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■ CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

O'Hara declines to give clause revision timetable



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By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Assistant News Editor

At the second meeting of the new Campus Life Council, members expressed concern and disappointment about vice president of Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara's response to its letter regarding the non-discrimination clause.

"It's really a disappointment," said Patrick Coyle, Dillon Hall senator. "From what I can see of the letter, it is a major cop-out."

"We are only asking for a timeline," agreed Matt Szabo, Morrissey Hall senator. "We are all very aware of the complicated legal issues involved in this situation. I don't think that this [response] sets a very good precedent."

"I would like an answer," Coyle added. "I would like an answer as to when I will get an answer. We deserve to know what is going on. [Professor O'Hara] owes the students a

timeline."

O'Hara, along with four other University officials, are serving on a subcommittee that is evaluating the ramifications of revising the clause to include sexual orientation. The officers' group will consider the subcommittee's recommendations before rendering a decision.

O'Hara responded to the letter by writing back a letter of her own, in which she said, "It would be premature for me to try to estimate how much time the full Officers' Group will feel is necessary to consider this matter and reach a decision."

Some members of the council defended O'Hara's point of view and asked the council to consider handling the situation delicately.

"Students deserve careful consideration of the situation more than they deserve a timeline," said Father David Scheidler, rector of Saint Edward's Hall. "Out of respect for the students they need to

give consideration to this issue, indicative of how sensitive it is."

"She seems to describe it as a two-step process," said Father George Rozum, rector of Alumni Hall. "[The officers' subcommittee was not] given a timeline by the full officers' group. Now we send them this request for the timeline and they weren't ready for it. When the committee has finished with their work, they will give it over to the rest of the group."

"To have a report that the committee is close to the end of its task, I find that encouraging, not discouraging," added assistant vice president for Residence Life William Kirk.

Ava Preacher, associate dean of the College of Arts and Letters, recounted for the council how the issue was brought to the attention of the officers of the University in the first place. "The Faculty Senate passed a resolution in April of

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■ NEWS ANALYSIS

Censorship ruling will be close

By DAVID FREDDOSO
News Writer

By the time it adjourns this July, the Supreme Court is expected to rule on the constitutionality of the Federal Communications Decency Act of 1995. The bill, which prohibits anyone from knowingly transmitting indecent or obscene communications to recipients under the age of 18, has been challenged by the American Library Association and the ACLU.

One of the primary targets of the bill is sexually explicit material currently available on the Internet. The bill's supporters have argued that it will prevent children from viewing these materials, and that it will also help to stop child pornography from being distributed over the Internet.

Douglas Kmiec, a professor at Notre Dame's Law School, said that the decision would most likely be a very close one, but that "there is a reasonably good chance that the statute will survive constitutional scrutiny."

Kmiec, who is an expert in constitutional law,

believes that the court's current attitude and prior precedents seem to fall on the government's side. "In the oral argument, the court showed itself to be quite sensitive to the problem," he observed. "There are several precedents that suggest that

the government can prevent minors from viewing pornography."

He cited two previous cases in particular, in which the court decided

in favor of the government's power to control the content of publicly available transmissions.

"The court ruled in *Ginsberg vs. New York*, that the sale of sex magazines could be criminalized when the sale was to a minor," he said. He added that in another case, the Federal Communications Commission vs. *Pacifica*, the court decided that "the FCC could regulate indecent communications on the radio when there was access to the radio by minors."

"So there are two strong instances of precedent," he went on. "The government clearly has an interest in preventing minors from viewing

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Douglas Kmiec

Extolling leadership



The Observer/Marujia Hernandez

Speakers at the "Celebrating a Leadership Community" event at Saint Mary's College touched on the qualities that becoming a leader brings out in individuals.

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Grant funds pursuit of human rights law studies

By LAURA PETELLE
News Writer

All law students spend three grueling years of their life in pursuit of a degree in law. Those who make it through then go on to earn their masters of law, or LL.M. degree in an additional year of intense study.

But there is one even more exclusive group who choose to follow this laborious educational sequence up by diving head-first into the uncharted territory of international law.

The Notre Dame Law School's Center for Civil and Human Rights has been running a program for just over two years in which young lawyers study international human rights to earn their LL.M. degree and then participate in internships, usually overseas, that deal with human rights

violations.

The center recently received a \$150,000 grant from the prestigious John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur

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Rodney Dixon

Foundation so that the center can continue to provide law clerks to the prosecutor's office of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, or ICTY.

"The program draws dedicated young human rights lawyers from around the world. Thereafter we try to help them by placing them in internship positions where they can gain practical experience and make contacts in the field and, in some cases, to get started in an international legal career," said Garth Meintjes, the associate director of the center.

"These internships have, in a significant way, helped these people to get positions and get started on international legal careers," he added.

The clerk program, wrote Justice Louise Arbour, a prosecutor at ICTY, "continues to be a most successful initiative, which has certainly benefited my office and the young lawyers who have been fortunate enough to be funded by [The MacArthur Foundation]."

Notre Dame matches the funds donated

and administers the internship part of the program. Some of the graduates of the program now work in such diverse areas as the Yugoslav Tribunal, the Rwanda Tribunal, the London School of Economics, Tartu State University in Estonia, the South African constitutional court and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The war crimes tribunals where the interns funded by the MacArthur Foundation will work have minimal budgets to carry out what amounts to a massive mandate from the United Nations, investigating and prosecuting the various criminals.

Rodney Dixon, a graduate of the program who is now employed at ICTY in The Hague in The Netherlands, explained

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

The saving grace of friends

Yesterday's tribute to leadership at Saint Mary's College fostered the opportunity for personal reflection. As I listened to the words of Dr. Linda Timm and senior Karen Murphy at the leadership luncheon, I became filled with pride, as I often do, to be a part of such an incredible college community.



Allison Koenig
Assistant News Editor

I was so appreciative and thankful for the environment which the faculty, administration and support staff create for us students. As I look forward to my senior year, I rejoiced once again at my decision to attend Saint Mary's.

Yesterday I also rejoiced at my decision to stay at Saint Mary's. I spent the personal reflection time offered at both the luncheon and the Mass contemplating some of the more tumultuous times of my college experience. The second semester of last year came to mind, when I badly wanted to give in to negative life forces and follow a road that led anywhere but to Saint Mary's.

I know now that I was fighting a monster named depression. I was in a reactionary spin from a number of events in my personal life that had shaken my reality.

The truth was, and is, that there is simply no better school for me than Saint Mary's. I just couldn't see that at the time.

Fortunately, a few people did see. Ironically, they hail from the east side of U.S. 31.

As I basked in the glow of leadership and womanhood at Saint Mary's yesterday, I realized that I would not be here had it not been for a group of incredibly thoughtful, supportive Notre Dame men. When I hit rock bottom last year, this team of friendly giants came to my rescue.

They were hardly knights in shining armor; they practiced the antics of the Stooges and Star Wars characters instead. Whatever they resembled or represented, it worked. I highly recommend the type of "therapy" they used to help me back on my feet: National Geographic's baboon mating week, endless euchre games, fights over whose room was the dirtiest, dart tournaments, tales of where their badly frayed carpet "Oscar" had traveled to, and arguments about the evil nature of women.

It was that semester that I learned to tolerate Huddle pizza and appreciate a really good belch. It was that semester that I learned to worry about my ranking as a euchre player more than my personal crises. It was that semester that I found companionship at any hour of the day, especially when the knots in my stomach were too weighty to fall asleep with.

From my male compatriots, I learned of my talent in argumentation (even if it was only over who controlled the remote), and the healing power of laughter. I was encouraged to realize my strong feminist inclinations. I was encouraged, albeit silently, to return to Saint Mary's the following fall.

All this, from a group of men. My message is this: learn from your friends of the opposite sex. They have much more to offer than drunken hookups or bad dance memories. They can actually be your friends. They can even be your therapists.

To the group of men who pulled me through that tough semester, I thank you.

To the incredible members of the Saint Mary's community who make the College what it is, I thank you. You have all reminded me that this education is a magnificent gift.

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Supreme court says tobacco billboards OK

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court turned away arguments Monday that restricting cigarette billboards violates free speech, a fresh blow to the tobacco industry even as President Clinton's own advertising crackdown heads toward the court.

The move came as the industry prepared to resume talks with anti-smoking lawyers in a bid to end a war on tobacco.

The justices, without comment, denied review of Baltimore's ban on billboard ads for cigarettes and alcoholic beverages.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had ruled that the ban was constitutional — so the Supreme Court's refusal to overturn that decision means "every other city in the 4th Circuit can adopt these rules. They're legal," said Susan Low Bloch, a Georgetown University professor of constitutional law.

An even more important decision lies ahead: how the same appeals court and later the Supreme Court will

Tobacco in the U.S.

Significant events in the U.S. history of regulations over tobacco:

1964 Surgeon general releases reports that conclude smoking causes lung cancer.

1965 Federal law requires the surgeon general's warnings on cigarette packs.

1971 Broadcast advertising for cigarettes is banned.

1980 Surgeon general reports smoking is major threat to women's health.

1988 Surgeon general reports nicotine is an addictive drug.

1990 Smoking is banned on all domestic airline flights lasting six hours or less.

April 1994 Executives of the seven largest U.S. tobacco companies swear in congressional testimony that nicotine isn't addictive and they deny allegations they manipulate nicotine levels in cigarettes.



May 1994 Internal Brown & Williamson documents show tobacco executives discovered smoking's risks before the surgeon general 30 years ago.

August 1995 President Clinton announces FDA plans to regulate tobacco for minors.

March 20, 1997 Liggett concludes landmark settlement with states that insulates the company from tobacco litigation in return for admitting cigarettes are addictive and providing evidence that implicates other tobacco companies.

April 16, 1997 Attorney general and top executives from Philip Morris and RJR Nabisco talk about a settlement that could cost up to \$300 billion.

April 25, 1997 A federal judge rules for the first time that the government can regulate tobacco as a drug. But the ruling also allows tobacco industry to continue advertising.

The Supreme Court's denial "comports with our aim of curbing the advertising of cigarettes targeted toward children," added senior White House adviser Rahm Emanuel.

review the Food and Drug Administration's pending tobacco crackdown.

A federal judge in North Carolina last week left the constitutionality of the FDA rules unanswered when he ruled that the agency could regulate tobacco but that it didn't have authority to restrict cigarette advertising under a particular section of federal law.

The 4th Circuit in Richmond, Va., could hear appeals filed by cigarette makers and Clinton officials by fall.

Refusing to intercede in Baltimore "at the very least suggests the Supreme Court would find the FDA's regulations of cigarette advertising constitutional," said John Banzhaf of the anti-tobacco group Action on Smoking and Health.

Arafat urges peace

NABLUS, West Bank

Yasser Arafat's spokesman urged the United States on Monday to help restart the peace process and Palestinians vowed to avenge the death of a high school student killed by Israeli soldiers. President Clinton "has promised Arafat to make an initiative and we are still waiting for it," spokesman Nabil Abourdeineh said. Abourdeineh spoke in the autonomous West Bank town of Nablus, where Arafat's effort to present a united Palestinian front fizzled when the militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad boycotted a planned "reconciliation" meeting. Arafat met privately with 30 Palestinian faction leaders inside the Nablus police headquarters. Hamas attended the first such meeting two months ago. But Jamal Mamsour, a Hamas spokesman in Nablus, said the boycott was to protest Arafat's recent detention of dozens of group members. Addressing the Islamic groups, Abourdeineh said: "Boycotting this meeting will not serve our interests."



Jewels return to Russian Embassy

WASHINGTON

The czars' jewels went back to the Russian Embassy on Monday after a two-week standoff had kept them locked in a vault at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. There was still no word whether the jewels of the Romanov dynasty would continue on to Houston, the next stop in a planned seven-city American tour, or return to Russia. Officials at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts at one point Monday afternoon said they had heard the dispute was over and that the jewels would come to Texas. But director Peter Marzio later backed off that statement, saying he was unsure of the exhibit's status. In Washington, Mikhail Gusman of the Russian committee that organized the tour, said: "There is no agreement yet on whether the exhibit will go to Houston or beyond." Added David C. Levy, the Corcoran's director: "I have a signed agreement from the American Russian Cultural Cooperation Foundation and from representatives of the Russian government that they both agree to the transportation of these jewels today back to the embassy. I have no assurances beyond that," Levy said. Lawyers for the two sides remained in meetings trying to work out a deal.

Mutation may lead to Alzheimer's

WASHINGTON

A defect in the genes that drive energy metabolism in cells may play a role in Alzheimer's disease, new laboratory studies have found. Researchers say they have discovered a mutation in the mitochondria DNA of cells in Alzheimer's patients that may lead to a rise of a destructive chemical, called oxygen free radicals, in the brain. Dr. W. Davis Parker of the University of Virginia and senior author of a study to be published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences said the findings suggest a link between the way brain cells process energy and Alzheimer's disease. Zaven Khachaturian, a scientist with the Alzheimer's Association, said the new finding "is a potentially very important new piece of fundamental information" that could lead to diagnostic tests for the disease and a new understanding of how it develops. Alzheimer's is a disorder that kills brain cells and causes a gradual decline in memory, a change in personality and behavior, and, eventually, death.

Fifth-grade marriage ends in court

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

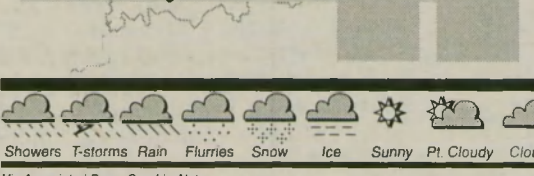
A playground "marriage" that led to a playground "divorce" has landed two fifth-graders in domestic violence court. In an unusual use of New Mexico's Family Violence Protection Act — usually invoked in cases of domestic violence — the family of 11-year-old Katie Rose Sawyer of Farmington filed a complaint against Cody Finch, 10, and his two teen-age brothers. The April 21 complaint alleges that Cody punched Katie Rose, that he made a threatening call to her and that her home was vandalized over the past two months. Cody's attorney argued the case belonged in children's court, but a special commissioner called for under the Family Violence Protection Act ruled the youngsters had a "continuing personal relationship" as defined by the law. A hearing is set for next Monday to determine whether domestic violence occurred and whether the court should issue a restraining order. "I'm a little appalled by the idea of fifth-graders having a playground marriage and a playground divorce and ending up in domestic violence court," Cody's attorney, Raymond Archambeau, said Monday.

■ INDIANA WEATHER

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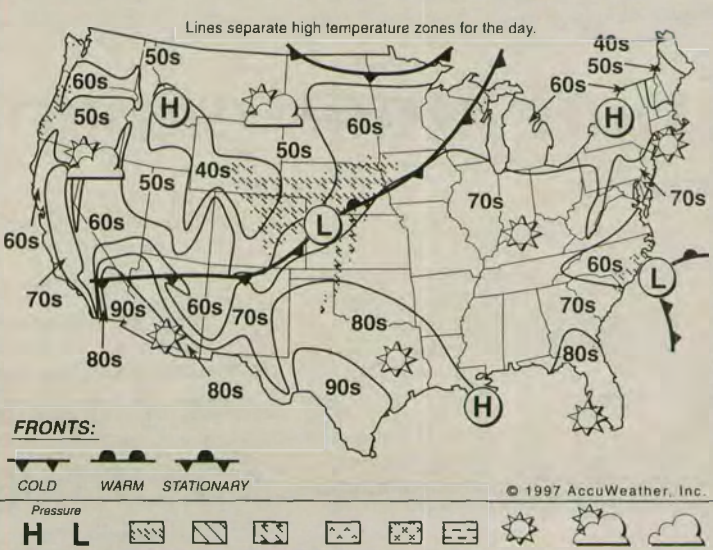


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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

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Columbus	75	51	Minneapolis	48	44	St. Louis	67	55

SMC recognizes leadership in day-long celebration

By SARAH CORKREAN
Saint Mary's News Editor

The Saint Mary's community set aside a day to honor students who pioneer change and leadership at the College, culminating in the commissioning of next year's student leaders.

The Leadership Development Committee sponsored "Celebrating a Leadership Community" Monday, which consisted of reflection, celebration, learning and planning.

The College mission statement indicates the importance of "preparing students for roles in leadership and action." Leaders at Saint Mary's fulfill the mission statement through academic, social, cultural, spiritual, athletic and intellectual activities.

"Saint Mary's encourages

strong characters and values life long learning," said Linda Timm, vice president for Student Affairs. "Although leaders this year have faced many difficult decisions, it is now time to kick back, smile and reflect how each one of us have contributed leadership qualities in our classes, with friends and our impact within the community."

The day offered opportunities for students, faculty, staff and administration to explore the ways Saint Mary's fosters a leadership community. Student leaders of the current year were honored, helping leaders of the future shape their plans and encouraging all members of the College community to recognize their gifts for leadership and action.

In a brief address, senior

Karen Murphy, a humanistic studies and religious studies major and current member of the Student Academic Council and senior class board, shared her thoughts on how the Saint Mary's community depends on and encourages opportunities for leadership.

"From student government to campus ministry, there is a wide variety [of opportunities] to lead at Saint Mary's," Murphy said. "In those leadership positions are wonderful Saint Mary's women who are outgoing, caring, intelligent and interesting."

Aside from Murphy's role in student government, her leadership extends to her academic concentration. Only the second woman in five years to double major in women's studies and religious studies, Murphy feels she is a student who is pioneering change and paving a path



The Observer/Manuela Hernandez

Students added the names of those who had inspired them to lead to a banner at a picnic following the leadership lecture.

for future students in designing and creating their own majors.

Murphy noted that leadership is not just sitting on an executive board, but is also the

smaller day-to-day tasks of opening doors for others and simply asking how someone is doing.

Leadership for Murphy has not always been a glorifying experience. From her experience in the Environment Club of implementing recycling on campus, acting as a liaison between the dining hall and students and filling in on the executive board last year when the elected board resigned, Murphy realized that little — if anything — can be accomplished working alone in a leadership position.

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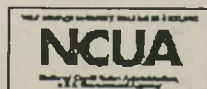
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Roger Mullins in Human Resources.

"When we came back in September, Father [Richard] McBrien, who chairs the Faculty Senate, asked what happened to it," she continued. "Roger didn't know, but he found it and sent it along to the officers' group. They finally formed a committee in December or January. McBrien stayed on top of it, and kept getting different information.

"They said originally that they would be able to present it on February 21. That didn't happen," Preacher added. "Then they said they would present it in March. It also didn't happen. Now we are expecting to hear from the April meeting. But we seem to be getting conflicting information as to what is going on."

Most attending the meeting did not see O'Hara's response as a rejection, but merely as an indication of how they should proceed in further dealings with the Office of Student Affairs.

"With this letter we gave them an opportunity to show that they are not dragging their feet, and they missed the opportunity," said Matt Griffin, student body president and chair of the CLC.

"We would probably like to keep a good, working relationship between the new CLC and Student Affairs," said Sister Sue Bruno, rectress of Pasquerilla West, asking that the council not send a resolution to O'Hara. "We want to start this year on a good note and keep the channels open. We are in no position to demand, we are in a position to work together. We have got to keep an open mind."

"This university is known for our deliberateness in going toward a decision," Kirk argued. "This is a very complex issue, and there are some issues that we can talk about that we have talked about every year. This is not one of those issues. Things do not change overnight here, but it is in the University's best interest to put together a position on this issue. But it is so complex, the Catholic Church hasn't even addressed this issue."

"So many people equate this University with the Catholic Church," he continued. "That is erroneous. But in the same way as the Church, big changes don't happen overnight; they take a very long time. There may be a perception that Student Affairs is dragging its feet on this, but if we were to respond to all perceptions, [that in itself] would be a full time job."

Kirk also complemented the CLC on the quality of the discussion. "I think that it is not at all a sign of weakness for the CLC to work with the administration and not against it. In the last week, the Office of Student Affairs has proven that we are not afraid of demonstrations or speakers. And I think that this kind of reasoned, thought through discussion is what is needed in understanding and

approaching the issue."

The council then decided that Griffin would address another letter to O'Hara expressing the displeasure of the council with her response and asking for a timetable as soon as one could be put together.

In other CLC news:

•The council decided to set up an agenda meeting for a Saturday or Sunday before the first meeting of next year, on Sept. 1. "That will give people more time to think about it, and we will be pretty busy for all the other meetings with a particular item," Griffin said. "But it is very important that we set an agenda before the beginning of the year."

•They also addressed a resolution passed by the Faculty Senate at its April meeting, calling for the Academic Council to demand a student bill of rights be written into du Lac. The resolution was deferred to the CLC by the Academic Council, but the CLC decided to wait until next year to tackle the issue.

"This is a much broader change than the one suggested before in this body," Kirk said. "It needs a much broader discussion. There is nothing in the revision process that, if the CLC sees this as an important issue to be revised, we can still do it."

Internet

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However, Matthew Apple, a graduate student whose web page was pulled earlier this year for containing pornographic materials, doubted the bill's effectiveness.

"[The supporters of the bill] do not know anything about the Internet at all," he contended. "They think that banning it is like banning a book at school. But if they try to outlaw that stuff here, people can go to Europe and find it. The problem is that they cannot enforce it."

"In my opinion," he said, "if you choose to give your kid free access to the Internet, it's your responsibility."

Kmiec stated that this may be the very reason why many parents cease to do so, and the decision of the court will likely have its greatest effect on how and whether families decide to use the Internet as an educational tool.

Law

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The Hague in The Netherlands, explained that work in the new and largely unregulated field of international law is "tremendously exciting."

"We're really creating an entirely new body of jurisprudence," said Dixon.

"If we're successful, the tribunal will point to the need for a permanent international criminal court with its own statutes — one which can prosecute individuals anywhere in the world for humanitarian and human rights laws," he added.

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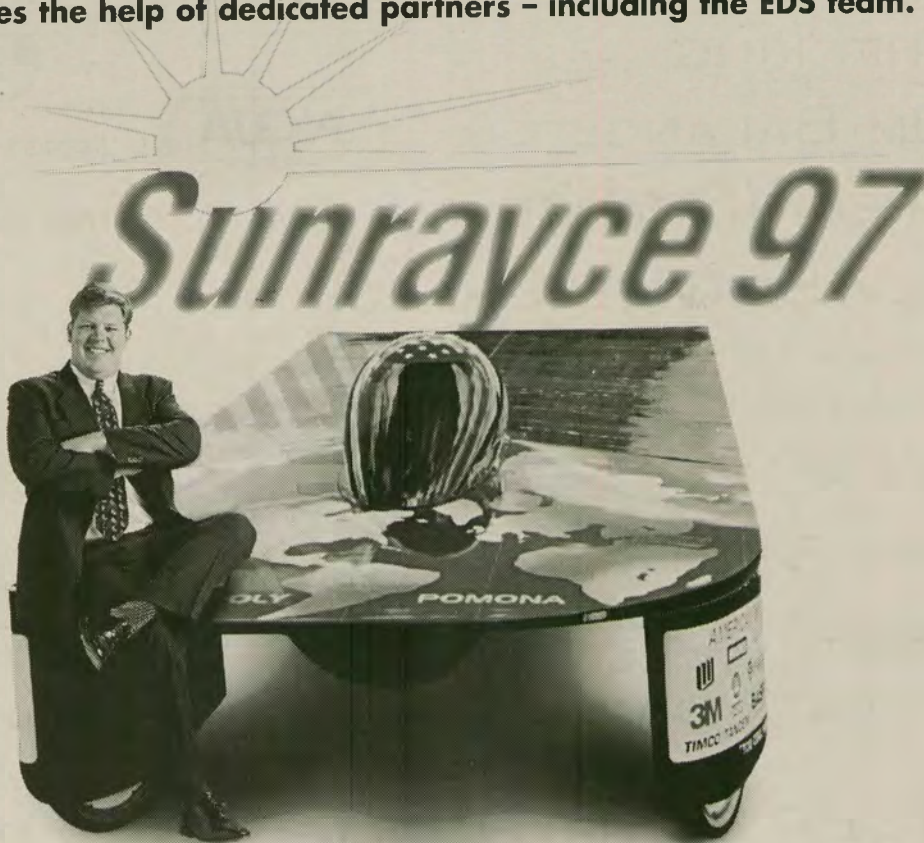
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Seniors experience ticket shortage

Tight budget forces officers to buy too few

By SARAH HILTZ
News Writer

Despite the fact that tickets for the senior class trip to a Chicago Cubs game sold out in about an hour, more seniors than originally planned will still be able to attend the game on May 14.

The senior class originally purchased 95 tickets for the game, and sold them to seniors for \$10 each. The class council would have liked to have purchased more tickets, but the class budget was too tight.

"We were given \$5,000 at the budget meeting to plan senior week events. If you look at, say

AnTostal, their budget is significantly more than \$5,000," said Bill Hammond, senior class president. He attributed many of the class council's financial woes to debt inherited from last year's seniors.

"I understand that people are mad, waiting in line for tickets then not able to get any. Last year's class left a huge debt and we're feeling the repercussions," he explained.

Many students were left empty-handed Monday morning, since the few tickets sold out so quickly. To make up for the discrepancy, a few seniors—like Carla Sawyer, Maria Freiburger and Mike Flood—took it upon themselves to provide more seniors with the opportunity to go to the game.

The students purchased enough tickets for three busloads of people so that more of

their classmates could attend the game.

Since the three entrepreneurs receive no money from the senior class, their tickets are on sale for \$22 each.

"We just started this about 3 p.m. The response is so great that we're almost sold out," said Flood at approximately 9 p.m.

"I think it's great that the students are doing this. Unfortunately, we didn't have the money to buy more tickets," said Hammond.

Hammond explained that, despite the circulating rumor, no tickets were held back for senior class council members or class officers, except two tickets for the senior week council chairs.

In fact, Hammond himself was not able to purchase a ticket from the senior class, and plans to buy one from Flood.

Poor participation trend reverses in AnTostal '97

By HEATHER COCKS
News Editor

After years of a mediocre turnout, AnTostal seems to have piqued student interest once again.

Perfect weather combined with numerous outdoor events caused an increase in participation and, according to commissioner Shannan Ball, a huge leap in enthusiasm.

"Everyone I've talked to said they had a really fun time," she said. "Overall, I think it turned out really well."

Ball faced the daunting task of rebuilding the festival's reputation at a time when the Office of Student Activities closely monitored the popularity of each event.

"AnTostal is on probation right now," Ball explained. "We're being scrutinized." She explained that the program came under review due to its apparent lack of participants and generally low student interest. Officials at Student Activities chose to continue AnTostal on a probationary basis, something Ball saw as an opportunity to

restructure.

"Last year, they had to start all over again, that's the reason for probation," she said. "We had to build strongly upon that framework so that next year, the committee can add the finishing touches to AnTostal."

She cited as a key element in this year's festival the inclusion of a greater number of smaller events, in lieu of just a few larger-scale ones. Despite a chilly start to the week, the weather cooperated and Ball feels that students were even more encouraged to spend time outside.

"A lot of these events were the type of thing where you can just stop and play on your way back from class, and I think we got so many more people involved just by doing that," she stated. "One day, we gave out a total of 1,000 cotton candy sticks."

In addition, Ball reported that over 400 people attended the O'Neil brothers' piano concert, and 150 runners in Hostile Tostal.

"That was three times what we expected," she said.

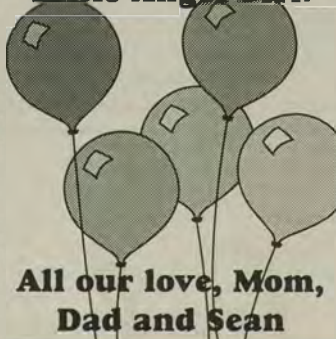
Bookstore Basketball, which began as an AnTostal event, and the Blue-Gold games were other campus distractions scheduled for the same week, but Ball believes they did not ultimately hurt student turnout.

"We couldn't really fight it," she said, "so we made sure enough was going on that the games couldn't conflict with all of our plans."

She remains optimistic about the future of AnTostal at Notre Dame, though she cited budget restrictions as an obstacle.



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SMC plans to repeat institute

By P. COLLEEN NUGENT
News Writer

Saint Mary's Campus Ministry will sponsor its second annual Institute for Spiritual Leadership August 18 and 19.

The event will be held at Lakeside, Michigan, which is about 40 minutes from South Bend. Various faculty and staff members and several students plan to attend the retreat.

Liz Riegel, the coordinator of Saint Mary's Campus Ministry, explained, "God calls all people to love God, love ourselves and to love other people."

"How we are to do that is not so clearly stated," she continued.

According to Riegel, those who feel that they are fully committed to their faith and the challenges that it brings to our world also feel that they are being called to be leaders through sharing their faith with others.

The Institute for Spiritual Leadership first began last year, with the assistance of a FIPSE grant.

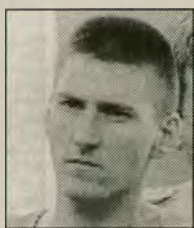
According to Riegel, this grant "is to encourage and educate spiritual leaders in the Saint Mary's College community."

Any student interested in registering for the Institute for Spiritual Leadership should call Saint Mary's Campus Ministry at 284-5391 by May 9.

Evidence incriminates McVeigh

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
Associated Press Writer

DENVER
Timothy McVeigh had earplugs in his pocket, a loaded handgun in a shoulder holster and an envelope full of violent anti-government writings when he was pulled over for a traffic violation about 75 minutes after the Oklahoma City bombing, witnesses testified Monday.



McVeigh

Among the papers stuffed in an envelope in his car was a page from the racist novel, "The Turner Diaries," with a passage about government bureaucrats: "We can still find them and kill them," according to an FBI agent who searched McVeigh's car.

Prosecutors say the tale about an attack on FBI headquarters was a blueprint for the Oklahoma City bombing. Another passage from the novel found in McVeigh's car read: "The real value of our attacks today lies in the psychological impact, not in the immediate casualties."

The sealed envelope was

labeled with the handwritten message "Obey the Constitution of the United States and we won't shoot you," and inside were also quotations from Samuel Adams and John Locke about the dangers of overzealous governments, said FBI agent William Eppright III.

The car was searched two days after it was impounded following McVeigh's arrest on gun violations unrelated to the bombing of federal building in Oklahoma City. The envelope was seen on the car seat at the time of McVeigh's arrest.

Offering a detailed account of the chance arrest, Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper Charles Hanger said McVeigh appeared relaxed, answering all questions, complying with orders, chatting about guns and even offering an explanation of

where he had just been.

"He said he was in the process of moving to Arkansas and that he had taken a load of his belongings down there," Hanger said.

Prosecutors contend McVeigh was fleeing the bombing when he was stopped, and have said explosives residue was found on the ear plugs, his clothing and the knife.

A couple of days after the arrest, Hanger cleaned out the squad car used to transport McVeigh, and found a business card from a military supply store with a handwritten message, "Dave (TNT at \$5 a stick) need more."

Just after Hanger identified McVeigh in court as the man wearing a blue shirt, the defendant whispered something to one of his lawyers and exchanged smiles with her.

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■ CANADA

Red River waters surge through Manitoba towns

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press Writer

WINNIPEG, Manitoba
High winds whipped up waves on the huge lake created by floodwaters in southern Manitoba Monday, posing a new threat for evacuated farming towns that have become dike-encircled islands.

Emergency officials said the waves could push the Red River's floodwaters over the

dikes or undermine them through erosion. Winds were gusting up to 35 mph.

The river's crest surged across the U.S. border into Canada late Sunday. The dike at the Manitoba border town of Emerson withstood the initial surge, although water lapped less than 3 feet from the top.

The river has created a lake 15 miles wide. Houses in the valley have been overwhelmed by the water.



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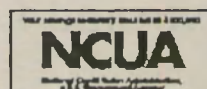
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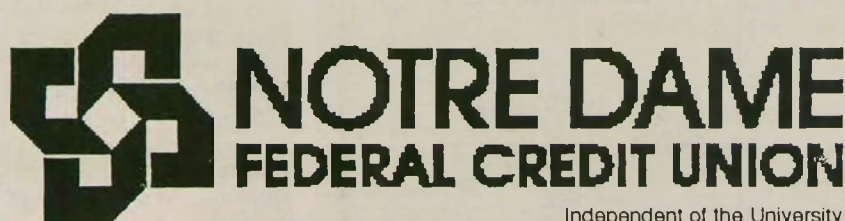
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Air Force crash may remain 'inexplicable'

By MICHELLE BOORSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX
The Air Force has solved part of the mysterious disappearance of Capt. Craig Button, determining through a DNA match that he died when his A-10 Thunderbolt crashed into a snowy Colorado mountainside. But military officials said Monday that the force with which Button's warplane crashed may have obliterated clues as to why the 32-year-old pilot veered off from a routine training mission in southwestern Arizona.

"There's a legitimate concern that we might never know what caused Capt. Button to fly north," said Capt. Leo Devine, a Pentagon spokesman.

Button broke off from the training mission on April 2. The Air Force tracked the \$9 million plane's northeasterly path into Colorado, where it was found.

Button's parents learned Sunday that their son was

killed in the crash. The military used DNA records and tissue specimens from the wreckage to positively identify the remains as Button's.

"We are pretty much up on it all. We don't want to say anything at this time. Please understand," Richard Button said Monday in a phone interview from his home in Massapequa, N.Y.

"Craig was a wonderful young man. This is an inexplicable tragedy," said family friend John Conroy, who has been holding a daily vigil with his wife and Button's parents since the pilot disappeared.

Now that the military knows where the A-10 and its pilot ended up, officials say they aren't certain if they'll ever know why it was there. The main problem is evidence.

The Air Force retrieved two small pieces of the plane, including plastic-insulated tubing and wires and a section of metal, before officials postponed the salvage operation until the snow melts.

RUSSIA

Bomb explodes in resort town

Police suspect Chechen fighters

Associated Press

MOSCOW

A bomb exploded Monday at a train station in southern Russia, killing one person and wounding 17. Authorities blamed Chechen fighters, who claimed responsibility for a similar attack last week.

The explosion, which happened shortly before 7 p.m., heavily damaged the train depot in Pyatigorsk, a resort in Russia's Northern Caucasus. Viktor Khoruzhii, deputy regional premier, told the Interfax news agency.

Earlier reports from the Federal Security Service and the Ministry for Emergency Situations said two people died in the blast.

Russian news agencies, citing officials at the scene, later revised the casualty toll, saying four of the 17 wounded were injured seriously.

Two suspects were detained

on suspicion of planting the bomb, Zdanovich said. The RTR and NTV networks said the suspects were two women of Chechen nationality.

"There are signs of possible involvement of Chechen terrorists," Alexander Zdanovich, a spokesman for Russia's Federal Security Service, told the Interfax news agency.

President Boris Yeltsin, vacationing 150 miles away in Sochi on the Black Sea, condemned the bombing and imposed tight security measures on the region, said his spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembsky.

The attack followed a bomb blast last week in the waiting room of a railway station in the southern town of Armavir, which killed two people and wounded eight. The device was concealed in a piece of luggage.


Police said they were looking for three men suspected of involvement in that bombing and issued their descriptions and composite portraits.

A maverick Chechen guerrilla leader, Salman Raduyev, claimed responsibility for the Armavir bombing, which he



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called "the beginning of a series of spot strikes throughout Russia, especially at railway stations and military facilities," the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.



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now Law Books!
Love, Mom, Dad,
and Jim

ZAIRE

Refugees emerge from forest

By HRVOJE HRANJSKI
Associated Press Writer

BIARO, Zaire

Thousands of Rwandan Hutu refugees emerged from hiding in the jungles of eastern Zaire on Monday, their hunger more powerful than their fear of the mobs that drove them from squalid camps a week ago.

Aid workers estimated seeing 5,000-10,000 refugees, frightened, exhausted, and desperate for food, heading toward an

abandoned camp at Biaro, south of Kisangani. Until Monday, international officials could account for only a few hundred of the at least 80,000 missing refugees.

U.N. workers worked to bring in tons of food for the Rwandans, while U.N. officials argued for the refugees' immediate airlift back to Rwanda — something Zaire's rebels have repeatedly blocked.

"This is the only way. These people have to go home," said Filippo Grandi of the U.N. refugee agency.

"If I could go only today," refugee Sosthene Ntirampaga said as he emerged from a week of hiding and wandered into the camp.

Refugee camps housing about 80,000 Rwandans near Kisangani were found deserted last week, five days after rebels fighting to oust President Mobutu Sese Seko sealed the area to foreign aid workers and

journalists.

The refugees are among 1 million Rwandan Hutus who fled into Zaire to escape retaliation for the nation's 1994 genocide of a half-million Tutsis. Most have returned; the Rwandans who remained in central Zaire camps increasingly were at odds with local Zairians and rebels, many of them Zairian Tutsis.

Last week, Zairian mobs allegedly attacked the camps with machetes, blaming the refugees for the murders of six villagers. The mobs killed hundreds, and rebels opened fire on at least one camp, the refugees say.

"First the Zairians attacked us," said the refugee, Ntirampaga. "They looted food, medicines, everything ... Then we heard the gunshots and fled."

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, flew to Zaire Monday to talk with Mobutu and rebel leaders.

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■ AND IN THIS CORNER ...

Our Lady of the Lake, hear my prayer

The responsorial is, Our Lady, hear my prayer ...

You have taught me that it is good and proper to place Tom Clancy's "Patriot Games" on a par with, or even on a pedestal above, such classics as Ralph Ellison's "Invisible Man," Kurt

Matthew Apple

Vonnegut's "Slaughterhouse Five," and Joseph Heller's "Catch-22." You have taught me that business and basketball are worth more than books and brains. You have taught me that you can't tell the teams without a program, and you can't be a person without a team. You have taught me that the only dialogue or debate possible is the verbal equivalent of a drive-by shooting.

You have taught me that in this hierarchy of the self-proclaimed City of God, the theocracy allows no protest, no change, and turns a deaf ear to the cry of common sense, because of the divine wisdom of the church-anointed *in loco parentis*. You have taught me that it must surely be far worse to suffer and to gain on one's own terms, at one's own risk and under one's own power of conscience and intellectual prowess. You have taught me that you fear your children, because you know we are your future.

You have taught me that better I should desire to remain a dull member of the masses, refusing to accept alternative viewpoints of the world — refusing even to think for myself — demanding that my teachers lead by the hand and scold and reward and steer by pleasure and pain. You have taught me that on the other side of

life's road the academic beast stomps on, likewise refusing alternative viewpoints, on the basis of lack of "evidence" and lack of "critical theory," denying true emotions and history's teachings of cultural qualities — both learned and inherited — in favor of plodding, flowery, effete word-worship, trite ostentatiousness and cleverly-witty word-play.

You have taught me that there are students of philosophy, but there are no philosophers. You have taught me that life is a self-referential loop, and a never-ending inner circle of bureaucracy, from which there can be no escape. You have taught me that originality is sin; repetition, key. You have taught me disappointment.

You have taught me that it is acceptable to abuse University electronic message privileges by sending hate-e-mails containing phrases such as "leftist pinko commie," but it is entirely inappropriate to support basic human rights. You have taught me that only the truly virtuous remain anonymous. You have taught me that life is all extremes, all good or evil, all Christian or pagan, all liberal or conservative, and nothing in the middle can survive attacks from both sides of the polarized spectrum.

You have taught me that unseen tradition is more important than the individual, that bricks are more deserving of dignity than a person, that what our fathers and grandfathers have done is more valuable than anything we or our grandchildren could ever hope to accomplish. You have taught me that a set of outdated, insular, patriarchal rules has more respect than a human soul. You have taught me that to live in the present, I must bury the past.

You have taught me that men who wear earmuffs earn the epithet "faggot." You have taught me that by wearing no gloves and no winter coat in below freezing weather conditions, I could have become a man. You have taught me that there is, indeed, a very



thin line between bravery and sheer stupidity.

You have taught me that if the Truth is Out There, then He is Dead. You have taught me that true charity involves savagery, and true generosity demands a spectacle of testosterone in reciprocation. You have taught me that Notre Dame is the navel on the beer-bloated belly of America. You have become an encouragement to Irish-American Catholics everywhere to remain stereotyped as they always have been. You have taught ideals, but I have found only their apes.

You have showed me all that is intolerant in religion, all that is hypocritical in creed, all that is divisive in race, all that is harmful in society, and all that is wrong with America. You have

showed me those to fear and those to praise, those to revile and those who emulate. You have showed me that it is not enough to have hard words, I must also have a hard soul. You have tried to negate me, and you have failed. You have shown me more of myself than I ever could have alone.

For these teachings and others unmentioned, I pray.

Thanks be to Notre Dame. Amen.

Matthew Apple will graduate this May with a master's of fine arts degree in creative writing. He will be moving to Boston where he can find some actual culture and a decent cup of coffee within walking distance.

■ DOONESBURY

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We have the religion of inequality."

—Matthew Arnold

■ FIRST PRINCIPLES

Whose normality? Which genetic personalities?

I wanted to begin this column by acknowledging the letter of Father Patrick J. Sullivan, the chair of the Student Affairs Committee (April 23), responding to my March 18 column criticizing Student Affairs. Given the factual clarifications of Sullivan's letter, I should say that I was too hasty in ascribing a motive of censorship to SAC in its discussions regarding Right Reason. But while his letter exonerates

Irfan Khawaja



SAC of censorship, it does leave some issues hanging. "The issue" which gave rise to the discussion of Right Reason, he tells us, "was fairness since several students and faculty alleged that the university administration had unfairly given to Right Reason what is denied to GLND/SMC." As a supporter of GLND/SMC and a critic of Right Reason, I actually find this a remarkably strange proposition on the part of these students and faculty.

Suppose that you thought, as I do, that the University's treatment of GLND/SMC was unfair, in part because GLND/SMC ought to be able to schedule meetings and publicize its programs in University facilities and publications. Why would you think it "unfair" that Right Reason was able to do these things, as opposed to thinking that it was unfair that GLND/SMC wasn't? It is as if supporters of GLND/SMC were to argue: "Because gays and lesbians are treated badly by the administration, and heterosexuals aren't, we demand that heterosexuals be treated just as badly as we are." No one has ventured to offer such a preposterous suggestion as regards heterosexuals; apparently such suggestions are only tolerable when it comes to unpopular campus

publications. Why anyone should have thought it legitimate in the name of "fairness" to bring up what was on Right Reason's web pages in an SAC meeting at all still remains a mystery to me, which I doubt could be resolved by "regular reading of the Faculty Senate Journal." But as this is my last column, and I am indeed a "very busy graduate student," I happily leave this issue to others to resolve.

This brings me to the topic du jour, GLND/SMC itself. For the record, I am with them all the way. Not to toot my own horn — oh hell, it's my last column, why not? — but I think I was one of the first people to challenge the University's policy in print (Feb. 6, 1995). Having stated this up front, I want to pose an ungrappled-with taboo question involved in the debate with GLND/SMC: What is the moral status of homosexuality as a sexual orientation? A defense of GLND/SMC's rights that omits a discussion of this issue will necessarily be incomplete — indeed, not just incomplete, but missing a keystone in its structure. I want to go out on a limb and say: The only way to offer a proper defense of GLND/SMC is to argue that homosexuality is morally on par with heterosexuality. If homosexuality is "abnormal" in any sense, the abnormality is something akin to the abnormality of being left-handed — marginally sub-optimal (perhaps), but only significantly so in a society that discriminates against those with the propensity. I offer this claim as a challenge not only to conservative Catholics, but to liberal ones who agree with the Church's teaching. As an atheist, I am free to reject its teaching root and branch. My question is: Why don't you?

There are, I suspect, two competing views of homosexuality on this campus. The first I call the Decadence of Rome Model; the second I call the Victimized Minority Model. The Decadence of Rome Model holds that because homosexuality is an objective disorder, its expression in any overtly sexual form must involve sexual perversity. In its extreme form, this leads to the suggestion that any meeting of gays/lesbians is

bound to result in an orgiastic extravaganza of Satyricon-like debauchery. (Readers of Charles Rice's columns will recognize this view.) In its more moderate form, it leads to the University's present policies, which consist in a timorous set of apologies for holding views of the extreme form.

The question to be asked of this view is: What is its rational basis? The basis given is that the natural function of reproduction is procreation, only heterosexuals can procreate, hence homosexual sexual relations are counter-teleological. The argument depends for its soundness on the first premise. What is its basis? The answer is that it doesn't have one, because every argument for it begs the question, and evinces a basic misunderstanding of the form of teleological explanations in the Aristotelian tradition (from which the argument purports to derive its support).

(1) The Aristotelian argument is that there is such a thing as the natural function of a human being, and this sets the identity of all subordinate functions, like that of the sexual organs.

(2) The natural function of a human being is not reproduction; it is that agent's own flourishing.

(3) Sexual pleasure in a committed relationship is part of a rational agent's flourishing.

(4) As Andrew Sullivan notes in his book "Almost Normal" — and as anyone who actually knows any gays/lesbians could easily attest — loving, committed relationships are possible in a homosexual context.

(5) Hence such relationships are permissible on an Aristotelian conception of ethics.

For a respectably Aristotelian defense of (3), I suggest that one look at Mortimer Adler, "The Time of Our Lives," ch. 18 n.9. For further discussion of points relevant to (3), see Mark Jordan's "The Invention of Sodomy."

This argument underwrites the Victimized Minority Model of homosexuality: Gays and lesbians in our society really are a victimized minority in just the way that racial minorities and women have been. Notice that even if

we were to discover evidence that homosexual relationships were somehow systematically suboptimal by the standards of psychological health we apply to heterosexual relationships, it would still be incumbent on a researcher to exhaust all explanations for this suboptimality by determining whether it resulted from social stigma or lack of opportunity.

The issue here is exactly parallel to someone's discovering "evidence" for the genetic inferiority of blacks, women, Jews. It is also parallel to the easy assumption that has been made in the past to the effect that women are both mentally and physically "inferior" to men. The supposed athletic inferiority of women is actually a good example in this context. It may be true that the best male triathlete will always be better than the best female triathlete as a result of some genetic constraints on our natures. But the fact that there are competitive female triathletes — and men who cannot compete in triathlons at all — is sufficient to demonstrate the silliness of the female-as-athletically-inferior argument. It proves that the genetic potentialities of women allow for much-higher-than-average athletic ability.

The same applies, *mutatis mutandis*, to arguments about the inherent inferiority of homosexual romantic relationships. At this point in history, no one can exclude the possibility that some homosexual couples can have more fulfilling romantic relationships than many heterosexual couples. Indeed, this cautious claim is a ridiculous understatement.

This is just a sample of the sorts of arguments that might be made on behalf of the normality of homosexuality. There are many more, but they cannot be rehearsed in the space of a newspaper column. In any case, until they are answered, let us for God's sake hear no more of the "abnormality" of homosexuality. Enough is enough.

Irfan Khawaja is a doctoral student in philosophy. His column appears every other Tuesday.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A sophisticated discussion of homosexuality

Dear Editor:

I wanted to write and congratulate you on your superb April 22 edition, especially Matt Apple's column. He is such a clever writer. At first I thought he had worked himself into a rabid frenzy, but then I realized that the piece was much more sophisticated than that. The most delightful quote of the entire essay is, in my opinion, found in the first column, where Apple writes: "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."

One assumes at first that Apple is criticizing the Catholic Church and others who agree that homosexual behavior is morally wrong, but a closer reading reveals that he is criticizing those who criticize the Church! The remainder of the essay turns out to be a parody of those who do not understand the Catholic position on homosexual behavior, who forget that Jesus said the greatest commandment was to love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, and who claim to love others when they have no concern at all for the well-being of another person's soul.

Instead, the voice used in the latter three-fourths of the column is one that itself condemns "... out of fear and ignorance ..." what it does not understand. Matt's ironic voice condemns in its insecurity the Catholic Church, afraid of what would happen if he did understand. He condemns because he refuses to believe that others (for example, Christians who hold to the historic faith) exist who do not share the subjective ordering they (for example, those who think that there really are no standards for sexual behavior) have forced upon the world. All in all, it is a thoroughly amusing caricature of those who hate the Church without understanding the Church. It is a joy to see Notre Dame turn out such creative writers.

Again, congratulations on elevating the perennial discussion of sodomy to such a sophisticated level here at Notre Dame. I'm sure that many others appreciate the high standards that The Observer sets with its Viewpoint columnists. Keep up the good work.

BRIAN BURCHETT
Graduate Student in Government

Intellectual dishonesty

Dear Editor:

In his recent article entitled "The consummate disgrace of ND and the AMA," Matthew Apple has done a disservice to himself and to all the members of the intellectual community at Notre Dame. No, I'm not referring to his personal diatribe against a well-respected faculty member or even to his zealous defense of homosexual rights on campus. After all, these are opinions and a public forum such as The Observer is a great opportunity for open debate and expressions of ideas.

However, the mere fact that it is an open forum for the entire student body does not make it a fitting instrument for intellectual dishonesty. What am I referring to here? Mr. Apple attempts to disguise himself as an intellectual. He would gladly discuss Shakespeare without ever having read the Bard; he would jump for joy to talk about Darwin even if he did not know the first thing about evolution; he talks about Catholic doctrine although it is apparent that he does not know the first thing about it. And because he speaks as an "intellectual," we (the gullible public that we are) are asked to swallow this pretentiousness as statements of fact.

To quote just a few of the many blatant "misstatements" that Mr. Apple would have us believe that the Catholic Church teaches as doctrine:

- If you don't have children, "you cannot be Christian, and you cannot be saved."
- Procreation "is the foundation of the universe."
- "The most important and most cited commandment of the New Testament is Love thy Neighbor."

I could go on but these are typical examples of which the article is full.

The first two are patently incorrect and the third one reveals the fact that Mr. Apple is not even familiar with the Bible. In chapter 12 of Mark's Gospel, Jesus is asked which is the most important commandment. He replied, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." Love thy Neighbor is the second commandment, at least according to Jesus, but not Mr. Apple.

If Mr. Apple had made similar statements in an exam, he would have failed. The professor would have realized that Chaucer did not, in fact, write the Iliad and would not have given any points for such obvious errors. Unfortunately, we are not all professors and so Mr. Apple hopes to pull the wool over our eyes by intellectually ranting upon a subject which he knows nothing about. This dishonest approach to truth and open debate should not and cannot be tolerated in any forum, especially from a person claiming the title of "graduate student."

For all those writing in the future, the intellectual community and all of Notre Dame would thank you if you made the effort to know something about the topic before you claim to state facts. If you want to talk about the Catholic Church, at least know what she really says and teaches. As for Mr. Apple, he would be well advised to return to his roots and bite from the tree of knowledge before we hear from him again.

WILLIAM L. ESSER IV
Law Student

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

God's unconditional love of humankind, not their sins

Dear Editor:

In response to his April 22 column, I have the following to say to Matthew Apple: God loves you! He loves you, He loves me, and He loves every person without exception no matter what any one of us has done; in a word, His love is unconditional. As you wrote in your column, "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."

However, although God's love is absolutely unconditional, His acceptance is not. Sin, evil and wrong do exist and can influence us, the people God loves, unconditionally. When this happens, when we sin or fail to love we separate ourselves from God who, although never failing to love us, clearly cannot accept the things we do which are contrary to that which He is: Love.

Thus, we might ask how one determines what is conformable and what is contrary to God's love. What exactly is right and wrong? Is this a purely subjective matter? Is that and only that which we might feel to be right right or is there something more to it?

I believe there is, in fact, something more, precisely because if, as you say, God is found in "all that is good, all that is love," it follows both that there are things contrary to goodness and love, and thus also that in these things, God is not found. In other words, it is conceivable that we may occasionally, through wrong actions, separate ourselves from God. Accordingly, if we wish to love God and thus also to do only what is right, it only makes sense to turn to God with our questions and listen to what He has to say.

And where can we turn to hear what God has to say? We turn to the revelation God has communicated to us in His Word which, of course, is Christ. By following what the Word teaches us through Scripture and Tradition we demonstrate our love for God and therefore cooperate with what you aptly call the "all-encompassing force [which] binds the universe together, gives it shape, and gives it meaning."

Truly, God who is Love does give shape to a universe that would, as you say,

otherwise make no sense. If you will allow me to make an analogy, God might be thought of as the Composer of the one great symphony of love that gives order and shape to the universe. As created beings it is our task and purpose to unite ourselves to this one great song of love as instruments within it. The more diverse the orchestration, the better the harmony and the more whole and complete the song. However, this diversity must be employed harmoniously. Only by playing in tune will we add to the song. Similarly, in life, only when we are "in tune" with love will we cooperate with its desire to unify and harmonize. None of us is perfect, and all of us are called first to recognize the possibility of our own failure and then to examine the ways in which we do, in fact, fail. When we do this, we realize our failings as measured against the only standard which is not arbitrary: God. And, when we do this, we realize how much more we can love God and thus respond by changing our lives out of our love for Him.

While it may be true that some members of the Church fail to love unconditionally in the way God does, we must not let this detract from what the Church has always taught, not as her own arbitrary opinion but as the Truth she received from Christ and continues to propagate regardless of the strengths or weaknesses of her members. And this Truth is the Eternal Word; Christ who, when followed, leads us to fullness of life in love in Him. Although you expressed an aversion to the use of mere human words as the basis for expressing truth, I nevertheless cannot resist concluding with the final words of the opening section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

"The sole concern of doctrine and its teaching must be directed to the love that never ends. Whether something is proposed for belief, for hope or for action, the love of our Lord must always be made accessible, so that anyone can see that all the works of perfect Christian virtue spring from love and have no other objective than to arrive at love" (No. 25).

CHUCK WITSCHORIK

Sophomore
Old College

Catholicism: Loving the sinner, objecting to the sin

Dear Editor:

I would like to address the controversy with respect to the non-discrimination clause:

It has been unfortunate that law studies preclude persons, such as myself, from addressing their concerns which are at variance with the loud minority to which many of you in The Observer, Matt Szabo, GLND/SMC would proscribe themselves to.

In your haste to act upon your passions you seem either indifferent, conscious or unaware of your complete disregard for allowing alternative opinions with regards to homosexuality to go unheeded without disdainful and unworthy misrepresentations. Yet, it cannot be said that the campus College Republicans, conservatives, nor Catholics, in general, have had any semblance of courage and moral standing as to challenge the sentiments of your fringe consortium of ideologies.

First, to suggest that I and other like-minded Catholic doctrinaires disapprove of homosexual persons as persons fails to address the fundamental exception we take in our opposition to homosexual acts as opposed to homosexual persons. It is incredulous to the fact that while one may practice and agree with the principles of toleration it need not negate, nor necessitate that acceptance is in any way synonymous with that of accepting this lifestyle. To be tolerant, need not surrender their disapproval of any matter of opinion since we are due by our freedom of association to express our conscientious objections where our moral concerns lead us, nor does it suggest that a conscious and brutal force of aggression awaits to act upon such disapproval.

Second, whereas our Holy See and doctrines of faith may adhere to the fact that homosexuality is, indeed, an "abomination," as scripture states, moreover, without reservation proclaiming where "man shall not lie with another man as with a woman," one can not in truth, suggest that such views are in any way at variance to the bold print in any nickel and dime Bible. True, as you might suggest, as Christians, we are held to a standard of loving one another as persons; however, it in no way undermines our obligation to suggest that while we love the sinner, we may hate, disapprove, or object to — the sin.

Third, with several ad-hoc committees receiving free advertising in The Observer, on a continual, if not daily, basis, notwithstanding scholarships, and even more recently, a gay publication, it belittles the truth to suggest that this University is without a forum for persons of such inclinations to address their concerns. When I read that the GLND and its counterpart at SMC had suggested that they are deserving of recognition as they are "a carefully researched" matter I cannot escape a smirk of humor of its bold intellectual affront to reasoning. What and where is this research you speak of? What are discussions of "sexual issues?" Does this allow free reign, being that we are all liberally-minded of course, to speak about masturbation, pedophilia, bestiality, or voyeurism? (Again, I say "love the sinner, hate the sin.") Of course, I am not presupposing any equilibrium among these behaviors or acts, but rather, I am trying to explore to what depth of inquiry they are proposing. To limit would be to discriminate likewise on their part would it not?

To be sure, I find it embarrassingly elitist to suggest that an issue pertaining solely to a genital act could be of such significance as that of deserving of our faculty time, student monies and resources. You fail to point out that upon recognition every student, regardless of their personal proclivities in choosing not to share in such ideologies, would be compelled to have their student tuition subsidizing a matter of such broad disagreement. It is fair to argue that it is, indeed, parallel to asking our students to fund an abortion clinic on campus. It's a matter of moral concern and, like it or not, we must all agree to disagree, but such arguments differ in their importance in matters of compulsion. It is easy to recognize that significant disagreement remains with such practices, and we need not suggest that one is a better or worse person necessarily for these beliefs until they start to demand that we pay for their beliefs. Surely, no one would argue Mr. Szabo is any less of an individual for participating with the antics of his counterparts in the College Democrats, a group whose party allegiance would uphold fundamental social concerns which are at variance with the Catholic Church and its followers, i.e. approving of subsidies on behalf of the genocide of the unborn.

This is the issue of significance — whether we stand for the fundamental constitutional guarantee of freedom of association. We choose who we associate with and what ideologies we associate with in a likewise manner. Call it discrimination. I call it one in the same as my personal inclination towards blonde, blue-eyed females; I selectively discriminate and I need not apologize for such inclinations. You call it discrimination; however, our founding fathers called such preferences of association a constitutional right.

This brings me to an important and yet-to-be-addressed concern. Whereas you seek the qualification of University recognition, you do so, first and foremost, with the motive of fomenting the symbolic approval of a Catholic institution, as part of a broader effort by a vigilant homosexual lobby (which has yet to ever seek conciliation with a broader plank of solemn values held dear to the Faith, such as those pertaining to abortion, euthanasia, fetal tissue research, abstinence, monogamy, and the like) which I dare say lines your rally attendance from such points as far and indifferent to our student body as non-students generally are. It is an old tactic of the 60s to bus from Chicago, or where be it, in such groups and numbers, and with the objective of lining them up in front of a camera for an appearance of broad student support where little in reality may be. I know what I speak of; as a Californian, I have seen it in their parades, as men and women dally in sado-masochistic paraphernalia, literally exposing genitalia in the streets and impromptu groin gyrations in front of community members forced in traffic jams to withstand this affront to civility so far and away from private bedrooms. In such moments, ponder how such Roman standards of an extinct empire could ever co-exist with Christian virtues. Surely, you can not suggest that "sphelthching" organic materials with straws, "fisting," and rodents, and artificial manifestations with respect to the anal orifice could pertain to such sexual practices with any semblance of commonality to the Catholic, indeed, of the Christian faith

in general?

I would assume that my bluntness may be dissettling to you. I would argue that your inability to address to these realities has, in fact, beguiled me. Why, you might ask? It is because you selectively pick matters of discussion that underlie basic realities that I am compelled to answer. Let us initiate a debate where otherwise tone has been lacking until now in this one-sided affair so limited to date to advocacy. Alternatively, for one to so even hint that they might disagree with these elements so indicative of homosexual practices, as opposed to the sufferance of their condition, allows you broad latitude in name-calling Catholics and this institution of Notre Dame that we hold so dear as being "homophobic." I might suggest that you look the word up before you make such broad generalizations, for the word is not about fearing one who is homosexual — for as a person, who acts in manners implicit of Christians of virtue, a person is as equal as any other. The issue, however, is simply with concern to accepting AND tolerating these acts as well as those persons which engage in them. I argue, however, that what you misrepresent is that the only issue to which myself, and those who believe likewise, is merely engagement in these activities. The acts of homosexuality are immoral; the personhood of homosexuals, abstinent from such inclinations, however, is not an inherent immorality but rather a virtuous one to which Christians should not impose their recriminations.

To suggest, so broadly that to disapprove of homosexuals (again versus what is actually the homosexual acts) is to suggest that I or others would ever approve of free lance compulsions to abuse such individuals is contrary to the truth. To strike a blow against one person need not be qualified as to its lack of morality whether the person be gay or heterosexual, large or small, black or white. Such bullying tactics are objectively wrong. Bullying acts, however, are not indicative of any ideology as we can see among your colleagues when it comes to tarnishing vice president for Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara, our University administration in general, or our fundamental faith as Catholics. It is not about "hate" as you so failingly, and contemptuously, contend; but rather, it is about the dignity of humans and the dignity of our sexuality, as God so perfected, for us to enjoy and keep solace to as we express our love with our mates. Homosexual acts do not mate. We need not suggest that homosexuals can not love, for we as Christians can love humanity in one all-encompassing embrace; the amendment to such sentiments however, cannot escape the fact that we need not embrace the act. That, sir, is the only issue to contend with, and I await to see how we can disagree with such a fundamental truth as that.

As your colleagues and advertisements suggest, there have been and will continue to be private, self-financed means to continue their activities. It is truly that simple. I ask of you, please, do not force us, as Catholics, to subsidize an ideology we do not subscribe to, for to allow the University to do so is one and the same.

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■ NBA PLAYOFFS

Knicks advance with victory over Charlotte

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. The New York Knicks are back on familiar ground. So are the Charlotte Hornets.

The Knicks made more than 50 percent of their field goals for the third straight game as they completed a first-round sweep of the Hornets with a 104-95 victory Monday night.

Former Hornet Larry Johnson had 22 points to lead seven play-

ers in double figures for New York, which advanced to the Eastern Conference semifinals for the sixth consecutive season.

The Hornets have made the postseason three times in their nine-year history but have advanced past the first round just once and have never made it past the conference semifinals.

Glen Rice had 22 points for Charlotte, but just four of those came in the second half. Muggsy Bogues overcame hamstring

problems to add a career-playoff high 19 points for the Hornets, who had won four in a row against the Knicks in Charlotte.

Allan Houston had 20 points for the Knicks, who also got 16 apiece from John Starks and Patrick Ewing and 10 each from Charles Oakley, Chris Childs and Buck Williams.

The Hornets, whose last lead was 26-25 in the first quarter, tied it twice in the fourth, the last time at 81-81 on a layup by

Ricky Pierce with 9:43 remaining.

Williams scored the next four points to start a 9-0 run by the Knicks. Starks finished it with a 3-pointer and layup to put New York up 90-81 at the 6:53 mark.

The Hornets got no closer than four the rest of the way. Johnson, who hit nine of 12 from the field, turned away Charlotte's last surge with a 3-pointer that made it 100-93 with 46 seconds left.

Bogues made his presence felt immediately, leading a pressure defense and an uptempo offense that helped the Hornets race to a 20-12 lead. Charlotte forced four turnovers in the run and converted them into nine points.

The Hornets were up 24-23 when Bogues went to the bench to get treatment on his hamstring with 4:30 left in the quarter. One second later, Oakley's layup on an inbounds play gave the Knicks their first lead.

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The Observer/Brandon Candura

In the fall, the Irish will look for Allen Rossum to provide leadership both on and off the field. Coaches are hoping that his game-breaking speed can lead the Irish to a national championship.

Rossum

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"I feel much more comfortable," said Rossum. "At first, when I went on offense every time I got in, I got those butterflies and I felt like I had to make the big play. But now I'm just relaxing and I feel like I do on defense."

Several concerns about Rossum's added duties on offense are whether he would have any problems balancing offense and defense along with the fear of him getting fatigued. But he has some experience playing iron man football, and he knows what it takes.

"It's more mental than anything," Rossum said. "I had to concentrate and learn the offensive plays. Defense comes naturally. I played both ways in high school, but the talent level wasn't as high as it is here."

Another factor contributing to the choice to make Rossum a

triple threat was the maturation of several sophomore defensive backs.

"Deveron Harper and Lee Lafayette look like they're going to be healthy and like they're going to be good players," Davie said. "That's the reason we can do that with Allen Rossum."

The added depth in the defensive backfield reduces the consequences of losing the top corner to injury.

"There wasn't that many people behind me that could come in," Rossum said of last season. "But now we do, so I have more opportunities to play different positions."

Another one of those positions that Rossum may line up at is in the offensive backfield. He did not take any snaps at the tailback position this spring, but there is still a chance in the fall.

"This spring we wanted to see how much of the offense he could grasp at wide receiver," Davie said. "It's a distinct possibility that you could see him in the offensive backfield."

Rossum talked about how he feels about his added responsibilities and him becoming the jack-of-all-trades.

"Whatever is going to help this team win, I'm going to do — whatever it takes to get the team to Miami, Jan. 2."

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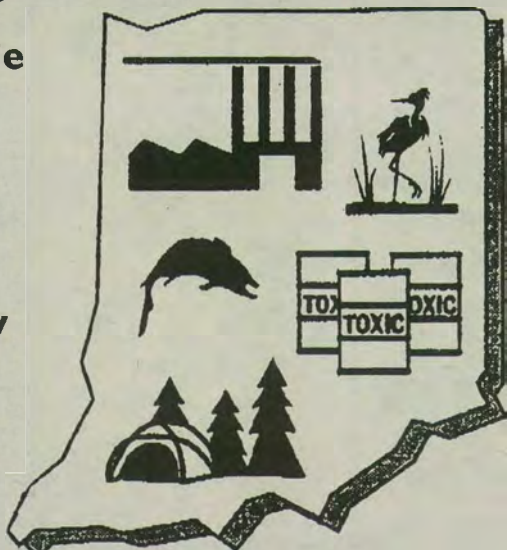
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The Observer/Rob Finch

In preparation for the Big East Championships, the Irish turned in a number of strong performances at Drake University.

■ TRACK

Irish perform well at Drake

By LAURA PETELLE
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field teams turned in strong performances at the Drake Relays this past weekend at Drake University.

"We had a very successful weekend going out there," said assistant coach Scott Windsor. "It was a good segue to the Big East."

Jeff Hojnaki, a two-time All-American, placed second in the 800 meters, .05 seconds behind the winning time of 1:48.16. Errol Williams turned in a fourth place finish in the 110-meter hurdles, and Mike Fleisch came in sixth in the shot put with a throw just over 56 feet, 6 inches.

Senior Alison Howard placed seventh in the 400 meters. Nadia Schmiedt won fourth place in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 58.76 after win-

ning her heat in 58.72. Jennifer Engelhardt came in fourth in the high jump, clearing 5 feet 8 3/4 inches.

The relay team of Derek Seiling, Mike Conway, Jeff Hojnacki and Jason Rexing brought home a second place finish in the 4x1600 relay with a time of 16:31.20, two seconds behind the Arizona team that won the event.

"The Drake Relays is a good, high quality warm-up meet for the Big East championships," said Windsor. "It's a great opportunity to run against the best in the country. Just a great, great meet."

Some of the team continued to the Boilermaker Open, held in West Lafayette, Ind. Heidi Riechenback won the 3000 meters in 10:23.16, and Marshaun West came in first in the 200 meters, finishing in 21.66.

In the field events, Chris

Smith came in second in the javelin with a throw of 188 feet, 3 inches, and Mike Brown brought home second in the pole vault with 16 feet, 3 1/2 inches.

The Irish go to Villanova next weekend to compete in the Big East outdoor championships.

"We're outnumbered on the women's side when we go out there," said Windsor. "We just don't have the numbers some of the other schools have, but the women we take out there do extremely well. We have a lot of women that will be fighting for the Big East championships."

"On the men's side," continued Windsor, "hopefully we'll be in the hunt to win it. Everything's going to have to click for us to do that. Everyone's going to have to perform up to their potential or maybe even a little higher."



The Observer/Brandon Candura

Track coach Scott Windsor feels confident in his team's chances to continue its success after placing second this past weekend.

■ SMC TRACK

Belles improve as season winds down

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

Great weather, healing injuries and improving times.

These were the main ingredients the Saint Mary's track and field team needed to succeed at Saturday's Earlham College Invitational.

Keeping strong in all events was key to SMC's success. The Belles earned five first place wins and finished second overall in a field of five teams.

The success began with Alyson Tradan coming out on top in the high jump with a leap measured at 4 feet 10 inches. Alyson Treloar kept up her tradition of excellence in the javelin, earning the team's second win with a throw of 114 feet 3 1/2 inches.

The Belles continued their competitive spirit on the track, beating their previous times. Melissa Gornik crossed the finish line first with a time of 18.5 seconds in the 100 meter hurdles. Theresa Zamarelli had a big afternoon, finishing first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 8.7 seconds. Zamarelli also earned more points for the Belles with a

second place finish in the 100-meter dash, behind only teammate Stacy Davis. As Davis' hamstring injury improves steadily, her times have been coming down, as she proved by racing across the 100-meter finish line in 13.1 seconds.

Arayn Seminara and Carrie Bisco also assisted the team with third and fourth places in the 1500-meter run.

Taking advantage of practice time, the Belles have continued to consistently improve. Working hard and focusing on their goals has been vital to the teams' success.

"They improve week by week as you can see in their performances," coach Larry Szczechowski said. "They work hard in practice, and as their times come down, it's obvious they've done so."

Despite finishing strong in second place, the Belles feel that they could have done better. Szczechowski felt their lack of depth may have hurt them.

"If we had more depth, we could have had a much better chance," said Szczechowski. "But we are improving."

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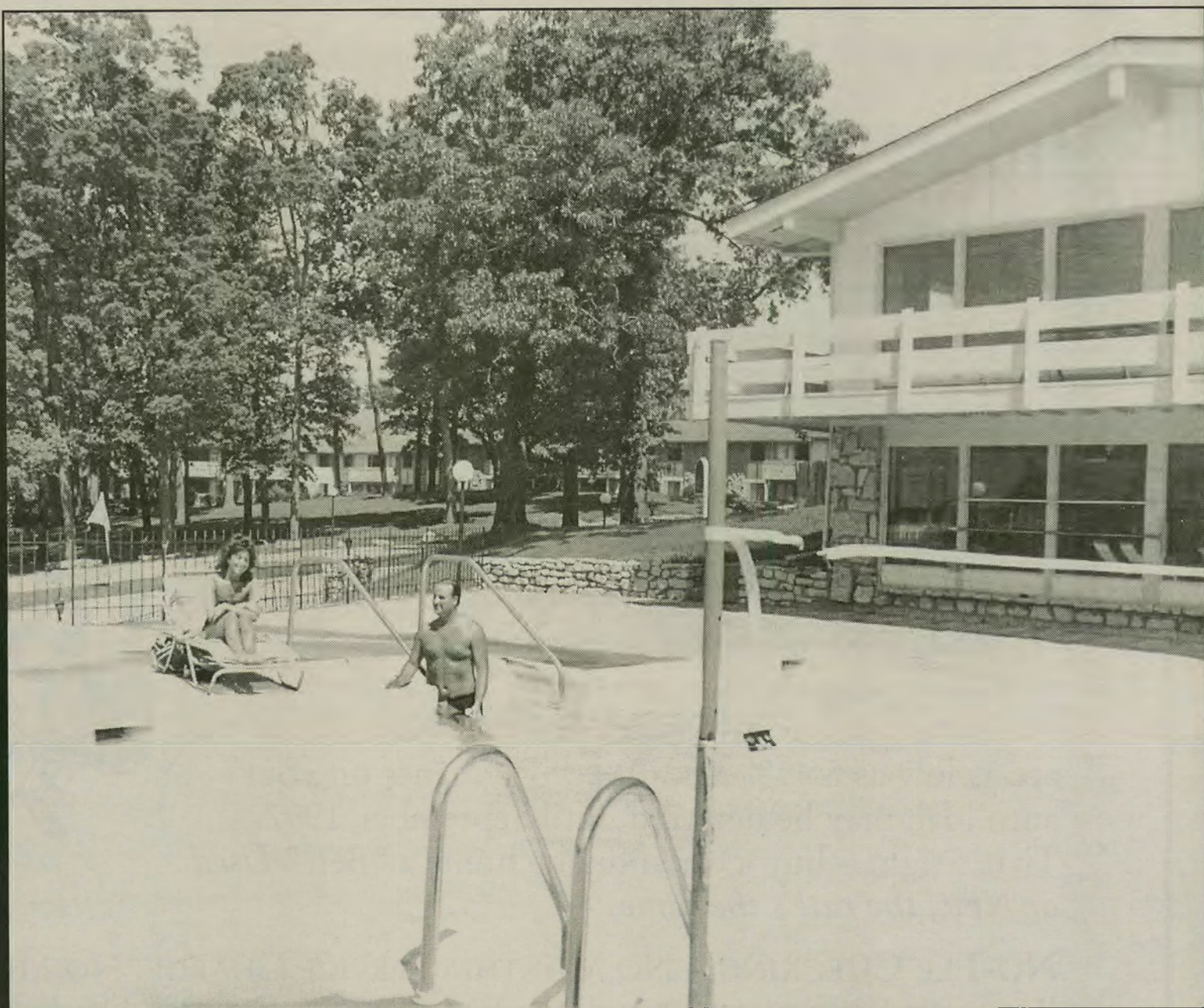
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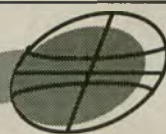
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***Miss Bookstore**

Team 13

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freshmen used to win the 19th Annual Women's Bookstore Basketball Tournament.

Team 13 is composed of Mary Leffers, Holly Hoffman, Colleen Sullivan, Kate McGreevy and Emily Schiebout.

Team 13 narrowly defeated Wake 'Em Up in the semifinals, 21-19 on Saturday night. In other semifinal action, SKB's Least Favorites edged Sweet, 24-22 in a game that showed just how close the tournament really was.

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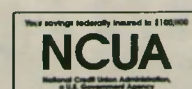
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The Observer/Rob Finch

The Irish only need two wins or two losses by Rutgers to clinch their division. They are looking for the first of these wins today.

Baseball

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lettermen from that squad.

Last season, right-hander Chris McKeown fired 5 1/3 innings to beat the Crusaders 11-3 at Eck Stadium.

This season, the game between these two squads falls later in the year. The Irish must guard against complacency, which could result from looking ahead to next week-end's conference showdown with Georgetown.

Crusader outfielder Rob Hadrick, who led the team in

hitting last season, will lead Valpo into South Bend to go for the upset.

Hadrick finished the 1996 campaign with a .341 batting average, seven home runs and 26 RBI.

Due to some scheduling changes, Notre Dame will play two additional non-conference games before the Big East tournament.

On Thursday, the Irish will host Chicago State at 6 p.m.

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5 "The final frontier"

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16 Ukraine's Sea of

17 One socially challenged

18 Scottish estate owner

19 "Oh, my!"

20 Bad news

23 Philosopher John

24 It comes from the heart

28 Tampa neighbor, informally

31 Maladroit

33 "Common Sense" pamphleteer

34 Equestrian's handful

36 Smidgen

37 Lots of activity

41 Baseball stat

42 Like Superman's vision

43 Less tanned

44 Kickoff response

47 TV journalist

Poussaint et al.

48 Highway curves

49 Window cover

51 "Ike some chicken

57 Talk

DOWN

1 Chinese dynasty

2 Skater's move

3 Dry: Prefix

4 Slothful

5 Comfort giver

6 Short-sheeting a bed, e.g.

7 Stage remark

8 Part of a parachute

9 Prefix with -morph

10 Upper part of a barn

11 Terrorist's weapon

12 Swab

13 "The Three Faces of

21 "Psycho" setting

22 Sturdy furniture material

25 Tot's noisemaker

26 Rose's home, in song

60 Alternatives to suspenders

61 Keen

62 One for the road

63 \$100 bill

64 Reply to the Little Red Hen

65 "That was a close one!"

66 Planted

67 Word with high or hole

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27 Common vipers

28 Globe

29 Ford model

30 Galileo's kinsmen

31 Amos's partner

32 Part of "www"

34 Luke precede

35 Santa _____, Calif.

38 First-rate: Abbr.

39 Flip over

40 Shoal

45 Confer (upon)

46 Volcano detritus

47 Got the suds out

49 "Look out _____!"

50 Starbucks serving

52 Kindergarten instruction

53 Gambling game

54 The Bard's river

55 Toy with a tail

56 Singer Brickell

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58 "Come again?"

59 Noshed

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Scorpio

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TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Emotional confrontations will interfere with your performance at work. You must try to separate situations in order to remain objective.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): You will find it easier to relax today. You should enjoy creative endeavors or physical-fitness programs.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): You may find yourself taking care of the needs of older family members. Be sure to get relatives to help you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23): You can solidify a partnership if you play your cards right. Your charm and obvious sex appeal will attract the individuals you least expected.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22): Make plans to do things with children. You can stabilize your relationship if you are willing to stroke your mate's ego.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): You will get back money that you thought you'd never see again. Your plans for entertainment will be well-received by your friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): You may feel stifled at home. Too many people are taking you for granted. You need time for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): You will find it difficult to discuss personal problems. Evading issues will make matters worse.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): You will be torn between work and home once again. Make the necessary phone calls during regular working hours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18): You are always a little ahead of your time which, in turn, will cause envy and opposition.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your efforts into beautifying your home. You should involve the whole family in the process.

Born Today: Don't let confusion stand in the way of your success this year. If you have questions, don't be afraid to ask. Your creative abilities will be at an all-time high, and you must work hard to promote what you do best.

Of Interest

The Christ Child Society will be holding its Annual Spring Garage Sale on Fri., May 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held at St. Hedwig's Center on 331 S. Scott Street, South Bend. Items for sale include clothing, dishes, glassware, linens, collectible, furniture, toys and numerous other new and used items.

Graduate student Jefferey Nelson will be presenting a horn recital this afternoon at 2 p.m. in Annenberg Auditorium. Accompanied by graduate students Sherree Wesenberg and Ann Duttamel, he will be performing works by Saint-Saens, Persichetti, Strauss and Berkeley. This recital is free and open to the public. Call 1-6201 for more information.

Notre Dame Opera Workshop presents Pergolesi's "La serva padrona" (the Maid-Mistress) and Ravel's "L'Enfant et les sortilèges" (The Child and its Tormentors) tonight at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are \$6 for general admission and \$3 for students/seniors. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Box Office or at the door. Call 1-6201 for more information.

Menu

North

Roast Top Sirloin of Beef

French Onion Soup

Chicken Cacciatore Pasta Sauce

Tomato Pizza

Piasta Beef Fajitas

South

Chicken Romano

Beef Stew with Biscuits

Broiled Chicken

Vegetables Marinara

M&M Cake

Wanted: Reporters, photographers and editors.

The Office of Recreational Sports would like to thank all those who made this past year a success.

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■ GUEST COLUMN

Team 13 crowned Bookstore champion

Large field provides intense competition

Not only did this year's women's Bookstore Basketball tournament have more teams entered

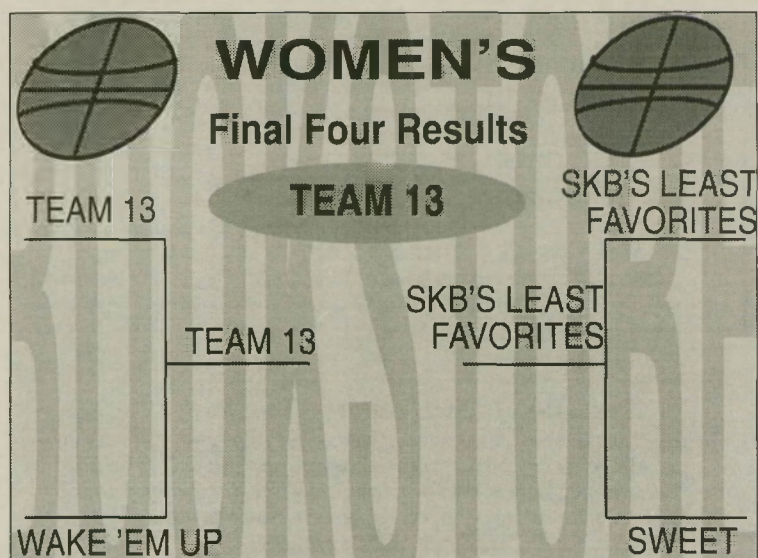
than any previous year, it also had a lot more competition. It is proof that our generation of women will stay active and competitive beyond high

school years.

Fifty-two teams were entered in the tournament with varying levels of experience and athleticism, but there was a lot of energy shown from almost every team. It is great to see that women are gaining so much enthusiasm about the tournament, and we hope to see the entries increase each year.

Congratulations goes out to Team 13, who should have had a more original name that would have represented the energy and spirit that the five

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■ BASEBALL

Irish look to clinch division

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

As the Irish enter their final week of the season, they will be looking to make one last push as they shoot for the Big East Championship.

When Seton Hall swept St. John's last weekend, Notre Dame clinched a first or second place finish in the conference's National Division, along with one of the post-season tournament spots. However, the Irish will not be satisfied with just a trip to the tournament at which they finished second a year ago.

The Blue and Gold will first attempt to capture their division title and the No. 1 seed in the playoffs. Their magic number for doing so is two.

Any combination of Irish conference wins and Rutgers conference losses totalling zero will do the trick for Notre Dame. Beyond that, they aim to win the Big East post-season championship and thereby advance to the NCAA tournament.

The Irish must take one game at a time, though. That includes tonight's contest against regional opponent Valparaiso.

Valpo finished third in the Mid-Continent Conference in 1996 and have 28 returning

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Senior Mike Amrhein has been a key to Notre Dame's success this season. The team hopes that his strong play will carry into the playoffs.

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■ FOOTBALL

Rossum to see action in three facets of the game



The Observer/Rob Finch

In Saturday's Blue-Gold game, senior captain Allen Rossum showed promise on offense as well as defense.

Captain appears at wide out in Blue-Gold game

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

When the Georgia Tech game rolls around Sept. 6, Irish fans will begin to learn who wearing the Blue and Gold will make the biggest impact on the team in the 1997 season.

That player maybe one of the smallest on the roster, with Allen Rossum looking to make his presence felt in every facet of the game.

After his sophomore year, Rossum developed into Bob Davie's most confident and consistent corner.

This past season, the 5-8 flash wearing No. 15 had his coming-out party on special teams as he energized crowds and was a threat to return it the distance on every return. Last season, Rossum led the nation with a 22.9 yard average while returning three for touchdowns.

For the upcoming season, Davie and the rest of his coaching staff hope to utilize Rossum's track star speed on

more than just defense and special teams. This spring, Rossum has spent time working out with the first team offense at wide receiver in hopes of finding a home run hitter.

"I think Allen can help us a lot on offense," Davie said. "Anyone can see every time he touches that football why he averages 22 yards."

Rossum, who will be a senior and one of the three designated captains, is excited about his increased opportunities to get his hands on the pigskin.

"I'm going to enjoy it. Most of the time the ball is coming to me and I'm not out there to block, so I'm excited," said Rossum.

In the Blue-Gold scrimmages, Rossum had two receptions and broke free on a reverse, playing parts of the second and fourth quarters of the games with the offense. Rossum showed that he simply needs the ball after returning an interception for 70 yards and a score in last weekend's game.

Early in the spring, Rossum was still getting his feet wet at the wide out slot. He did take advantage of his time there, increasing his confidence on the offensive side of the ball.

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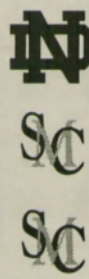
SPORTS AT A GLANCE



Baseball vs. Valparaiso,
Today, 7 p.m.

Softball vs. Western
Michigan,
Tomorrow, 4 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse at
Ohio State
May 3, 2 p.m.



Track at
Big East Championships,
May 3-4

Track at DePauw,
May 3, 11 a.m.

Softball vs.
Adrian College,
Today, 3:30 p.m.

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