish were preparing for the Fiesta Bowl, and as he quickly found out, it was much easier to burn high school defenses than play receiver in college.

"It was different," he said. "I

felt very uncomfortable going out there and not knowing how to run the routes. The rest of the team was going full speed, and you're going three-quarters because you're not really sure what you're supposed to be doing."

"It was very difficult."

But the quarterback-turned-receiver is slowly getting adjusted to his new role. And he feels much more comfortable lining up on the outside rather than under center.

"It's not as much thinking as quarterback," he said. "It's just going out there and making plays, and doing the right thing."

He likes how receivers coach Joker Phillips is working with him, and he says the relationship between them "is only going to get better and better." Battle is also getting a lot of help from rising seniors David Givens and Javin Hunter.

"I think he's probably ahead of what we thought he would be because he's catching the ball so well," Davie said.

"I think he's pretty much a natural out there," Phillips added.

"I hope it's the best decision Arnaz Battle has ever made in his life"

However, Battle still has a long way to go. In order to earn a starting spot in the deepest position on the team, Battle must compete against Givens, Hunter, Lorenzo Crawford, Omar Jenkins and Ronnie Rodamer. And that's not counting any of the highly touted recruits who will show up in the fall.

But the competition doesn't bother him.

"It pushes me to play harder," he said. "Our receiving corps is very close. The guys get along very well. Everyone is trying to earn a spot, but at the same time, we come out and help each other, doing what we have to do to lead the team to victory."

Battle's experience at quarterback is helping him make the adjustment to wide receiver. He already had knowledge about the intricacies of the offense, and

he is able to read defensive schemes better than most receivers.

"Playing quarterback brings more knowledge of the game," he said. "I know all the formations. I know where the different positions are aligned, and how to read defenses differently, knowing where the safeties and the cornerbacks are."

But learning the offense from a quarterback's perspective is also causing Battle some trouble. While his wrist has healed, he's plagued by a sore hamstring that slows him down. He also is having trouble learning the routes

and adjusting to the substantial amount of running.

"He's not in the type of condition to play out there yet," Phillips said. "He gets winded about every

other play. It's not from his lack of effort, he's just not in great condition to be a wideout."

"At the beginning of practice I feel fresh, but towards the end, because there's so much running I'm not used to, my legs get fatigued," Battle said. "As a quarterback, you are rolling out, screening out and running the option. As a receiver, it is that quick burst of speed. I have to get that burst speed back so I can go out there and make plays."

And that is what Battle is focusing on — making plays. He believes that his athletic ability will make him a very exciting football player.

"We definitely have to get the ball in his hands," Phillips said.

In fact, coaches are experimenting with Battle as a kick returner. And Battle is extremely confident — not to mention eager — to show off his athletic ability.

"I'm gonna get the ball, and when I get it, I'm gonna try to score with it," said Battle.

It's this confident attitude that has carried Battle through his year of turmoil. And it's his athletic ability that makes Davie call Battle one of the most exciting players on the team.

"I feel really good about it," Davie said. "I hope it's the best decision that Arnaz Battle has ever made in his life."

"I'm gonna get the ball, and when I get it, I'm gonna try to score with it."

Arnaz Battle

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WOMEN'S ROWING

Rowers ascend to first-ever ranking

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame rowing team, in only its third season of varsity competition, is ranked 14th in the first US Rowing/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association Poll of the season. It marks the first time in the young history of the program that Notre Dame's top boat has been ranked nationally. The lightweight eight boat finished the 1999 season ranked 12th in the nation.

Brown is ranked first with 475 points. Washington is second with 446 points, while Princeton is third with 446 points. The Irish have 121 points.

Notre Dame will compete against six ranked teams and four others receiving votes in the Jessop-Whittier Cup this weekend at the San Diego Crew Classic in San Diego, Calif. Included in Notre Dame's heat of the Jessop-Whittier Cup are No. 2 Washington, No. 7 California, No. 20 Oregon State, No. 18 Texas and Stanford, who received votes. In heat two are No. 12 Virginia, No. 9 USC, and Washington State, all of whom received votes in the latest poll.

The Notre Dame women's rowing team, ranked 14th in the nation, will split its squad as the first and second varsity eight boats travel to San Diego, Calif., for the prestigious San Diego Crew Classic on Saturday

and Sunday, while the third varsity eight and the novice roster travel to Des Moines, Iowa, on Saturday to row against Drake.

The San Diego Crew Classic begins at 9 a.m. with the Men's Cal Cup. The Notre Dame varsity eight will compete in the Jessop-Whittier Cup race at 10:20 a.m., while the Irish second varsity eight will race in the women's junior varsity race at 11:50 a.m.

In the Jessop-Whittier Cup race, the Notre Dame will be in lane seven of heat one. Other teams in heat on include: No. 2 Washington, No. 7 California, No. 20 Oregon State, No. 18 Texas, Stanford, and Duke. In the junior varsity race, Notre Dame is in lane two of the third heat with Tennessee, Clemson, Virginia, Orange Coast and California.

The San Diego Crew Classic began in 1973. The University of Washington and the Naval Academy had developed a great rivalry and when approached about racing in San Diego for a west coast regatta, they agreed. The first Crew Classic featured more than 300 competitors in 12 races. This year's race, the 26th in history, has over 3,000 competitors in 87 races.

The Notre Dame rowing team is off to its best start in the three-year history of the program as the varsity eight is undefeated heading into this weekend's San Diego Crew

Classic.

After claiming four gold medals, including the varsity eight, in the final regatta of the fall season, Notre Dame has defeated Tennessee (15 seconds), Creighton (28 seconds), Dayton (34 seconds) and national power Michigan State (two seconds) to begin the spring.

Notre Dame is showing tremendous depth this season as the Irish swept all six races against Tennessee and Dayton and claimed the first and second novice eight races, in addition to the varsity eight, against Michigan State.

Notre Dame won the varsity eight and the first and second novice eights against nationally-ranked Michigan State last Saturday on the Grand River in East Lansing, Mich. Due to Michigan State's normal racing body of water being frozen over, the races were rowed as the best two out of three contests over 1,200 meters on the Grand River.

The varsity eight crew of Katherine Burnett, Diane Price, Becky Luckett, Casey Buckstaff, Michelle Olsgard, Ashlee Warren, Ann Marie Dillhoff, Jayme Szeft and coxswain Claire Bula pulled off the upset sweeping both races from the Spartans. Notre Dame won the first race by 2.8 seconds and then followed that with a 1.2-second victory in the second race of the day.

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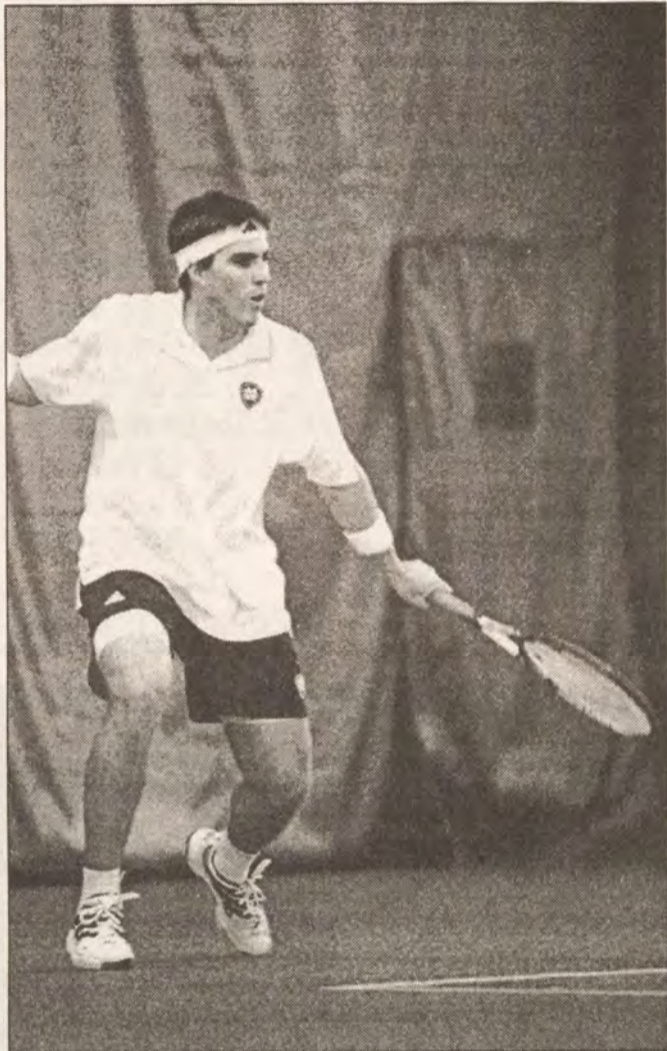
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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame looks to bounce back on Texas road trip



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Junior Javier Taborga returns a shot during a match earlier this season. Taborga and Aaron Talarico form the No. 1 Irish doubles team and are ranked No. 20 in the nation.

By **KATIE HUGHES**
Sports Writer

After two straight losses that dropped their ranking from No. 10 to No. 16, the Irish hope to get back into the win column in their two matches in Texas this weekend against No. 32 Baylor and No. 9 SMU.

"It's good to get humbled once in awhile," said head coach Bob Bayliss. "The challenge is bouncing back. This year we've played some of our best tennis after a loss."

The southern heat will also once again be a challenge for the Irish to overcome.

"We've been working on volleying, playing at the net, and trying to be more active at the net," said Bayliss.

The doubles point will play a crucial role in the Notre Dame tennis team's match with No. 32 Baylor this weekend in Waco, Texas.

When Baylor wins the doubles point, they are 8-0, but they are 0-7 when the opponent takes the first point. The Irish expect a strong showing from their 20th-ranked No. 1 team of Aaron Talarico and Javier Taborga but the No. 2 and 3 teams need to improve their play. Head coach Bob Bayliss said he was considering adding junior James Malhame to the doubles lineup to shake things up a bit.

Another uncertainty for the Irish is who will fill their No. 6 singles spot. Either senior Matt Daly or freshman Matthew Scott will fill the spot this weekend.

Playing on Baylor's slower courts will be somewhat of an adjustment

for the Irish. They have been preparing by hitting Rally balls, which are six percent larger than a standard tennis ball.

Meanwhile, SMU, 14-1 this season, is coming off of a 4-2 win over LSU, and has the No. 4 singles player in the nation in senior Genius

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The Irish will return home to face Indiana State on Tuesday.

"It doesn't get any easier when we come back," said Bayliss. "But what can be wrong with going down to warm weather and playing some good teams?"

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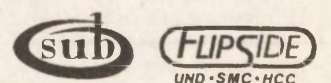
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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

ND hopes to rebound against UConn

By ANTHONY BISHOP
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team returns home this weekend to face off in a Big East battle against Connecticut on

Sunday. The Irish are coming off of a disappointing loss to Vanderbilt last weekend which ended a school record six-game win streak. The Irish are earning respect in several areas when compared to some of the top ranked teams. In a

recent statistic release, Notre Dame appeared near the top of several categories.

Senior Lael O'Shaughnessy currently sits at 15th in the nation for total points on the season with 32. She is a valuable asset in aiding the team to a fourth rank nationally in assists per game. Also with a national ranking of fourth, Alissa Moser simply dominates any draw.

As a team, the Irish are just as impressive. The total offense earned a ranking of 10th in the nation while the team is 16th in total margin per victory.

The Irish have a had a good start this season and are hoping to continue the trend through this weekend. Currently, Notre Dame (2-0) is tied with Georgetown (4-0) for first place in the Big East and will be looking to improve on that record against the Huskies.

"It's a big game for us," said head coach Tracy Coyne. "It was a disappointing loss last year to UConn and was a part of a season full of ups and downs."

Although the Huskies do not have any outstanding players, "their goalie is strong and they have a solid attack," said Coyne. She is looking for an excellent team-on-team match up instead of key player-to-player match ups.

"We have a balanced scoring attack caused by multiple games with at least 10 players earning points."

Notre Dame's first home game since March 25 begins at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Moose Krause Field.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish seek to keep momentum going

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

Maintaining momentum is the key to success for all sports teams. After last Saturday's 13-4 victory against Ohio State, the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team looks to continue its winning ways this Saturday when they host the University of Denver at 4:30 p.m.

Senior team captain Mike Adams acknowledges that the Irish need to continue to play with the same energy as they did in the Ohio State game.

"We played our best game of the season so far against Ohio State," he said. "Denver is a good team. We must remain focused and play our game."

This Saturday begins a critical four game home stretch in which the Irish hope to take command of the Great Western Lacrosse League in order to secure an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

With a 6-1 record, the Irish are in good shape, but they must take care of business against divisional foes Denver on Saturday and Air Force on Monday.

"I expect Denver to give us a real challenge on

Saturday," head coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We have two games in three days that will go a long way in determining our position in the Great Western Lacrosse League."

The Irish bounced back from their only loss of the season against Hofstra by stifling Ohio State's offensive pressure last Saturday. The Irish defense was outstanding and will be put to the test again this week against the heavy attacking pressure of Denver.

Corrigan said the Irish defense must be ready for Saturday.

"Our defense played well against Ohio State," he said. "We must continue to play good team defense in order to control the game."

While the Irish defense was superb last week, look for GWLL Player of the Week Tom Glatzel to take charge of the Notre Dame offense. The senior captain has a team-high 23 goals to go along with seven assists for a team best 30 points.

Despite Notre Dame's 6-1 record, Glatzel believes there is still room for improvement.

"We need to play a full game," he said. "We haven't done everything well for 60 minutes yet."



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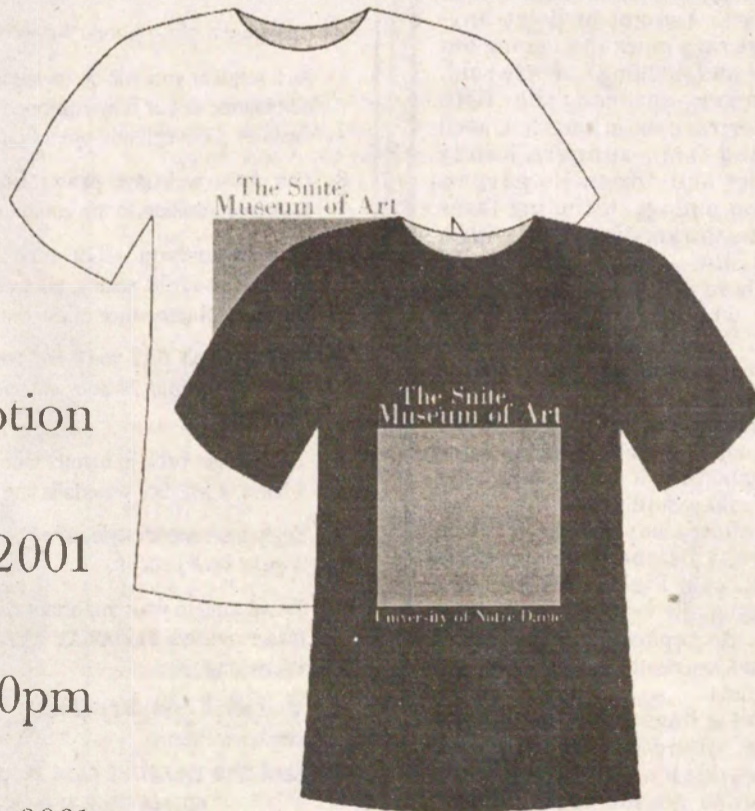
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the indoor season. She will run the 200-meters Saturday, an event in which she posted an impressive mark of 23.86 seconds last weekend at the Arizona State Invite.

"I'm going to open her up where she can run in a race where she can get the competition to run a fast time," Millar said. Last week she [set a personal record] in the 200, so I want to keep building that for her. Once she starts running 400s she'll be doing it every weekend."

Junior Dore DeBartolo has a busy day ahead of her. After missing the indoor season with a knee injury, she will compete in the hammer throw, shot put, discus and javelin Saturday.

"There's nothing wrong with fatigue, you've got to put it on the line sooner or later," Winsor said of DeBartolo, who rarely throws the javelin. "She can throw the javelin. You just have to do what you have to do to win. Depending on how well she

throws, she may end up throwing at the Big East meet."

Another athlete competing in an odd event is sophomore Jaime Volkmer, who will participate in the long jump as well as her specialty, the pole vault.

"She long jumped in high school. She's a pretty good athlete," Winsor said.

Winsor expects Volkmer to win the pole vault, but has been impressed with the performances of junior Natalie Hallett, senior Bethany Wilson and freshman Jill Van Weelden in the event.

"Natalie got off to an outstanding start last week, vaulting 11-3," Winsor said. "Beth is looking pretty good. That's the biggest pole she's ever been on."

In the distance races, senior Chrissy Kuenster and freshman Julia Schmidt qualified for the Big East championships in the 10,000 last weekend while Jennifer Handley posted an impressive time of 17:10.77 in the 5,000 meters. All three athletes will run the 3,000-meters on Saturday.

Field events start at 10 a.m. Saturday while running events begin at noon.

Men

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Gilbert isn't the only sprinter out of action for the Irish this weekend. Freshman James Bracken and senior Terry Wray, Notre Dame's top two 400-meter runners during the indoor season, are also out. Wray has a sprained ankle while Bracken, like Gilbert, has a sore hamstring.

"We've got aches and pains and some guys are sort of struggling with injuries right now," Millar said. "We're just going to have to do without them and hopefully get them back in the next week or two."

With Davey in the mix, though, the Irish tank is far from empty. The senior ran a career-best time of 21.71 seconds in the 200-meters at Stanford last weekend and will compete in both the 100- and 200-meter sprints in addition to the relay on Saturday.

While the injured sprinters will be missing time, the Irish jump squad plans to compete with two of its most important members competing at less

than 100 percent.

Quillian Redwine, who underwent surgery for a torn meniscus in his right knee less than two months ago, returned last weekend to clear 6-feet, 9 3/4 inches at the Purdue open. Redwine, though, is limited to the high jump and cannot compete in the triple jump, his other specialty.

"Put it this way, he will be triple-jumping at the Big East meet," said Irish jumps coach Scott Winsor. "We just don't want to hurt him before it."

In the triple jump, Mbagwu — who jumped over 50 feet during the indoor season — also will compete at less than 100 percent.

"He's working on some patellar tendentious," Winsor said. "It's pretty sore."

In the other field events, Winsor expects solid performances out of both Derek Dyer and Juan Alba in the discus, as well as from Josh Heck in the pole vault.

"Derek Dyer got off to a good start in the discus outdoors," Winsor said. "The other guy who got off to a phenomenal start is our fresh-

man, Juan Alba. To throw 150 feet his first time out, that's great. Josh Heck got off to a great start. He's going to do fine."

In the distance races, Ryan Shay will compete in both the 5,000-meters and 1500-meters. Shay automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 10,000 last weekend, posting a time of 28:40.03 at Stanford.

In the hurdles, freshmen Napoleon Suarez and Mark Barber showed promise last weekend. Suarez posted a time of 53.68 seconds in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles, while Barber clocked 15.12 seconds in the 110-meter highs.

"He's more suited to the 110 hurdles rather than the 60 because he doesn't have that short burst of speed," Millar said of Barber, who struggled with the 60-meter hurdles during the indoor season.

The meet provides an opportunity for every player on the Irish roster to perform in front of a home crowd.

"The great thing is that a lot of kids can compete," Piane said.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

ND alum earns spot with Yankees

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

The first Notre Dame player from the Paul Mainieri era to play in the majors earned a spot on one of the major leagues' top rotations. Parker played at ND in 1994 and '95, when he was a fourth-round pick of Expos.

Rookie Christian Parker earned more than a roster spot on the New York Yankees. He carved out a slot in the rotation.

Manager Joe Torre told the 25-year-old right-hander the good news after the Yankees' exhibition game against Pittsburgh was rained out last Thursday night.

"The first thing I said to him: 'When you came to camp, I didn't know your name. You made us, in essence, know who you are. And not by doing anything crazy other than going out there and pitching,'" Torre said.

Parker entered the fifth starter race as a longshot, well behind front-runners Randy Keisler and Adrian Hernandez. In five outings, including three starts, Parker went 1-1 with a 3.60 ERA.

"There was a big smile on his face when I told him," Torre said. "That's the fun part of this job when it comes to this time of year."

Parker is scheduled to make his major league debut on April 6 against the Toronto Blue Jays at Yankee Stadium.

"I didn't say a whole lot in there, I listened for the most part," said Parker, whose voice occasionally cracked while talking with reporters. "I told him I would be ready to go when it's my turn."

"It's a huge relief, along with the obvious excitement. Unavoidable excitement. I'm ready to get the season going, that's the bottom line."

Parker went 14-6 at Double-A Norwich last season. He was

one of three pitchers New York acquired from Montreal for Hideki Irabu in December, 1999.

Parker joins a rotation that includes five-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte, Mike Mussina and Orlando Hernandez.

"It takes pressure off," Parker said of pitching with the four established starters. "You're talking about the premiere

pitching staff as far as the four guys go in the league. I don't have to be the ace. We have four aces. It's an honor to be with those four."

Pitching at Yankee Stadium crossed his mind when Parker made his only visit to the storied ballpark last December. While visiting friends, the Albuquerque, N.M., resident walked around the outside of the ballpark.



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BASEBALL

Notre Dame, Rutgers face off in crucial Big East showdown



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Irish sophomore Peter Ogilbie pitches during a game earlier this season against Cleveland State. The Irish have a crucial three-game series against Rutgers this weekend.

By COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

The 22-5-1 Notre Dame men's baseball team will head to Piscataway, N. J. this weekend to take on Rutgers in a three-game showdown with league title implications.

At 8-2, Rutgers currently holds the lead in the Big East standings, but Notre Dame is not far behind at 5-2. Both teams have played extremely solidly of late. Not counting a surprising 4-3 upset by Ball State, Notre Dame has looked extremely dominating since losing two games to West Virginia two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, Rutgers is riding a 10 game winning streak into what looks to be their toughest test of the season.

Head coach Paul Mainieri is excited about the game, but doesn't want to place too much significance on this mid-season matchup.

"We have 26 games left on our schedule," Mainieri said. "You're always excited to play a tough team like Rutgers, but I expect our players to come out with the same fire and intensity they've shown all season."

Nonetheless, Notre Dame will literally be throwing their best effort at Rutgers, starting staff ace Aaron Heilman (7-0, 1.17)

and Danny Tamayo (4-1, 1.64) on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. Sophomore J.P. Gagne (1-2, 4.88) will take the mound for the second Saturday contest.

In order to ensure victory against Rutgers, Mainieri knows that his team will have to put forth a solid all-around effort.

"We need to play solidly in every aspect of the game," he said.

Fortunately for the Irish, it appears that this goal is slowly becoming a reality quickly.

After several weeks of lackluster hitting, Notre Dame hitters have broken out in recent games against Seton Hall and Dayton.

First baseman Joe Thaman will be carrying a

10 game hitting streak into the weekend, while second baseman Steve Sollman boasts a nine-game streak and a .432 batting average.

These numbers have complemented nicely with Notre Dame pitching staff, whose combined 2.45 staff ERA is currently second in the nation.

This weekend's game looks to pit two of the top college baseball teams in the country against each other, and Mainieri expects a battle.

"Any time you match up two teams who are vying for a Big East title, it's always going to be a great game," he said.

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Paul Mainieri
Irish coach

SOFTBALL

Notre Dame set to play UConn, Syracuse

By LIA GARCIA MILHOAN
Sports Writer

This weekend the Irish women's softball team travels to Storrs, Conn. to take on the Connecticut Huskies in a Saturday doubleheader. On Sunday, the Irish face the Syracuse Orangewomen in another doubleheader.

Heading into this weekend Notre Dame has swept five consecutive doubleheaders. Most recently the Irish swept Purdue, 10-2 and 4-2. The Irish are now 28-3 on the season and 4-0 in the Big East.

In the Big East Preseason Coaches Poll, UConn was picked to finish second behind Notre Dame. However, the Huskies have struggled with a 9-16 overall record and an 0-2 start in the Big East. Nonetheless Notre

Dame captain Jen Sharron said her team is expecting a tough match up.

"Being Notre Dame it's like we have a target on our backs and being No. 11, we have an even bigger target," said Sharron. "We prepare for each Big East game like we're going into a big game. We wouldn't take them [the Huskies] lightly for a second."

"We need to make sure our offense plays consistently and that we beat the teams we should."

Jen Sharron
pitcher

Syracuse comes into this weekend's doubleheader with a 5-12 record on the season and a 1-1 record in Big East play after splitting a doubleheader against Virginia Tech. The Orangewomen are in their inaugural season as a varsity sport.

"It's their first year but we're going in with the same mentality [as the UConn game]. We'll look over the scouting report and get ready to play," said Sharron.

"We need to make sure our offense plays consistently," said Sharron, "and that we beat the teams we should."

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 8 Irish take two from Big 10 teams

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The winning ways continue for the Irish, as the eighth-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team beat Indiana for the sixth straight time on Wednesday. After a difficult start the Irish bounced back and trounced the Hoosiers 6-1. The Irish came back and won three singles matches despite suffering losses in the first set.

The Hoosiers came out strong and won the doubles point with victories at No. 2 and No. 3 singles both 8-3. Michelle Dasso and Becky Varnum gained the only doubles win for the Irish with an 8-1 victory over Indiana's Kelly Blanch and Levin. The fifth-ranked Dasso and Varnum improve their record to a team high 17-2 this spring.

Being down 1-0 the Irish started off strong in singles. Varnum won the first match in straight sets followed by another straight set victory from Lindsay Green 6-4, 6-4 at No. 5 singles.

Freshman Caylan Leslie won a tough match over the Hoosier's J.J. Levin 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 at No. 4 singles to put the Irish up 3-1, but it didn't get any easier from there.

Third-ranked Michelle Dasso had a scare but pulled it out in the end as she came back from a first set loss to beat Kelly Blanch 4-6, 6-2, 6-4. With the win Dasso improves to 12-0 against Midwest opponents this season. At the No. 3 spot Nina Vaughan clinched the win for the Irish with a three set victory against Linda Tran 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. Kimberly Guy closed the match with a 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 victory against Martina Grimm at No. 6 singles.

On Thursday the Irish traveled once again — to Champaign to take on the Fighting Illini of Illinois. The 36th-ranked Illini gave the Irish a little more than they bargained for as Notre Dame squeaked by with a 4-3 win. The Illini were down all match but stayed strong to keep the score close.

"I am extremely proud of the way that we fought back today — it was a tremendous rally," said Illinois head coach Sujay Lama in a press release. "We are a very fit team and I thought we would get the job done. We are right there with the top teams, we need to learn to capitalize and break through in a situation like today. We are playing good tennis, but we have to learn to finish off matches, and then we will be among the elite."

Unlike against Indiana, the Irish came out on Thursday and swept the doubles point. The Irish won with ease at the No. 2 and 3 spots but the fifth-ranked team of Dasso and Varnum struggled against senior Simone Kung and freshman Michelle Web, who pushed the Irish team to a tie-breaker before falling, 9-8 (7-4).

In singles the Irish looked as if they were going to make quick work of the Illini as they went up 3-0 with wins from Varnum and Vaughan at Nos. 2 and 3 singles.

Instead of succumbing to the strength and talent of the Irish the Illini fought back as Kung defeated the Caylan Leslie, 7-6 (7-4), 7-5 at the No. 4 spot and fellow-senior Carla Rosenberg played a tough match and beat Green at No. 5. At No. 6, the Illini's Webb overcame a 6-2 first-set loss to fight back and defeat Guy in three sets 2-6, 7-5, 6-3.

With the match tied 3-3 it came down to No. 1 with all-American Dasso going against Illini freshman Jennifer McGaffigan. Dasso took the first set 6-1 but like the tough play of the Illini all day McGaffigan came back in the second and won 6-1. It all came down to the deciding set where the experience and talent of Dasso took over as she clinched the hard fought victory for the Irish winning 6-3.

After the tough match against the third ranked Dasso, McGaffigan said in a press release, "We have similar games and there were some really long points. I tried to stay out there as long as I could after the first set, I picked it up in the second set and played smarter."

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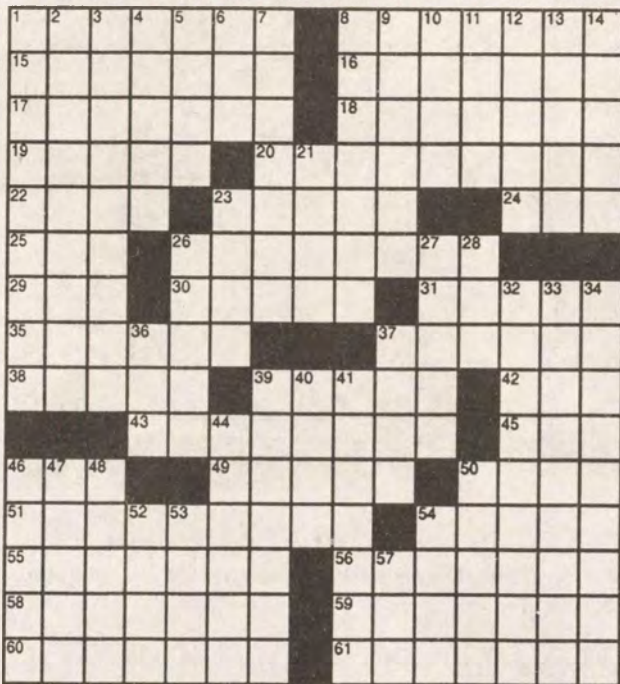


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 - 21 See 13-Down
 - 23 Long, as a garment
 - 26 Part on the side?



Puzzle by Joe DiPietro

- 27 1999 N.C.A.A. hoops champs
- 28 A grad may be working on it
- 32 Xavier Cugat's nickname
- 33 Frequency
- 34 Some vacation accommodations
- 36 He upset T.E.D. in 1948
- 37 Game, maybe
- 39 Babar's wife
- 40 "___ that again?"
- 41 Corned
- 44 Check
- 46 Jellied garnish
- 47 Stir up
- 48 Pickle producer
- 50 Post office gizmo
- 52 Like many hurricanes
- 53 Depressed
- 54 York symbol
- 57 Follower of Lenin or Stalin

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Merle Haggard, Billy Dee Williams, Michelle Phillips, Marilu Henner, Candace Cameron

Happy Birthday: Don't look back this year. You must focus on your future and all that you want to accomplish. It's time to put an end to projects that are going nowhere fast and focus all your time and efforts on the most opportune pursuits. You have plenty to offer any group that you join and should consider stepping up to the podium and taking the lead. Your numbers: 5, 13, 22, 24, 35, 37

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take the time to do a good job. Your boss will appreciate your efforts. Get out socially with colleagues. You'll find out a lot if you're observant. Secret information can be revealed. ○○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are likely to overextend yourself if you take on major renovations at home. Try to do the work yourself. Others may try to dump their responsibilities on you. Be prepared to say no. ○○○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your loved ones will be angry if you spend too much of your time gallivanting with friends. Make sure you take care of your chores before you take off. Residential moves will be beneficial. ○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't spend too much on entertainment or travel. Someone you work with may try to make you look bad. Be ready to defend yourself. Make sure you did your work properly. ○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't be taken in financially by a "get rich quick" scheme that doesn't hold water. Run your ideas past those in a position to give you honest and valid advice. It's better to be safe than sorry. ○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will be uncertain about your personal life. Your attitudes and opinions are changing and re-evaluation is necessary. Don't allow your mate to blame you. ○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Secret activities will be most disconcerting. You can find out factual information if you feel it's necessary. Stay calm and decide what action is best to take. Don't be too quick to judge. ○○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You need some time and space to go over your concerns. Study your motives and decide if your reasons for doing things are justified. ○○○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Exaggeration will get you into trouble. Your version of the situation that your friends are experiencing will be hurtful and probably wrong. You must be sensitive to other people's feelings. ○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be attracted to creative endeavors. Get involved in groups that can help you develop your interest. Someone you meet will capture your heart. Don't be afraid to start something new. ○○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put your ideas into motion. You could have a real moneymaker on your hands if you play your cards right. Look for legitimate investors who believe in you and your ideas. ○○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Problems with lovers will continue to mount if you have been avoiding the issues at hand or using emotional blackmail. Your lack of attention to your mate has contributed to your problems. ○○

Birthday Baby: You have a strong and stable way of handling any situation. You will find yourself in a lead position of any group that you join throughout life. You are a doer who cares and who always makes an honest effort.
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SPORTS

Showdown in New Jersey

Notre Dame is 5-2. Rutgers is 8-2. Both are battling for the Big East title. Both play each other three times this weekend.

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FOOTBALL

A new Battle plan



Arnaz Battle breaks in at wide receiver

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

To say it's been a long year for Arnaz Battle is quite an understatement.

The rising senior was supposed to have led the Irish back to national prominence. He was supposed to have been the focal point of the Irish offense. He was supposed to be entering this season as the undisputed starting quarterback of the Notre Dame football team.

But it took just one play to change his entire career.

And now Arnaz Battle has found himself adjusting to a completely different role on Notre Dame's football team.

"I knew that I was the guy"

It's hard to imagine that one year ago Battle was preparing for the Blue and Gold game as Notre Dame's starting quarterback. And he knew he had the entire Notre Dame community watching him, wondering if he was going to be good enough to fill Jackson's shoes, wondering if he was going to be good enough to lead Notre Dame.

"I knew that I was the guy," he said. "There's a lot of pressure on you being a Notre Dame quarterback."

But Battle was clearly comfortable in his role. In fact, during the summer, he even went so far as to predict a national championship for the Irish in 2000.

Most people didn't agree with him. In fact, they didn't even think Battle could ever be a successful quarterback. When Notre Dame lost to USC his freshman year, Battle — in three quarters — threw two

This spring, Arnaz Battle is making the transition from quarterback to wide receiver. At left, Battle throws a pass during a Sept. 9 game against Nebraska. Battle broke his wrist on Notre Dame's first offensive play that game. At right, Battle catches a pass during the first day of spring practice.

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Best of Monaco will join Irish 4x100 meter relay

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

With its top sprinter out, the Irish men's track team looked long and hard for a replacement on the 4x100 meter relay team — and the Irish found one. One from far, far away.

Senior Marton Guylai, originally from Monaco, will join Travis Davey, William "Red" Croker and Godwin Mbagwu on the sprint relay Saturday at the 2001 Spring Opener at Moose Krause Stadium. Guylai will replace Tom Gilbert, who is suffering from a pulled hamstring.

"I'm sad and happy at the same time," Guylai, a resident assistant in Knott Hall,

said. "I'm sad for Tom. Hopefully he'll be able to go next week. It's just not the same without Tom."

Sprint coach John Millar believes his senior can handle the responsibility.

"He seems to be able to handle the stick," Millar said. "So I'll give him a shot at it."

At last year's Spring Opener, the relay squad consisting of graduated seniors Chris Cochran and Marshaun West, along with Davey and Gilbert, set the Notre Dame record, finishing in 40.22 seconds.

"We'll try as hard as they did," Guylai said. "But without Tom it's just not the same."

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Spring opener highlights athletes trying new events

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

When the Irish women's track and field team takes the track Saturday against Western Michigan and Miami (Ohio) the squad plans on extending their lineup in the hopes of finishing No. 1.

Many athletes will be competing in different events than their specialties in an attempt to maximize the team's points.

Sophomore Tameisha King, one of the country's best long jumpers and a premier hurdler in the Big East, will run a leg of the 4x400-meter relay as well as competing in the long jump and

100-meter hurdles.

"We're going to try her out, it's more a workout," Irish sprints coach John Millar said of his decision to have King run the 400-meter leg, a longer race than she is used to.

To conserve her energy, King may drop out of the long jump after her first two attempts.

"Tameisha should win it for us," Winsor said. "I may cut her off depending on her first or second jump, depending on how far it is. I don't expect her to go NCAA qualifying this meet."

Sprinter Liz Grow finished second in the Big East in the 400-meters during

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



at Baylor
Today, 9 p.m.



Men's Lacrosse
vs. Denver
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.



Rowing
at San Diego Crew Classic
Saturday



Baseball
at Rutgers
Saturday, noon



Softball
vs. Connecticut
Saturday, noon



Tennis
vs. University of Chicago
Saturday, 1 p.m.