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Alvarè: Abortion is powerlessness, not freedom

By SARAH J. HILTZ
News Writer

One of the most popular arguments used to refute the pro-life argument is that the freedom of women is compromised if they are denied the right to choose. Helen Alvarè, the spokesperson on abortion for the National Council of Catholic Bishops, does not believe that this is the case.

Addressing a standing-room only audience in the Law School courtroom, Alvarè took a new angle on an old topic by addressing the concept of freedom. "The number one value in [the pro-choice argument] was being independent and free," said Alvarè.

Many advocates of abortion assert that denying women the right to choose robs them of control over their own lives. These would equate the decision to have an abortion with the ability to correct a mistake, or to control one's body. Alvarè said, however, that such control

is illusory, as is evidenced by the fact that 50 percent of abortions are repeat abortions. This, she suggested, indicates that abortion is not a means of control over oneself, but is rather a sign of powerlessness.

She also mentioned that while having a child may prevent a woman from improving her life by getting a job or going to school, abortion does not in any way make her life better, as it will not guarantee that she will be able to do anything.

She also countered the claim of pro-choice supporters that, in many cases, abortions prevent social problems caused by unwanted pregnancies.

"Unwanted pregnancies do not usually translate into unwanted children," she stated.

According to Alvarè, the abortion industry has long been guilty of not informing women of the dangers of and alternatives to abortion. She claimed that many illegal street abor-



As she addressed a capacity crowd with a speech entitled, "Abortion, Women and Authentic Freedom," Helen Alvarè highlighted her perception that abortion clinics tend to leave their patients uninformed.

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Cranes tear up Stepan courts

Construction will likely finish in time for Bookstore

By SEAN SMITH
News Writer

The fears of those who have recently passed by the basketball courts outside of Stepan Center and apprehensively wondered about the fate of this year's Bookstore Basketball Tournament can be put to rest.

Construction on the courts is expected to be completed by April 15, with the repaving of the courts finished shortly thereafter.

Center Line Mechanical Contracting is putting in two 30-inch waterlines that will run east to west from the power plant to Juniper Road. The lines, that will run directly under the basketball courts, will carry chilled water and be used to supply air conditioning to buildings on campus.

Michael Smith, director of Facilities Engineering, expects the two waterlines to be installed by April 15, but said



The installation of new water lines under the Stepan courts should be done in time for Bookstore Basketball.

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1997 CLASS OFFICER ELECTIONS

Class of '98 chooses Nolan ticket in run-off

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
News Writer

The class officer elections finally came to a close last night as the class of 1998 chose the ticket consisting of Beth Nolan, Connie Dougherty, Bob Flannery, and Brian McCarthy.

They defeated Colin O'Reilly, Jon Steele, Catherine Monahan, and Erik Burns in the election Wednesday.

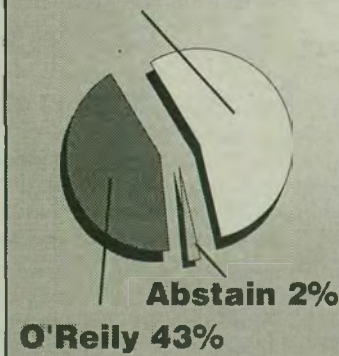
Despite low voter turnout in the dorms, the Nolan ticket secured their win with 55 percent of the vote.

"The home dorms really supported the candidates," said Nolan. "We appreciate the turnout in these dorms."

A campaign violation was narrowly avoided when the O'Reilly ticket only got one of the required two approval stamps on some of the second-round campaign posters. All posters that are displayed on campus must be approved by student activities. According to the Student

Class of 1998 Election Results

Nolan 55%



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Union bylaws, election posters must also be approved by the Student Union.

The O'Reilly ticket said it was unclear that the posters had to be stamped twice, and some were posted after being approved by only the Student Activities Office.

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GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

Coshow, Janning take control of GSU

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Assistant News Editor

Stepping into the leadership of the Graduate Student Union, Suzanne Coshow and Michelle Janning will assume the positions of president and vice president, respectively.

Their term officially begins when Rob De Haan and Melissa Falb step down at the year-ending April 7 meeting of the Graduate Student Council.

Coshow and Janning won the election on a platform of "reach[ing] out to all graduate students and including them in

the process of improving and enhancing the quality of graduate student life in all its various dimensions."

Janning, vice president-elect, said that her job would be to facilitate these goals by seeking out "members of the graduate school to get involved in the process. I will be going out there so the members can associate a name with a face."

The incoming administration also plans to continue many programs begun under De Haan and Falb.

"It has been a really good year," said De Haan. "The GSU has been growing a lot and we have worked toward that in

all aspects including our work with the administration, which has grown more friendly and entrenched as the year has progressed."

A standing GSU seat on the Academic Council, which was acquired by last year's administration, survived its first year with Ana Laura Roderiguez-Gusta filling the position.

"She did fantastic work," De Haan said. "She and I presented a report to the Graduate Affairs Subcommittee [of the Academic Council] on how we think students should fit into the provost's

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This is the last edition of The Observer until Wednesday, April 2. Have a Happy Easter!

■ INSIDE COLUMN

COBA needs CORE

Our School of Business is a source of pride for our university. From COBA itself to the individual, acclaimed departments, it is a top notch school which develops Notre Dame students into graduates prepared for the job market and the business world. However, in order to prepare these students to this extent, is the college sacrificing the very basic and essential parts of academia?



Eduardo Llull
Associate Viewpoint Editor

The business school prepares its students to be hired by, hopefully, a top notch company. I do not doubt that most of my friends in business will get a job before I do, myself being in the College of Arts and Letters. However, I would hope that there is more to attending a university than getting a job.

Websters dictionary defines education first as the act or process of developing the powers of reasoning and judgement. Only second does it define it as the act of developing a certain skill for a profession. According to Webster, the business school may be lacking a complete curriculum.

Notre Dame does require courses in fields outside of business that are aimed at forming a more well-rounded student. However, most students, including myself, take these requirements and look for the easy teacher. Even if we do not end up with that easy teacher, these classes do not do much toward challenging our prejudices or forcing us to come to a more sensitive outlook on the problems of our society.

The business world is not as cut and dry as the sheet of requirements that the business school prints out for their students to use as a guide in choosing their classes. Businesses deal with the real world, and the real world involves moral and ethical issues involving real people. Dealing with these issues requires special training.

I am sure that the business ethics courses offered by the business school can help in these situations, but not completely. These issues require a good knowledge of our society and its problems. They need to be handled sensitively and intelligently through well thought out opinions and morals.

In order to arrive at this stage of development morally and intellectually, students must challenge their own opinions and beliefs. This will either expose these beliefs as ignorance, or strengthen them. It can be done twofold: through appropriate readings, and through open discussion with peers. The Arts and Letters CORE class serves this purpose.

The CORE class is required for all sophomore Arts and Letters majors. It deals with our society, its origins, and the philosophy behind it. The selected readings force the student to look at issues of race, poverty, God, the self, and nature differently. There is something at once frustrating and at the same time exciting about having your opinions, which you felt were set in stone, challenged in a discussion or through a reading. Once your opinions have been challenged, your belief system is either strengthened, or it is dismantled. Restructured in its place is a new system of beliefs based on something more tangible.

CORE can be tough. There is a lot of reading, and depending on the teacher, a lot of writing. But the experience is invaluable. Through the course one gains a better understanding of our society, and a better competency in dealing with its problems. I would want our nation's future business men and women to have this experience.

Despite the very full schedule of the business major, I think there must be room for a CORE course. With the efficient skills every business major acquires, the CORE course can help to make these skills well-rounded and more fit for the complexity of the business world.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

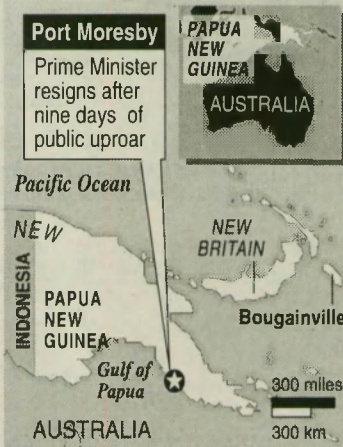
Army, protesters jubilant as prime minister resigns

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea
Jubilant soldiers and protesters ended a blockade of Parliament yesterday, after forcing the resignation of a prime minister who brought in foreign mercenaries to fight secessionist rebels.

Prime Minister Julius Chan defended his actions as he stepped down, saying he had acted to defuse an "explosive" situation after protesters and mutinous soldiers blockaded Parliament House and refused to let lawmakers leave. The defense and finance ministers also agreed to resign while an interim government runs the country until national elections in June.

"I think I have taken the right course to preserve peace, to preserve order. This is the right thing to do," Chan told lawmakers, to applause.

Outside, about 2,000 protesters cheered loudly at the



news, then let the lawmakers — about 80 of whom had spent the night in their offices — leave the building.

Chan said he would convene the Cabinet within 24 hours to appoint an acting prime minister.

He did not indicate who might replace him, but said that the changes which will soon be made would ensure public confidence in a judicial inquiry into the country's mercenary contract with Sandline International, a British mercenary firm.

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

About 1,000 people have died since the rebellion began in 1988 as an environmental protest, then escalated into a guerrilla war to secede from Papua New Guinea, off Australia's northeast tip.

Yeltsin denounces bureaucratic waste

MOSCOW

No more Mercedes, BMWs or Audis. From now on, by decree of President Boris Yeltsin, bureaucrats will cruise around town in sensible Volga sedans. Only Russian cars for Russian officials. Yeltsin sent this thunderbolt through the gilded halls of the Kremlin on Wednesday, the eve of a nationwide strike. Millions of workers who have gone months without paychecks are expected to walk off their jobs Thursday in a desperate effort to call attention to their plight. Presumably, the president's decree was designed to send a message to ordinary Russians — angered by the growing fleets of imported luxury cars in Moscow — that the government shares their pain. What Yeltsin didn't say was whether his decree applies to his own dark blue Mercedes limousine. Kremlin officials say they haven't seen the order yet, so can't say whether it will apply to their top boss. In Soviet times, foreign cars were extremely rare. But luxury imports have become all the rage in recent years among government officials and the new Russian elite.



Vatican condemns execution

VATICAN CITY

A Cuban refugee whose face mask caught fire as he died in Florida's electric chair suffered a "barbaric" end, the Vatican newspaper said Wednesday. L'Osservatore Romano said Pedro Medina was "burned alive like a torch" when he was executed Tuesday for murdering a woman in 1982. Pope John Paul II had made a plea for mercy for Medina, who came to the United States in the 1980. The pope has sought to intervene in a number of death penalty cases. "That this incredible, tragic event might cause justice officials to reflect and abolish capital punishment is the least one can hope for in this Holy Week in which the Christian world commemorates another condemnation to death: that of Christ," wrote the Rev. Gino Concetti, the newspaper's commentator on moral issues. "He found the most barbaric end in the country of democracy and liberty," wrote Concetti, whose article is the first word out of the Vatican on the execution. Roman Catholic teaching holds that capital punishment should be used only if absolutely necessary to protect society. In an encyclical last year, John Paul said such cases are "practically non-existent."

Fino pleads for armistice

TIRANA, Albania

Premier Bashkim Fino pleaded with Albanians on Wednesday to lay down their arms and give safe passage to European aid shipments to help stave off famine. European Union ministers have agreed to provide an initial \$2.3 million in food and other relief, but only if Albania safeguards the aid workers and shipments, Fino said in an address on state television. "We must organize to restore order to our towns, because without guarantees, this aid can't reach its destination," Fino said. An EU delegation, meanwhile, headed to Albania to help end a month-old insurgency that has killed over 160 people and sent many Albanians fleeing to Italy. The United Nations warned Wednesday that Albania faces food shortages after weeks of anarchy in which mobs looted state warehouses, disrupting commerce. Food supplies were already uncertain after a poor 1996 harvest, and the rioting may interrupt harvesting and planting this year, the Rome-based U.N. food agency said. President Sali Berisha and his Democratic Party reluctantly agreed this month to set up a caretaker government under Fino, a member of the opposition Socialist Party.

Hubble camera out of focus

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

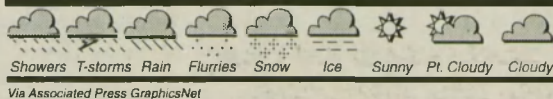
An infrared camera installed by spacewalking astronauts on the Hubble Space Telescope last month is partly out of focus and will not last as long as planned, NASA said today. "We are going to lose some lifetime, there's no question about that," said Ed Weiler, NASA's chief Hubble scientist. Provided the \$105 million Near-Infrared Camera and Multi-Object Spectrometer does not deteriorate further, scientists should be able to work around the problem and still collect all the desired data on black holes and remote stars and galaxies, Weiler said. "We tend to be very conservative considering our history," he said, referring to Hubble's originally flawed mirror. "Until we're absolutely sure things are going to go the way we think they will, we always want to look at the worst case." One of three cameras in the Near-Infrared Camera and Multi-Object Spectrometer, called Nicmos, is too far out of focus to be corrected by on-board systems, Weiler said. The two others are working fine, he said. Scientists believe the focusing problem with camera No. 3 resulted from the expansion of nitrogen ice, needed to keep the infrared detectors operating at minus-355 degrees Fahrenheit.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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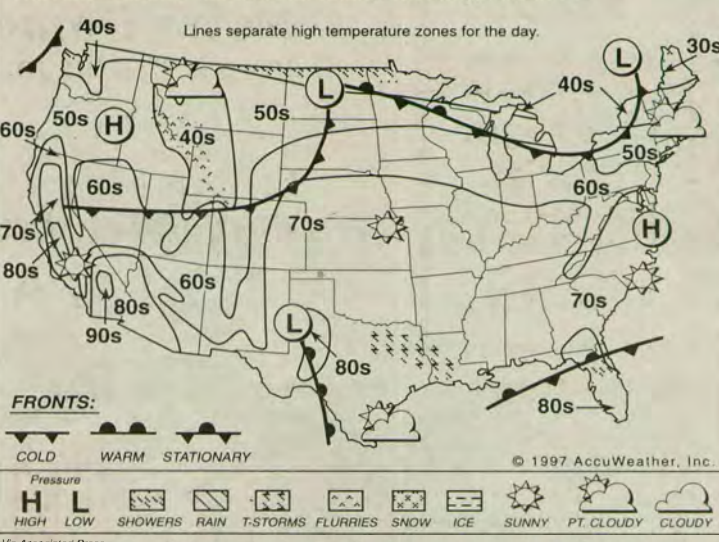
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, March 27.



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Casselberry	82	63	Honolulu	82	71	Phoenix	85	56
Chicago	67	39	Indianapolis	70	37	Pittsburgh	68	32

Bernadin Center selects Malloy

ND president
'happy to serve'
on board

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
News Writer

The new Bernadin Center for Theology and Ministry recently appointed Father Edward Malloy to its national board of advisors.

The center, at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, will offer academic training and scholarships to both lay and religious men and women.



Malloy

The center was named in memory of the late Cardinal Joseph Bernadin of Chicago.

"Before the cardinal died, the center was for pastoral ministry," said Malloy. "Now it encompasses this aspect while also training people for lay ministries."

Along with the training, the center will sponsor theological research, public discussions, and various programs in areas of concern to the Catholic Church.

Malloy remarked that his function on the board would be primarily to assist in strategizing for all proposed activities.

"This appointment confirms good relations between Notre Dame and the Church and diocese in Chicago," Malloy stated. "The Chicago-area Church has a deep connection with the university."

The Catholic Theological Union, founded in 1968, is the largest Roman Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry in North America. With a current enrollment of 350 graduate students in masters and doctoral programs, the school hopes the new center will extend its Catholic principles to more of the community.

Cardinal Bernadin died in November of pancreatic cancer. He was the 1995 recipient of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal, one of the most prestigious honors awarded to American Catholics.

Malloy is looking forward to his opportunity to serve on the committee.

"We will be dealing with important works of the Church in the archdiocese of Chicago," he said. "I am happy to serve in any way that can help."

CAMPUS BRIEFS

"Happy Are They: Living the Beatitudes in America," by Jim Langford, director of the University of Notre Dame Press, has recently been published by Triumph Books.

According to Langford, the book's 12 essays attempt "to tell stories of regular people who do good even when no one is watching, and, in the process, realize happiness. It also supports my belief that a new age is dawning, one that will see a renewal of care for one another, especially in the private and religious spheres, a movement that will be far more effective than the state has ever been."

Among those profiled in the book are 1991 Notre Dame graduate and football player Chris Zorich, now a member of the Chicago Bears, whose numerous charitable activities have earned him the nickname "Care Bear;" Lois Mason of South Bend, founder of the Cornerstone Academy for Excellence, a program for teen mothers and their children; and James Gingerich, a Goshen physician who founded the Maple City Health Care Center, a community-owned facility which provides medical care with dignity for poor people.

"Happy Are They" and its author have been praised by a similarly varied field of critics. Indiana congressman Tim Roemer wrote that Langford "not only chronicles this practicing of the Beatitudes, he lives it, too." Sister Mary Rose McGeady, president of Covenant House, called the book "a great source of inspiration," and religion journalist Raymond Schroth said it

should be read "when we are tempted to think the world has fallen apart and nothing can be done to fix it."

Langford, who has directed the University of Notre Dame Press and served on the University's faculty since 1974, is the author of several other books, including "Galileo, Science, and the Church," "The Game is Never Over: An Appreciative History of the Chicago Cubs," and "Rookie: The Story of a Season." He and his wife, Jill, are cofounders of There Are Children Here, a non-profit facility and program for disadvantaged children in Lakeville, Ind.

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The University of Notre Dame has received a \$250,000 gift from Cornelius Browne, professor emeritus of physics, to endow a fellowship fund for doctoral studies in physics.

"The University owes Cornelius Browne much gratitude for his many years of outstanding teaching and research," said University president Father Edward Malloy. "The kindness he has demonstrated with his recent gift increases that already considerable debt."

The Cornelius P. and Cynthia C. Browne Endowed Fellowships, named in honor of Browne and his wife, will be given first to students intending to pursue doctoral studies in experimental nuclear physics. Second preference will be given to students intending to pursue doctoral studies in experimental physics.



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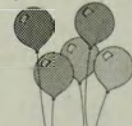
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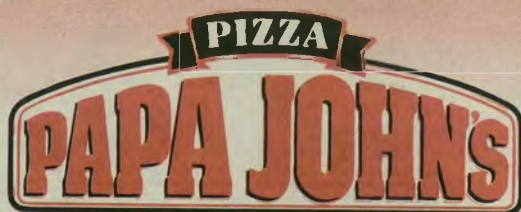
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Observer you might find out who won the contest.

Alvarè

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tions are often safer than clinical procedures, since the former fear legal detection, while the latter know that the law is reluctant to make rulings against them. That women are often not properly informed, Alvarè stressed, is contrary to every definition of freedom.

"[Abortion clinics] don't think you need to know any more about what you're choosing because once you choose it, you're free," Alvarè asserted.

Alvarè also discussed partial-birth abortions, a procedure in which the base of the brain is stabbed and the skull is crushed. She explained that the partial-birth method is extremely dangerous, since bone chips may cause injury to the mother.

Another potential consequence of this method is that the fetus may accidentally be delivered alive. Alvarè stated that she has asked abortion technicians what they would do in this circumstance, to which they replied they would have little choice but to kill the newborn baby.

Women are often not informed of these possible consequences. Alvarè argued, "How could you enhance women's freedom by not informing them of dangers, by telling them lies?" She also stated that these procedures are often not even performed by obstetricians or gynecologists.

"The partial-birth method is a delivery... in fact, it's more dangerous than a delivery."

To support her arguments, Alvarè cited passages from "Faithful for Life," a 1995 pastoral letter written on abortion, and "Evangelium Vitae," the encyclical in which Pope John Paul II refers to "the culture of death" which supports "inauthentic notions of freedom."

To conclude last night's lecture, which was simulcast on closed circuit television in order to accommodate the overflow of the crowd, Alvarè



The Observer/Bret Hogan

Listeners were forced to look inside from the hallway during Alvarè's lecture, as all seats were full.

pointed out that the struggle over abortion transcends the legal realm, and that "it is about personal conversions." A student in the audience asked Alvarè what she says to pro-choicers to make them see her perspective.

"I would ask them, what are the differences between the born and unborn that allow you to kill one and not the other, and are they proud of those differences," Alvarè replied.

Run-off

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"We caught the mistake right away," said Burns. "We went straight to the Student Union office and all the posters were approved."

According to Dovidio, the mistake had only a minor significance.

"We handled the problem internally with the candidates

involved," she said. "It had no effect on the election."

Some of the campaign goals the Nolan ticket aims to achieve are a post-graduate web page, an off-campus information center, more free food nights, and the return of the Alumni-Senior Club's "liquid lunch" policy.

"We are really ready to get the ball rolling and continue to serve the class," said Nolan.

The newly-elected officers

hope that the fact that there were so many candidates for this election shows a growing interest in student government.

"It would be great if the number of tickets is indicative of the fact that students want to get more involved in class activities," Dougherty said.

A sense of relief came with the announcement of the election results.

"We are just glad its over," said Flannery.

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plans and on ways to improve graduate student teaching."

He also spoke about using the Academic Council seat to coordinate efforts with departments as a way of enhancing evaluation forms for graduate student teachers. "There is not a lot of uniformity," De Haan said. "In some cases it can't be done, but we have to find some way of making it more uniform."

He also described possible constitutional changes that will be discussed at the next meeting. "We realize that we had a ton of committees that we did not really need," De Haan said. "So we decided to narrow down the committees to five necessary ones: Social Life, Academic Affairs, Quality of Life, Gender and Multicultural Affairs and Information Technologies."

He explained that each of these committees would be political, with agendas and platforms. Each of the other tasks currently handled by committees will be undertaken by "secretaries" that only do that specific job.

One aspect of the De Haan-Falb administration that will definitely carry over to next year involves the Social Life Committee.

"This year we tried to branch out to different ways of hosting events for all graduate students," De Haan said. He referenced two teas that the committee held in the faculty dining room of the South Dining Hall on Fridays.

"We are going to support creative ideas that are more inclusive of families and of all graduate students, regardless of what culture they are from," Janning said.

Another aspect that the GSU worked on this year was the Travel Grant Program.

Raising the Travel Grant Fee from \$10 to \$15 guaranteed that \$18,000 would be available for the program each year. The graduate school has promised to match this funding, making \$36,000 available to graduate students for travel grants.

"We funded the program with 36 [thousand dollars] last year at about 95 to 100 percent for all three periods," De Haan said. "So, with this set up, the program is very safe and protected and should run very smoothly on the funds available."

The major concern that will carry over between administrations is the as-yet-unsolved problem of providing health care for graduate students. Currently, a single student only pays \$450-500 for the Megalife plan.

"While this is ridiculously cheap for health care," De Haan said, "many students find it to be inadequate coverage."

"More alarming is the problem of families and spouses that just cannot cover the costs," he continued. "A graduate student who is married, with two children, can expect to pay up to \$4,000 in health care costs. Since the average graduate stipend is only \$10,000, that is 40 percent of income before taxes. [The health care cost] is prohibitively high."

Coshow worked as the chair of the Quality of Life Committee, whose main focus was health care. She also is the graduate student representative on the University committee for Graduate Student Health-related Concerns.

In an effort to illustrate how important this issue is, De Haan said, "I am sure that Suzanne [Coshow] would agree that the main concern is to find a health care plan that is all-inclusive for spouses and children and to make sure that no one slips through the cracks, especially not the children."

Design Competition

Students are invited to submit a design for a C.A.R.E. logo.

A \$300 prize to be awarded during sexual assault awareness week in April.

Designs should be submitted by Monday, April 14, 1997.

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SMC students in search of 'the perfect room'

By RACHEL TORRES
News Writer

Saint Mary's College students found themselves under a different kind of stress this past week as their attention focused on the room selection process.

Students could be found wandering the halls in search of the "perfect room" as the deadline to actually select their room quickly approached.

New additions to the housing

policy this year aimed at reducing the amount of students who misuse the system. A housing committee was also implemented to allow for student input in any changes that may occur.

In accordance with the changes that were made, students are no longer allowed to switch roommates until the first day of classes. This new policy intends to curb the amount of students who volunteer to live with people just to

use a good number. In addition, waiting lists may not begin for alternate housing until the first day of classes. If students are not happy with their room choice, they must wait until fall semester starts to make changes.

The uncertainty surrounding room picks is a part of life for Saint Mary's students each spring. This year was no exception.

The room selection process provides each student interested in living on campus with a random number with which to choose her room for the following year.

After paying the required \$250 room deposit by Feb. 20, each student is given a random number on March 4 to use in the lottery system of selecting rooms.

In the time between acquiring the number and the actual pick of the room from March 24-26, the Saint Mary's student sits in wonder. It is almost impossible to know if the student's desired room will be taken or will remain open when it is her turn to select.

On the night of room picks, the lobby of LeMans Hall is filled with anxious students. An amplifier system is used to announce the numbers and begin the actual selection process.

Students then move through the housing office and are asked to show their identification cards and room deposit slips at various points. As rooms are taken, members of the Residence Life and Housing Staff announce them to keep the students updated.

"It functions like a well-oiled



The Observer/Kimm Michalik

A housing committee was introduced this year to increase student input in operation of room picks, in an attempt to alleviate hassles.

machine," said LeMans Hall director Jill Aitchison.

The housing policy allows students to move between residence halls. For example, if a student lives in Holy Cross Hall one year, she is free to live in LeMans Hall the next year if she chooses.

The trick to this policy is to get a good enough room pick number to better a student's chances of living not only in the room she wants, but in the hall she wants as well.

"Once we know where our friends are going to live, it's easier to pick a room because we limit ourselves to that hall," said junior Jen Nelson.

Posted in the LeMans Hall lobby, along with the lottery numbers, are maps of the residence halls which indicate the number of rooms and the occupancy of each. Using this information as a valuable resource, Saint Mary's students peruse the halls for days preceding the room picks.

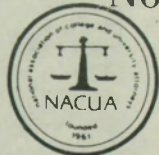
"We had three groups of visitors to this room already today," junior Beth Lang commented.

With room picks behind them, Saint Mary's students can only wait for the fall semester to begin, and hope that they made the right decisions.

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CAMPUS MINISTRY



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HOLY WEEK and EASTER SUNDAY

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HOLY THURSDAY, March 27

5:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Carl Eby, C.S.C.
Rev. Michael Baxter, C.S.C., Homilist

11:00 p.m. Tenebrae

Rev. Gregory Green, C.S.C.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 28

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Rev. David Scheidler, C.S.C.

7:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Rev. Daniel Jenky, C.S.C.

HOLY SATURDAY, March 29

9:00 p.m. The Paschal Vigil

Rev. Peter Rocca, C.S.C.
Rev. John Dunne, C.S.C., Homilist

EASTER SUNDAY, March 30

8:00 a.m. Rev. Paul Doyle, C.S.C.
10:00 a.m. Rev. Daniel Jenky, C.S.C.
12:00 noon Rev. Richard V. Warner
C.S.C.

7:15 p.m. Solemn Easter Vespers
Rev. Daniel Jenky, C.S.C.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY

1st Reading Acts 10: 34, 37-43
2nd Reading Colossians 3: 1-4
Gospel John 20: 1-9

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The Triduum Begins...

Even though we are baptized, what we constantly lose and betray is precisely that which we received at baptism. Therefore Easter is our return every year to our own baptism, whereas Lent is our preparation for that return - the slow and sustained effort to perform, at the end, our own "passage" or "pascha" into new life in Christ... Each year Lent and Easter are, once again, the rediscovery and the recovery by us of what we were made through our own baptismal death and resurrection.

Alexander Schmemmann

I don't remember the day when I decided to be a Catholic... and I don't mean the day of my baptism in the first few weeks of my life. I didn't decide that... my parents did. I remember long ago envying those who converted to Catholicism because it occurred to me that they had a choice, and I didn't feel like I did. Until I realized that the choice was mine, to claim it or not... to profess and live my Catholic faith, or not. I don't remember a particular day on which I said, as an adult, I want to be a Catholic, I want to follow Jesus. And yet I have, most assuredly... and do. Somewhere along the line, the renewal of my baptismal promise became my own. Somewhere along the line I realized that I do believe in the God of Jesus Christ and in the God in Jesus Christ... call it grace, or bum luck... all I know is that I believe. My faith in this God is so real that I want to celebrate it... even the worst of it... because the worst of it, the crucifixion and death of Jesus, is, paradoxically, the best of it. Our very salvation is tied up in it. We commemorate this great salvific event liturgically in the Triduum.

Much can be said about the Triduum, those days which embrace the Pascal Mystery. "Triduum" in the Latin simply means "a space of three days," but as it is used in the Christian tradition it is meant to signify the three days prior to Easter Sunday: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The words of the tradition and of the present liturgical books convey the intensity and unity of the hours around the Vigil. These days call us to fast and pray, to keep watch, and to enter into the holy mysteries of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. We come face to face with the very reality of our own lives, our own dying and rising. Our oneness with Jesus as members of his body, our oneness with each other, and our oneness in the death and resurrection of Jesus is ritualized in the liturgies of the Triduum and realized in our participation in them, and in our very lives as Christians.

It is during the Easter Vigil that we as a community initiate and welcome into full communion those who have, as adults, chosen to join the Catholic Church. They have been preparing for the past several months through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Twelve will be baptized and eleven others will be received into full communion with the Catholic faith from other Christian traditions. I include their names here so that you might remember them in prayer in the days ahead:

Humphrey Bohan
Annette Brawley
Julie Carver
Mackenzie Cox
Christy Fisher
Troy Leo
Cathy McGinnis
Brenda Rios
Joshua Sims
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Cindy Dubell
Lora Green
Jeff Hull
Erin Lum
Jay Mannle
Amy McIntosh
Shari Nemeth
Kristen O'Connor
Pedro Reyes
Kim Yonkof

These are important days for all of us. Days during which each of us stands alone before God to renew our commitment. It is an opportunity for us as adult Christians to say yet again, "Yes, I believe!" It is an opportunity for us as a community as well to stand side by side in our shared commitment to live the call of Jesus, to rededicate ourselves to that call, and to build the Kingdom together. Please join with me in the days ahead in celebrating the glory and greatness of these days, whether it be at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the Church of Loretto, a residence hall chapel, or at your home parish. We join with the whole Church not only in remembering the events of Jesus's passion, death and resurrection, but, as the Body of Christ, we ourselves partake in them even now that they might transform our very lives.

Jim Lies, C.S.C.



■ ENGLAND

IRA bombs English railway

By SUE LEEMAN
Associated Press Writer

LONDON
Twin blasts tore up rail track and damaged key signaling equipment early today in the northern English town of Wilmslow, hours after a telephone warning from a man claiming to represent the IRA.

While no casualties were reported, the explosions caused serious rail service disruptions in the north of England. The blasts took place a day after Scotland Yard warned of the increased possibility of attacks by the Irish Republican Army in the runup to Britain's May 1 general election.

Prime Minister John Major called the explosions at Wilmslow, a major signaling center for trains that is 160 miles northwest of London, an "insult to democracy at the start of the general election campaign."

Greater Manchester police said the explosions caused extensive damage and disrup-



tion to train service from Scotland to London and throughout northern England. Wilmslow is on the west coast line from Manchester to London.

Police said they were uncer-

tain whether the explosions were caused by bombs.

The most recent IRA bombing in England was June 15, when a 3,000-pound bomb injured 200 people and damaged 300 shops in Manchester.

On Oct. 7, the IRA detonated two car bombs inside British army's headquarters in Northern Ireland, killing one soldier and injuring 40 civilians and soldiers.

Major said he hoped the IRA and its allied Sinn Fein Party were not going to conduct their election campaign at the ballot box in British-ruled Northern Ireland and with bombs in mainland Britain.

Opposition leader Tony Blair, whose Labor Party is leading in opinion polls, said no British government will be intimidated by "such outrages."

He also warned that the IRA's chances of joining the democratic process "diminished with every bomb and bullet."

The day after the 1992 election, the IRA planted two bombs in London.

■ CHINA

Gore hopeful in talks

VP: China may improve human rights

By JOHN KING
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING
After two days of intensive talks, Vice President Al Gore said China is promising greater access to its markets and listening with a "more receptive" ear to U.S. complaints about its human rights record.



Gore

Gore called Wednesday's talks with President Jiang Zemin and Premier Li Peng "productive, friendly, searching" and said they elevated U.S.-China relations to a new level of trust.

Gore offered no specifics, however, and America's leaders have heard such promises before. The have often come away convinced they had won Chinese concessions, only to complain later that Beijing was not keeping its end of the deal.

Jiang had this to say of the highest-level U.S. visit to China since the Tiananmen crackdown: "The past few days have been productive."

"Good afternoon," the president said in English as they started their talks with an energetic hand shake.

"I think we have done some good work here on behalf of

the United States and on behalf of the relationship between the United States and China," Gore said at a news conference.

He was heading Thursday to Xian and Shanghai, then ending a weeklong Asia trip by updating South Korea leaders on his talks with the Chinese.

Gore's upbeat assessment of U.S.-China relations will be put to the test in the coming months. Both the Clinton administration and the many critics of its China policy will look for tangible evidence that China is living up to its promise to become a more reliable partner.

Additionally, allegations that China tried to funnel money illegally into U.S. elections last year threaten to undermine public support for the Clinton administration's overtures.

Gore said he told the Chinese that the allegations alone won't chill recently warming relations. But it "would be serious indeed" if a federal investigation turned up solid proof of the charges, Gore said he told Li.

Earlier, an administration official said Gore did not raise the prospect of repercussions if evidence of Chinese interference surfaced, but Gore was emphatic that he had.

Gore's journey to China underscored the delicate balance he must maintain to remain a loyal Clinton lieutenant while thinking ahead to his own presidential campaign in three years.

On Tuesday, for example, Gore reveled in announcements that Boeing Co. and General Motors Corp. were signing lucrative new deals with the Chinese.

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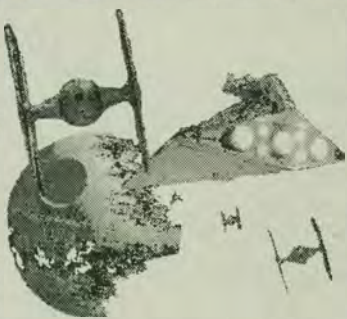
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Center Line is also working at other locations on campus, including the site of the new Rec Sports office where the Jake Kline Field was formerly located next to the Joyce Center, and the site of the new Bookstore Visitor Center between Keough and Welsh Halls.

The construction opposite the Stepan basketball courts, on the south side of Holy Cross Drive is a continuation of the transformation of Flanner and Grace Halls from dormitories to office/administration buildings.

Ziolkowski Construction, Inc. of South Bend is constructing two new drives on the south sides of both Grace and Flanner to function as pick-up/drop-off locations, similar to that by the east entrance to the library.

No definite date has been given as to when construction is expected to be complete.

■ WEST BANK

Palestinians reject U.S. presence in peace talks

By NICOLAS TATRO
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM

A new U.S. peace mission received a frosty response from Palestinians today, with protesters burning U.S. flags and negotiators saying the effort would fail if President Clinton's envoy did not call Israel to order.

In the West Bank, 20 Palestinians were struck by rubber bullets when hundreds of protesters briefly overran an Israeli checkpoint on the outskirts of the autonomous West Bank town of Ramallah. One of the injured was bleeding profusely from a neck wound when rushed away by paramedics.

The Palestinians demand a halt to Israel's construction of a Jewish neighborhood in disputed east Jerusalem. Israel, in turn, insists that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat halt stone-throwing protests and rein in Islamic militants.

Clinton's Mideast envoy, Dennis Ross, headed to the region today. U.S. administration sources say Ross will meet tonight in Rabat, Morocco, with Arafat, who agreed to cut short his Asian visit and fly back for the talks following a phone call from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Israel army radio said Ross will follow up his meeting with Arafat by holding talks Friday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.



Arafat

Ross, a painstaking mediator, faces perhaps his most difficult mission yet in trying to bridge the gap and calm the violence that is eroding the peace process.

A suicide-bomb attack claimed by Islamic militants killed three Israeli women in Tel Aviv on Friday and stone-throwing riots have plagued the West Bank for the past week.

However, there were signs that Arafat was moving to lower the tensions ahead of Ross' visit.

In Ramallah, dozens of Palestinian police struggled to keep demonstrators — some carrying firebombs — from Israeli soldiers. About 200 protesters reached Israeli-controlled territory, where the Palestinian police could not follow, and at one point unfurled a Palestinian flag over a sign marking the Israeli zone.

The protesters hurled stones at the Israelis, who responded with rubber bullets and tear gas, and fired live ammunition in the air. Besides the injured, 32 were treated for gas inhalation.

Most of the Palestinians were pushed back into autonomous territory by nightfall, about two hours later.

In Bethlehem, Palestinian police formed a human chain today to keep dozens of Palestinian protesters away from Israeli troops guarding an Israeli enclave in the city.

Palestinian police let the crowd burn Israeli and U.S. flags, and several young men broke through the cordon and hurled stones.

However, the police efforts were in sharp contrast to previous days, when officers did

nothing to stop the riots.

Arafat's West Bank security chief, Jibril Rajoub, supervised crowd control, shouting at the demonstrators to move back and ordering his bodyguards to help the police.

The chief Palestinian negotiator, Saeb Erekat, said a Ross mission would only produce results if the envoy focused on substance, rather than procedure, such as arranging a summit between Arafat and Netanyahu.

Erekat said Israel violated the peace accords by starting construction of a Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem, the sector the Palestinians claim as a future capital.

"We want Mr. Ross to respect the signature of Mr. Clinton on the (peace) agreement and to stand up and clearly tell the bulldozers to stop," Erekat told the Palestinian legislative council.

Also today, a top PLO official compared Netanyahu, who ordered the construction to begin, to Adolf Hitler.

"Netanyahu resembles Hitler in his arrogant, vainglorious and rigid behavior," said Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political bureau in Tunisia. "He refuses to ... follow the peaceful means to solve the Middle East peace process."

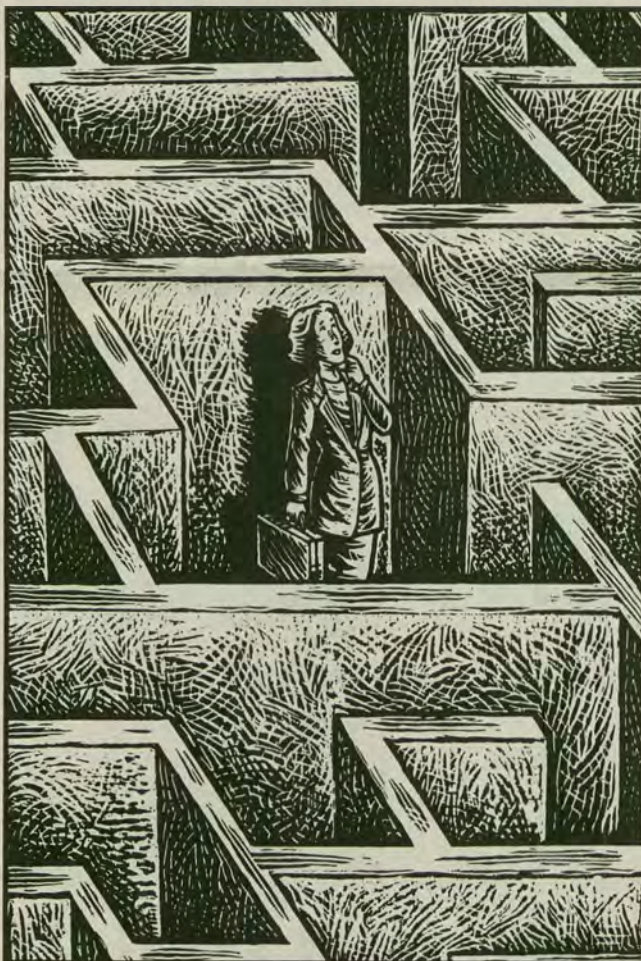
Ross spent weeks mediating between Israel and the Palestinians on an Israeli withdrawal from most of the West Bank town of Hebron in January.

David Bar-Illan, a senior Netanyahu aide, said Arafat was using violence as a tactic to pressure Israel and must instead signal Islamic militants that he will not allow any more terror attacks.

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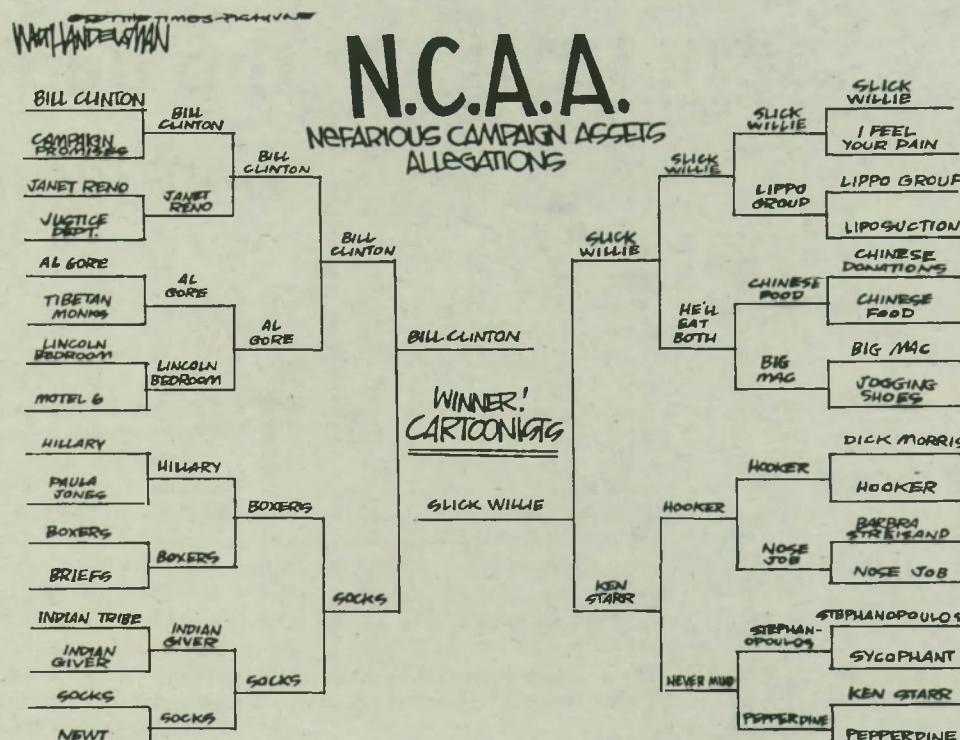


TABLE TALK

Are students at Notre Dame really snobs?

My roommate used to tell me stories from back home: when people he knew asked where he was going to school, he would of course reply "Notre Dame." To this, the most common response was "The REAL one?"

No. The other Notre Dame.

Mick Swiney

I know what he's talking about. I call it the Wow Effect. Do you know it? When you tell people from high school that you go to Notre Dame, do their eyes widen and do they say "Wow" or "Really?" They must mean something like, "You must really be hot stuff!"

Believe it or not, this attitude caught me completely by surprise — I suppose I went through my life thinking that it was just my family who was ga-ga over Notre Dame. I must have thought we were just freaks of nature when I received Knute Rockne picture books and bookstore apparel at every gift-giving holiday. I must have thought my grandfather just had a really good memory when he could rattle off the favorite colors of every ND football player since World War II.

It wasn't until I lived in Chicago for a while that I found out my family wasn't the only one — there are more people out there than you think who have framed pictures of Lou Holtz, who glue themselves to the TV set every football Saturday, who want to shake your hand if you've ever so much as set foot on campus.

It wasn't until I started going here

that I found out: just about everybody loves Notre Dame.

No big wonder, I guess, since it's not something you find in everyday conversation ("Hi, I'm Mick. Do you like Notre Dame?"). It wasn't until I started telling people where I'd been since August that I discovered the Wow Effect.

Why didn't I see it coming? After all, we've got everything people think about when they hear the phrase "college experience." You don't have to look hard to find it — I saw it last Friday (the first REAL day of spring) when I roamed the campus and saw students milling about the quads in shorts and t-shirts, throwing footballs and frisbees, playing catch and ... that game with those sticks with basketball hoops tied to them.

I walked around the campus that day and thought, what a beautiful community. I walked around the lakes and marveled at the way the Dome shone in the sunlight. I thought about the strong religious values ever-present at Notre Dame; I thought about the place of hard work in its classrooms. There's something very American about this place, and it certainly embodies all the things prospective college students are in search of when they start filling out applications.

If I stopped to think about it, I might even go so far as to suggest* that Notre Dame is the perfect university. Anyone would want to come here, and most do.

But here's where we get into problems ... WE got in.

It wasn't easy. Some of us worked hard in high school with the express purpose of coming here, while some simply worked and decided to attend later. But we all have one thing in common — we had to beat people to get in, and we did. For whatever reason, we were kept while others were turned away.

This is what I see in people's eyes when I tell them I go to Notre Dame. It

makes me want to puke. It's gotten so bad that I try to avoid the question of where I go to school.

What on Earth is wrong with me, you ask? Why am I not proud that I go to such a ... "prestigious" university?

Because I'm sick of being categorized.

I'm sick of people automatically ascribing me to some "upper class" within the student population of the world. I'm not better than anyone else; I have the same concerns, hopes, anxieties, dreams and ideals of any college student from Harvard to the local community college. I didn't come to college to be placed atop some supposed hierarchy of studenthood — I came to learn, to finish my transition from childhood to adulthood on a hopeful note, spiced by a zeal for life and a desire to better the world by my presence. I didn't see that as a right given only to those who can

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pass the admissions board and pay the Research University prices.

After all, college is the only time in our lives where we'll all be on the same level. This is a most important and unique developmental stage ... it shouldn't be marred by something as sordid as a "class system."

But this seems to be the consensus of the outside world, and sometimes — God help me — I see it within the Notre Dame community. We're better. We'll

make more money. We'll be more "educated." We'll be able to have high-society tea parties, smoke our pipes and say, "Oh yes, old boy, I remember when I was at Notre Dame. ..."

I don't want it. I refuse to go to a school for upper-class snobs.

But before you indignantly tell me to start packing my bags, let me most vehemently assert that I DON'T. I know these students of Notre Dame ... I know them as idealists, hopeful and hard-working people who are eager to roll up their sleeves and plunge into the "real world," ready to tackle any problem, any issue with a clarity of heart and a strength of moral conviction.

I know these students, and the fact that we, our school, and our very tradition represent the "American Dream" for a great many people outside our close community.

So what does all of this mean?

This is Notre Dame — not, Harvard, not Yale, not Stanford — and thank God. This isn't an upper-class snob factory. This is a university founded not on ideals of superiority or economic excess but on diligence, community service, and loyalty to our faith.

But the only people who can keep it that way is the student body. We must always remember that we didn't come here for the Wow Effect or the fat future salary, but so that we may spread the spirit and dedication which brought us here. We must always remember that tradition does not mean exclusion; high quality does not mean superiority.

And the one thing which we must remember at all costs is this: we don't go to Notre Dame because we're better than anyone else.

We go here because we're luckier.

Mick Swiney is a sophomore Arts and Letters major.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

—John 20:29

■ CLASSICAL COLUMN

Were you there?

By JULIE BRUBAKER
and MICHAEL ANDERSON

Most of us think of Easter as a very spiritual time, a chance to reflect on God's love for us. Others of us think of Easter as a time for candy, where an oversized rabbit hops to bring eggs and baskets of cheer. But does anyone think of Easter as a musical season? Admittedly, music is not the first thing one thinks about when pondering Easter. However, music is an integral part of the Lenten season, Holy Week, and Easter.

One of the binding forces of the many Christians participating in this week's activities will certainly be the gift of song — in particular, time-honored hymns.

From the earliest days of the church, hymn-singing has been an integral part of Christian worship. In the book of Acts, we find Paul and Silas "singing hymns to God" (Acts 16:25) while chained in the Philippian jail.

Singing hymns has been an important means for teaching Christian beliefs in a church that was largely illiterate. But hymns are more than just a way of disseminating knowledge; they are opportunities for all believers to express praise to their God.

Many of the surviving Christian hymns, some more than six centuries old, have very interesting origins. We thought it might be appropriate to recount some of the great hymns and their histories, not just of this Lenten season, but of all time.

We begin with "What Wondrous Love is This?" The tune is classified as an American folk hymn to which no author has been attributed. The origin of the folk hymn was Appalachia and has been passed down through many generations, existing in several versions.

"What Wondrous Love is This" is most notable for its use of a melody in the classical Dorian mode, which gives it a certain lack of finality that our Western ears are not used to. This lack of melodic definition is a wonderful description of the text which addresses the question of ages for Christians: What made Him do it? What made Him do it for me?

Another great hymn of the season is "Crown Him with Many Crowns." This hymn has two authors, Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring and was written in the 19th century. Interestingly enough, history tells us that the two authors never met.

Bridges converted to Catholicism when he was 48 and wrote the hymn originally under the title "The Song of the Seraphs." Thirty years later, Thring, an Anglican clergyman, felt the original hymn was missing a verse on the Resurrection and was thus motivated to add several stanzas to it.

A Protestant favorite is "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine," authored by American Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915). Crosby wrote an astounding 8,000 hymns and used more than 200 pen names in her lifetime. She was required to write three hymns per week as prescribed by her contract with a music publisher. Here's another catch: she was blind from birth.

The tune of what became "Blessed Assurance" was actually composed by Phoebe Knapp, who was married to the founder of MetLife Insurance Company. Knapp brought the tune to Crosby in 1873. Crosby begged Knapp to play the tune several times. Then the blind woman, kneeling beside the organ exclaimed, "That says, 'Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!'"

Joel Cummins, well-known keyboard player from Stomper Bob, has a great passion (we learned) for "The Old Rugged Cross." Well Joel, did you know that "The Old Rugged Cross" was written just a few hours from South Bend in Albion, Michigan? The author George Bennard (1873-1958) was originally a member of the Salvation Army and later became ordained in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Brubaker's pick: "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" — This traditional Lenten hymn comes to us from the great African-American spiritual collection. Some say that spirituals were "passwords" calling slaves to secret, forbidden worship meetings.

"Were You There" was likely "developed" in the early 1800s by African-American slaves. Common to all spirituals, the words are gripping, and the central theme has an emotional appeal.

Anderson's pick: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" — This hymn is an Easter staple for a multitude of denominations across America. Interestingly, the tune is from a Latin hymn from the 14th century, but prolific hymn composer, Charles Wesley (1708-1788), set it to English text and re-harmonized it. Wesley's brother John is credited with founding the Methodist church.

Chances are you will hear one of these wonderful hymns in the next few days. Hopefully, you will appreciate how these type of songs have helped bind communities of believers for centuries.

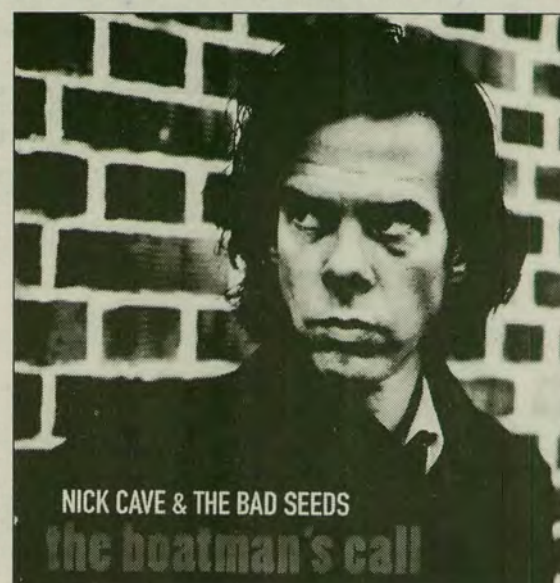
nick cave and the bad seeds *Boatman's Call*

★★★★
(out of five stars)

The previous album offered to us by this particular ensemble was one of the most memorable in recent years; "Murder Ballads" combined wonderful song writing with an ironic, humorous audacity sadly almost absent from the music industry. Now Nick Cave returns with an album of an entirely different type — introspective and refined; Cave has gone back to the less violent side of the human psyche and explores both himself and his relationship with others.

This includes his relationship with God, and thus an album tinged with spiritualism arises, almost necessarily one might say, from the nihilism of what came before. Here we witness quotations from Kant, "the starry heavens above me and the moral law within," and a plenitude of references to the divine and the good. Such a direction is testimony to Cave's desire not to be typecast and to engage without reticence whatever occupies him at any given moment.

Once again, however, there is an underlying darkness to some of the songs. "West Country Girl" is the best of the album and also the most



Courtesy of Reprise

menacing; in this song infused with sadness and regret, Cave reaches the peak of his profundity. One cannot help feeling, however, that this edge is missing from many of the other tracks, and thus there is an inconsistency which, although not fatal, entails that the level of achievement represented by "Murder Ballads" is not matched. Those who enjoy Cave's work will no doubt gain great pleasure from *The Boatman's Call*; with a slow tempo it does create a lasting mood suitable for late nights and early mornings. But, on the other hand, those who require an introduction to Cave and his Bad Seeds will need to listen to this in parallel with his previous album. In such a way will his greatest talents be most fully revealed.

by Julian Elliott

skeleton key *Fantastic Spikes Through Balloon*

★★★★
(out of five stars)

Recently I died. I was barreling down the toll-road cranking Skeleton Key's major label debut, *Fantastic Spikes Through Balloon*, out of my Honda's six-speaker stereo system. Pouncing in my bucket seat, flailing my arms to the groove — I was boogieing so hard I had to undo my seatbelt, as the music forced through my eardrums like a tongue in a wad of gum. Pretty soon I was head-thrashing to track two, and I bounced my Civic into an overpass.

Brent: "What did you do that for?"

God: "I had to tell you about Skeleton Key."

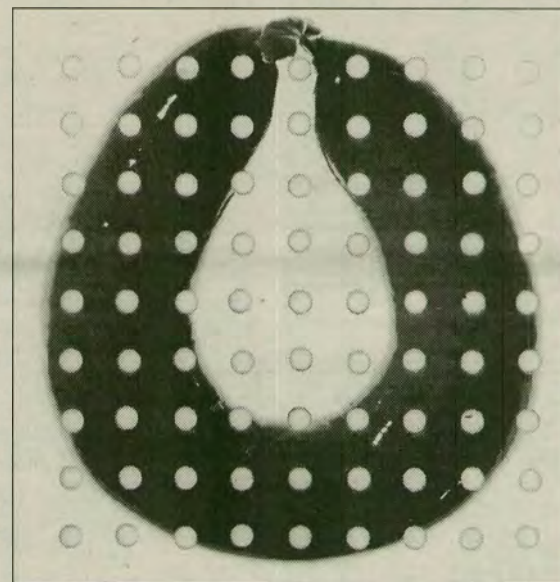
Brent: "They're gosh darn incredible!"

God: "Yeah, well, I wanted to form a rock group that combined all the elements of the best bands pushing the pop envelope."

Brent: "Hats off! Skeleton Key reminds me of Primus and Brainiac and Jon Spencer and Prince and Jawbox all rolled into one."

God: "Exactly! I knew there was a reason I made you a music critic. Didn't you dig that back alley, post-apocalyptic percussion?"

Brent: "Sure did. Rick Lee beats like a monkey



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on his drumset that he hand-built with garbage cans, a red wagon, a woodblock and other stuff you'd find in Sanford and Sons' front yard."

God: "Not to mention the subterranean bass and angular guitar. I want you to go back and spread the word on Skeleton Key! Tell everyone about the funky pop guitar mayhem. And don't forget to mention the brilliant CD packaging!"

I felt a tremendous weight tug on my innards as I fell back to earth and into my twisted body. The wheels were still spinning on my crumpled, overturned compact, and the stereo had skipped ahead to the catchy-as-a-rusty-nail "The World's Most Famous Undertaker." My feet began to tap to life to the primal beat of Skeleton Key. A voice ripped through my mind, "Brent! Remember ... it's the new wave of rock and roll!"

by Brent DiCrescenzo

nocturne top 5

1. Ben Folds Five - *Whatever & ever Amen*
2. Mighty Mighty Bosstones - *Let's face it*
3. Beck - *Odelay*
4. Prodigy - *4-track Sampler*
5. Mundy - *jelly legs*

wvfi top 5

1. Blur - *Blur*
2. Mighty Mighty Bosstones - *Let's face it*
3. Pavement - *Brighten the Corners*
4. Suburbia Soundtrack
5. Built to Spill - *Perfect from now on*

■ BASEBALL

Stellar pitching carries Irish

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

Irish bats were popping at Frank Eck Stadium once again last night, but it was the pitchers who put on the real show as Notre Dame dominated Northeastern Illinois 11-4. Sophomore Brad Lidge took the hill for the Blue and Gold, and in five innings of work, became the fourth Irish pitcher in the 1990s to ring up 10 or more batters in a game.



Brad Lidge fanned 10 Northeastern Illinois batters in five innings' work.

"I think I had a little bit of pop in my pitches tonight," commented the right-hander, "and I was able to get my curve over. The key to getting strikeouts is being able to spot my fastball." Lidge fanned 10 Golden Eagles and walked just two, while scattering three runs on three hits. Notre Dame head coach Paul Mainieri thinks that Lidge's best is yet to come. "Believe it or not," remarked

Mainieri, "I think he can be a lot better. He is only a sophomore now. When he gets (greater) command of his pitches, he's really going to be something." Lidge was not the only pitcher to make an impression on the coach last night. In fact, it was junior right-hander Dan Stavisky who stole the show. Stavisky finished last season as one of Notre Dame's best pitchers, but has been having trouble finding his groove in 1997. Yesterday represented the hurler's first appearance since the third game of the season against Mississippi. Coach Mainieri acknowledged Stavisky's determination despite the tough times. "He has been trying so hard," said Mainieri, "to get back to the form he was in last year." If his performance against N.E. Illinois is any indication, he is well on his way. Stavisky displayed control and poise as he handled the Golden Eagle lineup over the course of three innings.

After catching the first batter he faced looking, sophomore Chris Reehoff took him over the fence in left field to cut the Irish lead to 10-4. Stavisky shook off the mistake and proceeded to shut down the visitors for the next 2 2/3 innings. "That (Stavisky's outing) was the highlight of the evening for us," stated Mainieri. "The guys on the bench were really excited to see Dan back out there." Senior Mike Amrhein continued to shine at the plate for Notre Dame as he extended his hitting streak to 16 games by belting an off speed pitch well over the 401 foot sign in centerfield. "I've just been trying to stay



Junior Dan Stavisky's standout performance led the Irish to victory.

focused," said the Irish catcher. "Catching has helped me a lot from a physical standpoint. I have been seeing the ball real well." Centerfielder Randall Brooks must have also been seeing the ball pretty well last night as he tied Amrhein for the team lead in RBI for the game with three. The senior continued to show signs that his hitting is coming around, going two for five with a double. "Brooks got a big hit tonight," noted Mainieri. "That's what our leaders (Amrhein and Brooks) need to do." Mainieri was a little worried about the consistency of the offense after last weekend, but

believed it would eventually show up. "We just really needed to do that (put together back-to-back strong hitting games)," said the coach. "They have continued to work really hard on their hitting this year. They are now starting to swing the bats better." Mainieri and the Irish hope the combination of consistent offensive output and solid pitching continues when they close out their three-game homestand against Central Michigan this evening. The team will head back to the east coast this weekend to play important conference double-headers versus Connecticut and St. John's.

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■ FOOTBALL

Spring drills signal new start for team under Davie

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

It is spring time in South Bend. Following up a blistery cold and seemingly endless winter, spring is supposed to be a season of hope, a time for growth, and the mark of new beginnings.

And while the weather may not always fall true to form in this neck of the woods, spring is all of these things — a time of growth, hope, and new beginnings — for Notre Dame football.

As the Irish kick off spring drills this week, it will not just be your average month of extensive workouts and rigorous conditioning. Indeed, this spring is different for new head coach Bob Davie and the Irish.

It is a chance to phase out the old and usher in the new. It is the opportunity to start from scratch and mold the program to Davie's liking. It is a time of transition for the nation's most storied football team.

It all begins now - this spring. Davie knows he will never have another spring season quite like this one.

"Over the last couple months, I've had a chance to implement what I really want off the field with the team," said Davie at Monday's press conference. "But it's exciting now to start

and do the on-field part."

While the new coach is eager to implement his own style of coaching and leadership, Davie insists that Irish football won't be much different than under his predecessor Lou Holtz.

"There will probably be a lot more similarities to last year's team than what people think," said Davie. "One of the reasons was that our philosophies were very much similar."

"I don't think you're going to see, at least I hope you're not going to see a drastic change. We've been pretty darn successful around here."

However, as a former defensive coordinator, Davie plans to add a twist of his own. Fans can expect to see offensive players competing at the defensive side in certain situations and vice-versa.

"I think by being creative and getting the best players on the field, I'm certainly open to that (special substitution)," said Davie. "That's something that I want to do. Especially with the scholarship numbers the way they are now, it even becomes more critical that you do that, I think."

With Davie and offensive coordinator Jim Colletto implementing a new system, now is the time to see who will be most effective at the helm of the offense.

"I think that at quarterback Ron Powlus is going in as the starting quarterback," said Davie. "So as we progress into the spring, I think it will take care of itself, but certainly Jarious Jackson and Eric Chappell will have every opportunity to beat Ron

Powlus out."

Unfortunately, Davie and his staff will not have the luxury of being at full strength this spring. Defensive linemen Melvin Dansby and Brad Williams (who has moved back to his natural position after a stint at offensive line in 1996) will miss the workouts after undergoing off-season knee surgery.

In addition, starting offensive guard Mike Rosenthal (arthro-

scopic surgery) will not be available for this year's drills, but all three are expected to be back at 100 percent by next fall.

"Spring football injuries are a concern of mine. I think you'll see, just in comparison, it probably will not be as physical a spring as we've had," said Davie. "I think first of all, out of necessity, we're implementing new schemes, but that's also my nature. I think

spring is a time to really upgrade your scheme."

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■ SOFTBALL

Irish face Pirates in Big East conference opener

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

While the skies opened up on Tuesday, forcing the cancella-

tion of the softball team's home opener against Indiana, the Irish wasted no time in beginning preparations for their Big East conference opener against Seton Hall.

The Irish face the Pirates in a four-game series, playing double headers today and Saturday in South Orange, N.J. Notre Dame, the pre-season Big East South Division favorite, defeated

Seton Hall four times in 1996, their inaugural season in the Big East, en route to a 19-1 regular season conference mark.

Leading the Irish into today's contests, senior Katie Marten boasts a team-high .386 batting average and .493 slugging percentage. An offensive spark for the squad, the two time All-American has scored 10 runs and blasted seven extra-base hits, with four doubles and three triples.

Also sparking the Irish offense are center fielder Jenn Giampaolo, who leads the team with nine doubles, and third baseman Kara McMahon, who has driven in nine runs.

Pitcher Kelly Nichols heads into the four-game series with 18 career saves, just one shy of the NCAA record held by Cal Poly Pomona's Lori Thompson. Nichols struck out the final batter in Notre Dame's 1-0 win

over Evansville and pitched the final three innings to seal the victory over Mississippi State, recording her two saves of the season.

Sophomore Angela Bessolo's 7-5 record and 1.71 ERA both lead the pitching staff. Bessolo has won five of her last six games after a rocky 2-4 start. Senior hurler Joy Battersby has allowed a team-low 15 walks in her 48 innings pitched this season. Battersby's 2-5 record is a testimony to her difficulties this spring, but it doesn't reveal the lack of run support she has received. The Irish offense has tallied only six runs in her five losses.

Following the four-game series versus Seton Hall, the Irish travel to Purdue on April 3 and finally open their home season on Fri., April 4, with a doubleheader against Big East foe Boston College.

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"We didn't clear the ball well," observed Galli. "We have to be more careful getting the ball out of our own end."

"We need to clean up some other areas," added Savage. "In addition to improving clearing the ball from our end, we need to make it harder for the other team to clear it. More importantly, we need to work on our mental outlook on the game. It's below where it should be. We just have to focus better on the games at hand."

How does Notre Dame prepare for a non-conference game?

"We do not approach these games any differently," declared Galli. "In the past, our conference (which includes Air Force, Ohio State University, and

Butler) has not been so strong, and so much of our tough competition has come outside the conference. We take these games very seriously."

Saturday's game is a big step toward fruition of Notre Dame's long-standing goal to win a National Championship.

"That's our goal," surmised Jim Keenan, Notre Dame's All-American midfielder, "to win the NCAA title."

To do this, Notre Dame must first get a bid to the 12-team NCAA national tournament, held at the end of the season. The most likely path to the Big Lacrosse Dance is via an automatic bid earned by winning their conference, which Notre Dame has had no trouble doing in the past.

But the competition within the conference is getting better.

"Our conference is getting tougher," observed Galli. "There's no doubt about that."

"We need to take the games one at a time," added Savage. "Both the conference and the non-conference games. We want to win it all, but we shouldn't focus on the big picture. Every game is a big game."



Junior midfielder Jimmy Keenan provides a powerful scoring punch to the Notre Dame offense.


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By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Adversity is something that faces every team during a season. How much and how they handle that adversity is another matter.

The team that suddenly has everybody talking, the 31-6 Cincinnati-bound women's basketball team, has certainly had their share of challenges. Those challenges have come in

more than the form of the Connecticut Huskies, the Alabama Crimson Tide, or a fierce Texas Longhorn crowd.

Head coach Muffet McGraw has seen one player leave the squad and two of her promising young players getting shelved for the majority of the season. She saw her squad drop from seventh in the AP poll to as low as 21st as they were upset by an unranked Ohio State team on its national

television debut.

The one similarity of all these obstacles has been the team's ability to bounce back and get back on its road to the Final Four.

"We've faced a lot of adversity," Beth Morgan said. "Those who were still healthy, everybody stepped up their game because we knew we were going to be the ones who would make or break our season."

The squad got off to a quick start out of the gates with upsets of then No. 6 Iowa and then No. 8 North Carolina State in the women's NIT. Then the Irish lost freshman guard Niele Ivey to a torn ACL. Ivey, out of Cor Jesu in St. Louis was the USA Today Missouri Player of the Year and an honorable mention All-American.

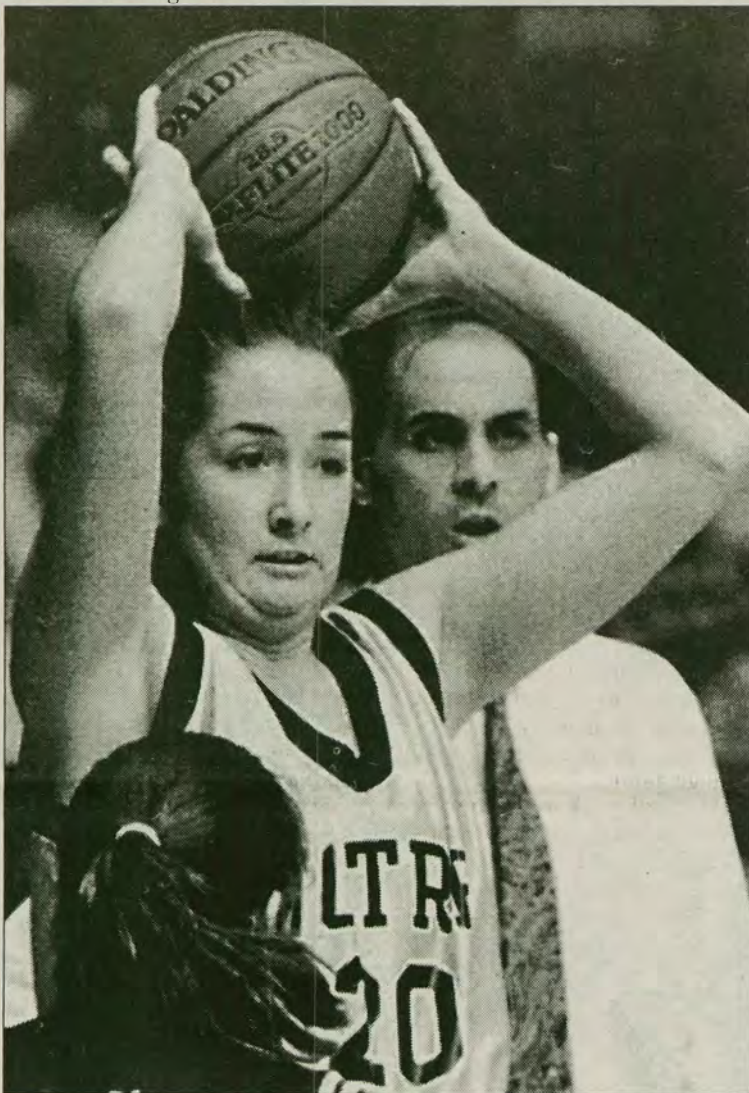
The Blue and Gold were then returned the favor of being upset as unranked foes Purdue, Wisconsin, and Ohio State knocked off the Irish. "We lost Niele and that took a lot out of the team. It was a big blow," assistant coach Carol Owens said. "She brought a big spark and it took us a long time to bounce back."

But the Irish did bounce back as they entered Big East play and have now won 21 of their last 23 contests with the two losses coming to none other than the Connecticut Huskies, who no longer stand in Notre Dame's way.

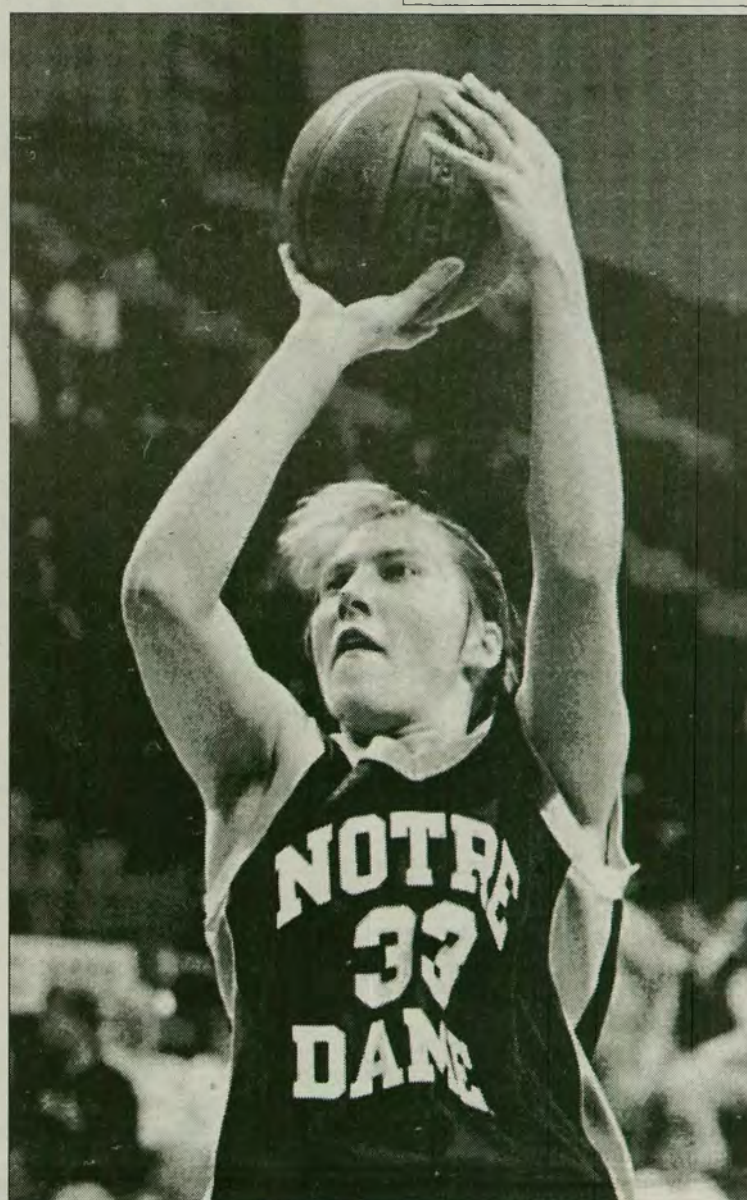
"Our confidence was not high (after the OSU loss)," Owens said. "Then we went on a spurt where we realized that this is the Big East and we need to do well."

"When we lost to Ohio State and UConn twice, they were learning experiences," Morgan said. "As far as playing the top team in the country, I think it was a great experience for us. Playing them so close at their

It takes a little more to make a champion

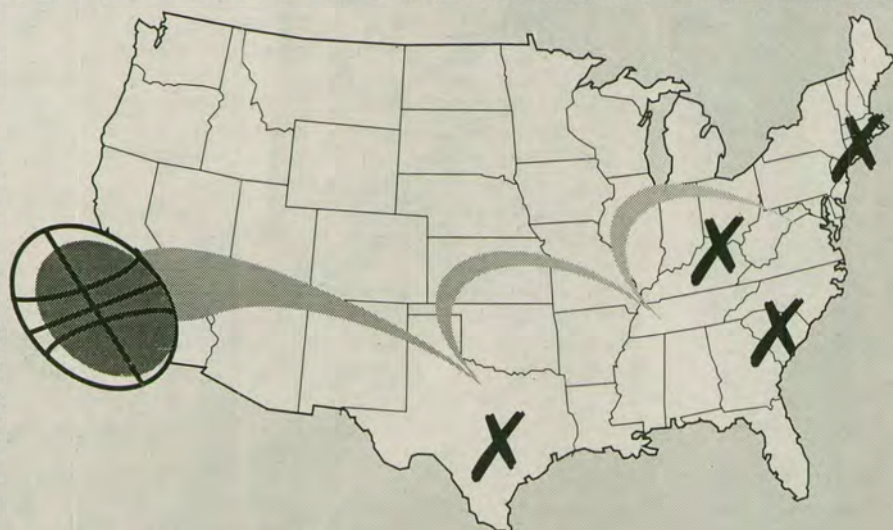


Sheila McMillen has come up with some clutch shots in the Irish run. The Observer/Mike Ruma



Rosanne Bohman has picked up her play come tournament time. The Observer/Mike Ruma

Road to the Final Four



Storrs, CT - Big East Championship

- Irish last loss suffered at hands of top ranked UCONN 77-86

Austin, TX - NCAA first and second rounds

- ND blows Memphis out of gym in 93-62 shalacking
- Morgan and Gaither go for 29 each leading to a thrilling 86-83 win over the Longhorns

Columbia, SC - East Regionals

- Morgan's career high and East Regional record 36 points lead Irish from down by 9 to 87-71 to win over Alabama

- Gaither's 25 point 16 rebound effort pace Blue & Gold to 62-52 win over George Washington

Cincinnati, OH - Final Four

- Notre Dame becomes just the third No. 6 seed to advance to Final Four

The Observer/ Brian Blank

place gave us a lot of confidence."

Although disappointed by its loss to UConn in the championship of the Big East Tournament, the team realized that the NCAA Tournament lay ahead and they needed to prove their resiliency once again, which they have with their four game run taking them to Cincinnati.

"The seniors really have stepped up to make it (the injuries) not be a factor," Owens said. "They're playing like they should be at this time of the month. We're a small unit and we're very close."

At one point during the year, the squad got to the point where they dressed just seven players. But March is the time of the year when most squads do not go more than seven or eight players deep. That combined with a veteran squad has minimized the effect that the injuries have had on the squad.

"We have a veteran team which helps," Owens said. "We definitely wouldn't have gone this far considering the injuries with a young team. But when all the seniors are healthy that helps."

"We stopped paying attention to it and everybody took on a double load," Owens continued. "We thought if we want to be in this position in March, this is what we have to do. We had to practice harder, hit the weight room more and stay in great shape."

This attitude of "never say die" or "refuse to lose" or whatever cliché you can think of has not only been their attitude when it comes to injuries, but also their recent games.

In their last three contests against Texas, Alabama, and

George Washington, they found themselves down in the second stanza and their backs against the wall. But someone has been there to step up and knock down the big shot, grab the rebound, or come up with the defensive stand, holding off midnight in their Cinderella season.

"Injuries can parallel the course during a game when we're not playing well or the other team is making a run," Morgan noted. "I think we've been pretty resilient. Playing a great team night in and night out we know they'll have their run. We just need to keep it close and we know we're going to have our run."

Only those who have not seen their last three games may wonder how Morgan knows that they'll have their run. Against Texas, Morgan teamed up with Sheila McMillen to hit back to back treys and give the squad a one point lead from being down by five.

Down by nine against Alabama, Morgan was at it again when she drained three in a row from behind the arc before McMillen came off the bench to hit two in a row and ignite a 22-0 run.

In the Regional Final against George Washington, the Colonials took the lead for the first time in the second half. But this time, the Irish used a man-to-man defense to start a run and take the lead for good.

"When it's been crunch time everybody has stepped up their play and we've had some great victories," Morgan said.

The Irish have overcome the adversity, and they have the feeling and confidence that they have a couple more great victories in them.



Mollie Peirick now has her sights on the defense of the Volunteers. The Observer/Mike Ruma

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"No one had expected us to go this far," said Gaither. "We've taken it one step at a time."

If the next step is to be a successful one, Gaither will have to play a major role. She uses a unique combination of size and athleticism to dominate, but she will meet her match in Chamique Holdsclaw, a two-time All-American, just a sophomore.

Standing 6-foot-2, she can score in the post and can also create off the drive to make her own shots. She has created enough of them to average over 20 points per game this season.

"Chamique has a great deal of confidence in herself," UT's legendary coach Pat Summitt said.

McGraw's squad will vary its strategy to combat Holdsclaw.

"Our game plan is to mix things up on defense," said Rosanne Bohman.

But by no means is Holdsclaw Summitt's only offensive threat. Fellow forward Abby Conklin is a 6-foot-3 three-point threat, and point guard Jolly is a steady floor leader who can also hit from the outside.

And the Irish just have a great all-around player in small forward Beth Morgan.

The honorable mention All-America has been pouring in the points for four years and has saved her best for last.

In the last two games, Morgan tallied 51 points and has no intention of seeing her career end yet, which can also be said of classmates Gaither, Bohman, and Jeannine Augustin.

"Getting to the Final Four was a dream at the beginning of the year," said Augustin. "But now that we're here, we may as well go for the national championship."

Overcoming the tradition-laden Tennessee program is the next obstacle.

"I don't think that will affect us," said Augustin of the UT tradition. "This is a great opportu-

nity for us. We're more excited because this is our first time, and they're here all the time."

It didn't look like that would be the case this season, as the Lady Vols had to endure the rigors of a schedule that included 18 ranked teams. In the process, UT dropped 10 games.

"I guess people have to say we've moved from pretenders to contenders," said Summitt. "That was great motivation."

One way the Vols have been able to turn that motivation into victories is their bench. Summitt has the luxury of bringing 6-foot-4 Tiffani Johnson off the bench. Johnson was a member of the 1996 NCAA All-Tournament Team.

The Irish, on the other hand, have a very well-documented thin bench. One bright spot among the reserves has been guard Sheila McMillen, a sharpshooter who can take pressure off Morgan on the outside.

"The difference between the regular season and now is that everyone is stepping up and people have gotten stronger," said Gaither. "We're very confident and have high expectations. We think we're as good as anyone out there. The only team that can beat us is ourselves."

With the stakes this high, that is always a concern. The nerves will likely be jumping.

"I don't think we'll be too nervous," Bohman said. "We may have a few bad passes early but it will be nothing we can't overcome."

Overcoming things, especially odds, has been the specialty of the 31-6 Irish.

"Every game since the Memphis game has supposedly been an upset according to the media and the NCAA committee," said Morgan. "But we went in focused and everyone on the team believed we had the potential to reach the Final Four."

Now that they're there, the attitude is a bit different.

"We're going to enjoy it, that's for sure," said Bohman. "We're just going to go out and play our game and try to win this thing."

Gaither

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which sometimes plays right into the hands of the Irish.

"Sometimes we hope that they double team Katryna," Owens said. "They don't realize how good (Rosanne) Bohman is. That allows the guards or Katryna to get the ball to Rosanne."

"It obviously helps because she draws the attention from the other post players and that opens things for Rosanne and Julie (Henderson)," Morgan said. "Teams can't focus on the post or the perimeter against us because if they do, the other aspect will beat them."

Gaither has written her name all over the Irish record books as she places second on the all-time career scoring list behind Morgan and second in rebounds behind Lelita Brown. She holds the school record for most points in a game, burning the Ohio Bobcats for 40 points back in November. Gaither also has 20 double-doubles this year and an Irish record 40 in her career, making Gaither a consistent driving force for Muffet McGraw's Final Four squad.

"She goes out and plays hard and has great athletic ability," Morgan said. "When you combine that with her work ethic it's no wonder what she's been able to accomplish."

College ball hasn't always come easy for Gaither. When she came in as a freshman, she ran into more physical and mature players.

"I came in as a skinny kid and I didn't know my role on the team," Gaither remembered. "The only thing I had going for me was my speed. Since then I have just developed myself."

"She came in and put on about 10 or 15 pounds the last several years," Owens said.

After averaging 10 minutes and five points in her first year, in which she lacked confidence, Gaither took advantage of her summer and spent most of on the courts in her home of Mt.



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Gaither consistently draws double-teams from opposing squads.

Vernon, N.Y.

"The summertime is the best time to improve," Gaither said. "My dad helped me out all the time and helped me to get to the next level."

"Basically, I played against a bunch of guys. They were so much stronger and I could compete with my quickness, and that prepared me for the college game."

Her hard work in the summer paid off come the next winter when she started 26 of 31 games and learned her role on the team and in the game.

"I was finally able to break free from my freshman year and I had more confidence. I was aware of my role and I

knew how to accomplish it and fill the team's needs."

"My junior year I was playing with more confidence, and this year I just wanted to improve on my game. There's always room for improvement."

"With her athletic ability, she hasn't reached her potential yet," Owens said. "I think she's going to get even better when she plays professional ball."

"She's worked really hard in the weight room and fundamentally," Morgan said. "She has been able to learn the system and she has reaped the benefits of it." With a 31-6 record and a trip to the Final Four, the program has also certainly reaped the benefits.

Semifinal matches up familiar faces

By BETSY BAKER

Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame women's basketball team is the clear underdog of this weekend's Final Four and with good reason. As the Irish, in their first trip to the Final Four, join three ex-national champions in Cincinnati on Friday, they have their work cut out for them.

If the Irish are able to dethrone defending National Champions Tennessee on Friday, the road to the national championship will not get any easier.

On the other side of the Final Four, 1985 National Champion Old Dominion and 1990 and 1992 National Champion Stanford will battle at a chance to collect another title.

Both teams are stacked with both talent and size. They bring identical 34-1 records to the Final Four with the edge going to ODU as the only Stanford loss was a 83-66 beating taken from the Lady Monarchs on December 17. The loss to ODU knocked the

Cardinal off their top-ranked pedestal, never to return. But the Cardinals have won 25 straight since then and are looking for revenge.

Headlining the Cardinal team is Naismith player of the year and Sports Illustrated cover girl, 6-foot-2 Kate Starbird. Starbird's 20.9 points per game leads the Cardinal, and the fact that she is one of the tallest guards of the tournament allows her to be dangerous from just about anywhere on the court.

However, what makes Stanford so potent on the court comes from 5-foot-6 point guard Jamila Wideman. Although considerably short for a college player, her defensive pressure has made the Cardinals a threat on both ends of the court.

Rounding out the Cardinal are 6-foot-2 center Olympia Scott, 6-foot-1 forward Vanessa Nyggard, 6-foot-4 forward Naomi Mulitauaoepele, and 6-foot-2 Kristin Folk. Folk, who is also an All-American volleyball player and a high school teammate of Irish player Mollie Peirick, is used to being a national champion, as she led the Cardinal volleyball team to two volleyball titles.

With two national titles under her belt, Stanford head coach Tara VanDerveer is looking to win another with this year's team.

"It would be really fun to win

a national championship with this team," VanDerveer said. "It's really a special group."

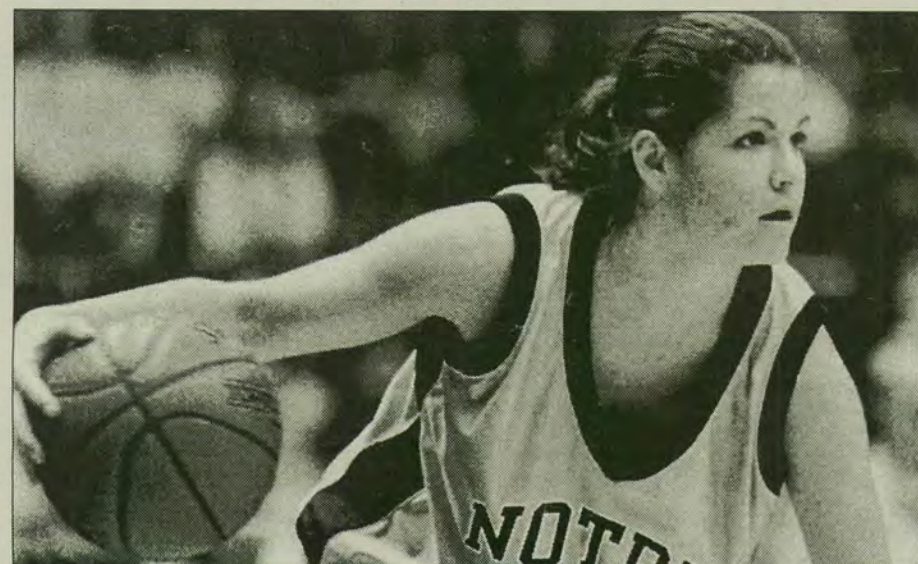
Preventing that from happening will be the job of Wendy Larry and the "Big Three" of Old Dominion, the name given to the front line of Clarisse Machanguana, Mery Andrade, and Nyree Roberts. The "Big Three" in combination with one of the nation's top point guards, Ticha Penicheiro, should make Friday's first contest one of the most evenly-matched of the tournament.

The key to ODU's success is a balanced attack. They can hurt you from anywhere on the court and it is impossible to double up on any one player without unleashing another dangerous weapon.

Unlike VanDerveer's description of how it would be "fun" to win the title, ODU is serious about its trip to the Final Four and its intentions.

"We're not going there to see what kind of malls they have or to find cute guys," Penicheiro commented. "We're going there to take care of business."

The highlight of this game will be the match-up between Wideman and Penicheiro at guard, and whoever is able to more effectively run their offense while maintaining 40 minutes of good solid defense should walk away with a shot at the National Championship.



Point guard Jeannine Augustin will control the Irish attack in Cincinnati. The Observer/Brandon Candura



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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 roomie 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.

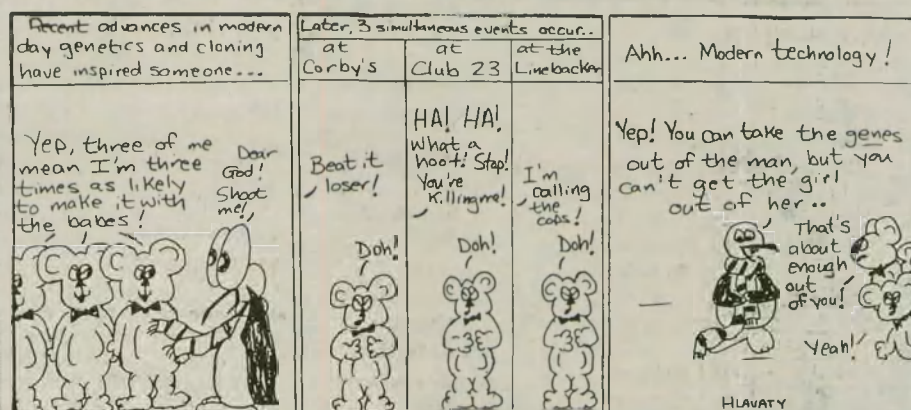
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N.D.C.D. BLUES

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.

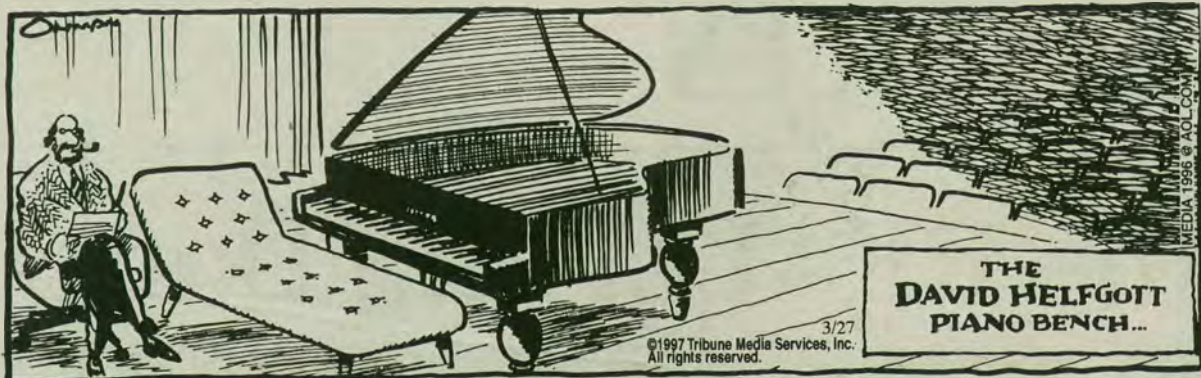
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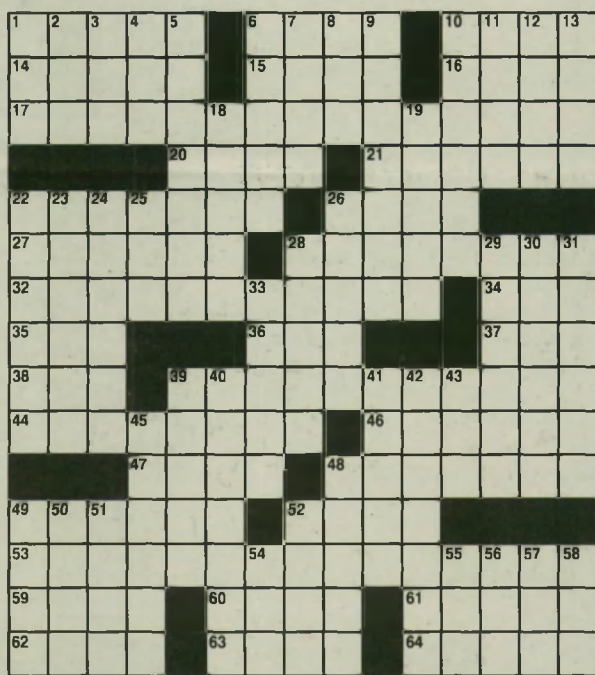
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It's time for the REALLY Big Dance

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Beth Morgan finds her squad two victories shy of the Championship.

ND set to face defending champs

By TIM SHERMAN
Senior Sports Writer

You wouldn't think defending national champion Tennessee, proud owners of four national championships and nine Final Four appearances, would be on a mission for respect. Think again.

By their standards, the Lady Vols struggled this season, losing 10 games and have somewhat adopted an "underdog" attitude.

Although the circumstances are quite different, the lesser-known Notre Dame program has also been on the path toward recognition. On Friday, those paths converge at 9:30 p.m. in Cincinnati when the Irish face the Lady Vols.

"We've worked so hard for this and I think we deserve it," said UT guard Kellie Jolly. "We've been through so much this season. Nobody thought we'd be here today. It seemed we were the only ones who believed and we kept on saying we were the only ones who had to believe."

The Irish feel the same way.

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Gaither pulls her weight for Irish

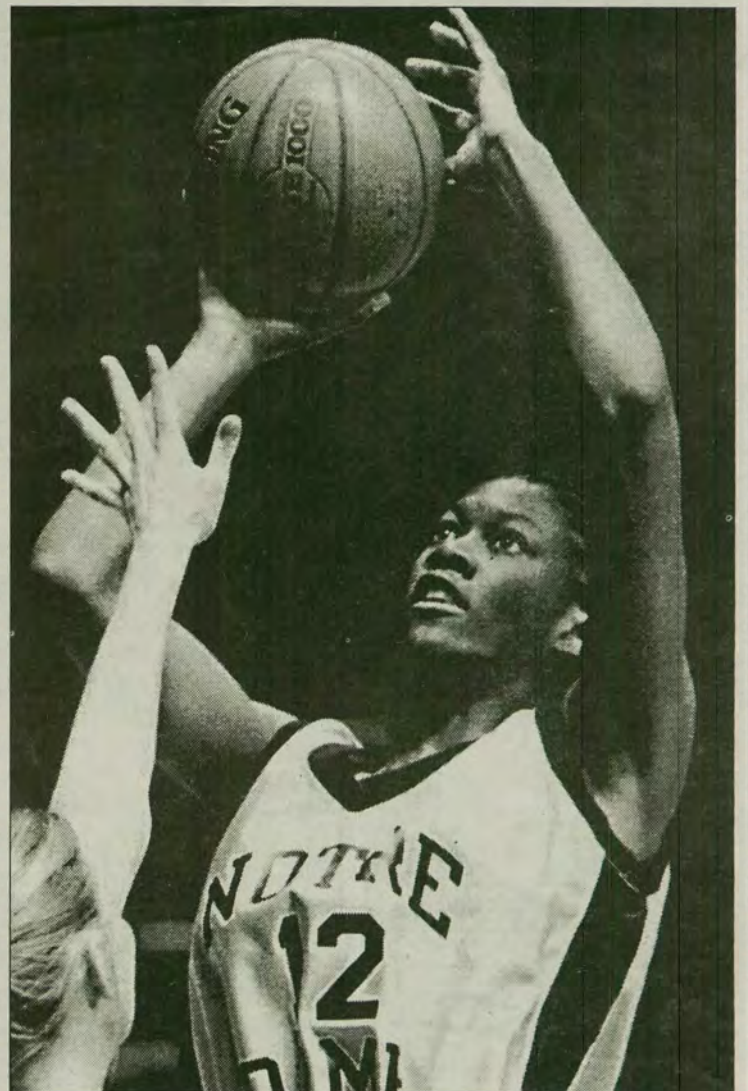
By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Four years ago a tall, skinny Katryna Gaither stepped onto the Joyce Center hardwood. Now, a lot of quality time with the weights, 2,098 points and 973 rebounds later, Gaither finds herself, and the Notre Dame program in the Final Four and the national spotlight.

Gaither has earned honorable mention All-America honors in addition to receiving national media recognition. Sportscenter's Stuart Scott proclaimed her "The Truth" and Mimi Rogers (ESPN's women's basketball analyst) made the statement that "Katryna Gaither is as good as there is in the country. Everybody talks about (UConn's) Nykesha Sale's, (Alabama's) Dominique Canty and (Tennessee's) Chamique Holdsclaw, but Katryna is right there."

In this record-breaking year for the Notre Dame women's basketball program, Gaither shattered teammate Beth Morgan's record for most points in a year with 748 as she averages 20.2 ppg on 59 percent shooting from the field.

Gaither has grown to become one of the most domi-



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Gaither has developed into one of the nation's premier post players.

nant post players in the game, as no one person can guard her due to her size and athleticism.

"Sometimes that (double-teaming) still doesn't stop her from scoring," assistant coach Carol Owens said. "She was always in great shape and she made the adjustment when they started being more physical on her."

After earning a starting position in her sophomore campaign, she poured in 19 points a contest with just under eight

rebounds as she shot 62 percent from the floor. In her All-American year last season, she averaged just under 20 a game and increased her work on the glass to over nine a contest.

Gaither's numbers draw a lot of attention from opposing squads. Coaches are faced with the daunting task of trying to contain Gaither's production. They concentrate their defense on the middle

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■ MEN'S LACROSSE

Squad prepped for Hobart's challenge

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

To the average Domer, the word "Hobart" has little meaning — many don't even recognize it as a college in New York. To ardent lacrosse fans, however, 11th-ranked Hobart represents excellence in lacrosse.

The team's trip to South Bend, to take on the Irish men's team at Moose Krause Stadium on Saturday afternoon, is the source of much excitement. "This is definitely a big game for us," stated

sophomore defender Laurence Galli. "Hobart has a good team, and this will definitely be a test for us."

Sophomore attacker Ben Savage agreed. "They're a really good squad. They'll probably be tougher than Dartmouth."

Last Saturday, the Irish destroyed Dartmouth with machine-like efficiency. "We played very well against Dartmouth. I think we out-executed them. We just had an all-around good game," said Savage.

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Stephen Taylor and his teammates hope to knock-off number 11 Hobart in Saturday's game.

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