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■ HALL PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL

Fennell, Marchetti step into roles of leadership

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
News Writer

In a transitional meeting last night, the Hall Presidents' Council elected its co-chairpersons for the 1997-98 academic year. Mark Fennell, currently the co-president of Keenan Hall, and Katie Marchetti, the co-president of Pasquerilla West Hall, were elected by the 1996-97 members of the council.

Fennell, a junior mechanical engineering major, and Marchetti, a junior arts and letters major, were both members of the reform committee

this past year that revised the Student Union constitution. Under the new document, HPC and the Student Union Board will have a close interaction that has never existed within student government before.

"As members of the executive cabinet, in accordance with the new constitution, HPC will definitely work

closely with the other members of the council, especially SUB," Fennell said. "In the past SUB and HPC have been distinct entities; now they will have more interaction."

Both Fennell and Marchetti stressed that their service on

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Recent co-president-elect Mark Fennell discusses issues of concern to the HPC with treasurer Lee Hambricht.

the reform committee would be beneficial in the transition period and also in making sure HPC's place in the new Student Union is defined.

"We really want to stress communication with the stu-

dent body," Marchetti said. "Our place in the executive cabinet should help in this area."

Fennell also stressed that, with the implementation of the new constitution, HPC's role

was drastically changed.

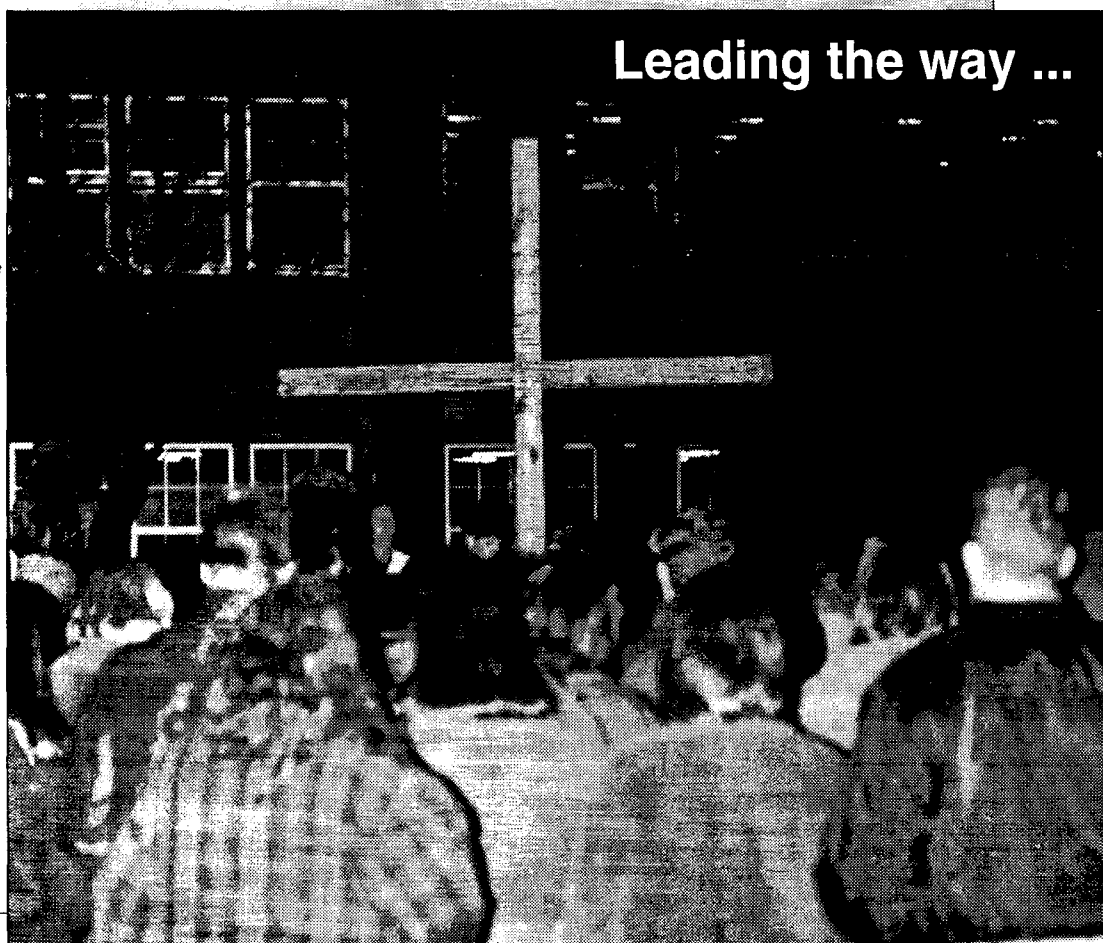
"HPC is operating as more of a programming and activities body now," Fennell remarked. "We are passing on information to the student body."

Marchetti also emphasized that although many hall presidents had some misgivings about the new role of HPC within the Student Union, HPC's place would in no way be diminished.

"HPC is not losing any power, even with the reforms," she said. "In fact, HPC should have a more integrated role in student government next year."

Because social activities are to be the main focus of HPC next year, Fennell and Marchetti relayed some of their ideas to the council. Among the proposed activities are a

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Leading the way ...

The candle-lit Stations of the Cross procession commenced at the Grotto last evening and continued across campus. It was followed by an opportunity for confessions at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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Group explores social issues in El Salvador

By ALYSSON COOK
News Writer

El Salvador just recently ended a 12-year civil war in 1992. During the week of spring break, a group of eight people, four of whom are from Saint Mary's College, went on a pilgrimage to El Salvador seeking hope and carrying with them a list of things to accomplish.

"We knew we could only take ourselves on the pilgrimage, so we didn't go down to El Salvador with the mindset that we could change things," said Sarah Gillen, a Saint Mary's participant on the pilgrimage. "This was part of my preparation, and I thought it would be a spiritual experience, but it was also a great educational experience."

The four participants from Saint Mary's included Sarah Gillen, the only student on the trip; Keith Egan, professor of religious studies and director of planning for the Center for Spirituality, Sister Betty



Smoyer, liturgical music coordinator for Campus Ministry; and George Trey, assistant professor of philosophy.

"I have always wanted to travel like this, and I encourage everyone to take this opportunity if they can," said Gillen. "I was the only student this time, but it was so exciting, and a real eye opener."

Egan came up with the idea and was able to organize the unique pilgrimage through the CRISPAZ Board. The board, Christians for Peace in El Salvador, was started by Father Peter Ilind, a friend of Egan's, in order to bring people to El Salvador to better understand its social, political, cultural, and economical struc-

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Financial aid system receives recognition

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
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On Friday, Notre Dame was named as one of nine winners in the Financial Aid Administrators Awards Program. Conducted by Sallie Mae, the nation's largest owner and servicer of educational loans, the award honors colleges and universities that implement innovative programs that assist students in financial assistance



Russo

areas, such as debt counseling and job placement.

"We are honored to be acknowledged by one of our country's most prominent student loan organizations," said Joseph Russo, director of financial aid at Notre Dame. "We are very proud of the national reputation we have earned for developing several model programs related to student loan administration."

Specifically, Notre Dame was recognized for its Alternative Student Loan Counseling Initiatives which provided first-time student borrowers with information about their loan

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■ SECURITY BEAT

Car strikes woman on campus

Observer Staff Report

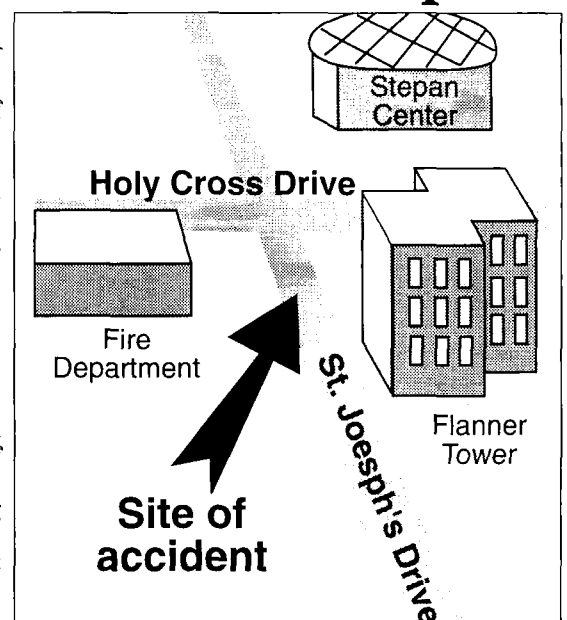
The wife of a Notre Dame graduate student was hit by a slow-moving vehicle at the intersection of Holy Cross Drive and St. Joseph's Drive on the Notre Dame campus Monday night.

Yulie Gordeyeva was crossing the intersection around 8:30 p.m. near the Notre Dame Fire Station and Flanner Hall when she was hit by a westbound car turning left to go toward the library.

Gordeyeva suffered a leg injury from the accident. She was transported by South Bend medics to St. Joseph's Medical Center, where she was treated and released.

The driver, Steve Patterson, 34, was not cited in the incident. Phil Pattison, assistant director of Notre Dame Security, said that poor weather conditions may have prevented the driver from seeing the pedestrian.

The weather around campus Monday night included rain and sleet.



■ INSIDE COLUMN

Bridging the gap

Think back to when you were in second grade. You were probably eight or nine years old and almost as innocent as the day you were born.

You probably didn't worry about much of anything — or if you did, it was with the childlike certitude that things would come out all right in the end. You're probably looking back with nostalgia. You may even be smiling.

Now slowly raise the drawbridge to let imagination in. Imagine you are playing outside your house, still in second grade, with your mother and 18-month-old brother alongside. Imagine that as you are playing you see two automobiles role up — each moving towards the other at a snail-like pace. Now imagine time seeming to stop as the passenger in one car leans out the window with a nine millimeter while the passenger in the oncoming car reveals a .357 Magnum. Imagine your second-grade reaction to the explosive noise of gunfire.

Your innocence shatters and your mind stops all at once as you watch your 18-month-old brother's life end in a bullet. Imagine the numbness in your ears as your mother's screams permeate your senses. She whom you have known only eight years but loved for an eternity, falls bleeding to the pavement as your childhood tumbles into your reality.

This reality came inside the luminescent boundaries of the Golden Dome last Wednesday through one who used to walk beneath it — Ray Turner. He provided my CORE class with statistics, Indiana statistics, that would break even the coldest hearts. He showed us the drawings of second-grade American children that displayed murder, graveyards and even suicide. These are typical children except that they are going through a greater hell than all but the most embattled among us have experienced. I have a fifth-grade brother. His life has certainly not been some idyllic dream childhood. However, he is not doing drugs, he is not having sex, he is not being shot at, he is not suicidal, he does not go without food and he doesn't struggle to survive on streets marked with the names of a dead generation and forgotten by a country that keeps it anonymous.

Author Helen Luke said that there is an "intensity of meaning which may be born from the heart of tragedy." Many would look at the situation described above and see no meaning, or if they saw any meaning at all it would be one of ultimate despair and hopelessness of life. Yet, Luke goes on in that same paragraph saying that to know the meaning of which she speaks is "to glimpse the joy of the end." How do we glimpse the joy of the end of this situation?

We change it. We are a Catholic university that is present in a nation that bears a more than marginal heritage of Christianity. There is no reason for the reality of this second-grader to go unchallenged. Ray Turner is making sure that it does not. There is no reason for the reality of this second grader to stand undefeated. We, the Notre Dame family, the Church, America, must make sure that it does not. Ray Turner will be speaking at Zahm Hall sometime during the week of April 14.

I would encourage you all to be there.

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

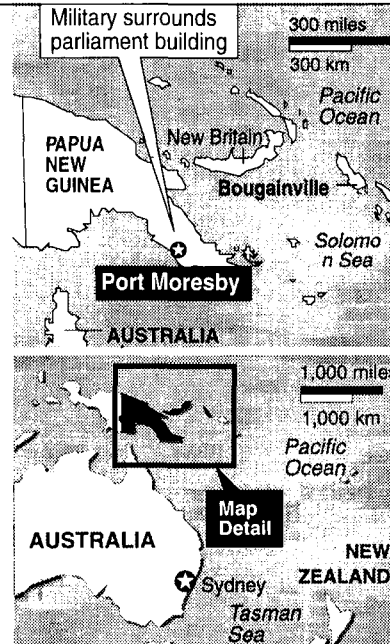
Protestors barricade Papua New Guinea's Parliament

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea Backed by scores of mutinous soldiers, hundreds of protesters blockaded Papua New Guinea's Parliament on Tuesday, pressing for the ouster of the prime minister.

While talks between legislators and a senior army officer eased what had been an angry confrontation, soldiers and more than 1,000 civilians remained outside the legislative compound early Wednesday, forcing lawmakers to spend the night inside.

Outraged by the failure of a parliamentary motion asking Prime Minister Sir Julius Chan to step aside during an inquiry into a foreign mercenary contract, soldiers initially blocked the exits to Parliament. Later, civilians blocked roads leading to the building's two entrances.

"I'll sleep on a couch in my office," said Sir Michael Somare, Papua New Guinea's first prime minister, now an



opposition legislator, who led the nation to independence in 1975.

Somare and Parliament Speaker Rabbie Namaliu, another former prime minister, promised protest leaders they would try to have the motion reconsidered later Wednesday.

A diplomat representing the Commonwealth of Britain and its former colonies tried to broker a compromise between politicians and the army, which would include moving up national elections now scheduled for June.

"I have put to them also that the Papua New Guinea Defense Force must unequivocally reaffirm its dedication to performing its constitutional duties," Commonwealth Secretary-General Emeka Anyaoku told Australian Broadcasting Corp.

Chan's government hired the British and South African mercenaries to quash a 9-year-old rebellion.

Former President Bush to make jump

YUMA, Ariz.

When George Bush bailed out of his bullet-torn torpedo bomber over the Pacific Ocean during World War II, he promised himself that someday he would make a parachute jump just for the fun of it. Nearly 53 years later, the opportunity has finally arrived. With the blessings of his wife, Barbara, the 72-year-old former president planned to fulfill that promise today by jumping from a civilian plane 12,500 feet over the Army Yuma Proving Ground. Bush, the only American president ever to parachute from an airplane, was ready — weather permitting — to free fall with two jump masters at his side, Army spokesman Doug Smith said Monday. The jump masters will hold a harness attached to Bush until his parachute deploys at 4,500 feet, Smith said. The National Weather Service forecast winds of 20-30 mph around jump time, which could postpone the jump. Bush and eight other parachutists — including three who will film the jump — planned to land on the desert floor at the base where the Golden Knights, the Army precision parachuting team, train eight weeks a year.



Man dismembers neighbor, kills self

PITTSBURGH

A woman who feuded with her next-door neighbor over his dilapidated house was found dismembered in the home's basement Tuesday. Her neighbor hanged himself with his belt in a police van. Police were called to the home of Ann Hoover when she didn't show up at a hearing for Roy Kirk, who was appealing fines for the vacant, condemned row house he owned next to Ms. Hoover's home. When they couldn't find her, a neighbor suggested they look in Kirk's house. They found Kirk and put him in the van, then discovered Ms. Hoover's dismembered body in the basement. Ms. Hoover's limbs had been severed and wrapped, apparently for disposal, and her torso was cut across the middle, said coroner Cyril Wecht. She might have been strangled first with an extension cord found around her neck, he said. Kirk was shackled and his hands were cuffed behind his back in the van, yet he still managed to remove his belt, loop it around the grating and hang himself during the 12-minute ride to the police station, said Police Cmdr. Ron Freeman. Officers were unable to revive him. "Here was a man that was bent on taking his own life," Freeman said. "Unfortunately he was able to do something that he wanted to do."

Dockworkers help police find drugs

CROWN POINT, Ind.

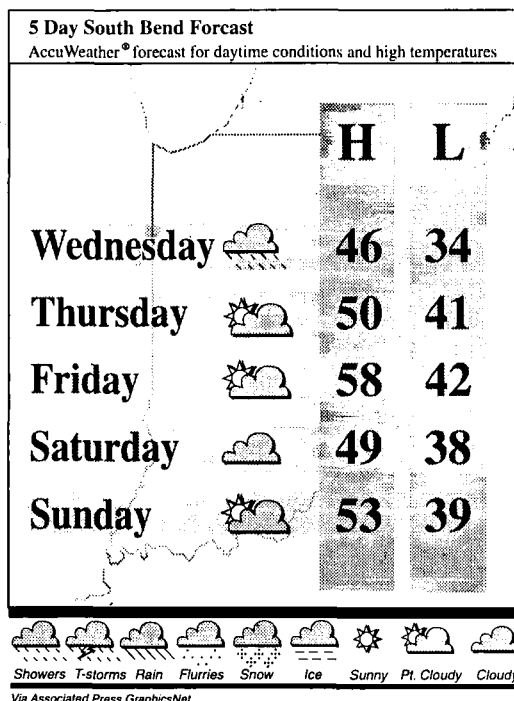
Police credited alert trucking company dockworkers with the discovery of 900 pounds of marijuana hidden inside a shipment of Mexican porcelain figures. Puzzled by boxes that seemed too heavy, the dockworkers called police, who ultimately arrested three men in East Chicago. "The whole thing really started with them," said police chief Rick Crafton in Sauk Village, Ill., where police started tracking the shipment. The boxes were shipped from Laredo, Texas, to Sauk Village, arriving Friday at Roadway Express Inc.'s shipping terminal, where workers became suspicious as they unloaded the boxes. They called police, whose specially trained dogs signalled the presence of drugs inside the boxes marked for shipment to an East Chicago, Ind., address. Inside the boxes, police found more than 900 pounds of marijuana with a street value of about \$1 million molded into bricks and wrapped in black plastic garbage bags smeared with axle grease. "It's part of a major pipeline from Texas to Chicago," Lake County Sheriff John Buncich said Monday at a news conference.

Private plane hits truck at La Guardia

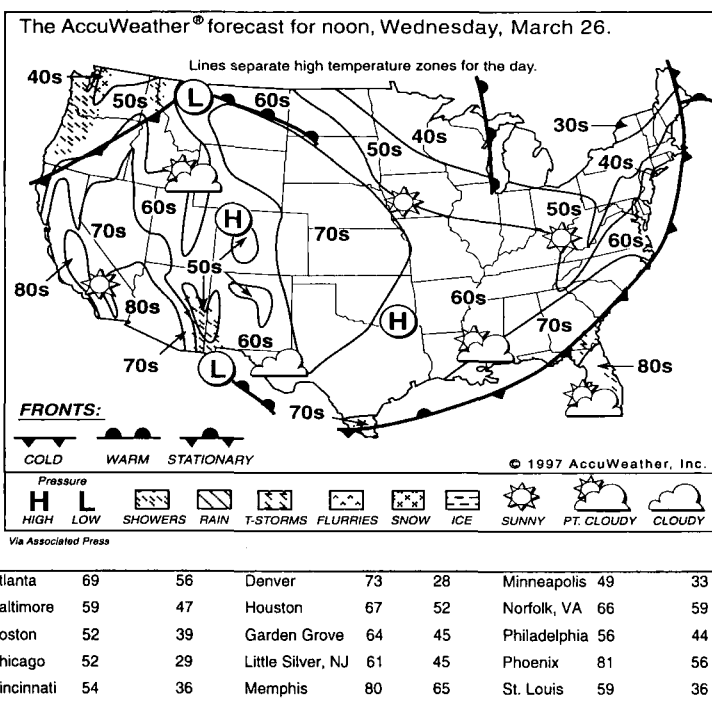
NEW YORK

A private plane landing at La Guardia Airport smashed into a maintenance truck on the runway early today, sending two workers sprinting for cover as it set down without one of its wheels. No one was hurt, but the plane was leaking fuel, said Richard Petillo, a spokesman for the Port Authority police. Foam was put over the fuel to keep it from catching fire. The four people on the plane exited safely. The accident shortly after 5 a.m. closed the airport for nearly two hours, and delays after operations resumed were expected to lengthen as the day wore on, said spokesman Bill Cahill of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates the airfield. A federal investigator was at the scene. The plane, a Gulfstream II owned by a company called Treasure Solution, was arriving from Allentown, Pa., on runway 13-31. It had two passengers and two crew members. Asked whether the plane and the truck had been cleared to be on the same runway at the same time, Cahill said: "That's what the National Transportation Safety Board will determine."

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ND student organizes diversity celebration

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
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What started as a passing idea and then a sensationalized media story became reality last summer for Notre Dame freshman Eric Mason.

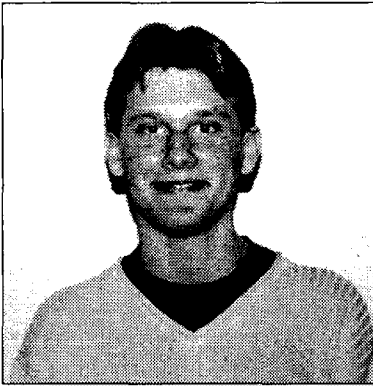
It began with the Ku Klux Klan. When Mason heard that the white supremacist group was planning to hold a demonstration in his hometown of Portage, Ind., he became concerned. Mason and his friend Mike Krueger, then high school seniors, went to the mayor's office to make sure that the KKK actually had permission to demonstrate.

"When we found out that the KKK had the right to demonstrate, we walked outside and there were news people everywhere," Mason said. "My picture ended up on the front page with an article (about) my plans to orchestrate a 'pro-diversity' rally. The whole thing was blown out of proportion."

But what began as a mistake soon escalated into actual plans for a sort of "diversity celebration" when various Indiana organizations began to contact Mason with offers of donations and support.

"When we started talking about our plans, we received a great deal of support," he said. "We wanted to get the whole community involved, bringing the religious, political and social dimensions together."

"We generated involvement from the whole community: Jewish, Catholic and Protestant," Mason said. "It was not exclusive in any way."



"We were celebrating diversity. We stood together on a common issue."

Eric Mason

The diversity rally was held on May 21, 1996, in Portage. One thousand people attended, while only 87 met for the KKK rally across town.

Mason emphasized that the event was not a demonstration to denounce the KKK.

"We were celebrating diversity," Mason said. "We stood together on a common issue."

Mason and Krueger have since received several awards from organizations in the state of Indiana, the most recent of which will be presented by the Indiana House of Representatives on April 1.

"It was the entire community that did this, not just the individual. The entire community deserves to be awarded," Mason said.

Migrants offer unique break

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
Assistant News Editor

Over spring break, a group of 22 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students packed into two vans and travelled to Florida. But they were not heading for Daytona, Fort Myers or Disney World.

Instead, they were aiming for Immokalee, an unincorporated town in the southwest part of the state. A town whose economy is based solely on migrant workers and the harvest of oranges and tomatoes, Immokalee boasts no beach, no bars and none of the scenes typical of a college spring break experience.

"I was looking for something a little bit more meaningful," senior Ryan O'Neill said. "I've done the typical spring break before, and this time I wanted to be able to take something out of the break beyond a week of drinking."

An "alternative spring break," the Migrant Experiences Seminar is a one-credit option for students, similar in format to the Appalachia trips to Kentucky and West Virginia.

According to junior Andrea Ray, the week differed from her experience on Appalachia seminars because students stayed with families by themselves and experienced greater cultural differences in the language and lifestyle of Immokalee.

In addition, students on the migrant seminar were provided with a variety of options for service. These included spending a day in the shoes of a migrant worker by working in the fields picking oranges, or by working in various branches of the Immokalee support system for the families of the town.

That support system includes a soup kitchen and social services center based out of the local Catholic church; a Friendship House; a homeless shelter; manual labor at non-profit housing; and experiential learning at the Isabel Collier Reed Medical Center, the Redlands Christian Migrant Association.

"[Working at the medical center] gave me a new insight into an environment that was completely unlike my own," senior Liz Cuevas said. "I really feel that you have to know a community to be able to help them. Now I feel that I can better administer health care when I return to communities such as these."



Photo Courtesy of Angela Anderson

Notre Dame student Omar Lucero picks oranges during a spring break service project in Florida.

"It completely exceeded my expectations in every capacity," senior Maria Joyce, a coordinator of the seminar, said.

"All of a sudden, migrant workers have gone from theoretical ideas that we've read about in the newspaper or in books to human beings with whom we've shared experiences," said the second coordinator, Christine Raslavsky.

Seminar participants were encouraged to focus on what they could take from the seminar spiritually and ideologically rather than what they could do for the community in a week.

"To me, this seminar was about becoming aware of the social reality that we can completely miss here at Notre Dame," O'Neill said.

"In the big picture, [the seminar] was about the truth behind communities and sharing love with people, letting people into your life and sharing God with people," Ray said.

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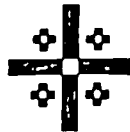
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second-semester retreat for hall presidents to keep momentum going, and the planning of a greater number of large-scale, campus-wide activities.

"We also want a greater deal of communication within HPC itself," Fennell remarked. "If activities are called in ahead of time, it would make things run much smoother."

Both Fennell and Marchetti are excited to be elected in the wake of so many governmental reforms.

"Communication has been a problem," Fennell said, "but that is not going to be the case anymore."

This week's and next week's HPC meetings are important in helping the newly elected hall presidents understand their campus and governmental role.

After next week's meeting, the new hall presidents as well as the new HPC co-chairs will formally acquire their new positions.

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tures.

The group stayed in San Salvador, El Salvador's large and developed capital city. They visited with Generation XXI, a youth movement of men and women who gather together several times a week, for a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word for the group.

"This was a really nice celebration, and we prayed together, sang together, and by a group sharing of our life experiences, we better understood the different cultures," said Gillen. "We learned that we share many of the same problems but that it seems compounded in El Salvador because 70 percent of families are split, a result of many things including the war," she said.

While in the city, the group met with the think tank FUNDE. This meeting was held in order to help the group better understand the economic situation in El Salvador.

10 percent, which is down from 20 percent a few years ago.

The combination of the responsible student body and the esteemed Office of Financial Aid has resulted in the exemption by the federal government of some of the regulatory burdens in the administration of federal dollars. Such exemptions have allowed the office to spend less time on administrative tasks and more on the development of several initiatives.

"We worked with a major guarantor to standardize, simplify and make more efficient the student loan process and became a model for the nation in that area," said Russo.

"Because [the University] has a national student body with 50 states represented every year, we found ourselves trying to process more than 50 different types of forms," he continued.

That problem prompted the office to seek out creative ways to standardize the forms, policies, procedures and eventually the software that would be involved in processing.

"We had a major effort that resulted in a standard form that is very simple," said Russo.

At the time, that effort put the office five or six years ahead of most institutions in the nation. Currently, between 80 and 85 percent of undergraduates at the University benefit from that process.

Johns Hopkins, Pepperdine and Brigham Young Universities were among the other winners of the award. Sallie Mae will share the award-winning initiatives of the various schools with other colleges and universities.

"One of the most incredible parts of the pilgrimage was visiting the sights of the martyrs realizing the lives they lead," Gillen said.

During the week of the pilgrimage, the group was there for the 20th anniversary of the death of Father Rutillo, a friend of Archbishop Romero.

The group went to Aquilarez for a celebration Mass and then walked the road to El Paisnal with hundreds of El Salvadorans along the same route that Father Rutillo took on the day he was murdered.

The group also went to the church where Archbishop Oscar Romero was killed 17 years ago on March 24.

They visited his gravesite which reads, "No one has greater love than this, to lay one's life for one's friends, John 15:13."

The group also visited the gravesites of some of the women killed with American Jean Donovan.

"It was amazing to have these experiences because the spirits of the martyrs really live," said Gillen.

Those on the Pilgrimage for

the Martyrs of El Salvador met women from the "Mothers in Community" who work to find the 8,000 people who have disappeared from El Salvador.

"One of the women we met had a brother who was a third year law student disappear, and another woman's son was murdered and disappeared in 1993," said Egan. "These women have only found three people, yet they have put aside all of their bitterness to work for peace."

The group also visited John Juliano, a native from New York who, in the 1980s rode his bike all the way to El Salvador. He and his wife and their little child live on a hill in Guarjila.

The people of Guarjila have only had electricity for a few months, and Juliano is responsible for their radio station and the gym where the children can go to play or exercise. He is working on getting computers for the village.

"John Juliano has pretty much given up everything in order to live his life serving the village of Guarjila, and he

is such an inspiration," said Gillen.

"The people of El Salvador live in basic Christian communities, and they get together, live their faith, and make survival possible through those communities," said Egan.

The group went on the pilgrimage hoping to gain an understanding of what the political system is like now, and what Christian base communities were like.

They also wanted to understand how women are treated, as they have historically been more oppressed than the poor. Another goal for the trip was to see what service opportunities are available.

"Our goals now that we are back are to try to keep the martyrs alive here in the U.S. by planting the seeds that they have planted," said Gillen. "We also want to try to set up a scholarship fund for future trips."

"We hope this initial visit will create a long-lasting relationship with the women of Saint Mary's and the women of El Salvador," said Egan.

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rights and responsibilities before they received their loans. As part of the program, a current undergraduate financial aid recipient developed and presented an information session covering the financial aid process, the Stafford loan program, and student budgeting.

"With nearly half of all college students borrowing funds to help finance their education, we are pleased to recognize Notre Dame's efforts to improve and enhance financial aid services for its students," said Lydia Marshall, executive vice president of Sallie Mae.

Financial aid offices of each of the award-winning institutions received \$5,000. Of that award, \$3,750 is to be used for need-based grants or to pay educational loans for deserving students and \$1,250 is to be put toward financial aid training programs or the improvement of debt-counseling programs.

"We at Notre Dame are most fortunate to be able to work with some of the most responsible students in the nation," explained Russo. "Their high levels of success are a true indicator of the quality experience we provide."

That responsibility, manifested in the form of low default rates on student loans and high graduation rates, has contributed to the esteem with which the Notre Dame Office of Financial Aid is regarded. For example, Notre Dame students have an average default rate of between 1.4 and 1.5 percent compared to a national average of approximately

Albright, Helms collaborate

By LAURA MYERS
Associated Press Writer

WINGATE, N.C.

The first time Madeleine Albright visited Sen. Jesse Helms on his own turf, she "didn't change his views one bit," she recalls. This time she left with a hug and a handshake deal to negotiate one of her top priorities: Senate ratification of a chemical weapons treaty.

"I had a great time. Thank you," Albright told Helms, R-N.C., on Tuesday evening following a day of what might be described as a diplomatic charm initiative.

The good feelings were clearly mutual: Helms called

Albright a "great lady" who deserves his and the country's praise.

"She has won the hearts of billions of people across America and around the world," Helms said in introducing Albright to a hometown crowd she addressed. "Madeleine Albright, you are among friends tonight who admire and respect you. I guess you already detected that."

Albright kissed his left cheek, and after she was finished speaking he asked for another, pointing to his right cheek. She complied and then presented Helms with a T-shirt that read: "Someone at the State Department Loves Me."

At a joint news conference, Albright declared that she and the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee were "developing a pretty good friendship." Then Helms, who has been blocking the chemical weapons treaty, said he's working with the Clinton administration so that it might be ratified before it goes into effect April 29. It would take effect with or without U.S. approval.

"If they sit down and be realistic about it, there's certainly a chance we'll get a treaty," said Helms, who previously has insisted on State Department and United Nations reform in exchange for the treaty.

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Pro-life Alvarè to lecture on women and abortion

Special to The Observer

Helen Alvarè, director of planning and information for pro-life activities for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), will speak on "Women, Abortion, and Authentic Freedom" today at 7:30 p.m. in the Notre Dame Law School Court Room.

Alvarè, the national spokeswoman on abortion for the Catholic bishops of the United States, frequently appears in the national media and testifies on the bishops' behalf before federal congressional committees.

Prior to assuming this position in 1990, she served three years as an attorney in the United States Catholic Conference (USCC) general counsel's office. There she wrote amicus briefs which were entered in the Supreme Court during major abortion and euthanasia cases.

In 1994, Time Magazine named Alvarè one of the top 50 leaders in America under the age of 40.

Alvarè's lecture is sponsored by the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Right to Life group, one of the largest social action student groups at Notre Dame.

Prof speaks on Renaissance

By JILLIAN PAGLIOCCA
News Writer

Speaking on the integrated roles of publisher, printer, writer and engraver in early book-making, Professor Francesco Sberlati focused on the profitable partnership of Anton Francesco Doni and Francesco Marcolini in 16th-century Italy.

Together, Sberlati said, this writer and printer team initiated a new fashion for Italian printed books that "represented an idea in itself of Renaissance work."

Sberlati stressed the "assiduous effort" required of writers, designers, engravers and

binders in producing a marketable book at this time. "Doni and Marcolini," he said, "offer a good example of such cooperation."

Sberlati's lecture, "A.F. Doni and the Late 16th-Century Editorial World," served as an introduction to his forthcoming edition of Doni's "Inferni."

During a time when the functions of printers were often interchangeable with publishers and binders, and when printers were often primarily businessmen or scholars, Sberlati joked that Marcolini was the medieval version of a "multi-media printer."

Sberlati, associate professor of Italian literature at the University of Bologna, is a multi-media man himself, visiting Notre Dame this semester through the Fulbright Visiting Scholars Program. He has published more than 30 articles in the field of Renaissance studies, combining his expertise in the areas of Romance philology and printed-book history. He has previously been a fellow at the Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies in Florence, Italy.

Of special interest to Sberlati are the illustrations that accompanied Renaissance text. They were a means of attracting buyers and creating a more

participatory, direct experience between readers and the text. "By the 16th-century, the image had become an integral part of printed books," Sberlati said.

The correlation between the text and the choice of illustrations was rarely appropriate, and sometimes ridiculous from a modern perspective. Instead of commissioning new engravings for a new book, publishers often recycled engravings already used in other books to save money. Therefore, some books at this time period contain images that were initially printed in other European countries or even in other centuries.

The printer's "mark" was another aesthetic device that completed the printed book package. In addition to its conventional placement at the book's beginning, the mark sometimes appeared at the end as a fitting close, or in the middle as a chapter separator. The mark also appeared above doorways and on buildings so that customers would know where to buy them.

Like modern day copyright laws, these marks provided printers with protection from having their books counterfeited, the marks being difficult to reproduce.

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Half of the B16 lot near the East Gate will close today and reopen in early April. Additional parking for faculty and staff assigned to B16 will be available in the B2 and C2 lots east of the Hesburgh Library and the D2 student

parking lot east of Stepan Center. When construction is completed, faculty and staff parking no longer will be permitted in the student lot.

The east entrance and exit to the University, just off Juniper Road near Stepan Center, and the south entrance to the B16 lot will close this Friday and reopen Friday, April 4. A temporary entrance and exit to campus will be opened on the driveway in front of Stepan Center, and the north entrance to B16 will remain open.

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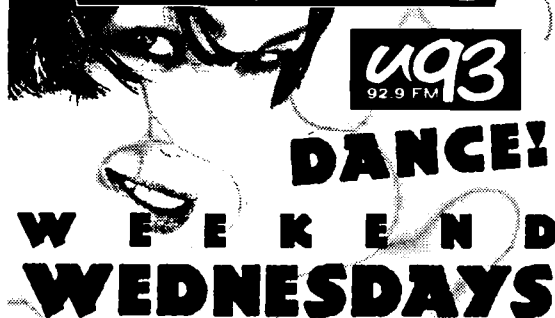
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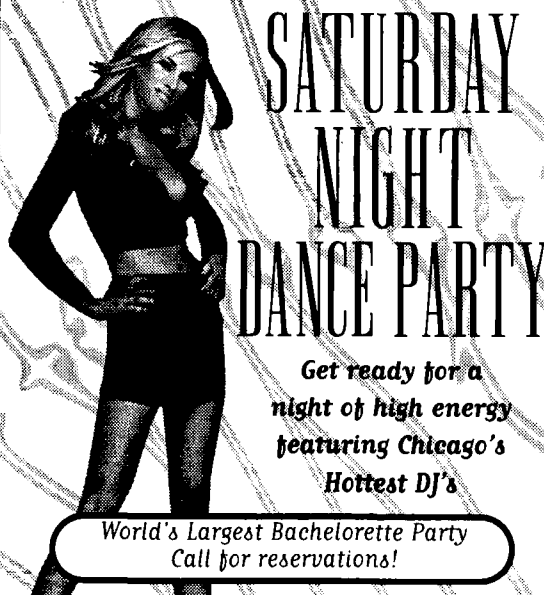
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■ ISRAEL

Security cooperation falters in Middle East

By HILARY APPELMAN
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM
A Palestinian security chief responded defiantly Tuesday to Israeli demands to crack down on Islamic militants, saying cooperation with Israel on security issues depends on progress in peace talks.

"Palestinian security cooperation was buried with the first bulldozer that went up on Jabal Abu Ghneim," said West Bank security chief Jibril Rajoub, using the Arab name for the hill where Israel is building a Jewish neighborhood in disputed east Jerusalem.

Palestinians in the West Bank towns of Bethlehem and Hebron staged a sixth day of violent protests against the project Tuesday, with Israeli troops firing tear gas and rubber bullets at hundreds of stone-throwing Palestinians.

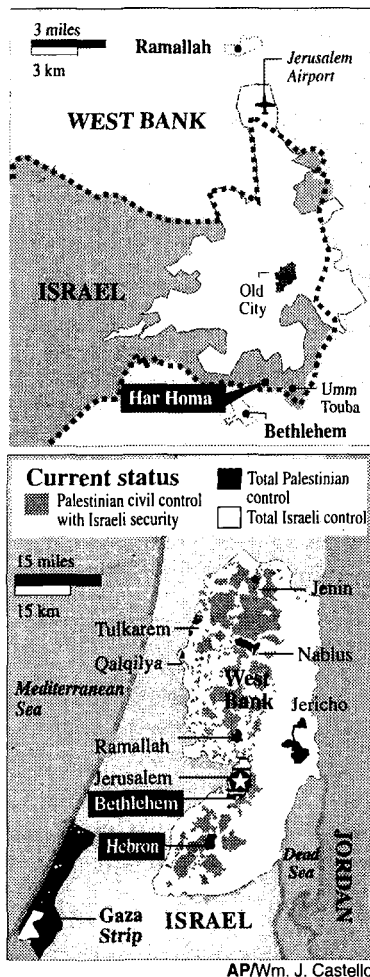
Eight Palestinians were injured by rubber bullets in Bethlehem, and at least two Israeli soldiers were hurt.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has accused Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat of giving the go-ahead to Islamic militants to carry out attacks against Israelis, and has demanded that Palestinians take steps to combat terrorism before peace agreements can go forward.

Israeli and Palestinian security cooperation has been frozen at every level because of the breakdown in relations, including putting a halt to joint Israeli-Palestinian patrols in most West Bank cities.

On Tuesday, Palestinian police refused to allow a dozen Jewish students to return to their seminary in the West Bank city of Nablus, saying it could not be coordinated with Israeli troops.

Israeli-Palestinian peace-keeping had been one of the clear successes of the peace



accords, with security officers on both sides building mutual trust and respect through their work together.

Using their homegrown intelligence sources, Palestinian forces would arrest militants if they got word that a suicide bombing against Israel was in the works, and Palestinians and Israelis met regularly on security problems.

Rajoub refused Netanyahu's demand to resume that cooperation, saying Netanyahu's decision to build Jewish housing in east Jerusalem was what sparked the crisis.

"There will not be any security coordination as long as there is no political coordination," Rajoub said.

Panel faults engineer in crash

By HENRY STERN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

A diabetic engineer who hid an eye disease that made it hard to tell colors ran a red light and caused the 1996 crash of two New Jersey commuter trains that killed him and two others, a federal safety panel ruled Tuesday.

Engineer John DeCurtis could not tell he was running a stop signal, the National Transportation Safety Board said.

DeCurtis, 59, accelerated his eastbound NJ Transit train just before a stop signal on Feb. 9, 1996. It rammed a westbound NJ Transit train, killing DeCurtis, the other train's engineer and a passenger.

The crash in Secaucus, N.J., injured 158 people. NTSB chairman Jim Hall said it could have been even worse with 400 people aboard the two trains.

A search of DeCurtis' company medical records turned up a positive 1987 test for sugar in his urine, investigator Burt Simon told the board. Investigators learned from DeCurtis' personal physician that he had been treated for diabetes for at least nine years.

The diabetes led to the deteriorating eye disease, which Simon said DeCurtis initially could compensate for with his 34 years' experience.

"It became more difficult for the engineer to distinguish red from yellow signal lights," Simon said.

Board member John Hammerschmidt asked why DeCurtis kept operating a train with his eye problem.

"His family said he hoped to work a few more years before retiring," Simon said. "We believe it may have been associated with financial considerations."

DeCurtis earned \$70,000 a year as an engineer and could have been reduced to \$40,000 in another position, or \$25,000 if he retired on medical disability.

DeCurtis' son, Mark, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Diabetic retinopathy, which is distinct from color blindness because it is acquired, can only be slowed through surgery, said Dr. Mitch Garber.

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Reserve ups interest rates FBI arrests three in two girls' kidnapping

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

The Federal Reserve nudged interest rates higher Tuesday for the first time in two years, hoping to stifle any threat of rising inflation. Banks immediately began raising the rates paid by millions of Americans.

Analysts suggested the Fed's quarter-point increase was not the end of the story, with two or three more boosts likely by the end of the year to slow the surprisingly strong economy.

The central bank characterized its increase as "a prudent step" that would guard against higher inflation and the risk of recession.

But critics were unswayed, charging that there is no inflation to pre-empt and the central bank's credit tightening actually raised the risks of recession.

"In one fell swoop, the Fed has taken money out of the pockets of every family, small business and farm in America," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, a frequent Fed critic.

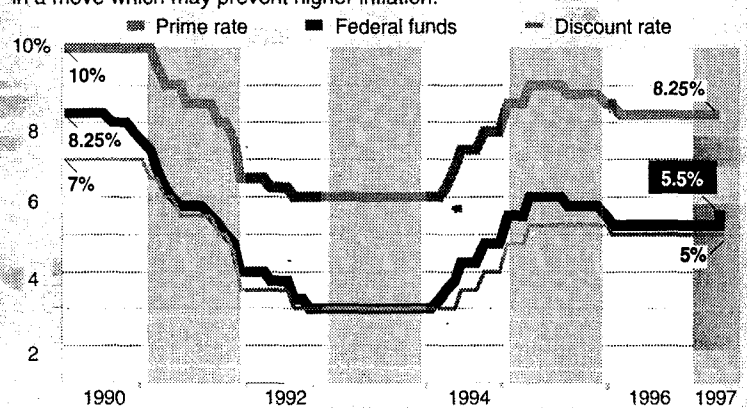
Added AFL-CIO union president John J. Sweeney: "The Federal Reserve has sacrificed the economic interests of America's working families on the basis of a hunch."

Financial markets, which had reacted violently in 1994, the last time the central bank launched a round of credit tightening, were calmer this time around.

In fact, the Dow Jones industrial average actually was up 50 points a few minutes after the 2:14 p.m. announcement as

Federal interest rates

The Federal Reserve raised the interest rate for federal funds Tuesday in a move which may prevent higher inflation.



AP/Wm. J. Castello

investors expressed relief that the central bank had carried through on the numerous signals sent recently by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. The Dow finished the day down 29.08 at 6,876.17.

The reaction was more pronounced on the bond market, where worries about more rate increases down the road sent prices down and the yield on Treasury's 30-year bond up to 6.97 percent.

The central bank said it was pushing its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, up to 5.5 percent from 5.25. It left its largely symbolic discount rate unchanged.

Banc One of Ohio and Citibank, the nation's second-largest bank, were the first major banks to signal increases in their prime lending rate, pushing it up a quarter-point to 8.5 percent. Other major

banks, including Republic of New York and KeyCorp, followed with similar rate increases, making them effective on Wednesday.

The prime is used by many banks to peg rates for credit cards, auto loans, home equity loans and adjustable rate mortgages. In recent years it has moved in step with changes in the Fed's funds rate.

The central bank had left the funds rate unchanged since Jan. 31, 1996, when it was cut a quarter-point to 5.25 percent.

The rate had not been increased since Feb. 1, 1995, when it was pushed to 6 percent in effort to slow the economy enough to keep inflation under control.

That effort to engineer an economic "soft landing" worked, and the current expansion entered its seventh year this month, third longest in U.S. history.

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.

A four-day nationwide search for two Michigan girls ended Tuesday after they were spotted walking along a beachfront highway with three young men accused of taking them from their school bus.

Officers moved in when the group stopped at a gift shop, and the men were arrested without a struggle. Jessica Hainer, 6, and Teresa Hainer, 9, appeared unharmed at the end of a 900-mile journey.

"They're none the worse for wear," said Joe Martinolich, head of the FBI in Michigan. "It's a special Easter for all of us."

The girls — the older one in a T-shirt and jeans, the younger in a T-shirt and a red skirt — each clutched huge teddy bears as they were escorted away by agents for their flight home.

"It's the happiest news we ever had," the girls' grandmother, Olivia Hainer, told a news conference in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Authorities filed federal kidnapping charges against Ricky Geer, 19, and two men who know the girls' family — Lee Stafford, who turns 18 next week, and Ronald Stafford, 21, who spent three years in an adolescent sex-offender program.

The girls were abducted Friday after stepping off a school bus in Galesburg, Mich., a small town east of Kalamazoo.

As for a motive, "that is still

in the realm of speculation," Martinolich said. "The girls may shed some light on that."

But an FBI document filed in Michigan provides some details:

Ronald Stafford was the girls' former baby sitter. On Friday, he provided a note to the school transportation director asking that they be dropped off at a local apartment building.

When driver Juniata Earl arrived at the apartment, the Hainer sisters refused to get off the bus.

She planned to take them back to the garage at the conclusion of her run but instead dropped them off at a mobile-home park where Ronald Stafford and an accomplice were waiting.

"The girls were crying because they did not want to go with the two men waiting for them," the FBI affidavit said. "Earl recognized one of the white males as the girls' babysitter to whom she has dropped the children off in the past."

At the news conference with the FBI, the girls' father, Jesse Hainer, seemed ready to answer questions about the bus, but he was quickly silenced and left the room.

The FBI said it had only a few details about the group's last few days of travel. The men were running out of money and "committed petty crimes to feed themselves," Martinolich said.

The girls had been spotted in Florida as early as Sunday. And agents had felt since Monday that they were "closing the ring" around the group.

Attention Juniors:

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1996-97 Team Connection

This past year saw the realization of many long-standing goals as well as the achievements of several new Student Government departments. As we move toward the transition to the newly formed Student Union, Seth, Megan, and the Student Government staff would like to thank the Notre Dame students, faculty and community for their support and involvement in these exciting and successful projects.

Executive Activities

- Created five new Student Government departments – Information Technology, Gender Relations, Financial Aid, Athletic Resources, and Diversity Council
- Added 20 new staff members to Student Government. Total student staff involvement: about 50
- Received-largest budget in the history of ND Student Government from Student Senate - a 39% increase from last year
- Instituted weekly report system and Team Connection meetings

Departments

Student Life:

- Organized “students only” pep rally before the OSU game which over 1,500 students attended*
- Co-Sponsored “Project Warmth,” a campus-wide coat drive that collected over 1,500 coats
 - Organized a “welcome to the quad” picnic for Keough and O’Neill halls serving over 500 students
 - Established a strategic relationship with the South Bend Center for the Homeless, meeting with them to create new programs for Notre Dame students and organizations.
- Campus improvements such as increased lighting around campus, new signs, and new ATM in the Hesburgh library
- Creation of SAFERIDE, a shuttle service for students on weekends running from off-campus locations back to campus*

** denotes first time ever that Student Government has organized such an event*

Intellectual Life

- Revamped TCE's and currently revamping academic advising
- Organized Student-Faculty picnic following the Opening Mass*
- Researched, wrote and presented *Golden is Thy Fame*, a 20-page report on student social space to the Board of Trustees
- Produced *The Guide*, a student-organized teacher evaluation, and placed *The Guide* on the World Wide Web (saving over \$8,000 in print costs)
- Opened numerous classrooms for study space during Fall '96 final exams.

Information Technology

- Implemented the "Book Fair On-Line," a new service allowing students to place their used books on the Web and sell them to fellow students
 - Greatly enhanced the Student Government Web site

Athletic Resources

- Renegotiated the football ticket exchange for Notre Dame students, allowing them to exchange student tickets for GA's for all 1996 home games
- Created Student Advisory Council for the Athletic Department for feedback on non-varsity athletic space, programs, and equipment as well as for the new Rolfs RecSports building
- Created over 12,000 signs and a banner for Coach Holtz's last home game

Gender Relations

- Co-sponsored Gender Relations forum
- Prepared 25th Anniversary of Women at ND survey, for over 5,000 alums
 - Sponsor of Co-Education weekend (March 1997)

Financial Aid

- Established working relationship with the Office of Financial Aid
 - Wrote and published Financial Aid Newsletter
- Created Financial Aid library within the Student Government office
- Working with Office of Financial Aid to train student financial aid counselors
 - Held seminar to help students with Financial Aid Forms

Public Relations

- Prepared press releases and ads for major Student Government events
- Surveyed student body regarding effectiveness of Student Government at ND

Counsel

- Produced "Student Guide to Indiana Alcohol Laws" in cooperation with Office of Drug and Alcohol Education for all students
 - Served as peer counselors in Student Affairs hearings
- Surveyed peer institutions regarding alcohol and student rights policies

Diversity Council

- Organized Martin Luther King Jr. Rally (attended by over 200 students)
 - Created "Diversity Council Advisory Group"
- Co-sponsored several ethnic events with different Notre Dame groups

**Thanks for a great year, and best of luck to the
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■ GOD 'N LIFE

Suffering reminds us of cross which Jesus carried

"There can be no resurrection without the cross."

While decidedly a Christian view in a religious sense, this statement can be applied to almost every facet of life. "Out of hard work comes success" is one interpretation. Another might be, "Suffering is good for the soul."

Julie Ferraro

And we all do suffer. Perhaps not from cancer, asthma or even AIDS, but there are events in each human being's life that cause pain. It might be as major as a car accident or a shattered marriage/relationship, or as minor as a broken television set when we're ready to watch a favorite sitcom. Any such occurrence propels us through the emotions of annoyance, anger, disappointment, defeat.

We don't have to be defeated, though. Christ wasn't. When all seemed bleakest, He was labeled a failure and unjustly put to death. He rose from the dead, however, giving us the ultimate hope: there is more to life than just "life."

Christians are urged to "carry the cross." The British might put it "keeping a stiff upper lip." There are numerous ways to express the ideal that we should make the best of any situation, good or bad.

This could be applied to the forthcoming exams. When registering for a course, students understand that their knowledge will be tested at the end of

the semester. Some try to ignore the fact, possibly hoping in the secret recesses of their hearts that the world will end before finals week. It makes more sense not to procrastinate, to put forth an effort and keep up with one's studies. There may still be a stomachful of stress as the test date approaches, but the overwhelming desperation may be avoided.

Other burdens may weigh heavily on young shoulders. Parents may expect their offspring to achieve and achieve and achieve. The freedom to explore new forms of expression — parties, relationships, drinking, and so forth — may conflict with upbringing that taught right from wrong. While it may be painful to make an erroneous decision (the morning hangover, a damaged friendship), it is possible to "rise" again, to learn from the mistake.

A big part of this is faith. Jesus had faith in the Father that His death would not be in vain. Since most of the day to day suffering encountered here is not life-threatening, it should be easier to nurture this kind of faith. No matter what happens, there is a change to learn, to grow, to become a better person.

The other part is love. If we are willing to "live and learn," it means that others should be allowed to do the same. We may not agree with their choices, their methods or their attitudes, but God created each one of us as individuals, and we all travel unique paths through life.

All in all, the "cross" is not that bad, if we remember that we all have the chance to "rise."

Julie Ferraro is a secretary in the Freimann Life Science Center. Her column appears every other Wednesday.

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

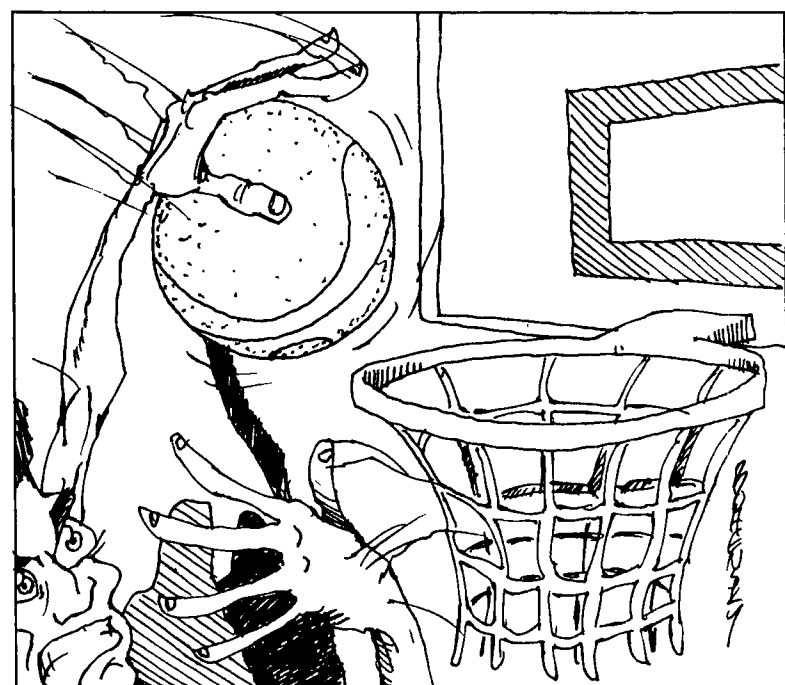
Men's basketball team shows result of a determined spirit

Dear Editor:

To the ND basketball team: First off, congratulations on an excellent season. Not many people felt that you had much in you this year. Some had Notre Dame picked to finish last in the Big East. It seems that the students believed that report and didn't turn out to support the team as well as last year (I am one of those guilty students).

But what the students did or didn't do is not important. The Notre Dame men's basketball team is what is important today, after what could be considered one of the biggest and brightest stretches for the men's program since 1992 and the NIT final against Georgetown. You made us proud on Thursday. The outcome wasn't what you would have liked, but at least you all made it to that point.

The athletic department didn't even think that this was possible — the Home and Garden Show debacle is a perfect example. You never quit. No matter how big a task stood in front of you, you moved forward with determination and the belief that no one could stop you. Something more important than being a determined team was that you acted with class and epitomized the Notre Dame spirit in your victories and your defeats.



Maybe everyone should take a moment and think about what happened this year and how special it really was.

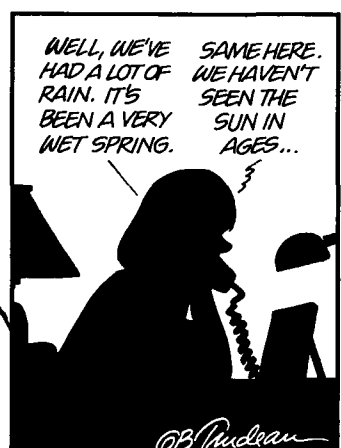
To the seniors, congratulations on an excellent way to end your career under the Dome. To the underclassmen, go out there and kick some butt next year and continue what was started this year. From the entire student body (who actually care about this), especially the seniors, thank you for providing some wonderful memories and hopefully the opportunity to say, "Hey, I was there when Notre Dame began its climb back to basketball greatness." It may be a dream, but it's fun to dream a little — look what happens when you believe in those dreams. We just witnessed it.

WARREN JUNIUM

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A guilty conscience is the mother of invention."

—Carolyn Wells

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Employable skills and liberal education often in opposition

Dear Editor:

Although I always enjoy Chris Kratovil's well-reasoned and well-written columns and have paid close notice to the broadening of his mind since his days as a Buckley disciple, I believe he has missed the point entirely in his March 24 essay ["Arts and Letters students ask 'What now?'"].

The problem with higher education certainly does not lie in the idea that those who possess a liberal education lack employable skills, but to the contrary — those who possess employable skills lack a liberal education. A quick perusal of the Observer will certainly demonstrate serious cultural, political, logical and linguistic ignorance. Freshmen are very often not taught to write a decent English sentence, and six hours of philosophy apparently does very little in developing

any sort of philosophic vision of the world.

Arts and Letters students do not lack employable skills; rather, they choose not to enter America's corporate culture. The investment banks interview all majors, but, not surprisingly, my fellow scholars in the liberating arts have a difficult time taking Goldman Sachs seriously after a senior seminar on Kafka's *Trial*. And Chris, can you blame them? Anyone who feels connected with Plato's cave allegory, or has been enraptured with Beethoven's ninth, has very little use for the systematic de-souling of the human being that corporate America is eager to bring about.

That is precisely why Notre Dame offers less and less of a liberal education to its undergraduates (see changes in Freshman Seminar); it is in bed with corporate America, and it realizes that the only defense against corporate America's

assault on the human spirit may be a liberal education. Notre Dame is systematically disarming its undergraduates against that corporate assault, lest it has a falling out with bedbuddy Arthur Andersen, or alumni dollars fall short of the Midas quota.

The real problem with higher education is more fundamental than liberal education's lack of employable skills that Chris Kratovil describes. The real problem rests in corporate America's subjugation of all segments of American, indeed, world society: family, government, universities ... We are all at the mercy of



Grape Road and its empty promises.

J. PATRICK COOLICAN

Senior
Program of Liberal Studies

AWAKENINGS

Student Affairs' efficiency called into question

In February 1994, a 12-member evaluation team visited Notre Dame on behalf of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools to reaccredit the University, a process that takes place every 10 years. The report found the University to be praiseworthy in many respects, and deservedly so.

J.P.
Cooney

However, it was moderately critical of the Office of Student Affairs.

The NCA report reads that "the Office of Student Affairs does not seem to be regarded as a source of help and support for students. This may be due, in part, to the student discipline function being performed from within Student Affairs, or it may have unrelated causes. Student leaders and student staff (resident assistants) expressed a view that the Office of Student Affairs is regarded as an authoritarian and legalistic place where judgments are made without explanation and requests and proposals are routinely denied without rationale. This student perception may be inaccurate, but the fact that it is held and that students feel as though their voices are not heard is something that the University may wish to address," (p. 232).

An experience which I have had with Student Affairs over the past six weeks has proven, to my dismay, that this student perception is indeed accurate. I believe my experience shows that this is an office which has serious problems that must immediately be tended to.

On Friday, Feb. 7, I went to the Office of Student Affairs to request a copy of a videotape that the office made of the Jan. 22 lecture of Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, the auxiliary bishop of Detroit. Gumbleton's lecture was entitled "Homophobia: The Christian Perspective." In his presentation, Bishop Gumbleton heavily criticized the University's non-recognition of GLND/SMC and expressed shock when he learned that the University excluded sexual orientation from its statement of non-discrimination. Furthermore, he stated that the justification for such policies stemmed from an incorrect interpretation of Catholic teaching. Needless to say, the event proved embarrassing for Notre Dame and the Office of Student Affairs. I wanted a copy of the videotape to supplement research I was doing on the non-discrimination clause for a column which eventually appeared in *The Observer* on Feb. 19.

On that Friday Professor Patricia

O'Hara's secretary informed me that Ann Firth, the assistant to the vice president for Student Affairs, would handle my request. Ms. Firth only works in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, however, and it was recommended that I return then. I returned that Tuesday on two separate occasions — at which neither time was Ms. Firth available to see me. I left a detailed note with Professor O'Hara's secretary, stating my request and informing her it was for a column for *The Observer* due the following Monday. I left both my phone number and e-mail address to facilitate as quick a response as possible.

As of Thursday, I had received no return phone call or e-mail. I thus went back to Student Affairs to check the progress of my request. Ms. Firth, however, did not come into the office that day, and Professor O'Hara's secretary was not sure what steps had been taken to release the tape to me. She instructed me to return on Friday, for she would be in contact with Ms. Firth that afternoon.

I went back to Student Affairs the next day, Friday, Feb. 14, and learned two startling facts from Professor O'Hara's secretary. The first was that apparently Bishop Gumbleton had to grant the University permission to release the tape to me. Secondly, Ms. Firth claimed to have left me a message on Tuesday, Feb. 11, making me aware of this. I promptly made the secretary aware that no such message was ever taken by my roommates (which I confirmed that evening) or appeared on my voice-mail. I also made it clear that I wanted Ms. Firth to pursue obtaining the permission from Bishop Gumbleton. I asked Professor O'Hara's secretary if there were any formalities I needed to go through. She told me no and that the request was being carried out by Ms. Firth.

The handling of my request in that one week period frustrated me. I could not understand why it took the Office of Student Affairs a full week to inform me that Bishop Gumbleton had to approve the release of the tape to me. It led me to ask a couple of questions. First, if that is standard policy, why did Professor O'Hara's secretary not know about it in the first place? Second, if Bishop Gumbleton never meant the tape to be released publicly, why would he have allowed Student Affairs to videotape it in the first place? And thirdly, if the contents of the tape did not reflect negatively upon the University, would Student Affairs have immediately released it to me?

Regardless of the answers to my questions, I knew one thing for sure — Student Affairs had failed to suitably address my needs. I needed that tape for my column, and gave them ample time to furnish it. However Student Affairs' failure to communicate to me the supposed regulations for release of the tape prevented me from being able

to get it. Had I known from the beginning that I needed Bishop Gumbleton's permission, I would have obtained it myself in enough time to get the tape for my column.

Since it was too late to get the tape for my column, and I was told that Ms. Firth would obtain Bishop Gumbleton's permission and provide me with the tape, I

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decided not to contact him myself. I continued, however, to call and drop-in to Student Affairs to reiterate my request and check its progress. Since my first appearance in Student Affairs on Friday, Feb. 7, I have gone there on more than eight separate occasions, and left more than five telephone messages. Ms. Firth returned just two of my phone calls. One of them, received the week before spring break, a full month after my initial inquiry, stated only that "your request is being processed."

When a faculty member who also happened to be trying to get a copy of the tape and knew of a second student who was pursuing same, learned of my troubles, he informed Faculty Senate Chairperson Father Richard McBrien. Father McBrien contacted Bishop Gumbleton on behalf of the Faculty Senate in the first week of March to solicit permission for release of the tape. Bishop Gumbleton informed Father McBrien that he had never once been contacted by Ms. Firth or anyone in the Office of Student Affairs regarding the release of the tape. Bishop Gumbleton thus wrote a letter to Ms. Firth, asking her to please release the tape and informing her that it was his understanding that the purpose of taping his lecture was so that it could be viewed by students and faculty after the fact.

On Thursday, March 20, I called Ms. Firth again. I was told by her secretary that she was in the office and would call me back as soon as she was finished with the call she was on at the time. After two hours had passed, and I had received no call, I decided to go to Student Affairs. Ms. Firth was not able to speak with me. Finally, however, after six weeks of phone calls and drop-ins, I was offered an appointment with her.

I met with Ms. Firth yesterday morning at 10 a.m., at which time I was provided with a copy of the videotape. Ms. Firth and I spoke at length about the request process and the reason that it

took some six weeks to furnish the tape to me. She told me that Bishop Gumbleton was difficult to contact and that the office was extremely busy with other matters. Ms. Firth was upset with my persistency, stating that there was no reason for me or anyone else not to trust Student Affairs to carry out the request. In the end-all-be-all, six weeks is not that long for such a request, she told me.

My conversation with Ms. Firth did little to comfort me. Why is it that Student Affairs could not track down Bishop Gumbleton, while it took Father McBrien just a single phone call? (I pursued Ms. Firth on this question, but she would not speak about her correspondences with the bishop, citing confidentiality as the reason.) Additionally, if requests like these generally take so long, why did Ms. Firth not inform me of this in the first place?

Regardless of the reason for the delay in providing the tape, be it for bureaucratic reasons (as Ms. Firth asserts), or some other reason, the actions of Student Affairs are not acceptable. The office failed to keep me abreast of my request, leaving me entirely in the dark as to what was going on. They left me no choice but to be persistent until I finally got the tape. Is this any way to run the Office of Student Affairs? Is it not the job of Student Affairs to serve students in a timely and efficacious manner?

Ms. Firth continued to ask me during our meeting, "Why don't you trust us?" I told her that this very experience is why. The student body of Notre Dame deserves better than this from our Office of Student Affairs. We deserve having our needs fully addressed; we deserve quality, efficiency and honesty in services.

The time has come for Student Affairs to submit to a student-led audit of its services and jurisdiction. If the office is really interested in improving its relationship with the student body, and if it has nothing to hide, they should be more than willing to do this. Student Affairs should be in the business of serving students. What better way to assure this than by letting students evaluate the office and make recommendations for improvement?

I do not hold Ann Firth individually responsible for the poor services provided to me and others with regard to the videotape. I do, however, hold the Office of Student Affairs fully accountable for its unprofessional handling of this situation. I think it is time for Student Affairs to reexamine what exactly its purpose on this campus is, and start serving rather than hindering the Notre Dame student body. Notre Dame students demand and deserve better.

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■ ACCENT ASKS

What is your most fantastic idea for a wedding?



"At a Roller-derby."

Brian Tomcik
Sophomore, Keenan

"In front of Cinderella's castle at Disney World."

Kara Hondley
Freshman, Breen-Phillips



"All attendees must be nude, and at a quiet, isolated beach in Southern California."

Mike Early
Freshman, Fisher

"While skiing down a mountain."

Andrea Rohrs
Junior, Farley



"At Wrigley Field, with Harry Carey as my best man."

Jason Moskowitz
Sophomore, Flanner

"My wedding dinner will consist solely of Lucky Charms."

Julie Lynk
Freshman, Cavanaugh



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

From the Ground Up: A History of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart

By JOSEPH WEILER
Assistant Accent Editor

The Sacred Heart Basilica is the home to dozens of weddings each year. It is a beautiful place of worship and a memory that lasts forever. But if the walls of the Basilica could talk, they would tell you of much more than the black and white weddings that have occurred there. They would spin a marvelously colorful tale that stretches back three centuries.

The story would begin in the last quarter of the 17th century when the French were attempting to establish both a colonial and a Catholic presence in the St. Joseph River Valley in northern Indiana. Brave men like Jacques Marquette and Rene de Le Salle forged their way across the wilderness of the Midwest and tramped through steams and over prairies claiming all that they saw for God and country.

The French Missionaries allied themselves and the secular world joined together in an attempt to Christianize the New World. In 1685 a French Jesuit, Rev. Claude Allouez, established St. Joseph's Mission at Niles, Michigan, where the French were to eventually construct Fort St. Joseph.

He also began another mission on the other shore of Saint Mary's lake in 1686 where the Notre Dame campus is now, in an area several hundred yards west of Sacred Heart Church's main entrance. The mission was named as Ste-Marie-des-Lacs and so began 300 hundred years as a religious site.

To each student who attends this University it means something different. For some it may constitute spirits, friends, hope. For the early French

missionaries it was a chance to spread the faith and bring Jesus to the Indians.

They needed a place to teach so a little log chapel-cabin was built. This chapel would not be the last. In fact, it would be the first of a prestigious list of French churches.

In 1830 another missionary came and rebuilt the little chapel. Rev. Stephen Badin would later serve as a predecessor for a man named Father Edward Sorin, C.S.C.

It was Father Sorin's decision to upgrade the little chapel (which served as a woodshop on the first floor and a crowded dorm for 18 men on the second).

In 1847, yet another church was constructed. This one had two spires and is now affectionately referred to as Sacred Heart I. By 1856, the church that started as the little chapel now housed 23 clarion bells and a bass bell.

As a direct aftermath of the civil war, the University began to once again explore its options for a new church. In 1868 Father Sorin boasted that Sacred Heart II (modeled after the the Church of Gesu in Rome) could be completed in two years.

Sorin was a bit off. In fact the new church took 20 years to complete and was finished in 1892. But it was built with brick or mortar as opposed to the wooden Sacred Heart I and now has a spire that reaches 209 feet into the air.

For over 300 years now, there has been a religious tradition here at Notre Dame, though Notre Dame may not have even been here.

As men and women walk down the aisle and promise to love and honor each other, we can rest assured that the tradition will live on for hundreds more.

By MEGAN FERST
Accent Copy Editor

If we've heard it a thousand times, it's still true. A girl at Notre Dame meets a boy at the Grotto. In fact, as many as 80 percent of students will find their future spouse before they graduate. Then, that every year, hundreds of anxious couples flood the phone lines of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, hoping to win a coveted spot on the calendar for the marriage ceremony.

For many Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, the Basilica is an ideal place for exchanging vows. For one, the location allows many friends and family to be present who would otherwise have difficulty in attending due to travel concerns.

Andrea and Brian Schappell, who were married at Sacred Heart in 1979, chose it precisely because of the meeting point involved, her relationship with Michigan and his friends.

However, most of the number of students selecting the Basilica Allison Wisk, who was scheduled for May, was disappointed in the appeal. "My friend went to ND under a receiving our grant. It's a meaningful place because of deep roots."

Dame senior Rebekah

African American Film Cultural Heritage with

By RYAN LYNCH
Accent Movie Critic

"I think the imagination of a people can never be reduced to reality- this is sometimes the tendency of our films," contends African director Jean-Pierre Bekolo. The imagination of African culture will be presented here at Notre Dame through the African Film Festival, which begins today and continues each successive Wednesday through April 30. Presented by the Notre Dame African Students' Association, the African Film Festival offers free admission and screenings start at 7 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall. In addition, all films are followed by a panel discussion.

The Notre Dame African Students' Association has selected an outstanding representation of films to portray African culture and heritage. These films not only provide a first-hand look at Africa's developing cinematic brilliance, but they also introduce topics to be further explored in the panel discussions that follow each film. The following are previews of the movies to be shown in the African Film Festival, and are accompanied by the topics of their subsequent panel discussions.

This evening, the festival is showing "Quartier Mozart," a 1992 film that won an award at the Cannes Film Festival and is an audience favorite at film festivals from New Delhi to New York. Directed by 26-year-old Jean-Pierre Bekolo, "Quartier Mozart" is the story of two days in the life of a working class neighborhood in Yaounde. Bekolo draws much of his inspiration from Spike Lee's book, "Inside Guerrilla Filmmaking." Critics recognize and savor this American influence as they see Bekolo "revealing a sensibility effortlessly crossing MTV and Hollywood with African folklore." "Quartier Mozart" offers an ideal introduction to the panel discussion

entitled, "Pop Culture, Parenting, and the African Diaspora," which is chaired by Carla Mazzeo at Notre Dame.

On Wed., April 2, the film festival ("The Blue Eyes of Yonta.") "Udu" Gomes's first feature film and Bissau's arduous struggle for independence. The New York Times as "a richly shaded vision of the people on the verge of losing hope," imperialism from an African perspective followed by the panel discussion "Independence."

The feature film for Wed., "Lambarene." Cameroonian film that delves to the very core of intention — to see the world through the eyes of the people. Completed in 1995, "Le Grang" is the history of colonialism from the "Saints" of the colonial era, like more critical light through Basse, the film precedes the panel discussion "Colonized View."

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has scheduled her wedding for 1998, getting married at Sacred Heart continues a family custom. Her parents were married in the church 25 years ago and she herself was confirmed there. "I come from a military family, and ND is the only place I can really call home," she said.

While each ceremony is unique, the typical Basilica wedding includes a Mass and is steeped in Notre Dame tradition. Some couples go so far as to

coordinators informed them that they would not be able to have a Mass, but rather had to limit their wedding to under an hour.

They also mentioned that another couple was waiting in the vestibule before they had even left the altar! Looking at this case, it's easy to see how the Basilica gets its nickname as the "weekend wedding factory." So, if you're looking to have a long and elaborate service, you might investigate an alternate location.

Still, most couples claim that the advantages of a wedding at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart outweigh any inconveniences. Most will also tell you that Basilica personnel are highly accomodating. As far as Rebecca Cannata is concerned, the staff has been extremely receptive to her needs. "When they found out I might have problems with the military, they fixed me up with a date right away," she stated.

Also, she advises students not to be deterred by the many rules and regulations the Basilica holds, such as not being allowed to throw rice or birdseed. "The rules help the process, not hinder it," she argues.

Others confirm her beliefs. "I have no complaints or regrets," says Schappell. "It was a really beautiful place to have our wedding."

If you're planning to vie for one of the infamous slots on the registry, you must do so at least a year before your desired date. The Basilica of the Sacred Heart opens its books to Notre Dame students and parishioners on the first Sunday in March for reservations for the upcoming year. They average four weddings each Saturday, excluding football weekends, holidays and Lent. The busiest wedding season, according to a local florist, is October.

So when it finally comes time for your big day, you might consider the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Who knows? In a few years the chimes you hear ringing out across the quad might be for you.

choose blue or gold as one of their colors, and/or hire groups such as the Glee Club to perform their music. Glee Club president Michael Lazarra estimates they sing for about one or two weddings each semester. They generally use selections from their traditional repertoire, including, on occasion, the Alma Mater.

But, is a Basilica wedding really all that it's cracked up to be? Some would argue that it's overrated and that the large quantity of weddings performed there each week make for a rather impersonal and hurried ceremony.

According to one couple, Basilica



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through the director's own experience with the 1991 overthrow of a Malian dictator. A panel discussion, "Wisdom and Political Power in Africa," follows the screening of "Guimba the Tyrant."

The festival features "Aime Cesaire: Une Voix Pour L'Afrique" ("Aime Cesaire: A Voice for Africa") on Wed., April 23. Euzhan Palcy's 1994 film chronicles the life of Aime Cesaire in three parts, beginning with the Cesaire's adolescence in colonial towns, and culminating with international praise for Cesaire's central role as a prophet of the dangers of neo-colonialism. Danny Glover heralds director Euzhan Palcy's film; and "Aime Cesaire: Une Voix Pour L'Afrique" proves Palcy deserving of his international acclaim. Because Cesaire is considered a "founding ancestor" of Diaspora literature, a panel discussion entitled, "Africa and the Diaspora in the New Millennium," immediately follows.

The African Film Festival finishes on Wed., April 30, with Chinua Achebe's "Things Fall Apart." The Nigerian director presents a stern look at post-colonial Africa, and touches upon the sensitive issues that drive the final panel discussion: "The Aftermath of the Encounter: Africa and the West."

The Notre Dame African Students' Association effectively brings an accurate and eye-opening cross-section of African films to the Notre Dame community. All have received international acclaim for their commitment to establishing Africa as a culture rich in intellectual and artistic genius — a genius which is regrettably overshadowed at times by the glitz, glamour, and sheer economic power of Hollywood. Issues concerning Africa's rise from the shadow of colonialism deserve attention and consideration, and the panel discussions that follow each screening provide such a forum.

Each of these films, and Africa itself, echoes the closing line of Bassek ba Kobhio's "Le Grand Blanc de Lambarene:" "All we can do is allow others to discover us, as we discover them."

■ ACCENT SPEAKS

Spice Up Your Wedding with a Pagan Sacrifice

By NORA MEANY

Saint Mary's Accent Editor

I want to be divorced someday. This is my dream. Someday I want to involve myself in a custody and property battle with someone that I once loved. I suppose the only way I can embrace my dream is by first getting married."

— Michael C. Thelen, sophomore, Morrissey Hall

Nearly all of us will get married. It's inevitable. In the wise words of my mother, "No matter what kind of a freak you become in college, there will be someone who will want to have children with you." And since we go to a Catholic school, there is no way to have children without marriage, right? So, since the sacrament of matrimony will be entered upon by all, one should have a firm grasp on the subject early on.

Since we are all members of the Notre Dame community as well, chances are that a good percentage of us will strive to be married at the Basilica. This dream is not unfounded, but fed to us from the first day of orientation in our respective schools. Well-rounded education. Dogbook Date Dances. Engagement ring at the Grotto. Marriage at the Basilica. Generous contributions to your Alma Mater. Death.

See, the dream of one's love life usually culminates in the sacrament of marriage celebrated at the Basilica to a man/woman (circle only one) you love. Since this is everyone's dream, you'd best be getting your name on the list and reserve the church for a weekend that's good for you — sometime after graduation. Don't have the lucky person picked out yet? It doesn't matter. With the long line of people already forming, if you wait to reserve the church until after you're in love, you will find yourself with a 20 year engagement on your hands.

Your only alternative will be to get married in a secondary church, perhaps a hometown church or the like. This is quaint and sweet, but also gosche and reserved for the "Proletariat" from your upbringing. If you want to get married, do it right. You may not get the chance again — unless you find yourself traveling down the path of divorce, much like Michael C. Thelen in the above quote. But, that's a completely different column.

Anyway, back to marriage. Most of us will get married at least once, and many will pursue a path down Basilica's aisle on their way. However, I don't believe that many of you grasp the importance of this... Just as we will get married at one point in our lives, we will also find ourselves invited to countless, tedious weddings for our friends. Some will be at the Basilica. Some will not. All will blend together into one horrible, inseparable memory by the time we turn 50. So, in reverence to both God and your friends, make your mark by spicing up your ceremony!

It doesn't take much. All you need to make it memorable is a bit of individual flair and unique style all your own. Abandon the traditional white dress for shimmering beaded puce! Conduct the ceremony in pig latin: Oo day oo yay ake tay is thay an may oo tay ee hay our yay usband hay? I oo day Or offer a live sacrifice on the altar. Pigeon, squirrel, second grader... just like they used to do in the Old Testament! How retro!

Or maybe a subtle change is more your style... Make every second usher walk down the aisle without pants. See if anyone notices. Any of these clever show-stoppers promises to make your wedding both entertaining and memorable.

Personally, I want to update the music for my wedding in a pathetic stab to make the event more casual. Hopefully, Vanilla Ice will be available to cantor. You think that I'm kidding, but I'm not. I had the good fortune to see "The Iceman" over Spring Break, at Charlie's in South Padre.

The word around Texas was that it only took \$600 to lure Vanilla from Florida to entertain the college masses. Since the ceremony would have religious undertones, (and everybody knows that Ice is a Catholic), I'm hoping that Ice will lower his price for the sake of charity and religious reverence. Either way, the music promises to be unforgettable. Processional hymn? Rice, rice baby!

So, I hope I've started the marital ball rolling for you all. Take the first step by putting your name on Basilica reservation list. After all, if you don't act now the most you can hope for is a pleasant funeral in the chapel, and what fun is that? Plan early, plan often and maybe you'll have the wedding of your dreams and be able to die with contentment.

And remember — if at first you don't succeed, in the words of young Thelen — with every good marriage comes a good divorce, so you'll have more than one chance to perfect the blessed event.

■ NBA

Scoring output low for Spurs and Cavs

Effort almost eclipses low-scoring record

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO
The Spurs and Cavaliers almost played the lowest-scoring game in NBA history Tuesday night, but there were six foul shots made in the final 20.3 seconds and San Antonio beat Cleveland 64-59.

The combined total of 123 points tied the second-lowest mark in league history since the inception of the shot clock.

The record-low of 119 points, set by Boston and Milwaukee in 1955, was tied with 20.3 remaining when Terrell Brandon made two foul shots. It was eclipsed with 18.9 seconds left when Cory Alexander made two foul shots to put the Spurs ahead 62-59.

Cleveland's final total of 59 points tied the second-lowest in league history. The Milwaukee Hawks scored 57 in their 1955 game against the Celtics, and the total has been matched twice since then — last December by Orlando and in February, 1996, by the Philadelphia 76ers.

The two teams combined for just 21 points in the fourth quarter, 11 by San Antonio and 10 by Cleveland, to break the record-low of 23 reached four times previously.

The Spurs, despite missing their first 15 shots of the fourth quarter, snapped a five-game losing streak and completed a season sweep of the Cavs.

Cleveland, which currently holds the Eastern Conference's eighth and final playoff spot, had its lead over Washington

cut to three games.

Tyrone Hill led the Cavs with 16 points.

Avery Johnson and Vernon Maxwell had 10 each for San Antonio.

The Spurs did not make a field goal in the fourth quarter until a layup by Monty Williams with 2:58 left in the fourth gave them a 58-55 lead. Hill's layup pulled Cleveland to 58-57 with 2:08 remaining, and a layup by Williams gave San Antonio a 60-57 lead with 1:20 left.

After Alexander made his two free throws with 18.9 seconds left, Terrell Brandon tried a 3-pointer from the top of the key but missed. After a scramble for the ball, Alexander was fouled with 1.8 seconds left and added the final points from the line.

San Antonio shot only 37.3 percent for the game and was 2-of-22 in the final period. Cleveland hit only 31.3 percent of its shots and was 3-of-17 in the fourth.

The Spurs enjoyed the biggest lead by either team when Vinny Del Negro's jumper made it 46-40 with 7:46 left in the third.

Notes: Brandon returned to the lineup after missing four games with a bruised tailbone suffered March 14 against Portland. . . Spurs point guard Avery Johnson was also back after missing six games. Johnson had surgery to drain an abscess in his throat March 17. Until sitting out the Boston game March 14, Johnson had played in 378 straight games, the fifth-longest active streak in the league. . . San Antonio's Dominique Wilkins has 26,378 points and needs 18 to pass John Havlicek for seventh on the NBA's career scoring list.

Pacers end road losing streak

Associated Press

TORONTO

Rik Smits had 28 points and 12 rebounds and Reggie Miller scored 24 points Tuesday night to help the Indiana Pacers end an eight-game road losing streak with a 98-84 victory over the Toronto Raptors.



Smits

Smits, who was score almost at will from inside, reached 20 points for the seventh time in his last 10 games.

Smits even hit from beyond the arc, making his second 3-pointer of the season to answer

a trey by Carlos Rogers and give Indiana a 78-63 lead with 9:46 to play.

Mark Jackson had a triple-double, hitting the second of two foul shots with 3.5 seconds to play to give him 10 points to go along with 11 rebounds and 12 assists.

Miller was on his long-range game in the third quarter, nailing three 3-pointers, including one with 3:42 left gave Indiana a 63-48 lead.

In the first half, Doug Christie was called for a familiar foul that sent Miller to the line for three shots with 38.6 seconds left. Miller made all three shots for a 44-34 lead at the break.

Christie, who was given a technical foul for arguing, was called for a similar foul on Miller late in a game at Indiana on Feb. 17. Miller made all

three foul shots to give the Pacers a 105-102 victory, and Raptors coach Darrell Walker was so incensed at the call that he ran onto the court and spiked the ball.

Walt Williams led the Raptors, losers of three straight, with 16 points. Marcus Camby had 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Notes: The Pacers have won all seven of their games against Toronto since the Raptors entered the league. Indiana is one of three teams (Atlanta, New York) that the Raptors have yet to beat. . . The Raptors have played in a league-high 18 games decided by three points or less, going 7-11. . . After giving up 100 or more points in six of their previous eight games, the Pacers allowed the Raptors just 84.

Hawks take command in third

Mutumbo and Smith lead Hawks to win

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA

Steve Smith scored 27 points and Dikembe Mutumbo added 24 points and 12 rebounds as the Atlanta Hawks extended their winning streak to five games by beating the Portland Trail Blazers 96-89 Tuesday night.

The Hawks, who improved to 31-4 at the Omni, took command after the Blazers forged a 49-49 tie on Rasheed Wallace's dunk with 9:13 left in the third quarter.

Mutumbo scored nine points and Tyrone Corbin five during an 20-5 run that gave the

Hawks a 69-54 lead with 1:36 remaining in the quarter. Atlanta held a 71-61 lead heading to the fourth period and Portland didn't get close until a late run.

The Hawks went through a stretch making just four of eight free throws and Isaiah Rider, who led the Blazers with 22 points, banked in a 3-pointer to cut the gap to 92-86 with 1:15 remaining.

But Atlanta ran down the shot clock and Smith hit a jumper from the top of the key with 53 seconds to go to clinch the victory. Smith had five 3-pointers.

Portland has dropped two of three since an 11-game winning streak, but the Blazers still clinched a playoff berth when Sacramento lost Tuesday night at Orlando. Portland will be making its NBA-best 15th consecutive

postseason appearance.

Atlanta, which clinched a playoff berth Sunday, is more concerned with moving up in the Eastern Conference standings. The Hawks now trail Detroit by one game and New York by 1 1/2 games for the important third position, which would ensure not only home-court advantage but also would put off a potential meeting against the Chicago Bulls until the conference finals.

Notes: Atlanta has won five straight games against the Blazers, including a two-game sweep of the season series. Portland's last win over the Hawks came on Jan. 3, 1995. . . Darrin Hancock, who has provided a defensive spark off the bench, was signed for the rest of the season by the Hawks. . . The Blazers have outrebounded 52 of 71 opponents this season.

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Tar Heels plagued by growing pains

By DAVID DROSCHAK
Associated Press Writer

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. North Carolina was expected to get to the Final Four in 1997. Only the Tar Heels were supposed to do it with guys named Jerry Stackhouse, Rasheed Wallace and Jeff McInnis, not a trio of sophomore starters and a freshman point guard.

But with the NBA draft gutting the team the last two seasons, the Tar Heels head to Indianapolis this week with one of the program's youngest Final Four teams.

Stackhouse, Wallace and McInnis would have all been seniors on this 1997 team had they stayed in school four years. However, Stackhouse and Wallace left for the pros after just two seasons and McInnis bolted last year, forcing underclassmen such as Antawn Jamison, Vince Carter and Ed Cota into prominent roles.

The growing pains for the Tar Heels (28-6) began to show in early January, with criticism abounding across campus, around town and throughout the Atlantic Coast Conference.

North Carolina was off to a program-worst 0-3 league start. In the next game, at home against North Carolina State, the Tar Heels trailed by nine points with 2:23 left before rallying for a three-point win.

"A little confidence came

from that game because we played like we had the world on our shoulders," coach Dean Smith said Tuesday. "We played like we had to win it and you should never have to be in that situation."

"How would you like to keep hearing, 'Well, if they only had Stackhouse and Wallace and McInnis or this could be the worst Carolina team in so many years. I tried so hard to get it across that this is this year's team, this is whom we have on the team and we can do the best we can — that is all that is expected."

"I know that sounds trite, but we (the coaching staff) weren't worried about finishing in the top three (in the ACC). I actually brought that up (with the players). I told them I would be thrilled to finish sixth and make the NCAA tournament. And that was the truth at that time."

Jamison said he even went as far as getting his ring size before coming to North Carolina for what he believed would be a national title chance with the talent the Tar Heels had compiled to go along with Stackhouse, Wallace and McInnis.

But in two years, the depth and skill level had evaporated.

"It was very hard because I was expecting those guys to be here and once I got here they weren't," said Jamison, who as a sophomore is now the team's star and second team All-American.

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Arizona.

According to Coach Lute Olson, Bibby "has ice water running through his veins."

I'm no doctor, but I can tell that this freshman is very talented and composed and will pose a problem for any team he faces. Simon, Dickerson, and Bibby are great scorers, but I don't see Arizona advancing to the title game because of its lax defense and erratic shooting.

Arizona will play North Carolina, who are perhaps the only team that was hotter than UCLA going into the tournament and have not lost since January. They defeated Louisville to take the East Region. UNC is led by Antawn Jamison, Vince Carter, Ed Cota, and Serge Zwikker. Zwikker, the least talented of the quartet, is the most interesting to watch, as he personifies Danish basketball, evoking memories of Rik Smits — not necessarily a good thing.

One good thing about North Carolina, which gives them an advantage over every other remaining team except maybe Kentucky, is their coaching. Dean Smith, the grizzled veteran who just surpassed Adolph Rupp for career victory totals, is a brilliant coach who has made the Tar Heels into a tournament-tough team. This team will go to the final game, but will fall just short of winning it all because any team that has a player that evokes memories of Rik Smits cannot win the college basketball tournament. It's just not allowed.

The team representing the Midwest Region — Minnesota — was just not allowed in the

NCAA tournament last year. They should not have been this year, either. The Golden Gophers have turned things around this year with a strong team stacked with seniors and led by Bobby Jackson and Sam Jacobson. I do not like this team, and I am stunned that they even made it this far.

Their victory over UCLA was impressive only in that they were able to exploit the fact that Jelani McCoy was injured by drawing enough fouls to dupe the rest of the Bruins into bad shooting and reticent defense. The fact of the matter is that Minnesota has only one real marquee player — Jackson — and he is not good enough to lead them to the final game.

The one player who is good enough to lead his team not only to the final game but to the tournament championship is Kentucky's Ron Mercer. Kentucky, who marched through the West Region unchallenged, is the most interesting team in the tournament, if not the most controversial. The NCAA champions last year, the Wildcats have been decimated by the NBA draft and a knee injury to superstar Derek Anderson.

The Anderson injury has been the source of the controversy surrounding Kentucky. Head coach Rick Pitino, the best coach in college basketball today, denied Anderson's request to play in the tournament after he had been cleared by the team trainer. Pitino believes that Anderson, who would no doubt help a Wildcat team that has turned to Allen Edwards and Cameron Mills when Mercer is triple- and quadruple-teamed, would risk injury and therefore his chances of being drafted high in the NBA draft if he were to

play.

Kentucky is my pick to win the NCAA tournament. I believe that the Wildcats can beat any team in the country except Wake Forest, who I had going to the Final Four after defeating Kentucky in the West Regional final — with or without Anderson.

Anderson's situation, however, brings up a point about the power of head coaches today in college basketball. Pitino, who seemingly had Anderson's best interests in mind when he made the decision not to let him play, still refused to let Anderson play when he wished to do so and, as evidenced by his play, had earned the right to do so.

Clearly, this year will be remembered as a year when head coaches flexed their muscles against the wishes of and, in some cases, at the expense of their players.

Among other things, this year will be remembered as the year that all of the seniors stayed behind to lead their teams to the Final Four, but none of them did. Jacque Vaughn of Kansas, Tim Duncan of Wake Forest, and Keith Van Horn of Utah all deferred millions of dollars in the NBA for one more year in college basketball, only to see their teams succumb to defeat before reaching Indianapolis.

It will be remembered as the year that Kansas was destined to win it all, but could not even make it to the Elite Eight. It will be remembered as the year that three number-one seeds advanced to the Final Four to make it one of the most competitive and exciting tournaments in a long time. It will be remembered as the year that Kentucky repeats as national champions.

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■ NIT

'Noles outlast Huskies in overtime battle, 71-65

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK

James Collins matched his career-high with 29 points, Kerry Thompson added 20 and Florida State advanced to its first NIT final Tuesday night with a 71-65 overtime victory over Connecticut.

Thompson, a junior from New York playing with a dislocated finger, made a 3-pointer with 3.9 seconds left in regulation to tie it 59-59 and force the overtime.

In defeating their third Big East opponent in the tournament, the Seminoles (20-11) earned a spot in Thursday's

championship game against the winner of Tuesday's second semifinal between Michigan and Arkansas.

Freshman Richard Hamilton scored 26 points to lead the Huskies (17-15), who will finish their season Thursday night in the third-place game.

Collins made 8 of 12 3-pointers for Florida State, which defeated Syracuse and West Virginia of the Big East on the road earlier in the tournament. Center Randall Jackson, who came in averaging 18.3 points in the tourney, was held to eight on 2-for-11 shooting.

But Collins and Thompson picked up the scoring slack and denied UConn, the 1988 NIT

champion, a second trip to the tournament final. Florida State was also able to erase the ugly memory of its last meeting against Connecticut, a 79-61 loss on national television.

Following that game, FSU coach Pat Kennedy had written a letter to the school's fans apologizing for his team's effort and sent it to a local newspaper.

Hamilton's jumper 23 seconds into overtime put the Huskies up 61-59 before Collins' 3-pointer gave the Seminoles the lead for good.

Jackson's inside basket and two free throws by Corey Louis helped Florida State extend its lead to 66-61 with 2:16 left.

The Seminoles, who defeated

Final Four entrant North Carolina by 13 points during the regular season, got two more free throws from Thompson with 49 seconds left, and watched Connecticut self-destruct on its next two possessions.

First Hamilton walked, Rashamel Jones was called for a charge with 32 seconds left and UConn coach Jim Calhoun was assessed a technical foul for arguing.

Jones' 3-pointer with 1:00 left in regulation had given the Huskies a 59-54 lead before Jackson made two free throws.

Jones missed a 3 on Connecticut's next trip with 16 seconds left, giving Florida State

a chance to tie it, and Thompson did. He calmly dribbled at the top of the key before sinking his game-tying 3-pointer.

Hamilton picked up his fourth foul less than a minute later and sat for a 3:38 stretch. With Hamilton out, the Huskies struggled offensively and Florida State caught them at 53 on Collins' seventh 3-pointer with 3:58 remaining. UConn went without a field goal for a 6:38 stretch of the second half before Hamilton's jumper gave the Huskies a 56-53 lead with 2:39 to play.

Collins scored 11 points and Thompson 10 in the first half as Florida State took a 33-32 lead at the break.



Husky head coach Jim Calhoun watched his team fall to Florida State, which advanced to its first ever NIT championship game.

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Fencing

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"There is both good and bad to the end of fencing," said Siek.

"Not seeing the people will be difficult and the fact that I won't have anymore chances to win it all are tough to handle. But now I'll have more of a chance to focus on fencing the U.S. Circuit events."

Siek's experience with Notre Dame fencing will not be completely over, however. Siek will be returning to graduate stud-

ies next year. While working towards his Ph.D. in computer science, Siek will be helping out future fencers by giving lessons while training with the team. Siek also has hopes of one day performing in the Olympics.

"It's going to be nice to continue working with Notre Dame fencing while still working on future goals," said Siek.

Though the season has now ended short of a goal, the fencing team still maintains its pride of a worthy finish.

"It's disappointing to finish so close to our goal, but there is no shame in finishing such a close second," said Lester.

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WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR

Irish to debut in the Final Four

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
Associated Press Writer

Tennessee, Stanford and Old Dominion bring impressive resumes to the NCAA women's Final Four and a combined seven national titles.

But that's nothing. The fourth team, Notre Dame, has won more than that all by itself. Of course, those eight championships were in football.

Notre Dame is both a surprise and a newcomer in this year's group, which will gather in Cincinnati to crown the 1997 national champion.

The Irish will make their first

Final Four appearance when they play defending champion Tennessee on Friday night.

Stanford and Old Dominion, the only No. 1 seeds to make it, meet in the opener of the semifinals. The winners play Sunday night for the title, which has been won four times by Tennessee, twice by Stanford and once by Old Dominion.

Notre Dame, which lost to Tennessee in the semifinals of the preseason NIT, would like to join that list of champions. Getting to the Final Four brings them one step closer to that goal.

"It's something I've dreamed

about since the first day I signed," senior Beth Morgan said. "I think it's due to our seniors. We've been persistent and resilient this year."

That resiliency part has been crucial because injuries left the Irish (31-6) with only seven players at one point this season and they have just eight now.

But Morgan and senior center Katryna Gaither have been the best 1-2 combination in the tournament, enabling the Irish to fight their way through the East Regional to become the first No. 6 seed to reach the Final Four since Alabama in 1994.

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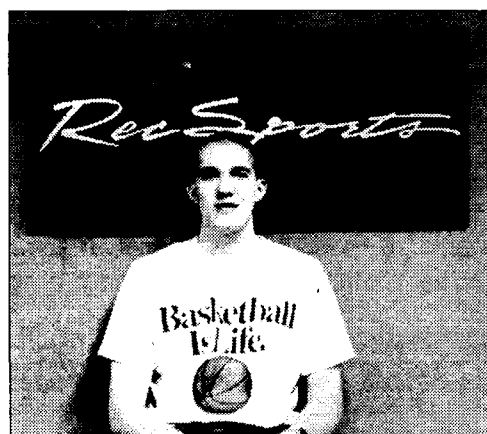
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■ TRACK AND FIELD

Irish add three new provisional qualifiers for NCAA

Track team fares well in split-squad action

By WILLY BAUER
Sports Writer

Every coach has a strategy for their team, and track coach Joe Piane's divine strategy has been divide and conquer. So far, through the cross-country, indoor and, now, the outdoor track season, that game plan has worked with stellar results.

Last weekend, Piane split his

team between the sunny Pacific coast and the Deep South. Both teams fared well in split-squad action, and the Irish now boast three new NCAA provisional qualifiers.

The long-distance teams traveled to Palo Alto, Calif., for the Stanford Invitational. Derek Seiling qualified for the NCAA championships in the steeple chase, while Jason Rexing and Matt Althoff qualified in the 10,000-meter run.

Teammates in the 10,000, Joe Dunlop and Scott Grace, also fared well in the 10,000. Dunlop finished with a time of 30.22, and Grace with 30.34.

"We had very good times," said Piane. "These times would do very well at the Big East, which is May 3 and 4. Our main purpose was to get a few guys qualified for the NCAAs. So we accomplished our goal."

The sprinters and field event personnel were shipped to the Alabama Relays in Tuscaloosa.

Senior Mike Fleisch finished in second place in the shot put with a heave of 57 feet, 11 inches. Freshman sensation Marshaun West finished in third place in the long jump with a jump two inches shy of 25 feet.

Hurdler Errol Williams fin-

ished in second place in the 110-meter hurdles, finishing in 14.15 seconds.

On the women's side, Nadia Schmiedt's time of 60.52 seconds qualified her in fourth place in the 400-meter hurdles. Alison Howard finished in third in the 400-meter dash and Jennifer Engelhardt was the third best high jumper at Alabama.

"Overall, it was a pretty good performance considering it is early in the year," said assistant coach John Millar, who accompanied the team to Alabama. "We had better times than we had last year at this time."

The track team splits up again this weekend, sending teams to Phoenix and Purdue.

West, Engelhardt, and Fleisch will be accompanied by Dominique Calloway and Jeff Hojnacki to the Phoenix meet. The remainder of the team will have to settle for the less-luxurious climate of Purdue.

"We'll do pretty well," predicted Millar. "[The Sun Devil Invitational] will be the first outdoor meet where we will have a majority of our teams compete. We shall see where we are at for the Big East tournament."



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Senior Mike Fleisch finished second in the shot put with a throw of 57 feet and 11 inches.

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■ SMC TRACK

Davis named first Belle All-American

By MARIANNE BANKO
Saint Mary's Sports Writer

Over spring break, Stacy Davis, a sophomore Saint Mary's trackster, became the first track All-American that Saint Mary's has ever had. The Indoor Track Nationals were held at the University of Wisconsin-Osh Kosh. The national meet, held March 7-8, requires runners to qualify on Friday to compete in the final heat on Saturday. Davis went into the national meet with the best time in the 55-meter dash. Then in the qualifying round, she placed in the top eight with a time of 7.34 seconds.

"You shouldn't always be satisfied with how you run," said Davis regarding her qualifying time. On Saturday, Davis bettered her qualifying time by running 7.29 seconds which placed her in fourth. "I would have liked first place, but sometimes you win some and other times you lose some. It just make you work harder."

Davis' modest attitude should not take away from the

fact that a person who places in the top six times is considered an All-American. She is the first Saint Mary's athlete to gain such status. Since Davis placed fourth at nationals, she earned the Saint Mary's College track team four points which ranked them 26th in the nation.

Last season, she qualified for both the Indoor and Outdoor Track Nationals. She placed in the time range that earned her Honorable Mention All-American status. Track coach Larry Szczechowski claims that Stacy worked harder on her stride and with the weights to make her stronger this season.

"She (Davis) is a natural, yet she still works hard to make herself better," said Coach Szczechowski. "She is always at practice and never complains about the work she has to do."

Davis plans on working on her 200-meter run for the outdoor season. On Sat., March 29, the track team travels to Hope College for a meet at noon.

Baseball

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spread over the fourth and fifth innings.

Ust opened the fourth with a double, but after Greene walked, Felker grounded into a 4-6-3 double play, which pushed Ust to third. With two outs, Frye came up big, as he singled to drive in Ust. This initiated a string of five consecutive Irish hits, which led to a 7-4 Notre Dame lead before the side was retired.

WMU answered by chasing McKeown from the mound and closing the gap to 7-6 in the top of the fifth. However, the Irish attack roared once again. They opened the bottom of the stanza with six consecutive hits including a leadoff triple from Ust and an RBI double by Frye.

"The bats were really key for us today," said McKeown, who was the beneficiary of all the offense. "Any time you have a four-run inning and a five-run inning back-to-back it's going to help."

From there, Notre Dame never looked back. Mike Balicki and Pat Davis combined to shut down the Bronco hitters, and the Irish offense added two runs in the sixth, one in the seventh and two more in the eighth on Ust's third home run of the year.

"I played with him (Ust) a little over the summer," said McKeown, "so I knew what he was capable of. He hit the ball well in fall practice and he has just carried that over to now."

Other notable performances were turned in by O'Keefe, Mike Amrhein, and J.J. Brock.

O'Keefe has been playing right field for the injured Justin Scholl and has not missed a

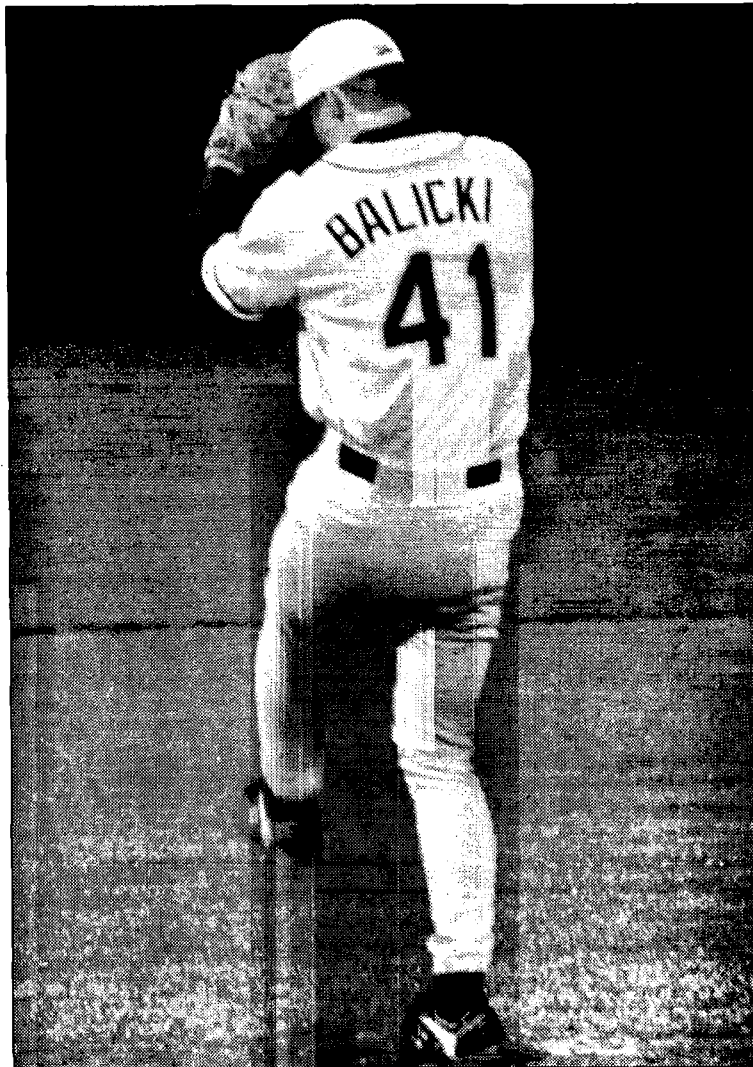
beat. The senior came into the game batting .385 and improved his average even more with a three-for-five evening.

"The transition (from reserve to starter) has been easy for me," commented O'Keefe, "because I've had opportunities to play in the past. I'm not looking to fill Justin's shoes. I just want to do what I do best

like getting on base and trying to score runs for the team.

Amrhein has hit in 20 of Notre Dame's 21 contests this season. He currently is among the top five players in the Big East in hits, RBI, walks and total bases.

J.J. Brock went three-for-four with a walk to raise his batting average above .300 for the first time this season.



Irish pitcher Mike Balicki shut down the Broncos offense and boosted the team's home record to 2-0.

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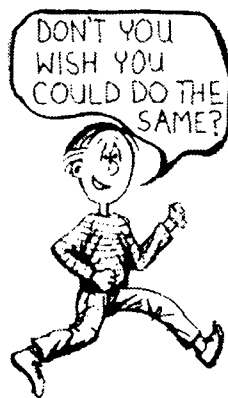
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Who will follow in the path of Dave Kellett and Ed Leader as the next cartoonist for The Observer? Each of these candidates has his eyes set on being the next. And the decision is up to you.

That's right: your vote will determine which comic strip appears in The Observer.

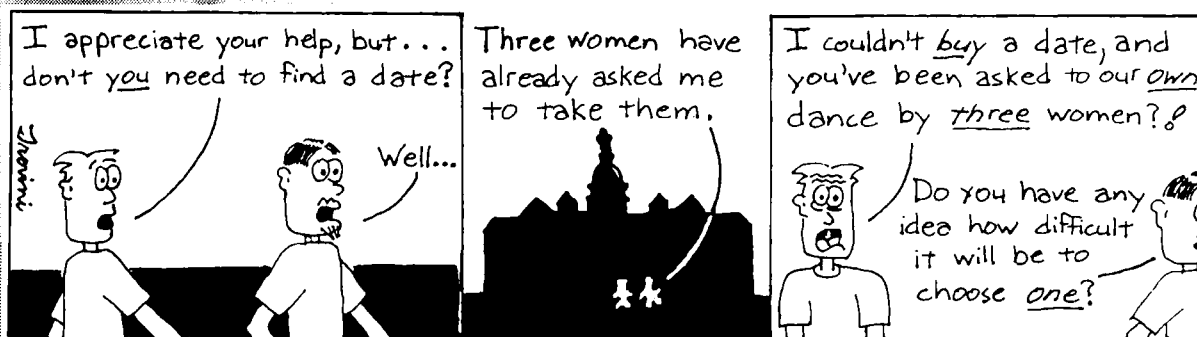
In each issue this week and next week, a selection from each of the four comic strips will appear here. Next week, a ballot will be provided at the bottom of this page so that you can submit your vote for your favorite comic strip.

A LONG WAY FROM SOMEWHERE

KEVIN TROVINI

A Long Way From Somewhere looks at the chaos and comedy of undergraduate life at Notre Dame. The strip centers around the life of A.J., a shy but friendly undergrad, and his outgoing roommate (currently unnamed). A.J. is always finding himself caught up in some wacky misadventure (often during his work-study position at the South Dining Hall) and tends to bring his unwilling roommate along for the ride. Whereas A.J.'s love life is perpetually cursed, his suave roommate has no problem with the opposite sex. These two soon develop a strong friendship with Amy, a charismatic biochem major, and William, the nerd across the hall. Other characters include: the ROTC guy, the Stadium Usher, Skippy the Squirrel, the DART machine, and the Talking Ethanol Cloud.

Kevin Trovini



MEN ABOUT CAMPUS

DAN SULLIVAN



Men About Campus is essentially a comic strip about that — a guy's perspective about Notre Dame. It covers everything, including ND "dating," the dining hall, SYRs, football games, the leprechaun and the weather. Of course, the strip will contain women — as for the moment the guys are just moving into their new place. And like the dorms, all campus comics have to contend with parietals, too.

The comic strip also will address some of the politics of ND, such as the stance on gay and lesbian students, the ever-increasing number of sports edifices on campus, along with the basic humor which a group of four unique men eventually come up with.

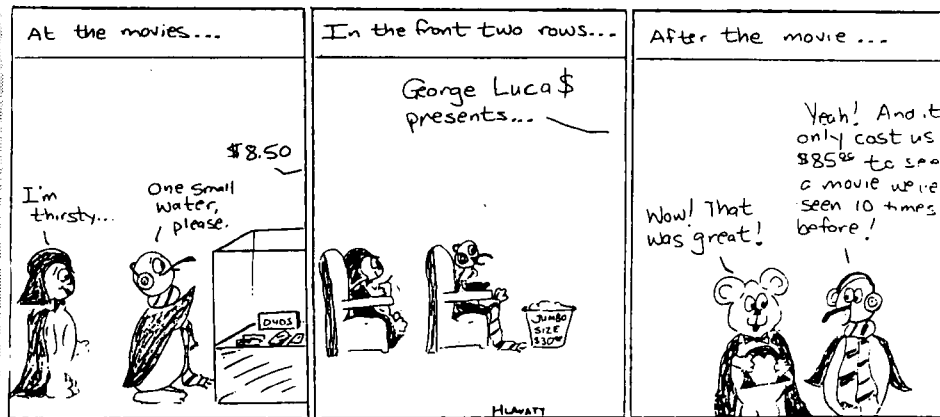
Dan Sullivan

N.D.C.D. BLUES

JOHN HLAVATY

The main characters of N.D.C.D. Blues are a nameless koala bear and a penguin, and the strip's setting will vary. In general, I will mock events happening around and to me. Since I am a Notre Dame student, obviously Notre Dame events will play a role in the strip's theme. But I'll also explore all aspects of my life here, which means I don't want to focus solely on Notre Dame. These first seven strips demonstrate this. None of them deal directly with Notre Dame, but of the events surrounding it. The jokes regarding the Huddle, the dining hall food, the sports teams, etc., have been done ad nauseam. I hope to put a slightly fresher perspective in this strip.

John Hlavaty



THE LILYPAD

JEREMIAH CONWAY



The strip is about Ron, Pete, and everyone else's crazy lives here at ND.

The Stars o' the Show: Ron is pretty delusional, and Pete tends to be more sane, as does Lissa when compared to her roommate, Jen. Lissa is an engineer, and Jen is an architecture major, although that may change. Crazy Bill is the demented next-door neighbor of Ron and Pete; he's pretty messed up. The Two Giant Squirrels are friends of Crazy Bill on the Bookstore Basketball team. Lenny, a chupacabra, lives in Pete's pillow.

Jeremiah Conway

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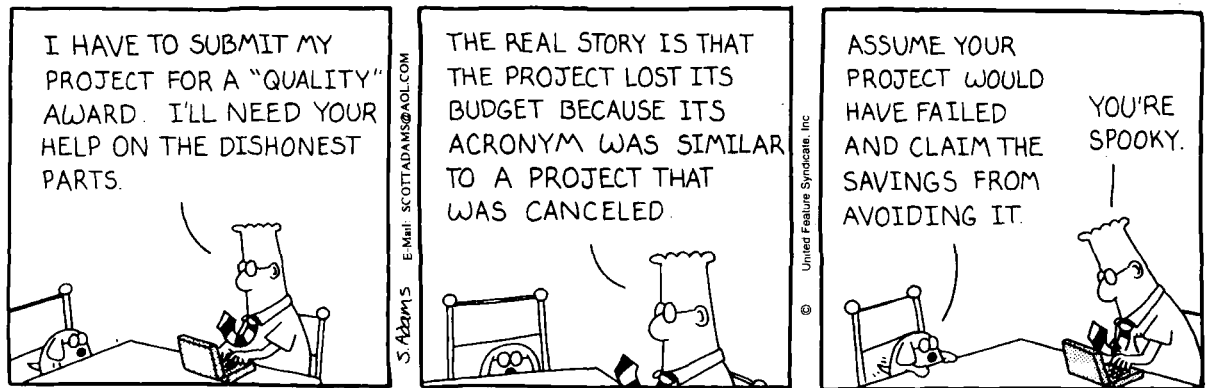
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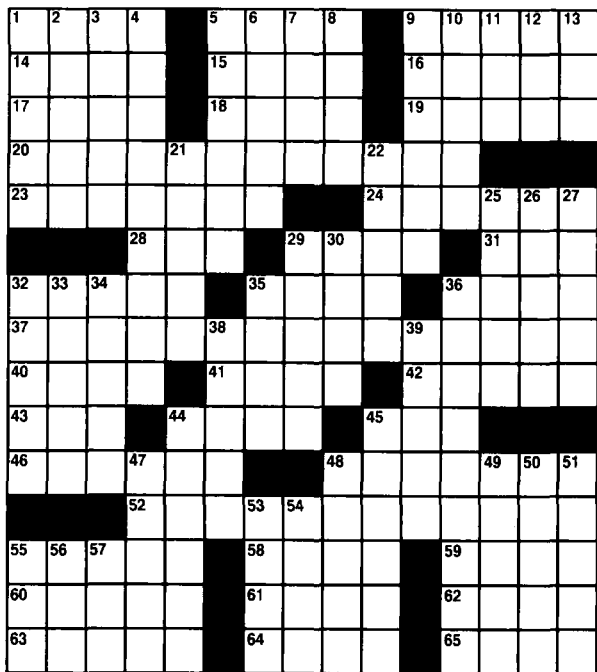
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■ Of Interest

The New Music at Notre Dame Festival closes tonight with a final evening gala concert at 8 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium at the Snite Museum of Art. Premiere performances will include "Dickinson Songs" by Notre Dame faculty composer Ethan Haimo, "Recitative and Aria" by faculty composer Ingram Marshall and "Last night I heard the moon unsung" by graduate student composer Kurt Erickson. The concert is free and open to the public. Call 1-6201 for more information.

World Hunger Coalition is sponsoring the annual Easter basket program. Help is needed to assemble and distribute 300 baskets to South Bend families. Baskets will be assembled from 2 to 4 p.m. and handed out from 4 to 6 p.m. at Stepan Center.

The African Students Association will sponsor the African film, "Quartier Mozart from Cameroon," followed by discussions tonight at 7 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo.

A Graduate School Workshop, oriented toward students completing their junior year (seniors are welcome), will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room at LaFortune.

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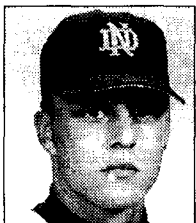
■ BASEBALL

Ust, Frye lead squad to victory in opener

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite a slow start yesterday, the Irish exploded for 16 runs on a season high 20 hits and defended Frank Eck Stadium by hammering Western Michigan in their official home opener.

The win actually moves Notre Dame's home record to 2-0 because of a previously unscheduled home contest against IUPUI last week and gets the team back on



Ust

track after a painful weekend at Seton Hall.

Following the three-game sweep at the hands of the Pirates, Irish head coach Paul Mainieri was unsatisfied with his squad's offensive production. Last night he couldn't have asked for more.

"I think it (the offensive output) was a result of being more aggressive at the plate," said rightfielder Pat O'Keefe.

On what was an extremely chilly evening, Irish bats heated up the night with nine extra-base hits. Leading the way were freshman Brant Ust and junior Todd Frye.

Ust, a pre-season pick for Big East Rookie of the Year, reached base in each of his five plate appearances and came

just a single shy of hitting for the cycle. The second baseman was three of four with a walk and reached on an error in the second inning.

Frye, who started at shortstop for the slumping Paul Turco, was four for five with a double. Two of the junior's base hits were key parts of Irish rallies.

Southpaw Chris McKeown entered the game with an 0-2 record and a 4.58 ERA, but overcame a rocky first inning to pitch 4 1/3 solid innings.

The Broncos came out swinging against Notre Dame's sophomore hurler and three of their first four hitters smacked base hits, including two doubles. Second baseman Anthony Halyszko tripled to give Western Michigan a 3-0 lead

before McKeown could stem the Bronco tide.

"I didn't have my placement," explained McKeown. "I was a little up in the zone tonight. It's an adjustment I have to make."

The Irish went quietly in their half of the first before answering with a pair of runs in the bottom of the second. Sophomore Allen Greene crushed a one-out triple to score Ust from first and followed him across on a single by freshman Jeff Felker.

After falling behind 4-2 in the top of the fourth, Notre Dame opened the flood gates, scoring in every inning from that point on. The bulk of the onslaught came in form of nine runs

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■ JOCK STRIP

NCAA tourney packed with surprises

What's going on in the NCAA men's basketball tournament? For the first time in a long time, three number-one seeded teams advanced to the tournament.

John Coppolella
Sports Writer

However, the team that was everybody's number one — Kansas — was knocked out of the tournament. As the Final Four is set to begin in some three days just south in Indianapolis, we are left not only with four teams, but also with many questions about the close of the year in college basketball.

I may not be the right one to answer these questions because my Final Four picks included UCLA, Kansas, Wake Forest, and North Carolina. I had the Bruins defeating the Jayhawks in the final game with Charles O'Bannon landing tournament MVP.

A friend of mine who goes to UCLA had the same final game, but a different result — a Kansas victory — in his Final Four pool. He said that he had to follow his instincts instead of his heart. Indeed, nearly every basketball aficionado had Kansas in their Final Four, and most had them winning it.

Why not? The Jayhawks had been ranked atop of the college basketball polls all season and only became stronger as the season progressed.

What about UCLA? The Bruins, after a sobering beginning of the season that included a 48-point loss to Stanford, came into the tournament as arguably the hottest team in college basketball, seemingly resurrected under new head coach Steve Lavin.

What happened to UCLA and Kansas? Simply put, they were outplayed by four teams that could make this the most exciting Final Four of the 1990s.

The Southeast Region is the only region to not be represented by a number-one seed, as Arizona moves on after ruining Kansas' dream season and escaping from Providence. The Wildcats are a tough team with many dangerous scorers, including Miles Simon, Michael Dickerson, and superfrosh Mike Bibby. Watch out for Bibby, the son of USC head coach Henry Bibby, when you watch

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■ FENCING

Fencers find final goal foiled

Walsh places second at NCAA tournament

By DAVID FRICK
Sports Writer

The fencing team finished short of its goal of an NCAA championship last weekend, but the second place it earned is nothing to be ashamed of. Entering as first challenger to defending champion Penn State, the team nearly overcame its annual rival only to fall short by a mere six bouts out of the 230 in which they competed.

"We always knew we could win, but we would have to step it up if that were to take place. Unfortunately, we came up just a little short," said senior sabre captain Bill Lester.

Lester and fellow sabreist Luke LaValle gave the sabre squad one of the best results of the team.

"Luke and I had a good tournament, but we knew Penn State was going to be tough. We both had the potential to beat them, but it just wasn't meant to be," said Lester.

The other dominant squad on the team was the women's foil squad. With two top five finishes, the foil squad influenced the almost magical comeback on the final day.

"It was both exciting and stressful when we made our run. The entire team was really psyched," said sophomore Sara Walsh, a second place finisher. "Even though we came up short, I guess the entire experience is what competition is all about. It just gives us more incentive next year."

Sophomore foilist Myriah Brown's fifth place finish was also influential in the closing of a 130 point gap to 60 points on the final day of competition.

"I think we are all quite disappointed that we fell a little short because the whole season was focused on the NAAs," said Brown. "But without the incredible team spirit we had, we wouldn't have even had a chance to win."

The fencing team will once again be near the top next year to battle for the crown. Eight of the Irish's 10 NCAA qualified fencers will be returning next year. But the loss of Lester and senior foil captain Jeremy Siek will be felt throughout the entire team. Between the two, they have earned All-American honors seven times.

"I haven't yet had the chance to become nostalgic about it all ending, but I'm sure I'll be looking back soon enough on all of the good times," said Lester.

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The Observer/Rob Finch
Notre Dame lost the NCAA title to Penn State for the second year in a row.



The Observer/Rob Finch
Despite a second place by foilist Sara Walsh and a fifth place finish by foilist Myriah Brown, the squad was six bouts short of the 230 needed to secure a NCAA title.

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