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Hickey bids Saint Mary's farewell

By ALLISON KOENIG
Saint Mary's News Editor

Last night, Saint Mary's students took the time to say thanks.

A special dinner organized by the Student Government Association (SGA) in the dining hall honored College President William Hickey for his years of service as a professor and administrator.

"We appreciate all you've done for women's education," Jen Turbiak, student body president, told Hickey. SGA members presented him with gifts on behalf of all the students, including an afghan blanket depicting images of the campus and a collage of photos from Hickey's years at Saint Mary's.

Hickey, who sat at a table with a group of student leaders, rose to thank those in attendance. "Thank you so much. This is a particularly special moment for me and [my wife] Barbara," he said.

He then expressed regret at his failure to duplicate "the relationship I had cherished and developed with the students, especially during my years as the vice president dean of faculty."

Hickey explained that the demands of the Sesquicentennial celebration, which took precedence in his responsibilities as president, were largely responsible for what he called his "rupture in availability" to students over the past few years.

In 1993, the Board of Trustees announced plans for the \$30 million campaign. Hickey explained that in an ambitious fund raising situation like



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Last night, Saint Mary's President William Hickey was presented with an afghan blanket commemorating his time at the College.

that of the Sesquicentennial campaign, the College president becomes the chief financial officer and the leading active recruiter.

Hickey announced that the \$28 million mark had been reached, with 18 months left in the

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Arts and Letters names Roche dean

By LAURA PETELLE
News Writer

Mark Roche was named dean of the College of Arts and Letters on Wednesday.

Roche is currently the chair of the department of German and Russian languages and literatures at the University.

Roche will assume the deanship on July 1, when Harold Attridge, the current dean, steps down to assume a professorship at the Yale Divinity School.

Roche is currently in Germany, doing research on a Humboldt Fellowship, which gives recipients lifetime access to research support from the German government.

After graduating magna cum laude from Williams College in 1978 with majors in German and the history of ideas, Roche earned his master's degree in philosophy and German literature from Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen in Germany.

He then studied at Princeton University where he earned his second master's degree in 1982 and his doctoral degree in 1984.

Roche served on the Ohio State University faculty beginning in 1984 and was named chair of the department of Germanic languages and literatures in 1991.

He joined the Notre Dame faculty at the beginning of this academic year, and was named chair of the Department of German and Russian languages and literatures.

"The creative imagination, the scientific study of society, and reflection on history, literature, truth, self, and values are at the core of any university's intellectual enterprise."

"Notre Dame infuses these spheres with a moral and spiritual dimension," said Roche.

"Our goal should be not

'Our goal should be not only to occupy a unique position in the landscape of American higher education but also to compete with the very best secular institutions.'

Mark Roche

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Game of Saint Mary's hits the stands this week

By SARAH CORKREAN
Saint Mary's News Editor

After seven months of searching for local sponsors and designing the game board, the Game of Saint Mary's has been printed in a limited edition series.

Sponsored by Saint Mary's social work club and Christ Child Society, the game is being sold in LeMans Hall this week.

By selling ads to local businesses that many students frequent, student government associations and residence halls at Saint Mary's, 300 games were printed.

"We are hoping that we sell quite a few games at graduation, class reunions this summer, and freshman orientation next fall in order to print another edition of games to sell throughout the school year," said Carey Welde, president of the Christ Child Society.

The drive behind selling the game is to raise money to donate to needy children in the South Bend area. In the South Bend branch served by the Christ Child Society, 3,000 children benefit from community clothing donations.

"We are hoping to start a tradition by introducing this game to the Saint Mary's community that the Christ Child Society can continue to sponsor and promote," said Welde.

"Not only are we providing entertainment for students and a game that will bring back college memories, we are helping needy children in the community," she added.

Like many other schools' forms of monopoly that feature local college hangouts on the game board, the Game of Saint Mary's added an additional incentive to get students to buy a

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How to get around doing homework...



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Participants in yesterday's Dizzy Bat Race kicked off the Random Acts of Fun event on Fieldhouse Mall.

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ND and SMC leaders gather for summit

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
News Writer

Yesterday evening, newly elected student leaders from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College gathered for the second Leadership Summit held between the two schools this semester.

Representatives from Notre Dame's Board of Governors, Hall Presidents Council and class councils met with the Student Activities Board and class councils of Saint Mary's to share and compare individual programming for the upcoming year.

"Contrary to popular belief, there is

no real difference between students at the two schools," said Notre Dame student body president Matt Griffin in his introductory address to the group. "We want everyone to meet, relax and get some ideas out into the open."

In February, Saint Mary's leader Stacy Davis instigated the first Leadership Summit at the College. Although there was not a large turnout, the meeting laid a foundation for future meetings between the schools. This summit, held in LaFortune Ballroom, was attended by close to 100 student leaders from both schools.

"It really opens the possibility for joint programming when so many representatives are present," said Deborah Hellmuth, the organizer of this summit. "So much can be gained by learning how things are run at the individual schools."

Food and impromptu seating created what Griffin hoped was a non-imposing environment for Notre Dame leaders to meet their Saint Mary's counterparts. After introductory words from Hellmuth, Griffin and Saint Mary's student body president Nicki Milos, the leaders were free to

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

An addendum

You might remember my friend Kate.

Laura Petelle
News Copy Editor

I've written about her in this space before — she was the girl who tried to leave the dining hall with two halves of one apple and was told that she had two pieces of fruit and therefore couldn't leave.

The apple column brought me several compliments, several accusations, and several incredulous looks. But it brought Kate notoriety, a notoriety that she doesn't appreciate.

So I'm writing a public apology to Kate.

Kate is now introduced to people as "the girl who had the half-apple." At her freshman retreat she was forced to act out a skit about it. The half-apple story became her tag-line on campus. She is no longer the 5-foot-2-inch brown-haired freshman from Lyons Hall who works with the First Aid Team, she's the "apple girl."

Kate, I'm sorry that I wrote about your half-apple adventure.

Maybe I should have written about the time you were sitting at one of the desks in my room and tipped the chair over backwards like a third grader. I asked, "Kate, are you okay?" You said, "Yeah, I landed in your roommate's laundry."

Or maybe I should have written about the time you were yelling at me on the quad, gesticulating wildly, and your YoCream flew out of your hand and landed on the ground, cone and all. And you said, "I always wondered how that happened."

Or maybe I should have written about our conversation the other day:

"At least you won't be drinking wine with the trombone players anymore. You're all out."

"Yeah, I scared them all away."

"What?"

"Oh! You meant the wine!"

Or maybe I should have written about your incredible ability to beat the beginning level of Mindsweeper — in only 67 seconds.

Or maybe I should have written about how you wrest my computer from me to conquer the world on Civilization (do I need to explain again how to put the people on the boats?), and then yell at me for not finishing my paper before the last minute.

Or maybe I should have written about how you are the only person in the world who managed to injure herself badly enough to require medical attention — while working First Aid team.

Or maybe I should have written about how you make long, drawn-out PowerPoint presentations about aliens who will take our shoes and make the men of the human race be barefoot and pregnant.

Or maybe I should have written about the time you were singing "How Can I Keep From Singing?" in Monday night Mass (off-key, as usual) and muttered, "And God's saying, 'How can I keep them from singing?'"

I could have written about any of these things, but instead I wrote about how you attempted to leave the dining hall with an apple. I'm sorry. I guess in the future I should be more careful about what I say about you in print; I wouldn't want to make you angry or embarrass you.

We are still rooming together next year, right?

Right?

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Algerian troops slaughter Islamic leader after village raid

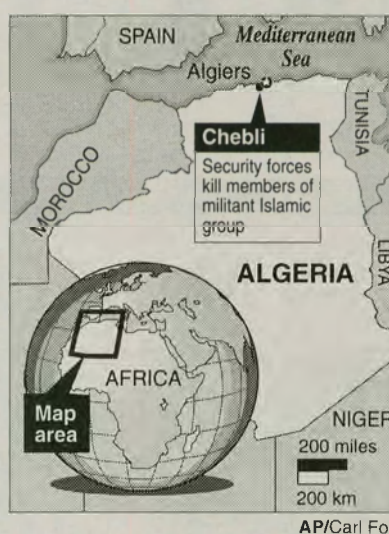
ALGIERS
Algerian forces killed the leader of an Islamic militant faction and 32 of his followers blamed for village massacres south of Algiers, newspapers reported Saturday.

Amir Ayoub's faction was part of the Armed Islamic Group, considered the most radical underground group fighting to topple Algeria's military-backed government.

The papers gave no details of the raid on the group around the town of Chebli, 20 miles south of the capital, Algiers.

There was no official confirmation of the killings.

They were thought to have occurred Thursday and Friday as part of a government offensive south of Algiers where attackers have terrorized vil-



lages, slashing, shooting and beheading villagers.

Villagers largely blame Ayoub's faction for the attacks, which have killed 180 civilians in a little more than two weeks.

Security forces have redoubled their efforts to clean up the region before June 5 legislative elections, the first since the army canceled a January 1992 vote that the Islamic Salvation Front was poised to win.

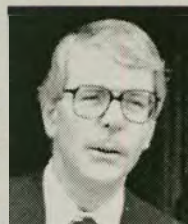
The army's action then triggered an uprising by Islamic militants; fighting since then has killed an estimated 60,000 people.

The Islamic Salvation Front has urged Algerians to boycott the June elections, saying the government is certain to rig the vote.

Major warns against Labor Party

STIRLING, Scotland

After nearly 300 years of union with England, Christine Holden thinks it's about time the Scots "had a wee say in our own affairs." They'll probably get it after national elections May 1. The front-running Labor Party promises to give Scotland its own parliament, a move that embattled Conservative Prime Minister John Major warns will be the first step toward shattering the United Kingdom of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Mrs. Holden, a shopkeeper in Cambusbarron, a picturesque village on a hill overlooking estates of local lairds, or landowners, has no big quarrel with Michael Forsyth, Stirling's high-profile Conservative Party legislator. "What I don't like is that just about everything that is done in Scotland needs permission from England," she says. That sentiment adds a dimension to the election in Scotland. For English voters, the choice is between the Conservatives and Tony Blair's "New Labor," the once-socialist Labor Party that has shifted to the center on tax and spending issues, blurring the differences between the two. But on Britain's unwritten constitution, the gulf between Conservatives and Laborites is enormous.



Roller coaster crash kills boy

TULSA, Okla.

Amusement park officials say a roller coaster was inspected just two weeks before an accident that killed a 14-year-old boy and injured six others. One of the cars on The Wildcat was being pulled to the top of an incline Sunday night when, just before reaching the crest, it slid 45 feet back down the track and collided with another car, said Harry Baker, assistant fire chief. Witnesses said the boy who died was in the front car. He was ejected, hitting his head on one of the ride's metal bars. "I heard a funny noise and looked up and the front car was coming backward," said Kurt Vitense, who was on the ride platform. "I couldn't tell if the people in the car even knew what was going on, but they hit awfully hard." Bell's Amusement Park was packed as visitors enjoyed a 25-cents-per-ride promotion. The park remained open after the accident. The ride was inspected two weeks ago by the Oklahoma Department of Labor, park president Robert Bell III said. He said all rides are inspected once a year. Two 14-year-old boys were in serious condition today at St. Francis Hospital. A father, two of his daughters and another young girl who was a family friend were treated and released. The cause of the accident was unknown. Baker said the cars are pulled to the top of the initial crest by a chain.

Fisherman battles for prize marlin

WELLINGTON, New Zealand

A New Zealand fisherman took the wildest ride of his life after spearing a huge striped marlin during a fishing contest. Chris Browne was aqua-planing at speeds of up to 11 mph for 90 minutes Saturday before the big game fish was reeled in near the Hen and Chicken Islands off the northern coast. Browne said it was "a spur of the moment" decision to spear the 295 1/2-pound marlin, which at times dived to depths of 60 feet. Browne managed to keep his head above water, hanging on to a 50-foot rubber cord attached to the spear, which stretched as much as 150 feet during the tow. The speeding game fish towed Browne three miles out to sea before turning and weaving back toward the shore. "At one stage I was very dubious whether I could handle it," Browne told TV One News. "I was very lucky, really. I just hung on and once I realized he was starting to tire, I knew I had him." At 54, Browne is one of New Zealand's most experienced skin divers. He has been towed by kingfish before but while marlin have been speared, none has been reeled in. But Saturday's catch — believed to be a world record for a spear-fisherman — won no prizes. The marlin didn't fit on the scales.

Vandals desecrate national cemetery

HONOLULU

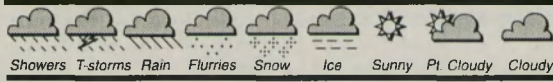
Blood red messages of hate for the state and police were sprayed on hundreds of tombstones and walls at five cemeteries, including the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The vandalism was discovered Sunday. The culprits were organized, using templates to stencil some of their painted messages, police said. One scrawled message at the national cemetery said, "Let all visitors know Hawaiians are racist." Another said, "Hawaii desecrates me! I desecrate." Still another addressed the Honolulu Police Department: "H.P.D. ignores hate crime. IGNORE THIS." The vandals identified themselves on one cemetery wall as "Ps.A.R.I.H. (Psychos Against Racism in Hawaii)." The misspelled message went on to say: "We don't negotiate. We don't compromise." One of the messages at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery said, "My love was greater than your love. Now my hate is greater than your hate." The cost of damage was estimated in the thousands. Novie Barnes, 94, found her husband's marker desecrated when she visited the national cemetery for American war dead. "It's hard to think that anybody could be so cruel or so mean to do the trick like that to people."

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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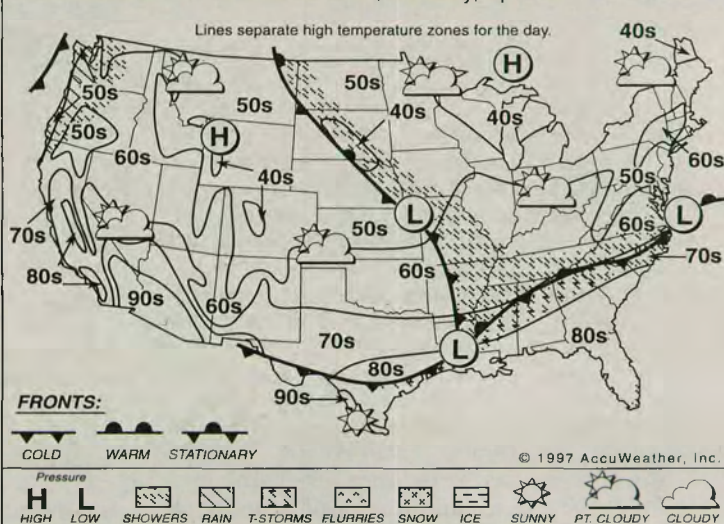
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Wednesday	56	43
Thursday	56	43
Friday	57	41
Saturday	60	45



Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, April 22.



Anchorage 47	25	Erie 53	39	Newark 69	46
Atlanta 77	58	Fresno 81	57	Pueblo 69	33
Boise 66	44	Jackson 75	60	Tulsa 70	51
Columbus 61	42	Lincoln 57	40	Waco 80	57
Daytona 82	60	Memphis 72	55	Wichita 64	47

Antostal participants took part in activities such as eating contests, a wet clothes race and a sack race. The festivities were followed by an elementary school theme in the dining halls and a showing of Top Gun.



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Today in Antostal

Activities planned for today include big wheel races, Twister and a root beer chugging contest followed by a burping contest. The Notre Dame version of MTV's Singled Out is billed as the highlight of today's action. A performance by Irish Accent and a showing of "The Breakfast Club" are also planned.



ND priest succumbs to prolonged illness

Special to The Observer

Father William Lewers, 69, died at 2:50 p.m. Saturday at Holy Cross House following a lengthy illness.

A former Provincial Superior of the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Lewers, at his death, was a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Notre Dame, a professor of law and director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights in the Notre Dame Law School, and a fellow in Notre Dame's Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

A wake service for Lewers will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Moreau Seminary. The Mass of the Resurrection and Rites of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Burial will follow immediately in the Congregation of Holy Cross Community Cemetery.

A native of Kansas City, Mo., Lewers had occupied his current positions at the University since

1988.

A staunch defender of human rights, he was a driving force in initiating Notre Dame's Master of Laws program in International Human Rights Law, which has brought lawyers from around the world together for specialized study and research. He also played a central role in the U.S. publication of the report of the Chilean National Commission on Truth and Reconciliation by the University of Notre Dame Press, which documented human rights abuses during the former military regime in that country.

Most recently, he had helped to create a program, now being funded by the MacArthur Foundation, that is sending recent Notre Dame law graduates to assist in the work of the U.N. tribunal investigating war crimes in the former Yugoslavia.

Lewers served the Catholic bishops of the United States as director of the U.S. Catholic Conference's Office of International Justice and Peace from 1983 to 1988.

Internship provides entry into politics

By RACHEL RICHMOND
News Writer

Opportunities in the fast-paced world of politics are available to students through Project Vote-Smart.

Project Vote-Smart is a non-partisan, non-profit research organization that hires college

interns. The interns work on a range of political-oriented projects, including researching federal and state campaigns, collecting evaluations of current candidates' performances, and finding information on current political issues. Research is done via the Voter's Research Hotline and maintaining the Vote-Smart web site.

Project Vote-Smart is completely funded through grants and donations.

In addition to various national leaders, its national board consists of former and present congressmen of both parties. Grants from the Hearst Foundation have enabled Project Vote-Smart to reward scholarships to the interns. The average scholarship is \$1,000, with up to \$100,000 available in funds.

All majors are accepted, but Adelaide Elm, a founder of the organization, noted that political science, communications, journalism and computer science majors are particularly valuable. Elm also said that the interns "become staff members" for Project Vote-Smart and work 40-hour weeks.

The internships generally last at least 10 weeks, with year-round positions open.

"We find it astounding that young citizens are labeled as apathetic and uninterested in government and politics," said Ann Yoder, national internship coordinator for Project Vote-Smart.

"Our interns are the most idealistic, enthusiastic group of people in the country today, and they constantly inspire the rest of us to work harder in our efforts to improve the political climate for everyone," she continued.

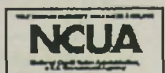
Project Vote Smart has its main office in Corvallis, Oregon and a branch in Boston. Applications for this summer are being accepted throughout this month.

Anyone who is interested should call Ann Yoder at (541)754-2746 or send e-mail to intern@vote-smart.org.

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only to occupy a unique position in the landscape of American higher education but also to compete with the very best secular institutions, not by losing our identity but by drawing attention to it as a strength," he explained in a statement on the future of the College of Arts and Letters.

"I'm just delighted that Professor Roche has agreed to be the Dean; he is a superior teacher and scholar and an administrator of tremendous vision and skill," said University provost Nathan Hatch.

"His colleagues speak in the most flattering terms about his ability to build consensus among diverse colleagues and his interest in mentoring

young faculty and his ability to solve intractable problems," Hatch continued.

"I'm delighted with his ability to be deeply interested in quality undergrad education."

Hatch added that Roche has a "wonderful sense" of what it means to be a Catholic University.

"I think it's positive that [Roche] came here and chose ND as a faculty member because he liked what he saw and he's begun to learn this environment," said Hatch, "but he brings the strength of outside experiences," he continued.

"Most important," said Hatch at the time of the appointment, "he has a clear understanding and appreciation of the defining characteristics of Notre Dame — its commitment to undergraduate education, its aspiration to undertake world-class

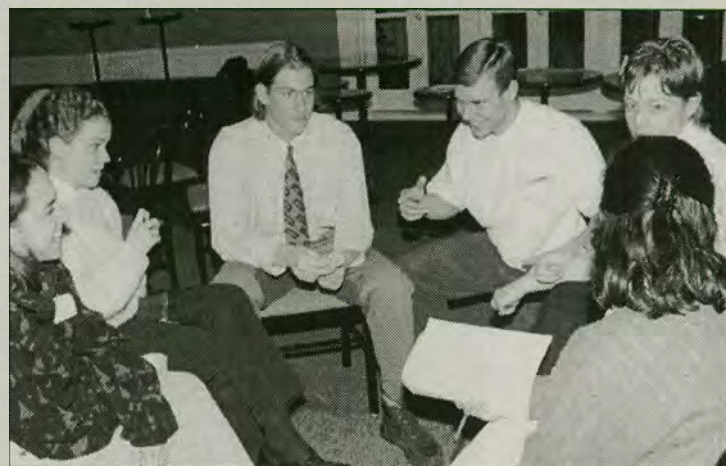
Leaders

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exchange names, phone numbers and ideas about what administrative direction they hope to take with next year's council.

"We are really working to make this a tradition," commented student body vice-president Erik Nass. "It is important to find a touchstone with someone at the neighboring school, who is experiencing the exact same thing at the exact same time."

The idea for a Leadership Summit was derived after last year's student government leaders decided to address the lack of communication between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, hoping to plan future events that incorporated both



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Participants in last night's Leadership Summit discussed possible methods of increasing communication between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

schools. Among some of the inter-campus events proposed were possible joint-class dinners and retreats.

"Right now we are just hoping to collaborate our

resources," explained Beth Nolan, Notre Dame's senior class president. "The communication gap needs to be bridged before we can effectively coordinate programming."

Air Force locates missing warplane

Associated Press

There was no sign of the pilot, Running said, but the type of wreckage visible from the sky points to Button's plane.

"It is our collective judgment that what we have seen is likely to be A-10 airplane pieces," Running said.

Gray painted pieces of metal that look like parts of an A-10 were spotted, Running said. Yellow-green paint, consistent with Button's warplane, was also seen.

"We will need to get some pieces to make that absolutely certain," he said.

The wreckage was spotted on the south side of New York Mountain, a 12,500-foot peak about 15 miles southwest of Vail. The area had been examined before, but snow in the area has melted since then, he said.

2nd Lt. Keith Shepherd, a spokesman for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona said the site was within the primary search area and was consistent with visual sightings about the time the warplane disappeared.

Three days after Button, 32, disappeared, the search shifted to Colorado, where faint radar signals were detected in the central Rocky Mountains. Radar data and witness accounts indicate Button consciously broke away from his three-plane training formation and flew to Colorado.

Air Force officials previously suggested Button could have become incapacitated and put the \$9 million plane on autopilot.

People reported hearing booming noises in the Vail area on the day Button disappeared. Other witnesses have said they saw dark clouds that could have been smoke.

Weather conditions, rugged terrain and avalanche danger made search efforts difficult. Officials used U-2 spy planes and helicopters to scour the mountains around Eagle,

about 100 miles west of Denver.

Button, a native of Massapequa, N.Y., had been a flight instructor at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas, until he arrived in Tucson in February to train on the A-10.

Military investigators have been looking into his background in hopes of finding an explanation for his disappearance.

The probe includes the Air Force's Office of Special Investigations, which typically handles criminal matters such as fraud and counterintelligence.

But Air Force officials involved in the search have said the investigation has found "no derogatory evidence" about his past.

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Anne Hudson BP Hall

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Hickey

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campaign. "I want to hit the goal [of \$30 million] by the end of May," Hickey announced. "I plan to hit the road again soon," he stated.

He recommended to students that, upon graduation, they remember how lucky they were to have attended to Saint Mary's. He told them that it was their responsibility to be the primary recruiters of high school students to apply to Saint Mary's.

Hickey also took the chance to reflect on the College itself. "It is wonderful to be a part of this marvelous institution. I can't say how happy I am to have been a part of it," he said.

"I can't say how sad it is to leave," he concluded.

Hickey, who resigned last spring, will officially step down at the end of May. His successor, Marilou Denbow Eldred will assume the office on June 1.

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game.

Local community restaurants, bars and movie theaters have donated up to

\$200 in coupons in each board game.

"When you buy the game you are not only buying a form of entertainment and a memory board of your college days, but also getting a great deal on the coupons that local businesses have donated," said Welde.



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Call #3318 - Last "add" date: July 1.

Course Content: Combinatorics. Finite Probability Spaces. The more common discrete random variables. Elementary applications.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

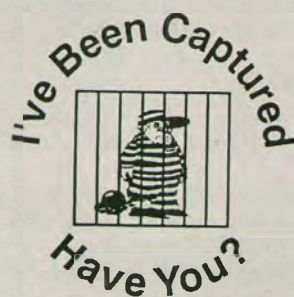
MATH 126 - Calculus II - (4 Credit Hours) 8:35-10:10 MTWTF, June 30-July 29

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

Course Content: The second semester of a comprehensive course in calculus of one variable generally taken by students in science and engineering.

For further information, please contact:

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British bomb threats cause distraction, traffic problems

By AUDREY WOODS
Associated Press Writer

LONDON
A string of telephoned bomb threats tied London's air, rail and road traffic in knots on Monday and momentarily distracted politicians from the national election campaign. Authorities blamed the IRA.

Prime Minister John Major, expressing contempt for the Irish Republican Army, praised the "stoicism and good humor" of the traveling public, which struggled all morning with citywide traffic snarls. No bombs were found.

"It is essential to take these warnings seriously," Major said. "The IRA have murdered in the past. They will not hesitate to murder again."

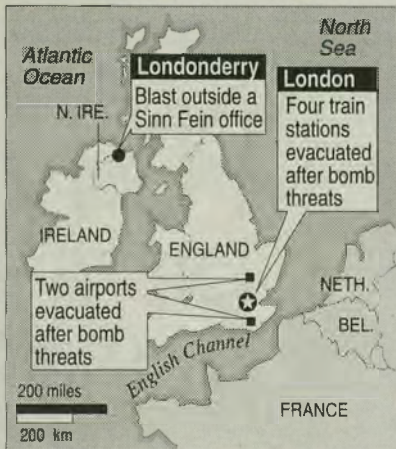
No one claimed responsibility, although the people who called in the threats used recognized IRA code words.

"It's a clear attempt by the IRA to dis-

rupt the British general election" on May 1, said Tony Blair, leader of the Labor Party, which is way ahead in the polls.

In late March, Labor's Northern Ireland spokeswoman, Mo Mowlam, suggested that the Sinn Fein party could be invited to join all-party talks in Northern Ireland in June if their allies in the IRA quickly restored their ceasefire, which lasted 17 months until February 1996.

The IRA's answer was more disruption and violence: a bomb hoax that canceled the Grand National horse race on April 5, the shooting of a policewoman in Londonderry, Northern



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Ireland, on April 10, and a bomb Friday at the railroad station in Leeds.

Monday's threats forced the evacuation of four major railroad stations and two airports.

"Basically, west London and central London are closed," Royal Automobile Club spokesman Peter Brill said at midmorning. "This is going to be some of the worst traffic chaos that we have seen in London for many years, if ever." Police sealed off Trafalgar Square and Whitehall, at the heart of the British government.

Cars, taxis and buses, wedged bumper to bumper, strangled Parliament Square. Some roads into the city were

clogged solid.

Thousands of passengers were stranded out on the tarmac at Gatwick and Luton airports before they received clearance to disembark. Others waited for hours, their flights canceled or rerouted.

The railroad stations all reopened by noon, and the gridlock slowly melted. Flights disruptions, however, lasted all day.

Some people caught in the mess took the bomb threats in stride. Others were exasperated.

"I don't think anyone's going to take any notice of them; it's happened time and time again," said Ian Baker, waiting for police to give the all-clear to enter the building where he works.

"It's John Major's fault," said Mike Fenton, who spent three hours driving nine miles into central London.

"If he had sorted out the problem in the beginning, we wouldn't have this problem," he said.

Clinton views Dakota flood damage

By PHILIP BRASHER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON
President Clinton will scrap his Earth Day celebration plans to take a firsthand look Tuesday at the flooding in Grand Forks, N.D., and meet with refugees who have fled the inundated city.



Clinton

"These people are facing a disaster and we want to see what we can do to help as soon as possible," Clinton spokeswoman Mary Ellen Glynn said

Monday.

Water from the swollen Red River covers 75 percent of Grand Forks and virtually all of neighboring East Grand Forks, Minn. One block of downtown Grand Forks were gutted by fire, leaving the skeletons of buildings in streets swamped with five feet of water.

The governors of North Dakota and Minnesota are pressing Clinton to increase federal aid to the region, which had already been ravaged by a series of blizzards before this spring's flooding.

The federal government normally pays 75 percent of the cost of assisting individuals and for rebuilding roads, water systems and other infrastructure

after disasters. The federal share can be increased to 90 percent in severe cases. North Dakota lawmakers have appealed for 100 percent.

The costs of recovery in the region could exceed \$1 billion, said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

Clinton plans to tour the area by helicopter and then visit with local leaders, rescue workers and the townspeople who have taken refuge at Grand Forks Air Force Base, about 15 miles east of the river.

Clinton has cut back his traveling since he injured his knee and had it surgically repaired last month. For his tour Tuesday, he will use a smaller helicopter that only has one step to navigate, aides said.

■ SECURITY BEAT

FRI., APR. 18

7:39 p.m. Security transported a University employee to the University Health Center for treatment of an injury.

12:04 p.m. A University employee was transported by Security to Memorial Hospital for treatment of an illness.

4:30 p.m. A Dillon Hall resident reported the theft of his unlocked bike from the east side of Sorin Hall. The victim later found his bike in the bushes near Sorin Hall.

5:39 p.m. A Stanford Hall resident was transported by Security to the University Health Center for treatment of a sports injury.

SAT., APR. 19

2:15 a.m. A Fisher Hall resident was cited in the D06 parking lot for minor

consuming alcohol.

3:50 a.m. A Stanford Hall resident was transported by Security to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of injuries sustained during a fall.

9:30 p.m. A Flanner Hall resident was cited for driving while suspended on Holy Cross Drive.

SUN., APR. 20

1:44 a.m. A St. Edward's Hall resident was cited for speeding on Juniper Road.

10:26 a.m. A visitor was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of an illness.

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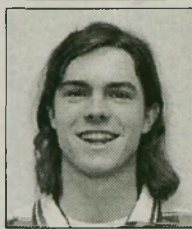


THE MIGHTY OAK

The eyes of science: Beauty as imperfection

Nathaniel Hawthorne tells the story of a brilliant scientist married to a most beautiful woman, angelic in every way and flawless in her beauty save for one tiny birthmark on her downy cheek. Despite his fortunate estate, this scien-

Sean O'Connor



tist is discontent. He has a thing closest in its casting to that which he would name the ideal of beauty, yet he is denied that ideal, held from it by only one tiny mar. And the knowledge of this burns in him, consuming his mind. In this fey mood, he devises a technology by which he can wrest his wife's cheek from the grip of the tiny blemish, and his devices work and the blemish is driven away, but in the very process, the frail spirit of his wife is broken and she dies. In his hubris, he destroys the very thing he would perfect.

What is perfection? Who knows what perfection truly is, if such a thing does exist? It is our natural wont to seek perfection, or at least try to define it, or name that which comes closest to the mark. But how can we define it if we have never known it? We can only say that a thing without flaws is perfect.

A clearer definition might be constructed for imperfection. Most would call a bucket with a hole in it or a knife too dull to cut, imperfect. Something could be imperfect because it did not function properly or efficiently enough, or it missed some imaginary ideal of beauty that no one has ever seen. I guess that something can always function with a hypothetically greater efficiency, so all technology is always imperfect.

Applied science seeks to better the

technology it creates with each passing day. Human industry has also sought to improve living things, breeding fatter kernels of corn and fatter, dumber cows. The traditional selective breeding processes used by people for thousands of years are beginning to yield to new, more exact methods such as recombinant DNA technology. Researchers are manipulating the genetic structures of organisms to yield greater perceived benefits to humans.

Like tools and other living things, humans are imperfect in the way they function and the way they approach our imaginary ideal of beauty. Could they too be improved?

In the future, artifact and the environment might not be the only subjects of our constant attempts at refinement. The very human form could be on the brink of intrinsic alterations in an attempt to bring it closer to perfection. Already, very worthy research is delving into the possibilities of gene therapy to combat serious genetic diseases. Hopefully, the same techniques will not be employed to perform cosmetic adjustments to people's appearances, or to alter certain facets of their personalities.

An organism is essentially an expression of its genes filtered through its environment. Some would argue that an organism is merely a vehicle for its genes to replicate. By manipulating a person's genes, we could be fundamentally altering their identity, changing them from one discrete individual to another.

The cloning of a sheep by Scots researchers a few months back is the first step into a dangerous new realm. This technology might one day be applied to humans to proliferate people with those traits we consider closer to perfection. Perhaps this is a long-off nightmare vision in the vein of "Brave New World," but hypothetically such a situation could arise.

Closer to our present experience is the genetic engineering of organisms through recombinant DNA technology.

Researchers can take selected genes that confer resistance to herbicides, increase the growth rate, etc., and insert them into the genomes of certain food crops to improve the vigor of the crop. Although these efforts have been successful a number of times, risks do exist. Food plants that have been imbued with herbicide or pesticide resistance genes could crossbreed with weedy wild relatives, creating a race of hard-to-kill superweeds. This has already happened under laboratory conditions.

A controversy is currently raging over a bacterium that lives on plant leaves. This bacterium has been shown to serve as a nucleus for ice crystal formation, exposing the plant to frost damage. Researchers have found a way to engineer the frost-forming genes out of the bacterium. They want to spray the altered bacterium on plants in the hopes that it will out-compete its wild predecessor and confer greater frost resistance to crops. But it has been discovered that the same bacterium lives on the coats of bees and other pollinator insects. Researchers cannot predict how the altered bacterium would affect the relationship of frost to the insects, so the release of the bacterium is thankfully on hold.

The interactions between any one organism and its environment are probably infinitely complex. It is not possible to fully predict them in the laboratory. The release of a genetically-altered organism into the wild can be equivalent to the introduction of an exotic species into an ecosystem. In both scenarios, there is always the danger that ecological balances might be swung askew, even by a seemingly harmless microorganism.

A genetically diverse population is the material from which natural selection picks its winners. As foresight is limited, who can say that something which is considered a flaw now will not become an evolutionary benefit when conditions change? Maybe some new disease will arise and sweep across a

genetically monotonous population of cloned cattle, and perhaps there may once have existed some flaw in the cattle's gene pool which we excised, but that flawed gene might have also given resistance to this new disease. But who would know, because diversity was compromised for size.

Biologist Stephen Jay Gould writes about the "thumb" of the Chinese panda, which is actually not a thumb but a sixth appendage, an extension of one of the metacarpal bones. The panda uses its spur to strip leaves from its primary food, bamboo. The "thumb" is not terribly efficient. An engineer could probably design a better device, but natural selection works with only that material provided to it, imperfections of form. At some point in evolutionary history, the spur was probably no more than a bump on the wrist, but then conditions changed and it became a boon to the animal. If the panda were a farm animal, would we see the bump as a flaw and try to engineer it out of existence?

I recently read a description of the waterfalls of the Yosemite Valley written by naturalist John Muir. Each of the falls he speaks of has its own special character. There are those of great power and thunderous noise, and there are those of wild froth and unfettered course, and there are those that fall like sheets of unbroken glass, and all of these are beautiful. But there is one, not as noticeable as the rest, not as high or broad or voluminous, but creased on its lip by a knob of rock, a knob not high enough to split the course but at just that height to lay inches beneath the water surface and warp its surface, producing a long fluting down its entire course. And it is this imperfection, this birthmark on the cheek or bump on the wrist, that blesses the fall with a subtle beauty that exceeds even the most grand.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Wisdom entereth not into a malicious mind, and science without conscience is but the ruin of the soul."

—Francois Rabelais

■ AND IN THIS CORNER...

The consummate disgrace of ND and the AMA

The way we each live our lives is always subject to judgment, just or unjust, by those around us. What we do and who we are is necessarily interpreted by each and everyone else, sometimes on the basis of community standards, sometimes through tradition, sometimes religion, always

Matthew Apple

because of perceived differences. We are always judged by those who want the world to be just like them.

Dogma, the unshakable tenets we must believe in, control our pocket universes. If we disagree fundamentally with supposedly unshakable tenets, we simply form other unshakables to found our new set of beliefs. Dogma lies at the centre of all human existence. Simply put, if we didn't believe in something, whatever that something may be, the universe just wouldn't make any sense. The very idea that the universe doesn't make sense doesn't make any sense to us; we MUST have meaning, and if it means eradicating anything and everything that doesn't conform to our view of the order of the world, then we will do it gladly.

Certain people who think they can use the concept of law to condemn an entire segment of the human population do so because they cannot conceive of the rest of world deciding not to abide by their internalized dogma of the universe. What they term "wrong," "bad," or "evil" essentially means nothing more than "I don't like it," or "That does not fit my system." What certain people condemn, they do so out of fear and out of ignorance. They condemn what they do not understand; they condemn in their insecurity what they fear would happen if they did understand. They condemn because they refuse to believe that others exist who do not share the subjective ordering they have forced upon the world.

The most important and most cited commandment of the New Testament is Love thy Neighbor. This commandment, it is said, supplants all previous command-

ments which divide with the concept of love which unites. This, it is said, is what makes one fundamentally Christian: the belief that the embodiment of all that is good, all that is love, all of the whole of the universe, whether it be called God, Allah, Buddha, Brahma, or what have you, this all-encompassing force binds the universe together, gives it shape, and gives it meaning. The smallest part of this Unity is as important as the largest part. All parts of the universe are but a reflection of the whole; each contributes to the universal spirit of love and unity, and as you do to the least of these, so you do to the greatest, and to the whole.

The Catholic Church believes differently. The Church dogma, built up over centuries of hate, violence and bigotry, states that procreation, not love, is the foundation of the universe. If you cannot or do not have children, if you do not add little soldiers to the blind Army of God, you cannot be Christian, and you cannot be saved. Love, the force which has no end, is created by the dogma into merely a means to an end. Love has become no longer a means unto itself, but merely a by-product of the auspices of the law of the Church. Love is made only important insofar as it adds to the number of believers and money-givers, insofar as it adds to the power of those who accept all peoples, if only they believe the same thing, if only they do not disagree with the dogma. The differences love brings are not allowed, not because they are wrong or harmful, but because the dogma says so. Difference is forbidden, because it is different.

Professor, please explain to me, if ever there was love here, where has the love gone? In this rigidly dogmatic and hierarchical power structure that is a university, why, instead of teaching and advising, helping its members grow as individuals who can add to the community their individual talents, knowledge and spirits, why do you encourage the wolves to flay the flock and do not open your arms in loving welcome?

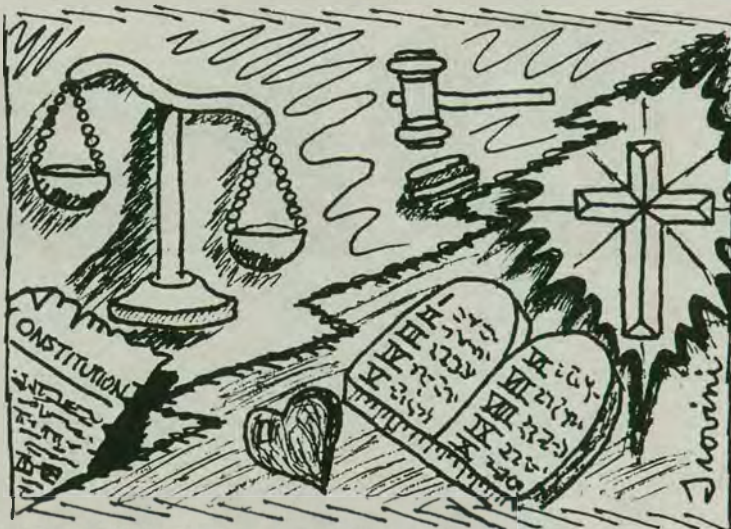
Professor, you have an incredible amount of gall claiming that prayer can "correct" homosexuality; you have enormous chutzpa to support the claim that alcohol abuse and homosexuality are "morally" equivalent. You and your supposed proof of the "evil" of homosexuality are as laughable as the AMA's former "proof" that homosexuality is a "develop-

mental anomaly." Your claim that religion can "cure" homosexuality is both laughable and terrifying.

What will you next insist? Will you insist that society force homosexuals to undergo shock therapy to change their orientation to "normal"? Will you declare that heterosexuals who have a certain number of children are as guilty of "excess" as homosexuals? Will you support "studies" that "prove" that blacks have a genetically inferior intelligence quota? Will you proclaim working mothers who leave their children at daycare centers "morally" unfit to be mothers and deserving of the death penalty? Will you claim that because Jews "killed" Christ and do not profess belief in the Resurrection it proves Judaism is an "intrinsic moral evil"? Will you claim that a person is not a person, unless the Catholic Church says so? Will you support sexual eugenics and the denial of Constitutional liberty to we the people, if we are different?

They come out of confusion and fear for advice and compassion, and you hold out stern salvation in one hand and the staff of scarification in the other. They ask for recognition, and you call them mentally diseased. They ask to be treated with dignity, and you strip them of their humanity and deny them the right to be individual, to be human. You quote decrees, proclamations, encyclicals and bulls — which are just that — and you think by this to prove gays and lesbians as somehow being less than people. Look at what you hold up as the truth, look at what you claim as the highest authority — words. Only words. Would you value a piece of paper more than a human life?

Professor, your words of hate and narrow-minded zealotry do the Notre Dame Law School and this entire university a grave injustice. It is no wonder that homosexual students would rather transfer to other universities or even kill themselves than publicly acknowledge their sexual orientation. I count the homosexu-



al members of the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's community among the bravest people alive. Your words hurt these brave people and this academic community. Your words shame everyone who ever claimed the title Christian. Your bigoted brand of Christianity is hypocritical and emotionally and mentally scarring, and your concept of "morals" would make the bloodthirsty, God-fearing Inquisitors of Spain extremely proud to claim you as one of their own.

While the administration of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame refuse to acknowledge that homosexual students need a support group run by fellow students, you go them one further by denying these students their very right to exist as human beings. You repulse me. You sicken me. You turn all the vaunted values of this religion of love into a pack of insidiously preying lies.

You are not fit to be a professor. You are not fit to teach these youths how to better themselves and their community. You are not fit to teach anybody anything but how to hate. You are the crowning representation of all that is wrong with the Catholic Church, with the institution of Christianity, and with the University of Notre Dame. You are a disgrace of a human being, and you deserve the tolerance and love of those whom you deny are capable of true love. You are truly worthy of my pity.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The cross revisited: Commitment to change

Dear Editor:

Julie Ferraro's column, "God 'N Life," aptly demonstrates two important truths. First, we are all called to "do theology" in the course of integrating our faith into our life. Second, it is not easy to do theology well. Generally I think her columns make an able effort at affirming the first truth, linking faith and life in the unique context of Notre Dame. So, it is with some reluctance that I feel compelled to suggest that her Holy Week column on the cross and suffering is unfortunately stark evidence of the second truth. While trying to relate the cross and resurrection of Jesus to our own daily lives — an admirable desire, to be sure — she trivializes both of these decisive events in Christian history, finally reducing them to little more than instances of positive thinking.

To suggest that Jesus' cross is comparable to the suffering we experience in disease, tragedy, inconvenience, or academic anxiety is just plain bad theology. I don't deny that the incarnation as a whole suggests that God has come to identify with the assorted sufferings of human life in a previously unimaginable way, but I need to challenge the claim that this is what happens on the cross — and that this is the lesson we are to draw from it for our lives.

Jesus' passion was something quite other than "keeping a stiff upper lip" or "making the best of a bad situation." The reality of the crucifixion can hardly be described as "not that bad." We're talking about spikes being driven, one mallet blow at a time, through human flesh. We're talking about a body, with the skin already flayed by scourging, now hoisted into a position where breathing is only the most painful possibility — until even it becomes impossible. And when Jesus cries out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" those words don't evoke the calm disposition of a man merely counting the days until Easter when he'll "have the chance to rise again." I'm not saying that Jesus' faith faltered on the cross, but I don't think the desperate

conviction of those moments is echoed in the common sense, "chin up" advice offered in Ferraro's column.

Further, Jesus' suffering on the cross is qualitatively unlike virtually every instance of suffering listed by Ferraro. Even setting aside the obvious difference, that Christians accord to Jesus' suffering a redemptive significance that we don't claim for our own (and I certainly don't infer from Ferraro's column that she ignores this), if we wish to draw any exemplary significance from Jesus' cross for our own lives — if we wish to understand accurately what it means to "carry the cross" — we need to pay much closer attention to the form of Jesus' suffering. Nowhere have I seen this stated more clearly than in John Howard Yoder's "The Politics of Jesus" (1972, rev. 1994): "The cross of Christ was not an inexplicable or chance event, which happened to strike him, like illness or accident, [but rather a] constantly reiterated free choice. He warns his disciples lest their embarking on the same path be less conscious of the costs. The cross of Calvary was not a difficult family situation, not a frustration of visions of personal fulfillment, a crushing debt, or a nagging in-law; it was the political, legally-to-be-expected result of a moral clash with the powers ruling his society" (p. 219).

If Jesus' cross came to be understood as redemptive on the scale of eternity, it was reckoned thus, at least in part, because his historical life and ministry made so unmistakably clear the passion of God to maintain a transforming solidarity with God's people in the face of the powers — both spiritual and temporal — which would oppress them. To see the cross in this light unavoidably suggests that when the Gospels exhort us to "take up the cross," they have something similar in mind. We carry the cross not by being cheerful despite the fact that "sh** happens," but rather by allying ourselves with the needs of the poor and the outcast — and doing so with a full recognition that still today there are powers, both spiritual and temporal, that will exact a clear price from us for this act of Christian discipleship.

Some may think it rather morose to dwell on all of this now. After all, this is the season of lilies and white linens. The cross was not the last word on Jesus; Easter changed everything. Indeed it does — but not in the way that Ferraro seems to think. For Christians, Easter doesn't begin with the promise that "we all have the chance to rise again" (though clearly it does bear that promise). Easter begins with the declaration that now we all have a reason to die.

There is a poem from Central America entitled "Threatened with Resurrection." The point of the poem is this: if we wish to confess the truth of the resurrection, it requires that we confirm with our own lives the path that led Jesus to Easter — a path that continues to run by way of the cross. Easter doesn't primarily give us the hope with which to face life's manifold uncertainties (though I suppose it does do that); fundamentally it threatens us with the joyful claim that truly in expending our lives for others we will find life for ourselves.

In closing I want to reaffirm my admiration for Ferraro's columns in general. I hope she continues to share with us her sincere and thoughtful efforts at linking "God 'N Life." And I wish the Notre Dame community well in approaching the varied stresses that assail us, no doubt with particular force at the semester's end. But I hope that no one any longer makes the mistake of thinking that our efforts to cope with such things constitute "carrying the cross." If we want to "carry the cross" — and I hope that many of us do — then let us use the promise of Easter to commit ourselves to the transforming of society into a more just and compassionate place. We can start right here on this campus. And we won't need to buy any lumber or nails; if we are persistent in our efforts, sooner or later society will supply the rest. That's a promise — and it has the guarantee of Easter behind it.

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Dragging

Accent takes a closer look at

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The murmurs of the crowd dissolve into silence, broken only by the first loud notes of music and steady spotlights. A voluptuous woman takes center stage, swaying to the beat and mouthing the lyrics with artful precision. The picture is one of poised seduction: a well-practiced performance, its synergy with those to whom she directs this concentration. It's the glitz and glamour of Hollywood, with only one quirk.

She is he, and everyone knows it.

The drag phenomenon has permeated mainstream society. Yet aside from the standard show and drag queen, people cross-dress everyday. Whether it's innocently cross-gendering for a Halloween costume, or the slightly more bizarre-sounding instance of a Minneapolis man who dressed like a waitress while gardening in his backyard, cross-dressing is everywhere.

It has the potential to cross the boundaries of the political, social and cultural, and either be aligned or attacked by them all. Drag queen Dan Savage, the only person to register Republican in the largely Democratic precinct of King County, Wash., not only appeared at the county convention as a delegate, but as the Republican precinct committee officer. Some may wonder if Savage was the traditionally conservative party's saving grace or its worst nightmare.

Precisely because dragging is so widespread and complex, the confusion between issues of pop-culture and science is an expected one. There are cross-genderers (those who attempt to live life as a member of the opposite sex), transsexuals (those who actually alter themselves surgically to adopt the secondary sex characteristics of the opposite sex), those with transvestic fetishism (a compulsive need to cross-dress in order to achieve sexual arousal), non-disorder cross-dressers (those who simply derive pleasure from wearing one or several articles of clothing of the opposite sex), and lastly, drag queens (who may be any of these types and perform — dressed like

women and usually by lip-syncing — on stage). Other complex subtleties do exist, but these major categories help psychologists identify any possible disorders.

"Without research, I would say many more people who cross-dress derive enjoyment from it than are disturbed by it," states Susan Harris from the University of Miami, Fla., who will receive both her license and PhD in psychology in June of 1997. What may separate some cross-dressing individuals from others is the difference in the comfort level of the individual.

She explains, "Since the act itself does not harm others, cross-dressing is considered a benign disorder. As psychologists, we do not necessarily need to change the pattern, just the discomfort derived from the behavior. It's not about changing them, but helping them to live more comfortably."

And many do. As the drag scene becomes more accepted, social as well as employment opportunities become increasingly available. Lucky Cheng's, an up-scale restaurant with franchises in New York City,

New Orleans and Miami Beach, claims less notoriety for its cuisine than for its employees. While the chefs are trained gourmets, the waitresses are all glamorous, scantily-clad drag queens. In the midst of waiting tables, they jump on stage or saunter down the aisles, performing numbers under spotlights to entertain the diners. For an additional charge, a table can pay to have any waitress sing and dance especially for them.

On a Sunday night at the Miami Beach location, a group of middle-aged couples approach Lucky Cheng's hostess, inquiring about a table and a show. Fantasy and Chyna Girl graciously concede, and between them perform one dance hit and one Disney number. Anything to please the masses.

Strangely enough, it is the fascination of non-cross-dressing society with this culture that keeps

it alive. Just look at the box office for evidence. A glance at the entertainment industry, perhaps one of the most revealing indicators of mainstream trends, will reveal numerous successfully marketed — and even Academy Award-winning — films with cross-dressers and drag queens as their protagonists. "Mrs. Doubtfire," "The Crying Game," "Priscilla Queen of the Desert," "To Wong Foo...," "Rocky Horror Picture Show," and "The Bird Cage" are just a few popular titles on this list lined with dollars.

So what fuels this growing interest in drag culture? Drag is so old that it's new, and so twisted that it's straight. The issues surrounding cross-dressing are not so much sexual as related to gender, which increases their level of complexity. Gender identity is more fundamental and innate than any other personal trait. For this reason, manipulation of this inherent characteristic, albeit external, is surprising and exciting to the average person.

Dr. Jay P. Paul, a psychotherapist from the University of California at San Francisco, wrote that, "Gender identity refers to the individual's inner-conviction of their maleness or femaleness." Paul continues to explain that gender roles are unstable constructs that vary with culture, social class and age. Sex is biologically inherent; gender is dependent upon social norms.

This relative scale, as well as the seemingly natural occurrences of cross-dressing throughout history, may contribute to its acceptance today. Recorded accounts of men and women who cross-dressed date back to the ancient Romans, Greeks, and Hebrews, as well as to the medieval Christian era.

Modern classifications of these acts as "sexual perversions" however, were not developed until the 1800s, and Webster's dictionary dates the origin of the word "homosexual" as 1892, and that of common use of "transvestite" at 1922. These words were not part of the vernacular before, largely because the classifications did not exist as abnormal; gender roles were often perceived as more fluid.

As society deals with the relatively sudden shift from the domestic sphere to the

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Beginning at 10 a.m., check out the ICC Health and Fitness Tour's **AIR TOYS** and collect lots of free stuff. You could also win a car.

Also at Stepan, get wet on the **Slip-n-Slide** and enjoy other rites of childhood like **Big Wheel Races**, a giant Twister game and **root beer chugging and burping contests**. The last two contests are not to be confused with the dinner concerts at the dining halls this evening.

At 7 p.m. check out ND's version of **Singled Out** in LaFortune Ballroom. Contrary to rumors, Jenny McCarthy will not make an appearance.

The Big screen video game tournament will take place again at 7 p.m. in the Huddle. **Irish Accent** will perform at 9 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. Finally, the Class of '98 presents its free movie, **"The Breakfast Club,"** at 8 and 10:30 p.m. in Cushing.

Around

the drag queen phenomenon

women's liberation movement, neither sex seems to have a clearly-defined gender role anymore. More women enter the work force and raise their own children, and some men seem to be rejecting their traditional role as the patriarch in exchange for something more enjoyable and more attractive. If women made the switch, why can't they?

This question is as interesting as ever, and the answer is pushing out of the urban setting. While most residents of a chaotic, cosmopolitan city may come to expect such displays, drag queens have not resigned themselves to the "anything goes" environment of the big city.

This alternative form of entertainment has infiltrated rural areas as well, even in the Midwest, which often boasts the reputation of good ol' wholesome values. Little besides corn surrounds South Bend, Ind., yet in the heart of the town lies The Seahorse — South Bend's very own drag bar.

The gorgeous, the glamorous, the Seahorse's very own, Tracey Love headlines the shows which include several performers. This delicious diva struts onto stage wearing beaded gowns and croons to the music of Kiss or the Spiderwoman or Cher perhaps — any female singer with as much style and poise as she. "If I had to choose music, it might be Tina Turner or Diana Ross. I love the hard rock of Tina and how you can really get funky with her. And I love the elegance of Diana." As anyone could see from watching her perform, her favorite clothes are glitzy, beaded gowns.

Despite her immersion in a relatively different reality than that of most Americans, Tracey relates to an interviewer with ease, like she's telling an old friend a story or a bit of gossip. She talks about training rottweilers and loving a shop at Niemann Marcus.

Although she has undergone partial sex-reassignment surgery, there is nothing unnatural about her. She remarks that it's easy to go out in public, because no one even knows. While Tracey admits to experiencing discrimination, this doesn't stop her. The tall, African-American beauty loves being a drag queen because of the opportunities to improve. There's always something new she can try. "I grow as a person, in addition to as a performer. There is no hardest character or act to do because of my way of thinking. It enriches my life to always want to be better. I believe in widening every horizon."

So if this cosmopolitan attitude seems out of place only 90 miles from Chicago, how about the migration of drag to a predominately Catholic, conservative, male-dominated country? Across the Atlantic and the Equator, Chilean drag shows command a sizable attendance in the fashionable Bellavista district of Santiago. A show at Bunker, one of the capitol city's gay bars, can last more than an hour, with men and women alike sitting at tables or inside cages for a less obstructed, elevated view.

The hyper-styled diva will emerge, surrounded by a swarm of handsome, shirtless men, who fawn over the singer in exaggerated gestures of masculinity. Although the drag queens probably speak only Spanish, they mouth the lyrics of songs by Madonna or Annie Lennox with ease. Yet whether they're consuming North American culture or creating their own matters not. They are beautiful, they are entertaining, and the audience screams for more.

The popularity of dragging presents a unique challenge for the intellectual psychological community. What occurs in some cases is the societal glamorizing of that which may actually be a disorder. Harris believes that, "For many people who cross-dress as a symptom of transvestic fetishism, it probably causes confusion that something that causes them distress is becoming prevalent as a norm." The media present something as artful that, in their own life, causes stress. And it probably doesn't help when a company manufactures drag Queen Barbie as a toy that's good for a few laughs.

And this is a window into the complexity. The issues surrounding cross-dressing are often as ambiguous as the people who do it. A disorder or an obsessive fetish to one may be simply an entertaining game for others. To analyze drag queens for more than they are, or to try to categorize them as transvestites, transsexuals or even homosexual, would be to remove them from their proper context as vivacious, glamorous performers. For many, it is a career just like being a lawyer or selling insurance.

While it understandably troubles some who feel that the laws of nature are somehow being tampered with, the focus must be on the expansion of the mind, and the exploration of standard gender roles. It is the drag queens' ability to question and challenge that may be the key to the whole appeal. So as the curtain goes up and the spotlights flare, audiences should just sit back, relax, and enjoy the show. After all, these girls are just trying to have a little fun.



Bookstore

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Someone Who Needs A Sub. The Sixth Man boasts an intimidating line-up including Ron Powlus, Tom Krug, John Cerasani, and A'Jani Sanders. The other team did not let intimidation get them down.

The Sixth Man was being plagued by sporadic shooting. Cerasani missed some easy lay-ups but wowed the crowd with some power moves down low. "Our other guard is injured and A'Jani has really stepped up for us," said Cerasani. "We played strong on the inside and did well on the outside. We are the 13th ranked team but we should be ranked first."

Later in the evening, No. 8 Hoopaholics won a well-contested game over a resilient Tossin' Salads squad, which was led by the play of sophomore Brian Murphy. It was close at the half, but the Hoopaholics wore down their overmatched opponents in the end.

Also seeing action tonight was No. 11 Downtown Assassins and No. 14 Yin and Yang. Both advanced easily.

Tomorrow, the round of 64 will commence at 7:30 PM at Stepan. All 32 games will be played at night on all eight courts.

Bookstore XXVI


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The countdown started at 40 ... now you're down to 4! You've survived so far, now wake up and hang in there.

Lori, I think that question is best answered with a list of who I wouldn't Ask J.

The end is nigh. Beware, for the NDH Militia cometh. Big Brother is watching - Southern "man," you'd better keep your head up.

Congratulations on your engagement, fabulous roommate Tracy! Liam is a lucky man!
- Love, Heather

Happy 21st Jim Sur! In honor of your birthday, I'm going to let you win an argument about social policy.
xo, your favorite feminist

HAC, some of us have been checking out Dan for a while.

Mark, who's the dork who actually looked up callipygian? But you still are!
- The Lunatic

K- phil 'er up! —me

I'm all about walking through the kitchen, and laying on the megabed. Mo - I'm disappointed that you didn't wear the contraption.

"Hey buddy. You falling in love with the wall or something?--Gooooo!!!"

Champs

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earlier, the team defeated the Eagles, 9-0. There was no change in outcome as the Irish won easily again.

In doubles play, the Irish won two matches to claim the point. The only win for the Eagles came in No. 3 doubles where the team of Courtney Haskell and Kelley Olson lost to Carey Ann Deneffrio and Kim Arbuckle, 8-4. In singles, Hall continued to impress with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Barbara

Privrel.

Velasco continued her winning streak, this time defeating the Eagles' Mercedes del Valle in two sets, 6-4, 6-1. In No. 6 doubles, junior Darcie Sweet defeated her opponent in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2. After the fourth point, the win was given to the Irish.

"The Eagles were definitely a better team than the one we had played a week earlier," Gates commented. "The first time we played them, their No. 2 player was out due to injury. When we saw that she was back for this match, we knew it was going to be a lot more

challenging."

After defeating Boston College, the Irish faced Miami in the final round in a rematch of last year's tournament final. Last year, Notre Dame won its first conference title, beating the Hurricanes 4-0. This time around, there was no revenge for the Hurricanes as the Irish posted yet another 4-0 win to claim the title.

The only bright spot for the Hurricanes came at No. 1 doubles where the team of Caroline Hora and Victoria Hunt defeated Hall and Gates, 8-1. The Irish won the other two matches soundly led by the duo of

Zalinski and Velasco. Together, they defeated Miami's Selin Nassi and Meredith Laughlin, 8-4. In singles action, Velasco won her third singles match of the weekend with another win over Nassi, 6-4, 6-3. Zalinski won in No. 4 singles against Laughlin in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

Olson was another double winner for the Irish with a win at No. 5 singles over the Hurricanes' Jennifer Jolyn, 6-0, 6-1. Earlier, she and Haskell defeated Kristina Bain and Jolyn to claim the point.

"Miami really came out fired up this time," Velasco said. "They had a much better team then last year. Fortunately, our team has improved as well."

For the team, the victory was just as sweet as the first time.

"This title really means a lot to me," Zalinski said. "For most of the others, it was their second in a row, but it's the first one since I've been here."

"Although everyone played a key role in this tournament," Louderback remarked, "we were lucky that our No. 2 doubles team was able to compete. We were holding Velasco out because of a sore elbow that she received last month during the most difficult part of the season. Fortunately, she was back to full strength in the tournament. Her performance

in the final played a major role in our success."

With the tournament victory, the Irish improved to 17-10 on the season. Along the way, they have amassed a seven match winning streak, six of which came by way of a shutout.

To add to the honors, Louderback was named Big East Coach of the Year.

"He really deserved it," Velasco said. "He's a great motivator, and he worked hard throughout the year. He was a major reason for our turnaround late in the season."

"It was a real honor," Louderback remarked. "But I'd have to say it was the team's success that won it for me."

The next challenge for the Irish will be hosting the NCAA Midwest Regional during the second week of May.

"We won't get a call until next Monday on what our seed will be," Louderback said, "but our regional matches will definitely be played at home because we're hosting the Midwest Regional. The only question is the seeding, which I think we'll be somewhere in the top three."

"I think we'll be a No. 2 seed this season," Velasco said. "If we just keep our momentum and maintain our confidence, I think we have a good chance of winning the regional this year."

Recruits

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about Martin Ingelsby's basketball skills. It has just been his body that has worried scouts.

In 1996, the 5-foot-11, 165-pound point guard averaged 19.1 points, six assists and three steals a game. He also hit 82 percent of his free throws and led Delaware County in three-point field goals with 63.

He was named the Delco Daily Times Player of the Year, selected to Pennsylvania's second all-state team, and listed as one of the top 10 "most fundamentally sound players" in the nation by The Sporting News.

Ingelsby's team, Archbishop Carroll in Philadelphia, was even ranked as high as number 12 on USA Today's national top 25 before they lost three of their last four games and ended the season with a 28-4 record.

Yet, the main complaint against Ingelsby still remains —

his body. He is not an athlete and carries a slim frame, both of which are ill suited for the Big East.

One reporter in Philadelphia, who covers high school basketball, confirmed that Ingelsby will have trouble guarding the Big East guards. Yet, he was quick to point out that Ingelsby has not yet met failure and has shown the ability to overcome any limitations.

Hans Rasmussen: After averaging only 10 points and seven rebounds a game as a junior, Hans Rasmussen was making progress until a stress fracture in his tibia sidelined him towards the end of his senior season.

"It was, at first, thought to be tendinitis," Rasmussen's coach Steve Halligan explained. "But the pain kept getting worse to the point it was hard for him to run up and down the court. We didn't think it was worth risking his future. But he's been hitting the weights and getting ready for Notre Dame."

In 1996, the 6-foot-9, 205-pound center averaged 15.5

points and 10.5 rebounds per game.

Leviticus Williamson: Recruiting analyst Bob Gibbon said he had never heard of him. Fans responded with a collective "who?" MacLeod just shook his head because his eyes said, "If they only knew."

After averaging 14 points and 11 rebounds for Spring High School in Houston, Texas in 1995, Williamson exploded as a senior.

The 6-foot-7, 190-pound forward dominated Houston's largest class of basketball by averaging 23.9 points, 12.3 rebounds, and 4.1 blocks a game. He ranked second in the Houston area in scoring and rebounding and ranked first in blocked shots.

He was named first-team all-state and was listed among the Houston Chronicle's Texas top 20 list.

According to scouts in Texas, Williamson has a good outside shot and outstanding leaping ability. He can rebound and play great defense because of his quickness.

Their only concerns revolve around whether Williamson is more of an athlete than a basketball player, and if being the only good player on a bad team (14-13) made him look better than he actually is.

All-Star Tournament: Ingelsby, Rasmussen and Williamson can be seen at the Joyce Center this Sunday at 2 p.m. playing in the Coca-Cola All-American game. The Irish recruits will be playing for the East team and will face the West team featuring Indiana's blue-chip recruit Luke Recker. And for those wondering how good center Adam Allenspach actually is — his team will play at 4 p.m.

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■ MEN'S TENNIS

Hurricanes steal title from Notre Dame

By JIM ZALETA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame tennis team took a disappointing second place in the Big East tournament over the weekend. The Irish were upset in the championship by No. 27-ranked Miami. It was a repeat of the finals matchup last season, but with different results.

The Irish took an early lead in the championship match by winning the doubles point with two wins but fell in four straight singles matches to lose the match and receive second in the tournament.

Freshmen Ryan Sachire and Trent Miller won the No. 2 doubles match 8-6. The pair has a chance to perform in the doubles tournament in the NCAA Finals in May. Junior Jakub Pietrowski and sophomore Brian Patterson will be very likely to participate in the tournament. Senior Ryan Simme and junior Danny Rothschild won at No. 3 to secure the doubles point for the Irish. It went to a tiebreaker, but the Notre Dame duo was able to pull through to win the match.

The Irish fell in the front three singles spots, and No. 6 Sachire and Pietrowski suffered losses. The Irish have not lost both top spots since their victory against Virginia Commonwealth in the Blue-

Gray National Classic. Junior Eric Enloe and Simme were also defeated, while Patterson and Rothschild were winning their matches when play was suspended due to the Hurricanes victory.

Saturday, the Irish easily defeated Rutgers, 4-0. The Irish captured all three doubles points.

Senior co-captain Marco Magnano filled in for Miller and paired up with Sachire in the No. 3 spot. The pair easily defeated Jared Morris and Ryan Shockley.

Simme, Patterson, and Rothschild picked up individual wins for the Irish, completing the four points needed for a victory. Simme easily defeated Morris 6-1, 6-0, dominating the serve and not letting Morris gain control of the volley. Patterson and Rothschild also won in two sets.

Earlier, the Irish easily defeated the University of Connecticut in the quarterfinals on Friday afternoon, 4-0. With the top seed, Notre Dame received a bye in the qualifying round. The defending champions came out quickly and won the doubles point with victories by Patterson/Pietrowski and Simme/Rothschild.

Simme filled in at No. 2 for Pietrowski and defeated Drew Broderick, 6-1, 6-3.

■ BASEBALL

Wolverines look to slow Irish

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish are coming off of a very successful weekend in which they swept a three game series from Big East foe Villanova to bring their conference record to 10-4. This afternoon, they head to Ann Arbor, Mich. to take on the Wolverines.

Although Notre Dame and Michigan have only begun to play one another on a regular basis as of the last two seasons, Irish third baseman J.J. Brock feels that there is a definite excitement surrounding the matchup.

"They have traditionally had good teams," Brock noted. "Last year was a good game and with that kind of atmosphere with all the fans, it should be a fun game. It's exciting that we're starting up this new baseball rivalry."

And why not? With Michigan returning to the football schedule this fall, there is no better time to push the age-old rivalry to an all-time high.

In 1996, the Wolverines finished fourth in the Big Ten with a conference record of 17-11, but finished just 24-30 overall and fell to Notre Dame by a score of 8-3 at Eck Stadium.

Hopefully for the Irish, the showdown with their foes from Michigan will indeed provide some added incentive to capture their 13th road win of 1997.

To date, Notre Dame is 29-13 and has won 20 of its last 22



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The Irish hope to continue their winning ways as they travel to Ann Arbor today to play rival Michigan.

games but is just 12-12 on the road.

Right now though, it is enough that they are simply winning baseball games.

"We're not winning big," commented Brock. "But we've got some pitchers who are injured and trying to recover. It's nice when you're still winning (despite the injuries)."

I guess it's been a combination of good defense and clutch hitting."

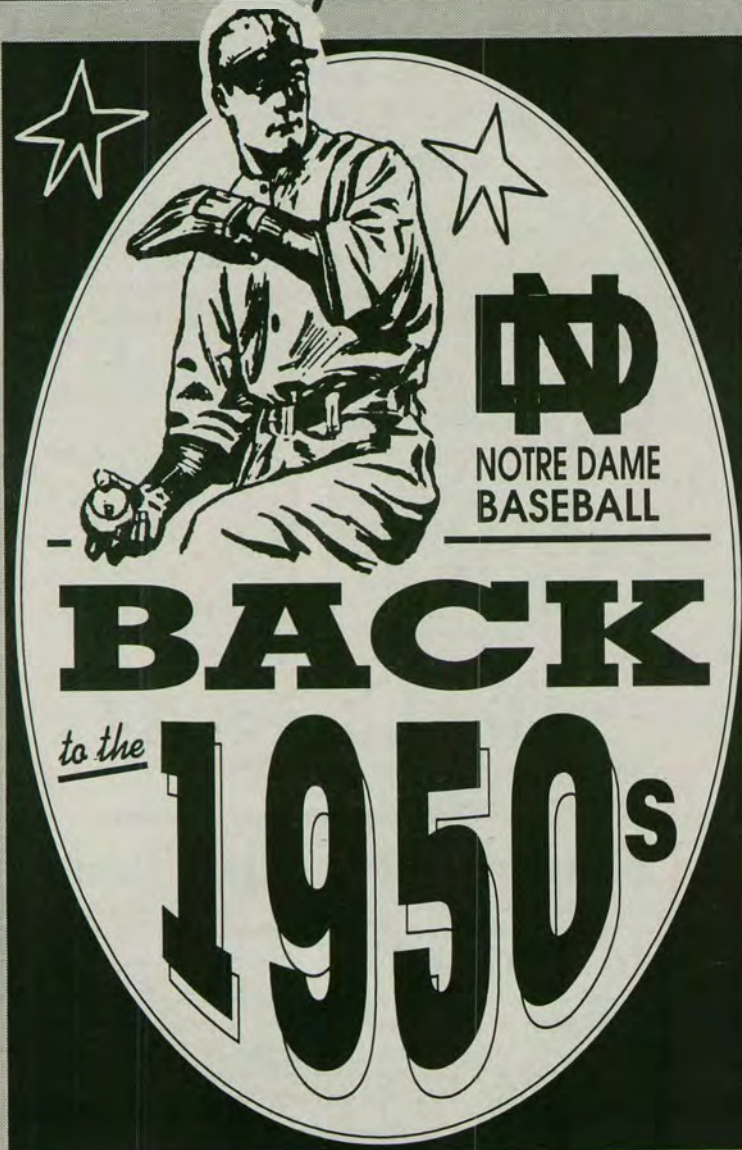
With 11 games left on the schedule before the Big East tournament begins, the Irish still have an opportunity to reach the 40-win mark in the regular season.

"Hopefully when the injured players return," said Brock, "we can bring it all together with a healthy team."

With all of their players healthy, the Irish will certainly be a tough team to beat down the stretch.

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The Work of Taizé

(A special issue of Letter from Taizé, which was translated into 58 different languages, offers some insights into Brother Roger's interest and pursuit of Communion in Christ. Brother Roger searches for ways to heal divisions among Christians and to promote reconciliation. The following description of Brother Roger's vision is paraphrased from this document, which was published as a discussion guide for young people at Taizé during the current calendar year.)

Brother Roger's service of reconciliation found its first expression as World War II began. Among the first persons he reached out to, to offer refuge, were Jews whom he sheltered. Brother's grandmother had offered a similar service to refugees during World War I in northern France. This woman took it as a personal task to reconcile her Protestant faith with the faith of the Catholic Church.

At first, brothers who joined Brother Roger in the early years of his ministry were from different Protestant backgrounds, but eventually Catholics also joined. By its very existence, the Community at Taizé embodied a reconciliation among divided Christians. The fact that members came from more than twenty countries hinted at unity among separated peoples as World War II ended. Among the first groups of brothers living outside Taizé were groups working with young people in Eastern European countries.

The community at Taizé has served increasing numbers of young people, sometimes as many as 6,000 each week, for the past forty years. These people participate in meetings that begin on Sunday and last a week. Three times each day, guests at Taizé join the brothers at the Church of the Reconciliation for prayer. After prayer and song, brothers remain in the Church to listen to those who wish to speak with them. The cross as a symbol of those undergoing trial is honored at Friday prayer. The Saturday prayer is a festival of light, celebrated in honor of the Resurrection.

The young people are asked to reflect on the following text:

"Though Christ is united to every human being without exception, he awaits a simple response from each one of us. Everyone is here to discover or rediscover a meaning for their life, to find new vitality, to prepare themselves to take on responsibilities when they return home..."

During a visit to Taizé about ten years ago, Pope John Paul II said that "one passes through Taizé as one passes close to a spring of water. The visitor stops, quenches his thirst and continues on his way...(The brothers) want, in prayer and silence, to drink the living water promised by Christ, to know his joy, to discern his presence, to respond to his call, then to set out again to witness to his love and to serve...brothers and sisters in parishes, schools, universities and in all workplaces."

The work of Brother Roger and Taizé takes on special importance as the year 2000 approaches and younger generations are called to live out the mission of reconciliation.

(The full eight-page text of this letter will be distributed at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Thursday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m., when the 1996 Notre Dame Award is presented to Brother Roger.)

— Richard V. Warner, C.S.C.



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an opportunity to meet
Brother Roger*

■ LACROSSE

Irish look ahead after defeat

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

All good things must come to an end. The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team dodged the truth of this aphorism for as long as they could, but eventually succumbed, 6-5, to No. 11 Massachusetts Sunday.

"It definitely was a tough loss," said Irish sophomore defender Ray Cross, whose team fell to 7-2. "They were a very, very good team."

Massachusetts utilized a stifling defense to control the potent Irish offense and hold them scoreless for the opening 40 minutes of the game.

"We simply didn't have any opportunities in the first half," said sophomore midfielder Stephen Taylor. "We didn't have the ball a whole lot."

That's because Massachusetts played an effective, conservative game that centered on ball control.

Sophomore attackman Mike McKeefrey, following a great feed from Ken Sussi, put his Minutemen on the board just as the first quarter ended. They went on to score four more unanswered goals against the beleaguered Irish.

Brendan Glass, whom Taylor described as "an excellent play-

er," scored with 11:05 remaining in the half, increasing the deficit to two goals.

Just 30 seconds later, McKeefrey tallied his second goal of the game following a pass from Glass. Two more Minutemen goals left the Irish trailing 5-0 at half-time.

"We just didn't come out on our game right away," said Cross of the slow start. "I don't think that it was anything in particular that we did or didn't do. We just came out slowly and they took advantage of that."

"They also shot the ball very well in the first half," added Taylor.

Notre Dame, however, came roaring back in the second half. After giving up their sixth goal, the Irish got on the scoreboard with 4:28 remaining in the third quarter, courtesy of junior midfielder Burke Hayes.

Sophomore attackman Chris Dusseau and junior midfielder Dan Butler also added goals, cutting the deficit to 6-3.

Hayes and Dusseau each tallied their second goal of the game in the fourth quarter, bringing the Irish within 1 goal with 8:31 left in the contest. The equalizer, however, eluded the Irish as the Minutemen held on for a 6-5 victory.

"I thought we played a solid second half," said Cross.

"No one is hanging his head because we came back with a great effort in the second half," Taylor stated. "It's not like it was a terrible loss for us."

Where do the Irish go from here? They have two games left, including the season finale against Harvard on Sunday.

"Harvard is a great team, and we're looking forward to competing against them," stated Cross.

More important is the Ohio State game, which closes the conference season for the Irish. The Irish must win the game to advance to the NCAA tournament at the end of the season.

"Ohio State is definitely a team that we can beat, and we have to beat them to get into the tournament. If we get in, we may even see Massachusetts again," commented Cross.



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The men's lacrosse team (shown here against Hobart) suffered a disappointing loss against Massachusetts as its late rally fell short.



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Irish midfielder Jimmy Keenan was unable to put the Irish over the top this weekend, as Notre Dame dropped a 6-5 decision in Amherst.

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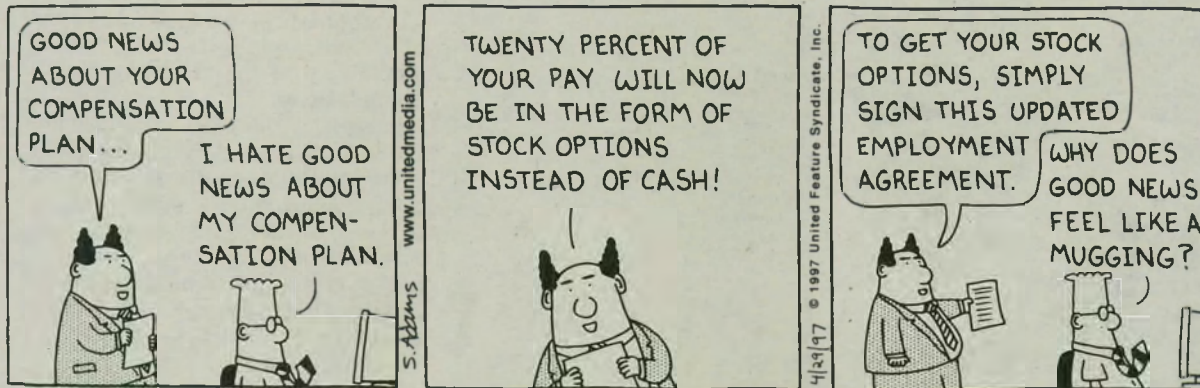
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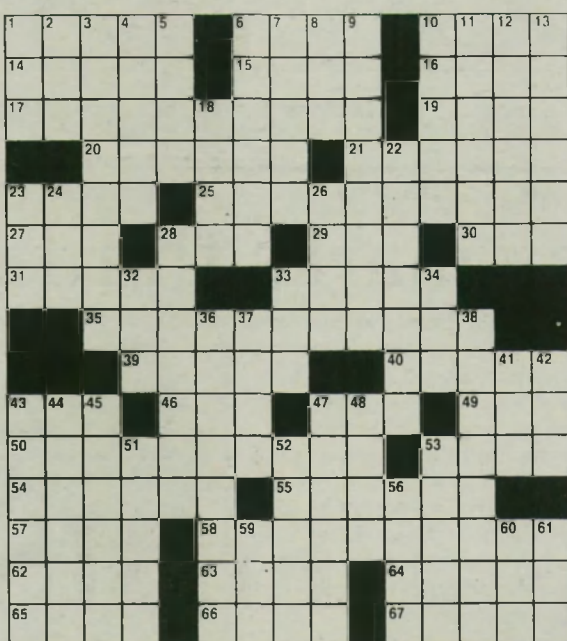
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- 1 Certain drapes
 - 6 Atlantic food fish
 - 10 Gator's kin
 - 14 Cop (confess for a lighter sentence)
 - 15 White-tailed flier
 - 16 Deli offering
 - 17 Colt 45, e.g.
 - 19 List member
 - 20 "That's a lie!"
 - 21 Household
 - 23 70's-80's robotic rock group
 - 25 The United States, metaphorically
 - 27 Uris hero
 - 28 Dance, in Dijon
- DOWN**
- 29 Member of the 500 HR club
 - 30 Rock impresario Brian
 - 31 Surgical fabric
 - 33 Ant, in dialect
 - 35 "Texaco Star Theater" host
 - 39 Cut down
 - 40 Brilliance
 - 43 High dudgeon
 - 46 Mai
 - 47 Go on to say
 - 49 "Bravo!"
 - 50 It once settled near Pompeii
 - 53 Part of a whole
 - 54 Kangaroo movements
 - 55 Hayfield activity
 - 57 Prefix with China

- DOWN**
- 1 Uncle of note
 - 2 New Deal prog
 - 3 Stream deposit
 - 4 "I can't" (Stones refrain)
 - 5 Morton product
 - 6 "Rocky II," e.g.
 - 7 Diabolical
 - 8 Due halved
 - 9 Words of assistance
 - 10 "I" (ancient Chinese text)

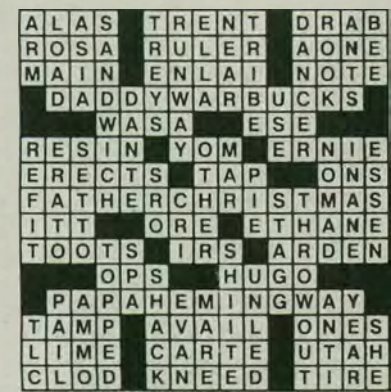


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- 34 R.N.'s offering
- 36 Send
- 37 Trompe l'—
- 38 Stretch
- 41 He KO'd Quarry, 10/26/70
- 42 Asian holiday
- 43 Tipple
- 44 "Didja ever wonder...?" humorist
- 45 Successful escapee
- 47 Incarnation
- 48 Spanish Surrealist
- 51 Certain investment, informally
- 52 More competent
- 53 Jesse who lost to Ronald Reagan in 1970
- 56 Composer Stravinsky
- 59 Ending with quiet
- 60 N.Y.C. subway
- 61 Modern information source, with "the"

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Of Interest

"Democracy and Culture Conceptual Change in Senegal" will be the topic of a lecture presented by Frederic Schaffer today at 12:30 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies

Dr. Harvey A. Bender will be delivering a presentation on "Women, Genetics, and Ethics" in the basement of Lewis Hall on Tuesday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. The lecture is hosted by the Lewis Hall Staff in conjunction with the Notre Dame Biology Club and Professional Society.

"Is Your Food Grown by Migrant Farm Workers?" will be the topic of three identical presentations 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., 4 to 5 p.m., and 8 to 9 p.m. today at the CSC. There will be a speaker and a film showing the daily struggles of a migrant worker. There will be information regarding organic food and vegetarianism available.

Menu

North
Chicken and Dumplings
Beef Noodle Soup
Rotini Pasta Primavera
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South
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■ IRISH INSIGHT

Recruits
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Maybe football does overshadow basketball. Maybe the all-star athlete can't be the all-star student. Maybe the coaching staff can't recruit. Or maybe the administration won't allow them to recruit.

There is no doubt that recently, the athletic department has placed tremendous pressure on coach John MacLeod to sign the breakthrough recruit. But changing water into wine is the Messiah's job, not MacLeod's.

Over the past four years, the Notre Dame basketball recruit has averaged an SAT of 1035. Indiana's recruits averaged 851. Even academic and basketball titan Duke admits a minimal qualifier every year.

And then, how do you sell a program that has the stability of a handshake? Every year, when a recruit asks MacLeod if he'll be the coach for the next four years, all MacLeod can do is smile and shrug. All the assurance MacLeod has is a handshake. A handshake equals a year of coaching. And maybe if he does well, a hint of a future handshake as well.

How do you explain this to a recruit: "Well, when athletic director Mike Wadsworth shook my hand last month, he also gave me a wink and said 'do well.' So I think I got three years. I mean, a wink has got to be worth at least two years. Don't you think?"

At which point, the recruit walks away shaking his head.

"I would like to see Notre Dame commit to him (MacLeod) long-term," former Irish star LaPhonso Ellis told the South Bend Tribune. "I'm not sure they (the Notre Dame administration) are giving him an opportunity to attract the top-notch players. In fact, as an outsider looking in, they seem to be doing the opposite."

Yet, this is not to say the Irish have come away empty handed. During the November signing period, the Irish did ink some talented recruits.

Martin Ingelsby: There has never been any question

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Thomas Schlidt
Senior Sports Writer

■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish wrap up second consecutive title

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

In only two years of Big East play, Notre Dame made a name for itself when it comes to athletic prowess. This year alone, Notre Dame has won confer-

ence titles in five sports.

This weekend, there was room for one more.

The Notre Dame women's tennis team, ranked No. 23 in the country, won its second consecutive Big East title Sunday by defeating three

teams in three days of competition.

"The Big East tournament runs differently from our matches during the regular season," head coach Jay Louderback said.

"We play the three doubles

matches first, and whichever team wins two out of three scores the first point. Then we compete in singles until whoever has four points total. Because of time constraints, after a team clinches the win, the other matches are suspended."

Since Notre Dame was the top seed in the tournament, they received a bye in the first round and started its title defense on Friday against Providence. The match began on a high note as the first two doubles teams won their matches right off the bat.

In No. 1 doubles, Jennifer Hall and Tiffany Gates defeated the Friars' Monica Martinez and Claire Curry, 8-1. They were immediately followed by the freshman duo of Sarah Scaringe and Kelly Zalinski, who also won 8-1, clinching the doubles point.

In singles, the Irish continued to dominate the Friars with their solid play. Zalinski won a perfect match, her second of the season, against Providence's Christina Martin in No. 4 singles, while senior Tiffany Gates defeated Curry in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1. Marisa Velasco closed out the match by winning her fifth straight singles match over Martinez, 6-1, 6-0.

Saturday, Notre Dame faced Boston College in a quick rematch of last week. Six days

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In the Big East finals, junior Kelly Olson recorded two victories to help the Irish shut out the Miami Hurricanes. The victory gave Notre Dame its second Big East championship in a row.

■ BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Physical play marks third round action

Tempers flare as
teams vie for spot
in round of 64

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Assistant Sports Editor

Monday night, the essence of Bookstore Basketball was captured as WPOII Plowin' Even Harder took on Stop the Bus Again and Let My Other Brother Jack, Off at the bookstore courts. All the elements were present, a hardy crowd, a heated exchange, a possible fight and a serious injury.

Despite the fact that neither team was ranked, a large crowd gathered to cheer on their favorites. The crowd did their fair share of trash-talking and cheering, causing frustration for both squads.

WPOII seemed to be in control in the first half, when Stop the Bus made a run. WPOII's Mike Kearney and Stop the Bus' Joe Schenher both went up for a rebound. Schenher came down hard and collided with the post. Schenher dislocated his knee and it instantaneously popped back in. His injury came at a crucial time while Stop the Bus was making

a comeback. Due to Schenher's injury, his team was forced to play a man down.

Stop the Bus was determined to win one for Schenher. Despite their aggressive play and will to win, WPOII proved to be too strong especially with their center, Mike Kearney. Kearney's height proved to be too much for Stop the Bus' defense to handle.

"It was physical game underneath," Kearney said about the game. "Both the teams wanted it bad. It was too bad that somebody had to get injured."

A ranked team found themselves situated next to this intense game. The ranked team, Vanilla Thunder, took on the Athletic Department. Vanilla Thunder easily handled them, 21-15. Vanilla Thunder tried to implement some new things into their game to prepare for future games.

"We tried to press to get some points," said Vanilla Thunder's Nate Hatch. "We had some size on them so we took it inside and used our athletic ability."

The No. 13 team, The Sixth Man, formally called the Awesome "Backer" Babies faced 2 Scrubs, 2 Bubs, and

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No. 10 BW-3's Bolivian Yaks was one of the many seeded teams to advance to the fourth round of Bookstore Basketball XXVI.

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Baseball at Michigan,
Today, 7 p.m.



Softball vs. Butler,
Wednesday, 4 p.m.



Men's Lacrosse
at Michigan State
April 26



Track and Field
at Drake Relays,
Hillsdale Relays,
and Purdue Invitational,
April 25-26



Tennis vs. Hope College,
Today, 3 p.m.

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