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Semester in Washington, D.C. exceeds expectations

By DEREK BETCHER
Washington Correspondent

Halfway through its inaugural term, Notre Dame's new Semester in Washington, D.C. program has successfully kept pace with its organizers' expectations, according to students, directors and seminar founder, professor of government Peri Arnold.

Last weekend, Arnold visited Washington, D.C. to review students' sentiments about their housing, coursework and internships. He departed the nation's capital comfortable with the fledgling program's direction.

"I'm really satisfied with what I'm seeing," Arnold said. "The semester is matching our best hopes and plans."

Those plans originally called for a one-semester academic program emphasizing experiential learning. Three-day-per-week internships have, in fact, proven to be the program's distinguishing characteristic.

WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK

Prior to January, intern-

ships presented the most uncertainty to planners and enrolled students, most of whom independently located their employers late last fall. The Supreme Court, the Drug Enforcement Agency, Sierra Club and Gannett News line the spectrum of institutions hosting Notre Dame students for their commitments of 25 hours per week.

With nearly 10 weeks of work gone by, many students have found themselves in unique pursuits, and many note that their work experiences could only be found in the nation's capital.

"I'm interested in news and the news is happening here," said American studies major Devon Walsh.

"Working at Nightline is the most exciting internship I've ever had. The interns get to see all of the decisions being made. In any other part of the country you'd be removed," she said.

Many internships have been especially helpful in allowing students to solidify their post-graduate plans.

"It's great to talk to professionals about their beliefs," said Erin Gallavan, an intern

in the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering section of the U.S. Department of Justice. "This has helped me to know I don't want to be a bureaucrat. I know now I'll probably go into law."

"This is excellent work experience," agreed Cynthia Caso, an accounting major interning at KPMG. "I could see myself here permanently. This job has helped me understand why some people recommend public accounting out of college."

While some plans are confirmed, other internships reveal new paths. "It's helped me by challenging me to consider a number of issues," explained junior Tom Kilroy, an intern working for scholar Michael Novak at American Enterprise Institute.

"I've seen that there are a lot of things worth spending a lifetime studying, a lot of fascinating topics," he said.

The program's director was more than pleased with these evaluations. "I didn't expect to hear, unanimously, that the internships are the centerpiece of this program. But that is, in effect, what I am hearing," Arnold said.

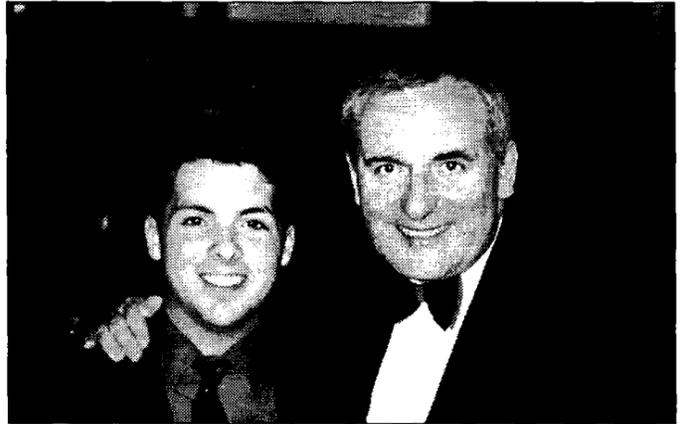


Photo courtesy of Derek Betcher
Junior Brendan Boyle (left) was one of the students who met Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern at the American Ireland Fund Dinner. A group of students attended the \$650-a-plate function courtesy of one of their professors, Rose DiNapoli, a lobbyist for Sallie Mae.

"What we have are 19 students doing important things with influential people, and doing well," he added.

Arnold returned to campus surprised with students' near-complete satisfaction with their internships. In addition, the core course, classes, professors and the host building were among other items receiving expected praise from the students studying and working in Washington.

BRING YOUR BOOKS

The program's core seminar course in public policy can also be labeled a success, according to Arnold and semester executive director Tom Kellenberg, the class' instructor. Weekly field trips supplementing class discussions have taken students to

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'Always my mother, forever my friend'



Saint Mary's juniors and their mothers enjoyed Friday afternoon's wine and cheese party as the kickoff event of the Junior Mom's Weekend. Campus band Hotel Prati provided background music for the gathering. Members of Saint Mary's faculty were also on hand to meet and greet students and their mothers.

Other activities of the weekend included: a day of rejuvenation at Capello Hair Design, a shopping trip to Michigan City, a mass and a formal dinner on Saturday. The weekend was sponsored by the Junior Class Board.

Photos for The Observer by Kristy Sutorius



Mini-med class discusses genes and alcoholism

By TOM ENRIGHT
News Writer

Genes may influence alcoholism as much as environment, according to Dr. David Crabb, M.D., who addressed the possible connection during his lecture on the human liver and liver disease.

His lecture last week, entitled "The Liver Lets You Live," was the second in a six-session series of mini-medical school classes held at Notre Dame. Sponsored by the Indiana School of Medicine, Crabb opened his talk with an introduction on how to identify alcoholism, and then presented evidence of genetic connections to alcoholism.

"There is a general misunderstanding about identifying alcoholism," Crabb said when referring to a list of alcohol-related symptoms. "A person has to have multiple features to have alcoholism."

Crabb emphasized the use of a CAGE test to determine if someone may suffer from alcoholism. Among other questions, the test asks if an individual feels a need to cut down on drinking, feels annoyed by people asking questions about drinking and feels guilty when he or she drinks.

The lecture, focusing in part on the genetic influences of alcoholism, drew from the results of a number of tests conducted in previous years.

"The next step [to treating alcoholism] is to understand the genetic factors," Crabb said.

He also added that "genes do not negate environmental effects," and cited several Islamic countries where cultural influences have kept alcohol consumption low.

Using overhead projection graphs and slides, Crabb showed evidence that an individual's chance of developing alcoholism increases if they have relatives that were alcoholics. Citing studies where rats were selectively bred to prefer alcohol over water, Crabb said, "We're trying to figure

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INSIDE COLUMN

Patty O. Must Go

Just trying to get you interested. Believe it or not, the administration actually does some things right. And for those of you abolitionists who don't agree, this is why the alcohol policy needs to stay as it is until something better comes around. And why a dry campus is not the answer.



Spencer Steffko
Assistant Viewpoint Editor

From one standpoint we should all be thankful, for rare is the student who has not imbibed a bit before The Most Elusive Birthday.

The alcohol rule is widely known on campus. It's kind of an unwritten rule, but everyone knows it. It used to be unwritten, before Bill Kirk put it in print a Scholastic article a few weeks back.

The rule reads: we're not going to bust you in your room unless you're completely out of hand.

You can put all the reasons you want behind this, but the rationale is obvious: try to keep the drinking on campus, and try to keep drunk students from behind the wheel.

But picture this scenario. On my twentieth birthday, I have 20 shots, in my dorm room and I die. Sounds horrible, but it happens many times each year in this country.

The University will be held responsible. Even though it was my personal choice, the person who bought the alcohol and, undoubtedly, The University, will be liable. But there's a rule in civil law: always sue someone with money. So my parents would surely go after the University.

Don't you think that Bill Kirk article would be thrown at the jury numerous times during the trial? Sure it would. The University will undoubtedly lose this case.

(Don't think The University can lose a case in South Bend? Maybe not. But a good prosecuting attorney would file for, and probably get - if not originally, on appeal - a change of venue. So throw that argument out.)

The University would then need to pay my family for psychological duress, then reimburse them for funeral costs. They'd need to come up with any and all future earnings I may have earned. Forget that I'm a 3.0 student. A good attorney could have a jury believing I was a shoe-in to own the Pittsburgh Steelers, and Pirates, and Penguins. The University would pay, and pay, and pay.

This is not even to mention the black eye the University would receive in the media. And we all know how image-conscious the administration is.

But now picture a reversal of policy. A no-tolerance, dry campus policy. With this policy in place, I go off campus, use a fake I.D., get sloshed and die. University escapes scott-free. They did what they could, and it was my fault.

More people most definitely die from drinking and driving than from simple overdrinking. But what keeps the administration from watching their backs and changing the policy?

The desire to keep the number of dead as low as possible, no matter who is liable.

This is not to suggest one needs to drink before their twenty-first birthday. But being pragmatists, as all legislators must, the administration realizes that students will. And they look out for us over the almighty dollar.

Just remember this next time you go to stick that pin in your Patty-O' Voodoo Doll.

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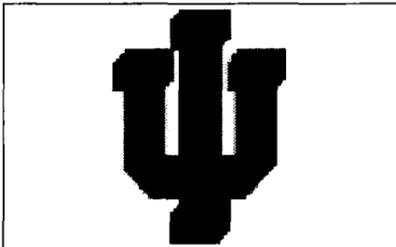
Microsoft strikes first collegiate deal with Indiana

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. In a ground-breaking deal with Microsoft, IU will pay \$6 million to obtain Microsoft software for students, faculty and staff. IU announced the agreement Thursday at Indiana University-Purdue at Indianapolis.

IU will distribute the software free of charge to the IU community. This is the first time Microsoft has made a deal of this kind with a college or university.

Beginning Tuesday, students will be able to get copies of Office for Windows (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access), Office for Macintosh (Word, Excel and PowerPoint), Internet Explorer, FrontPage and Visual Studio at the Indiana Memorial Union's East Lobby.

From 3 to 6 p.m., University Information Technology Services will distribute CD-ROMs with the software on it. The CDs will be free Tuesday, but students picking them up later will



have to pay a \$5 charge for the CD itself.

IU's vice president for information technology Michael McRobbie said there will not be an increase in the IU student technology fee or other student fees because of the Microsoft agreement. The money has already been figured into the IU budget. Students now pay a \$100 technology fee per semester.

Brian Voss, UITs director of teaching and learning information said the \$6 million is about as much as IU would

spend during the next four years on software. Little will change in the computing clusters because IU already owns most of the software.

The agreement also allows IU users to receive upgrades for Windows 95 and Windows NT and for the limited distribution of NT/Server and SQL Server. After graduation, IU students will be able to keep any of the Microsoft software they have acquired.

IU computers will still have other popular software packages.

"We do not require people to use Microsoft. We will continue to support other vendors," IU President Myles Brand said.

The only major software change is the university has not renewed its contract with Corel for its suite of products including WordPerfect.

The copies of Corel products in the student technology centers will become IU property and all other copies will become illegal at the end of November.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Students put university on mock trial

NEW YORK

Approximately 150 students and pedestrians gathered around a podium set up yesterday afternoon east of Washington Square Park in front of New York University's Main Building to listen to a mock trial charging the NYU administration of economic racism. The event was organized by the Campaign for Economic Justice at NYU, which advocates the employment of Chinese construction workers without union membership at university-owned sites. Recent refusals by NYU to hire non-union Chinese construction workers for university projects sparked much of the current controversy several months ago. The speak-out was a part of the campaign group's ongoing efforts to increase public awareness of economic inequalities and racial discrimination resulting from hiring policies throughout the city. The campaign has extended its agenda to a citywide effort to end economic inequality and racial discrimination, according to Steering Committee member David Eng.

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Basketball star faces drug charges

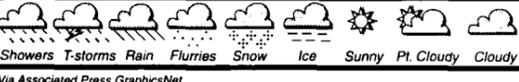
PROVO, Utah

BYU basketball star Ron Selleaze was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana by the Provo City Attorney's office. Provo Police cited Selleaze, future teammate Michael Garrett and two others March 16 for marijuana possession. All but Garrett were charged Wednesday with the class A misdemeanor. Basketball Coach Steve Cleveland indefinitely suspended Selleaze and Garrett from the team. Both have been referred to the BYU Honor Code Office. Cleveland told KBYU reporters he was surprised and disappointed by the news. "It really surprises me, because we've had a lot of talks about this and they know how I feel personally," he said. Though in the midst of rebuilding the team, Cleveland said he's not willing to compromise the team by letting the incident slip by. In a Jan. 29 interview after the New Mexico game, Selleaze said the Honor Code would not be an issue for him. "Rules is rules. They let me come here to play ball and have an education. I'm going to live by their rules."

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Grand jury indicts professor for theft

COLLEGE STATION, TX

A tenured Texas A&M University professor was indicted Thursday by a grand jury for theft by a public servant of property valued over \$750 and under \$20,000. Dhiraj Pradhan, formerly the highest-paid computer science professor at A&M, could face between two and 20 years in the state penitentiary, if convicted of the second-degree felony. Pradhan was indicted Feb. 26 on two felony counts that charge him with misappropriating state money for personal profit. Those counts could earn punishment of up to five years probation. In a fax to the student newspaper at Texas A&M University, Pradhan said the law under which he has been indicted is continuously altered and could be challenged. "The law under which I have been indicted belies an ever-changing climate, born out in the DA's office, one which not only is very vague but is a convenient catch-all," Pradhan said. "This very recent law obviously could benefit from a court challenge to better define its parameters."

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Hazing incident sparks investigation

AUSTIN, TX

UT officials are investigating hazing allegations against the Kappa Alpha fraternity after a UT freshman alleged he was spat upon, urinated on and thrown against a wall by members of the group. Tim Hesselsweet said he suffered bruises and a concussion after fraternity members grabbed him by the shoulders and threw him against a wall during a pledge meeting Feb. 15. According to Hesselsweet and his attorney, Bill Whitehurst, Hesselsweet was hospitalized for at least three days in Brackenridge Hospital following the incident. Hesselsweet said the alleged hazing occurred at the Kappa Alpha house at 2515 Leon St. and that about six students were present, most of them fellow pledge brothers. "He was taken into the basement of the fraternity house and beat upon and spat on and urinated on and pushed up against a wall with such force that it cracked his skull," Whitehurst said. "He had intercranial hemorrhaging." Whitehurst said no criminal charges will be filed against members of the group.

NATIONAL WEATHER

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Chicago 73	63	Houston 83	69	Scranton 82	51
Columbus 83	56	Los Angeles 57	42	St. Louis 75	64

ASA turns over series of African films

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
News Editor

The African Students' Association turned over the 1998 African Film Series to the Office of Educational Media in a ceremony held in DeBartolo Hall on

Thursday. "Every year the African Students' Association gets money from departments that have an interest in the African Film Series," said Guillaume Zoumlome, president of the ASA. "We use that money to buy 10 films rel-

evant to situations in African politics, economics, society and culture." The films show both documentary and fictional approaches to the situations in Africa. The ASA shows the films every Wednesday in 141 DeBartolo at 7 p.m.

Ignatieff to speak on genocide, Holocaust

Special to The Observer

Historian and journalist Michael Ignatieff will give two lectures at Notre Dame today and tomorrow.

Ignatieff will speak on "Chapters in the History of Moral Imagination: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Holocaust" today at 4:15 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Tomorrow, he will speak at 10:15 a.m. in the Hesburgh Center auditorium on "The Genocide Convention: Its Invention and Fate."

A native of Toronto, Ignatieff studied at the University of Toronto and received a doctoral degree in history from Harvard University in 1975. Ignatieff wrote a weekly column on international affairs for The Observer from 1990-93. He is the author and producer of "Blood and Belonging," an award winning six-part television series on nationalism which has been shown on BBC, CBC and PBS.

He writes essays and reviews for The New Republic, Der Spiegel, The New Yorker, The New York Review of Books, Harpers and the New York Times. He also is the author of numerous books including, most recently, "The Warrior's Honor: Ethnic War and Modern Conscience."

Student Union Team holds retreat to discuss goals

By KRISTI KLITSCH
Assistant News Editor

Over 55 members of the new Student Union Team met Saturday to develop mission statements and discuss student government goals.

The retreat was held in the Walsh Hall basement and lasted three hours.

Peter Cesaro, student body president elect, described the energy of the team.

"Everyone had a student union strategy and had a passion for involvement and improving student life," he said.

"We have a mission statement," he continued, "but our goal was to bring everyone together to develop their own mission statements and direction."

The Student Union Team was chosen through an application and interview process a few weeks ago. The team was selected by Cesaro, student vice-president elect Andrea Selak and chief of staff Deanette Weiss.

"The retreat was very productive, and it flowed very well. Everyone participated and we really set a direction for next year," Cesaro said.

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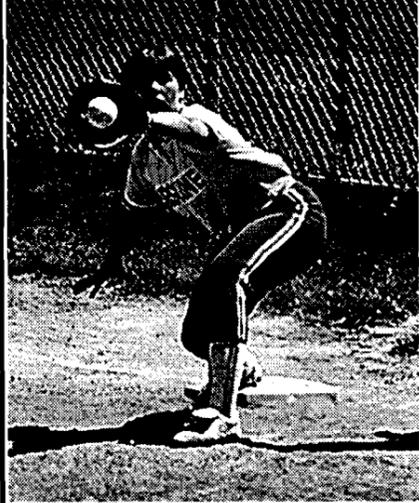
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the floor of the House Chamber, the office of Senate majority leader Trent Lott and to other sites.

Coincidentally, the group toured the White House only 12 hours after news of the Lewinsky scandal was first publicized. Exposure to top policy-making individuals and institutions has been one of the goals the core course seems to be meeting.

"Right now we have good students, good planning and good luck. I think this semester has exceeded our expectations," Kellenberg said.

The program's elective classes also received commendations following last weekend's informal review. The classes, taught by Notre Dame adjunct professors, range from a course in Washington sociology to another examining the political party system in the U.S.

Classes for this semester and future semesters generally address policy and government issues, but the program is open to all majors. In fact, the College of Business Administration is as well-represented in Washington as many of the individual majors in the College of Arts and Letters.

Students are not the only diverse group associated with the Semester in Washington, D.C. program.

"I'm very pleased with the mix of faculty we have right now, with their

different backgrounds and roles," Arnold said. A professional lobbyist, a sociologist and a Brookings Institute scholar combine to offer students a well-connected faculty of a different composition than that traditionally found on Notre Dame's campus.

For example, professor Rose DiNapoli, a lobbyist for Sallie Mae, took a small group of her students to the \$650-a-plate American Ireland Fund dinner two weeks ago. Senator Edward Kennedy's friend Fein president Gerry Adams and Notre Dame Award-winner John Hume were among those in attendance.

"We were introduced to Gerry Adams," recalled junior Brendan Boyle. "I asked him when he was going to visit Notre Dame. He said hopefully very soon, but he said it's tough to make plans in the middle of the ongoing peace process."

Although comparatively mundane, the Boston University-owned apartment building which houses the 19 students, also received high marks. One asset is its location on the city's northwest side, conveniently two

blocks from the area's public transportation system.

A handful of suggested improvements for future semesters surfaced at last week's review. Currently students receive a \$40 weekly remittance for buying groceries, an amount students labeled inadequate.

"Washington's a great city, but you'd better bring your checkbook," junior Tim Barnes cautioned.

"We'd like to add more money for our food allowance. We want to create a schedule that gives maximum flex-

ibility for the student," Arnold responded.

ATTRACTING PARTICIPATION

The new program's most immediate challenge concerns attracting able participants year-round, according to Arnold and Kellenberg. Students interested in public affairs and internship work experience are the program's most likely enrollees.

"Our number one goal for next fall is attracting quality students," Kellenberg stated.

'WHAT WE HAVE ARE 19 STUDENTS DOING IMPORTANT THINGS WITH INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE, AND DOING WELL.'



PERI ARNOLD

FOUNDER OF THE SEMESTER IN WASHINGTON, D.C. PROGRAM

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out the genes that cause this and then see how this might apply to humans."

According to Crabb, previous research has indicated that the drinking behavior of a same-sex parent most directly affects a child's later drinking habits.

During his lecture, Crabb showed his audience liver biopsy needles used to extract liver tissue and explained the anatomy of a liver. He also explained that viral hepatitis, as well as inherited diseases and alcoholism, can lead to liver disease.

Crabb currently serves as a professor of medicine, biochemistry and molecular biology at Indiana University School of Medicine. As the vice-chair for research in the department of medicine, his clinical research has focused on acute and chronic liver disease.

The mini-medical school lecture series is open free to the public each Tuesday evening in DeBartolo Hall. Students who attend four or more sessions will receive a mini-medical school certificate.

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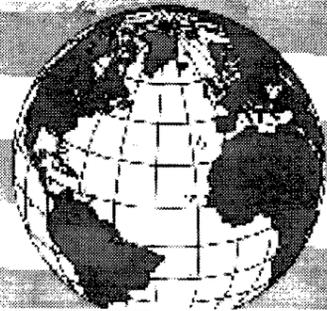
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Florida to execute Buenoano

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.

Judy Buenoano perfected the art of murder by poison when she killed her husband and boyfriend, but she failed when she switched to dynamite and tried to kill her fiancé. Buenoano, the 54-year-old inmate known as the "black widow," is scheduled to die at 7 a.m. Monday in Florida's electric chair for the 1971 arsenic poisoning of Air Force Sgt. James Goodyear. Barring a last-minute stay, Buenoano would be the first woman to die in Florida's electric chair, and the 42nd inmate to die since the state resumed the death penalty in 1979. She would also be the first woman to be executed in Florida since 1848 when a freed slave was hanged in Jacksonville for killing her master.

Peruvian plane crash kills 28

LIMA, Peru

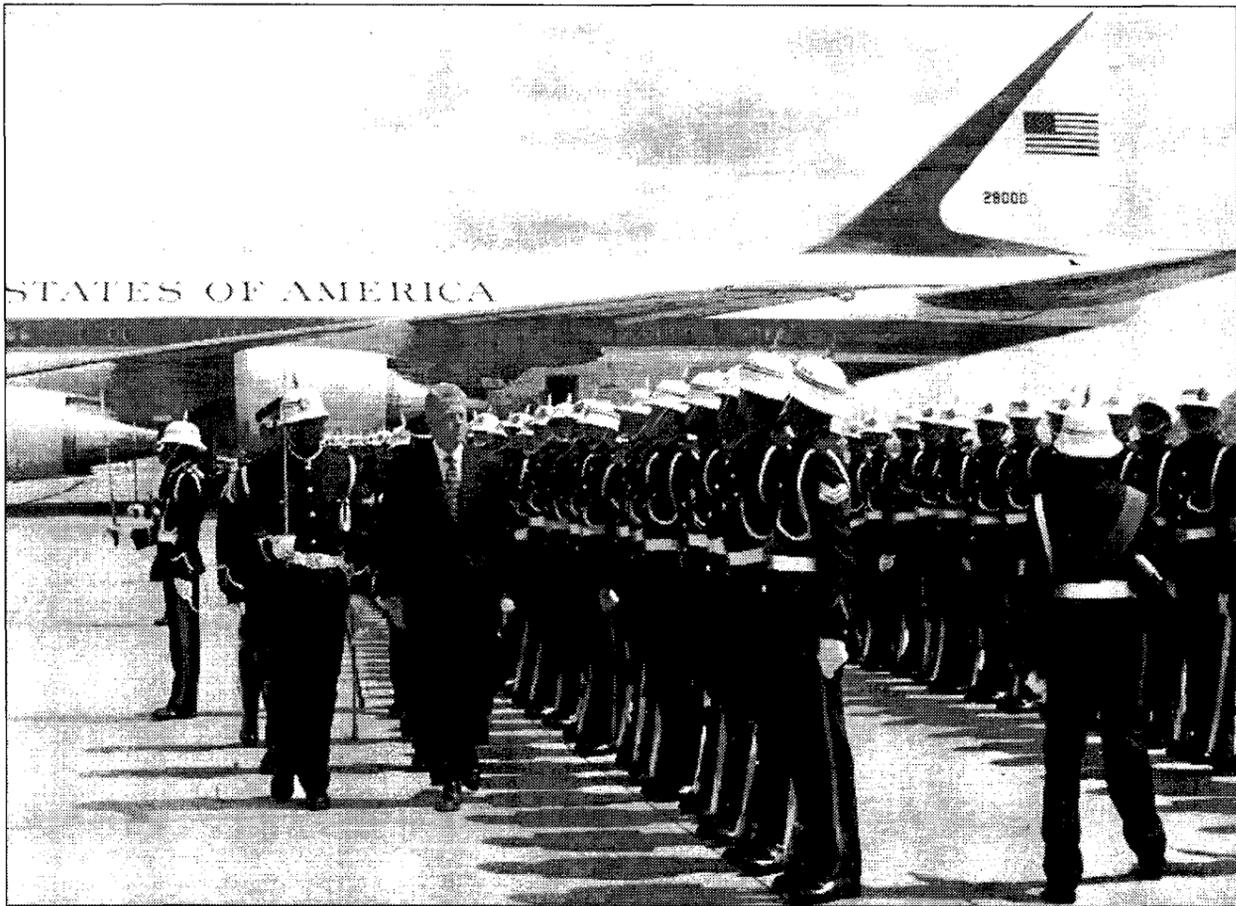
A Peruvian air force plane carrying villagers stranded by flooding crashed into a shantytown in the northern city of Piura on Sunday, killing 28 people, President Alberto Fujimori said. Fujimori told reporters that 28 passengers died, 15 survived and seven were unaccounted for. Some passengers walked from the wreckage with minor injuries, he said. The Russian-made Antonov military transport plane was carrying people stranded by El Nino-driven flooding from the city of Tumbes near the Ecuadorean border to Piura, 530 miles northwest of Lima, when it fell to earth 6 miles from Piura airport. The pilot had radioed the control tower prior to the crash to report that one engine had failed, Fujimori said. The plane crashed nose first into a drainage channel in the shantytown, splitting into two pieces, he said. There were no reports of deaths on the ground.

Taliban jets bomb city center

KABUL, Afghanistan

Taliban jets pounded the northern city of Pul-e-Kumri on Sunday, killing five people and wounding dozens more, said a spokesman for the anti-Taliban opposition that controls the area. Jets roared in low, dropping three bombs in the city center, said Mohammed Shahabuddin. Three women and two children were killed when a bomb landed near a vegetable market, he said. Another bomb landed near a power station, and the city's power was interrupted briefly, Shahabuddin said. Taliban fighters have bombed the city for the past several days, while outside the city both sides are locked in a ferocious battle. The anti-Taliban alliance, led by ousted President Burhanuddin Rabbani and his defeated military chief Ahmed Shah Massood, controls about 15 percent of Afghanistan.

Clinton's Africa tour stops in Botswana



Clinton reviews troops after landing in Botswana, the fifth nation that he has visited on a two-week African tour.

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GABORONE, Botswana

U.S. President Bill Clinton arrived Sunday in Botswana to begin the second week of his six-nation tour of Africa with a safari through a park with 45,000 elephants.

The White House described the president's planned adventure as a "photo safari," with no plans for hunting any of the Chobe National Park's elephants, hippos, crocodiles, baboons, impalas or birds.

Outgoing President Ketumile Masire met Clinton and his large entourage of officials and American business people at the Gaborone airport. The American president arrived two days before Masire's departure from office. He hands power over to

his vice president, Festus Mogae, on Monday.

Clinton, accompanied by his wife, Hillary, and by U.S. black leader Jesse Jackson, attended church in Soweto Sunday before flying to Botswana. He urged South Africans to keep faith as they mend their nations from the scars of apartheid.

"It takes a long time to run a marathon," Clinton said, adding that the United States will "run that race with you."

The organist played "America the Beautiful" and the crowd of worshippers cheered as Clinton and his group arrived.

"For you to come here, you bring us joy and happiness and peace," a church leader told Clinton and his party.

On Saturday, Clinton honored South

Africans "who answered the call of conscience" and defeated their country's system of white supremacy.

Throughout the six-nation trip, Clinton has been stressing the U.S. stake in Africa, pledging to battle for more aid and debt relief as well as investment.

"This is not charity. This is enlightened self interest," Clinton said in Soweto, adding that aid and trade go hand in hand.

American businesses are getting an average return of 30 percent on investments in Africa, the president said. "This is a good deal, folks."

Clinton said he would urge the U.S. Congress to restore African aid to its historic high level — \$830 million a year. Currently it is \$700 million, and Clinton has requested a \$30 million increase this year.

Israel demands Palestinian pledges

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GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip
Israel came away from talks with a U.S. mediator Sunday saying no new troop pullbacks from the West Bank can proceed without security pledges from the Palestinians.

Graphically underscoring Israel's security fears, a powerful car explosion killed at least one person Sunday night in the West Bank town of Ramallah. Israeli reports said authorities were investigating whether the explosives were meant to be used in a terrorist attack.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held two hours of talks Sunday

night with U.S. envoy Dennis Ross.

Netanyahu's top aide, David Bar-Illan, said afterward that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had so far not backed the idea of reciprocal security steps in exchange for Israeli troop pullbacks.

"The main problem today was that Arafat has not yet replied to our questions and those of the Americans on how much he would be willing to do to comply with the security requirements set out by the United States," Bar-Illan told The Associated Press.

"There will be no redeployment unless we see some action on compli-

ance," he said.

Ross and Netanyahu, whose meeting Sunday night was to have been their last, agreed to meet again Monday, Bar-Illan said.

After talking with Netanyahu, Ross went straight to Gaza for late-night talks with Arafat. Ross emerged from that nearly three-hour session saying he would report back to Washington about "refinements" to U.S. ideas that had emerged from several days of talks, but did not report any progress.

Arafat, who was to leave early Monday for the Netherlands, looked angry as he left the session. He

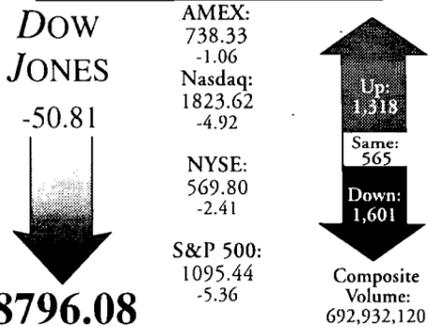
did not speak to reporters.

Ross, who arrived in the region Thursday, has been shuttling between the two sides in an effort to break the yearlong impasse in the peace talks.

Earlier Sunday, Arafat welcomed what he said was an American proposal for an international summit in Washington, a meeting that could give him the political justification to continue the peace process even if Ross fails to win concessions from Israel.

Ross has been trying to win acceptance of a U.S. proposal for an Israeli troop pullback from about 13 percent more of the West Bank over 12 weeks.

Market Watch: 3/27



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COMPANY	TICKER	% CHANGE	\$ GAIN	PRICE
ECOMAT INC	ECMT	51.72	0.938	2.750
ATRIX INTL	ATXI	50.00	1.125	3.375
CONOLOG CORP	CNLC	50.00	1.000	3.000
ACCENT COLOR SC	ACLR	40.28	0.906	3.156
MANUFACTURING GRP	MANJ	39.97	15.188	53.188

BIGGEST PERCENTAGE LOSERS

COMPANY	TICKER	% CHANGE	\$ LOSS	PRICE
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INFOCUS SYSTEMS	INES	33.41	4.719	9.406
INSTRUMENT L-ADR	ILBY	27.03	0.625	1.688
ONCORMED INC	ONM	24.00	1.500	4.750

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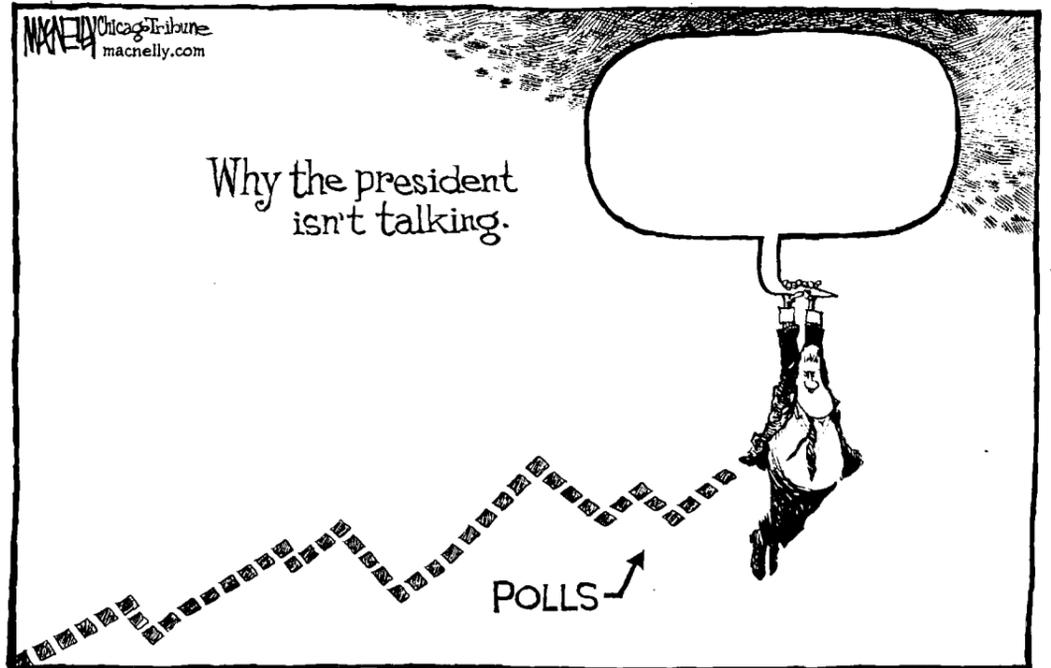
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■ DIGGING DEEPER

Catholic Repentance and Pope Pius XII

The Observer recently printed a Vatican news story worthy of their front page. The article was an analysis of the recent document entitled, "We Remember: A Reflection of the Shoa [Holocaust]," issued by the Vatican Commission on Relations with the Jews. The Observer article states: "The document, which calls itself 'an act of repentance,' nevertheless skirts the painful issue of the Vatican's silence about Nazi atrocities during World War II. It also ignores the accusations leveled against Pope Pius XII, choosing to focus on his role in rescuing the Jews instead." It goes on to quote Father Richard

of the Nazis." Chief Rabbi Zolli converted to Catholicism after the war ended. Marchione writes, "While conducting services in the fall of 1944, he had a vision of Christ in a white cape that irradiated an inexpressible peace, while a voice resounded in his heart: 'you are here for the last time.' On Feb. 13, 1945, Rabbi Zolli was baptized a Christian and took the name of Eugenio [Pius XII's given name] to express his gratitude for what Pius XII had done for the Jews."

Other Jewish testimonies of those saved by the Holy Father during the Holocaust abound. Representing the Hebrew Commission after the war, Dr. Joseph Nathan addressed the Jewish Community with this statement, reprinted in L'Osservatore Romano: "We express our heartfelt gratitude to those who protected and saved us during the Nazi-Fascist persecutions. Above all, we acknowledge the supreme Pontiff and the religious men and women who, executing the directives of the Holy Father, recognized the persecuted as their brothers and, with great abnegation, hastened to help them, disregarding the terrible dangers to which they were exposed." In a sermon at the Temple Israel in New York City, 1958, Dr. William Rosenblum spoke of Pius XII, who made it possible for "thousands of Jewish victims of Nazism and Fascism to be hidden away in monasteries and convents of the various Catholic orders and for Jewish children to be taken into Catholic orphanages." He called the Pope a "great religious leader whose works for brotherliness and peace in a time of crisis in our history should remain as an example to emulate." The senior Rabbi, Dr. Julius Mark, spoke thus at Pius' death: "We mourn the passing of a great religious statesman and spiritual leader, Pope Pius XII. Possessed of a brilliant mind, a compassionate heart and a dedicated spirit, His Holiness gave of himself generously and self-sacrificingly to the sacred task of world peace founded on justice. May his soul be bound up in the bond of everlasting life." At the suggestion that he publicize the charitable works of the Church after the war, Pius XII

responded, "Only God must be testimony to what one does for his neighbor."

Despite contrary evidence, accusations of 'silence' still haunt this Pope. In 1995, the discovery of a so-called "lost encyclical" (which attacked totalitarian and anti-Semitic and racist systems) threatened to cause a Vatican scandal, since this "encyclical" was never released. The document was written by the American Jesuit Father John LaFarge, who was summoned to the Vatican by Pius XII's predecessor, Pius XI. The final draft of the document, entitled Humani Generis Unitas, arrived too late; Pius XI had already fallen ill and died. The "encyclical" was never a papal document; it contained no annotations by Pius XI or his successor. Jesuit historian Robert

words of Cardinal Paolo Dezza, who worked closely with the Pope: "Pius XII did a great deal to help the Jews persecuted by the Nazis and Fascists. He abstained from making public declarations in favor of both Catholics and Jews who were being persecuted by Hitler because, whenever he did speak, Hitler had his revenge by committing worse acts of violence against them. The clergy and bishops in Germany [not to mention the German Jews] begged him to keep silence." As James Aiken said, "While the armchair quarterbacks of anti-Catholic circles may have wished the Pope to issue, in Axis territory and during wartime, ringing, propagandistic statements against the Nazis, the Pope realized that such was not an option if he were actually to save Jewish lives rather than simply mug for the cameras."

And so the truth unfolds. History contradicts a position largely taken by those for whom the Chair of Peter is a stumbling block. With the current evidence, only a half-baked historical analysis allows one to condemn the action taken by Pius XII during World War II. Catholic contrition is appropriate for "the errors and failures of those sons and daughters of the Church" who complied in the horrors of the Holocaust. But history testifies that Pope Pius XII, who according to historian Pinchas Lapide saved an estimated 860,000 Jewish lives, was certainly not among those who turned a blind eye. I quote Jewish physicist Albert Einstein: "Only the Catholic Church protested against the Hitlerian onslaught on liberty. Up till then I had not been interested in the Church, but today I feel a great admiration for the Church, which alone has had the courage to struggle for spiritual truth and moral liberty."

'ONLY GOD MUST BE TESTIMONY TO WHAT ONE DOES FOR HIS NEIGHBOR.'

POPE PIUS XII

Graham Green criticized the text for its tone and faulty theological concepts, saying "thank God it was never published."

However, Pius XII did publish a different encyclical which condemned Nazi practices. Marchione notes that "as his predecessor's Secretary of State, Pius XII had played a vital part in framing the encyclical Mit Brennender Sorge, which was directed at Hitler's Germany, and condemned, among other things, the 'myth of blood and race.'"

Pius XII's first encyclical, Summi Pontificatus clearly, if implicitly, denounced Nazi totalitarian policies. The French were so pleased that they dropped, by air over Germany, thousands of copies in miniature. The encyclical was so anti-Nazi that Nazi authorities restricted its publication in Germany.

For those who still think Pius XII was not outspoken enough, consider the

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Aaron Kheriaty

McBrien of the Notre Dame theology department: "They let Pius XII off a little too lightly. The document slides over the controversy. I think that was a mistake ... There was a lot of evil and a lot of silence and complicity."

McBrien's position ought not to be taken lightly. I agree that a "sharper inquiry" into actual history of the event is necessary, especially considering that Pius XII's cause for canonization is in progress. Two recent books, Margherita Marchione's "Your's is a precious Witness," and Michael O'Carroll's "Pius XII, Greatness Dishonored: A Documented Study" seek to do just that.

Chief Rabbi of Rome during the war, Israel Zolli, publicly expressed the gratitude of the Jews to the Pope when he visited Pius XII in July of 1944 "to officially thank him for all he, personally and through the Catholics in Rome, had done in favor of the Jews, opening convents and monasteries, dispensing with papal cloister as stated in canon law, so that Jews could be received even in female monasteries and protected from the fury

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'The whole world is my spittoon.'

— Lee Walker

■ JEDI MIND TRICKS

Insanity Abounds on Campus

Insane. That is the word I use to describe most of the people I come across these days. It may be someone I have just met or someone I have known for quite a long time. But no matter where I look, the bottom line is they are insane.

Take last Friday's Observer for example. First you have Gary Caruso who, 25 years removed from Notre Dame, still feels the need to tell Notre Dame students what they should think. Besides the fact that his ideology completely blinds him from writing anything objective or insightful, this is supposed to be Notre Dame's student newspaper — let it go already.

You have to realize, I feel bad that I am a grad student writing for what I think should be an undergraduate newspaper. But when you actually read this paper, only one word comes to mind: insane. In the same Friday paper, there was a sophomore who is supposed to be a regular contributor (i.e. have something that amounts to more than just his immature whims). His pseudo-column rambled on about how Resident Assistant (he even had the title wrong) selections consisted of turning away any candidate with individual thought and accepting any candidate who was a "yes man."

Despite the fact that this column was woefully inadequate in length, any one can read between the lines and see that his column was a tribute to a probable drinking buddy who, despite a rap sheet as long as Charles Manson's, didn't get selected to be an RA. What a waste of space. FYI: Reactions to lack of selection like the one in Friday's paper are simply confirmations that the right decision was made. At least Gary Caruso's column was some real world application.

Of course, we had more letters to the editor about Father David Garrick's excommunication from the Church. Of course that's not true, but then again, neither are any of the allegations being levied against the University in every edition of The Observer. But why let truth get in the way of wasting energy on some trumped up protest of some debilitating travesty thrust upon those oh-so oppressed Domers. I spoke with multiple Priests who haven't been afforded the luxury and privilege to say mass in the Basilica in over five years.

Also, Garrick's "suspension" claims are disingenuous at best. Mainly because he's not suspended. The only one who can suspend him is Bishop Darcy and that hasn't happened. But, why let the truth get in the way of unbridled insanity. Life at Notre Dame is so comfortable that if you don't get your way no matter how insane, you scream and protest. Insane.

This is not to say that being gay at Notre Dame is comfortable. Far from it. I don't wish their suffering on anyone. But I don't think a protester at Malcolm X University could get the same sympathy from these individuals if this protester wanted to have that University fund a KKK student organization. Something about the KKK being antithetical to what the Malcolm X University stands for might hold that approval up.

In previous weeks, we read about a guy whose girlfriend dumped him and started dating a boxer, so of course he wrote a letter to the edi-

tor decrying the lack of sincerity of Bengal Bouts. Like sheep, the boxers wrote and wrote and wrote letters to the editor defending something that needs no defending. But they were just following the tradition where some insane person calls a college "parasites" or a group "aliens" and because Notre Dame has fostered such a utopian existence for its pampered masses, everyone goes insane, protests and screams, and then fades back to their comfortable existence.

We also see that South Bend weather has gone insane. Everyone in shorts and t-shirts this weekend: Get those parkas ready, because it will be 15 degrees with a hail storm in the near future. But this is spring in South Bend which means it's time for new loves or to abandon old ones.

If you talk to any male or female about how they are behaving with their new mate, you cringe at their insanity. And how about those getting out of a relationship? How insane are these people who put up with all the disrespect their insane lesser half puts them through because they don't have the sanity to just end it! Some people think it is Spring Fever; I think it is insanity.

Of course this time of year at Notre Dame brings out people who will duct tape their entire body, publicly wear nothing but jock straps, flash their opposition, dress up as the Smurfs, or just make complete fools of themselves watching a pick-up basketball game. Of course, Notre Dame calls this Bookstore Basketball. I call it insane.

Think about it. Every Saturday in the fall, students brave the cold and rain and scream their heads off for the exact same people they will mercilessly heckle in the spring. And what about the changing allegiances of the Bookstore crowd. For the first half, hundreds attack one team, but when that same team loses a player due to injury or whatever, those same hundreds rally behind the very players they were attacking minutes before. Insane.

Now of course some of the Bookstore antics are fun. Some are not. Some of the quirks of entering into and exiting from relationships are fun. Some are not. Some of the rivalry between ideological adversaries in columns is fun. Some of the mean spirited poorly thought out, immature ramblings are not.

Now some things have been said in this column that were a bit direct and might touch a sensitive nerve with different segments of the population. This of course could set off a wave of letters complaining of its content. If we are really lucky there may even be a protest or rally. This all would lead me to conclude either the masses are too caught up with themselves to see the forest from the trees or maybe I'm the one who is insane.

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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

South Quad: The Great North Quad Parasite



We are writing in response to the recent influx of South Quad students into the North Dining Hall. We want to explain what is really the matter here. We understand that the food and conditions at the South Dining Hall may not be "up to par" these days; however, we would like to remind South Quad residents that you do not live in North Quad. Our parents shell out about \$25,000 a year so that we can live on North Quad, well distanced from buildings such as Dillon Hall.

We are tired of hearing about the "Notre Dame community." South Quad is like the Great North Quad Parasite. They use our parking lots, our science building and even our library. Now, in the travesty for all times, South Quad students are constantly eating at the North Dining Hall, and we are extremely disturbed by this. Since Monday, it has become much more difficult for the rightful patrons of the dining hall to enjoy a tranquil, uncrowded, dining environment. As North Quad residents who worked hard to get into this school, we are tired of South Quad people infringing on our quad. It is time to take back our quad! We hope that South Quad residents have this letter to chew on for a while, while we "suffer" through another crowded NDH meal.

Joe Hauser and John Broussard
Concerned North Quad Residents
March 23, 1998

RAs Not Just 'Warden Puppets'

As present Resident Assistants, we found Mr. Kerr's article entitled, "RA's Just Warden Puppets" (March 27) to be highly insulting, ignorant and bitter. As a sophomore with a mere year and a half of residence hall living, we feel that Mr. Kerr lacks the experience and accurate knowledge to comment on the selection process and the complete duties of an RA, Rector and hall staff.

During the last year, we have learned that being an RA involves a great deal more than enforcing the rules and simply serving as a "puppet" wrapped "around" the rector's finger as Mr. Kerr so wrongly suggests. We do appreciate that Mr. Kerr recognizes that the "responsibility" of a hall staff is "huge" and that our main purpose is to "foster the growth of the residents and promote the family tradition." However, Mr. Kerr fails to recognize the enormous amount of time, effort and dedication demanded of all members of a hall staff to achieve such a goal. Residence life is an integral part of the Notre Dame experience, for it is in the residence halls that friendships are formed, joys are shared and celebrated, and obstacles are overcome.

Having recently selected the Welsh Family Hall Staff for the 1998-99 academic year, we would like to share the actual criteria that we used to make our very difficult decision. No, Mr. Kerr, we did not seek "dorks ... familiar with the words 'yes' and 'master'." In fact, there is no one "ideal" candidate for the position of RA. We guarantee that every RA on this campus has "taken the time to lift [his/her] nose from the books and take the brave step outside [his/her] own room." In addition to looking at each candidate individually, we tried to create a team composed of diverse women with strengths and weaknesses that complement each other, such that they will be of greatest service to the women of our hall.

As a staff this year, we handled many

challenging situations, the least of which is rule enforcement. Our primary goal throughout the year has been and continues to be a fostering of the academic, spiritual, and emotional growth of our residents. Our position is both time-consuming and emotionally demanding and requires individuals who are confident enough to independently handle difficult situations. If RAs were spineless "warden puppets" who only know "when to keep [their mouths] shut," as you suggest, no residence hall would function.

Mr. Kerr, it is unfortunate that you have such a skewed perspective of hall staffs; for, it is individuals like yourself who taint the uniqueness of residence hall life at the University of Notre Dame. As RAs, we know that we are not alone when we say that we have enjoyed our opportunity to give back to the institution that has given us so much. Even though this experience has been difficult and challenging at times, the rewards from our role greatly outweigh the sacrifices we have made.

Furthermore, Mr. Kerr, as Notre Dame students, we are unbelievably blessed to be served by such capable, dedicated and talented leaders as each of our rectors continuously prove to be. Despite your ignorance, we assure you that the goal of the rector is NOT to obtain a higher office, but to encourage, support and participate in the endeavors and lives of the hall staff and the residents. Mr. Kerr, we hope that you now realize that it is the hall staff, including the Rector, Assistant Rector(s) and Resident Assistants, who strive every day to keep the "family" in Notre Dame.

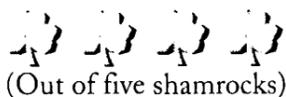
Danielle Gray
and Melinda Sinclair
4th floor RAs
Welsh Family Hall
March 28, 1998

A salute to the red, white and blue

"Primary Colors"

Director: *Mike Nichols*

Starring: *John Travolta, Emma Thompson, Billy Bob Thornton and Kathy Bates*



(Out of five shamrocks)

By **MIKE McMORROW**
Scene Movie Critic

People have said that the timing of "Wag the Dog" was next to perfect, but I'd be more inclined to say that the timing of "Primary Colors" captures the political mood of the country more successfully.

"Wag the Dog" focused on the way our political system is so easily prone to farce. And while "Primary Colors" can certainly be read to portray a similar stance, it also gets at the complexities that the media ignores when attacking political issues, personalities, and scandals and the way in which these highly involved figures affect each other's own moralities and capacities for amorality.

One key character in the film is initially portrayed as a political shark — like the Robert DeNiro character in "Wag the Dog" — with a very abrasive edge. And while this image does not become totally inaccurate as her character, played by Kathy Bates, becomes more developed, her

conscience and sense of morality become as much a part of her "profession" as the tapes which she might create to blotch the opponents image.

The film stars John Travolta as Jack Stanton, a progressive Southern Democratic governor who is in the primary for the Democratic Presidential nomination. It's no secret that this character is unabashedly based on

Bill Clinton, just as his wife (Emma Thompson) is based on Hillary.

Billy Bob Thornton plays Richard, a key campaign manager, and Bates is Lilly, the "Robert DeNiro character."

The film uses the character of Henry Burton, played by Adrian Lester, as it's focal point for narrative. Burton had worked in government before, but this is the first time that he entered into campaign organizing.

Burton's journey throughout the campaign provides the framework for the film. His internal struggles represent an idealistic outlook on the prospects for a decrease on political mudslinging while most of the other characters seem to have accepted the necessary cynicism that one must obtain in order to play the game of politics successfully.

Travolta's portrayal of Clinton, ahem, Stanton, is a delicate balance between portraying genuine concern for the people and a necessary cyni-

cism. If there is a weakness in his performance, it is that the viewer cannot tell the degree to which this genuine concern is a front. Oftentimes Travolta doesn't seem to decide whether he wants to put on a

Colors" is the cynicism that Americans who care and are involved in the progressive must face. Some play along and say that they love it, while some try to bring an idealistic front to it.

The reality that the film realizes and illustrates to the audience is that one must acknowledge and participate in this cynical atmosphere in order to be a part of the system. The real horror of the film is that people who participate in the game may feel that they are above the mudslinging atmosphere and are playing along simply to enjoy the ridiculousness of the system, but these people really end up getting laughed at by the system itself. Nobody really wins although everyone wants to and some think they actually do.

The character in the film who realizes this was mentioned in the first para-

graph, and if you see the film, you'll see what kind of effect that has. Or perhaps everybody recognized just what has been said here, and only that one character had the courage to come to the self-realization that she was part of it.



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures
John Travolta, Emma Thompson and Adrian Lester star in the new political satire "Primary Colors."

front or show his real altruistic side.

Emma Thompson, however, plays her role as the wife beautifully. Watching her character possess the necessary two-faced side (her private life versus her public life) that is inherent to being a politician is a joy.

But the real focus of "Primary

Where the 'Wild Things' Are

"Wild Things"

Director: *John McNaughton*

Starring: *Neve Campbell, Kevin Bacon, Matt Dillon, Bill Murray and Denise Richards*



(Out of five shamrocks)

By **CHRISTIAN A. PIERCE**
Scene Movie Critic

Are you good at keeping secrets?

Recently a trend has begun in Hollywood in which directors attempt to shock their viewers with a surprise ending — notable examples include "The Crying Game" and "The Usual Suspects." The newest project from director John McNaughton, "Wild Things," seems another installment in this chapter of Hollywood. The studio actually attempted to prevent reviewers from revealing the ending by handing out a formal plea at the premiere.

Previews for this film made the project appear to be another movie with graphic nudity and tasteless sex. The film does contain some gratuitous sex, but my main concern with "Wild Things" actually involves the story and lines of dialogue.

Throughout the film I found myself continually wondering how serious a project this film truly was. Did this film want to be seen as a parody of the surprise ending and the recent Florida Noir films like "Palmetto?"

The film includes numerous moments which many audience members found rather humorous. Therefore, director John McNaughton is either a master of camp or merely a dreadful film maker.

"Wild Things" includes an all-star cast that skillfully develops a sultry look at crime and money in the Everglades region of Florida. The film is set in Blue Bay, an area which seems gilded in gold leaf, but under the surface lies a layer of pure scum.

The film stars Matt Dillon as Sam Lombardo, a high school guidance counselor with a jack rabbit's libido. He appears to have chosen an excellent location to call home as every woman in the film seems hypnotized by his charm and handsome figure.

This charm eventually becomes a handicap as Kelly Van Ryan (played by Denise Richards), a beautiful high school student from a wealthy background, aggressively pursues the attention of this leading man in a scene that could belong in most any soft-core pornography. Kelly offers to wash Mr. Lombardo's Jeep as part of a class fund-raiser, but not as a selfless act of charity. With a friend she goes to his house, slips in a few sexual innuendoes such as "Where's your hose?" and then proceeds to wash the truck.

Without thinking too hard, what color clothes do you think the shapely young actress wears for this scene? If you guessed white you are correct. In fact costuming takes this one step fur-

ther by having her wear a white T-shirt, a white bra, white shorts, and white underwear which she gets absolutely soaked. Could this ploy be any more obvious? This constructs her as a highly sexualized character and an incredible temptation for all men in the film, leading any viewer to wonder if Sam can be trusted to keep a respectable student-faculty relationship.

Here it appears the sex drive of the young faculty member takes control as Kelly later accuses Mr. Lombardo of rape. The allegations build as another student steps forward with an identical claim.

The other student is Suzie Toller, a troubled youth and drug addict, played by Neve Campbell. The allegations incite a police investigation led by detectives Ray Duquette (Kevin Bacon) and Gloria Perez (Daphne Rubin-Vega).

Pressure to solve this case comes from the wealthy members of Blue Bay society, personified by Kelly's mother Sandra Van Ryan (Theresa Russell). The mother seems out for revenge, as she was once Sam's lover and finds this violation of her daughter a personal insult. The case eventually goes to court forcing Sam to seek representation from an ambulance chasing lawyer, Ken Bowden, played by Bill Murray.

You might wonder what Bill Murray

is doing in a sexy crime thriller, but he actually puts forth a great performance by clinging to the humor that established his career. His one liners become one of the strongest elements of the film, and the neck brace he wears as part of an insurance scam is simply hilarious.

To reveal any more of the plot would be a crime so the ending will remain a secret. The film leaves the viewer guessing and I enjoyed trying to calcu-

late where the story was going next. I do suggest you watch the film closely and be suspicious of everyone's motives.

The cast puts together a fascinating performance — both serious and humorous at the same time.

To understand the intended objective of the film one would have to ask director John McNaughton, but the fact that it seems so ambiguous makes for an enjoyable film.

My one real qualm arrives with the "credit cookies" scene intercut with the final credits. I felt this an unnecessary way of explaining every character's motives, an insult to an attentive viewer. Otherwise, I recommend this wild look at life in steamy Florida and hope you appreciate McNaughton's love of surprises.



Photo Courtesy of Columbia Pictures
Neve Campbell and Denise Richards get wild in "Wild Things."

VIDEO PICKS OF THE WEEK

Foster makes 'Contact' in science-fiction flick

"Contact"

Director: *Robert Zemeckis*

Starring: *Jodie Foster, Matthew McConaughey and Tom Skerritt*

By MICHAEL VANEGAS
Assistant Scene Editor

Emerging from the summer of 1997's crop of big-budget, empty cinematic entertainment was "Contact," a film based on Carl Sagan's novel of the same name. The movie concerns the discovery of a message emanating from outer space — the discovery of life outside of earth.

Starring two-time Academy Award winner Jodie Foster as the devoted, driven and sensitive Eleanor (Ellie) Arrowway who discovers the message, the majority of the two and one-half hours is spent arguing the content, significance and implications of the outer space message.

After the United States government takes over Ellie's project to decode the message, the meaning of the message is uncovered as a blueprint for a transportation machine. Contributors from around the world move to build the machine, and a committee gathers to decide the passenger who would be the first representative of earth in the encounter of another world with Ellie being one of the top contenders. She eventually loses to colleague and arrogant nemesis, David Drumlin (Tom Skerritt) and must watch as an unfortunate mishap kills both Drumlin and the machine.

As the movie would not be interesting or complete without the star making the trip to outer space, private contractors choose Ellie as the passenger on a secretly built second machine in Japan. What follows is an awesome sequence of space travel, controversy over the authenticity of that space travel, and the inevitable end of the film.

As a science-fiction flick, "Contact" is undoubtedly one of the best of the past few years, blending typically modern special effects with thought provoking dialogue and excellent acting. But one must watch this movie on a higher level to understand the age old conflict that the relationship between Ellie and love interest/theologian Palmer Joss (Matthew McConaughey) presents — the reconciliation of science with religion. Truly, this movie is this conflict and it attempts to find a reasonable way to produce an answer for us viewers.

To put it simply, an atheistic scientist (Ellie) struggles with a world insistent on the existence of God. After taking the trip through outer space, she encounters the aliens that contacted our world, in an almost heavenly setting. Unexpectedly, the aliens show themselves in the form of Ellie's dead father.

Upon her instantaneous return to earth, she confronts a flurry of speculation concerning the reality of her space travel. At an inquiry concerning her journey, she reveals that she has a greater sense of the nature of humanity and the nature of God, thus expressing her belief in that God. Viewers come away from this movie with that reconciliation between science and religion. Supremely scientific Arrowway proves to believe in the supreme God.

"Contact" is a conglomeration of many cinematic genres. It is a love story, a science-fiction tale and a suspenseful drama with moments of comic relief. Above all, it is a struggle to understand humanity in the midst of an impenetrable universe.



Photo Courtesy of Warner Brothers
Jodie Foster stars as Dr. Ellie Arrowway, a radio astronomer on a quest to find life in outer space, in "Contact."

'Stagecoach' sets stage for modern Western cinema

"Stagecoach"

Director: *John Ford*

Starring: *John Wayne, Thomas Mitchell and Claire Trevor*

By JOSH BECK
Scene Movie Critic

Not only is the film "Stagecoach" a trademark of classic American film, it is also responsible for thrusting John Wayne into the spotlight and for the maturation of the great genre of the Western.

Released in 1939 and directed by John Ford, this film was well ahead of its time in many ways.

However, the thing that hits the viewer with the most force is not the dominating presence of the Duke or the beauty of the cinematography — it is the acting. Since most acting from the early twentieth century can be considered too blatant and straightforward with- out much dimension, it is pleasing to see a movie from such an early period with characters possessing so much dimension that they make some modern-day actors pale by comparison.

The other extremely pleasing aspect of the film is the fact that it does not let Wayne steal the spotlight from everyone else (although his famous introductory scene speaks for itself), and this is incredibly uncharacteristic of his films. Granted, "Stagecoach" was only his sixth film at that point, but Duke-watchers will agree that during a career which spanned almost 50 years and included close to 100

films, rarely was Wayne ever the holder of a cameo or bit part.

The absence of Wayne's dominating presence in the film accomplishes two things. First, it allows the other characters to shine in their particular roles — Thomas Mitchell won an Academy Award for his portrayal of the drunken doctor, a staple of most Westerns to follow. Surprisingly, because of the lack of Wayne's domineering presence, his acting also comes through beautifully, and we get a rare look at a young John Wayne worthy of an Oscar (although the only one he received was for his 1969 film "True Grit").

Critics agree that the story of "Stagecoach" did indeed mature the concept of the Western and was the catalyst for an era that would last through the years. The rustic yet exotic life of the cowboy was too much for audiences to resist, and the story of a bevy of interesting characters traveling across Arizona was one of the main reasons.

For those who may think that this film is too dated for your taste, you are sadly mistaken. This film has action, romance, plot, character development and incredible acting. And perhaps moviegoers of our generation need early films like this to remind us that the great films of today were based on something much earlier in time.

Watching "Stagecoach" is like watching a history of American film. Ford, who during his career directed too many Westerns to count, created a film whose cinematography is a great example of where modern filmmaking draws its roots.

For those of you whose grandparents love a good film, remember that "Stagecoach" was from their generation and just as we love our movies today for many different reasons, they too loved the films which graced the screen during their childhood.

It is also true these movies are not made anymore, and the vault which the video store holds is more valuable all the time.



Photo Courtesy of United Artists
John Wayne and Claire Trevor star in "Stagecoach," the 1939 film that set the precedent for the modern Western.

Top Ten Weekend at the Box Office

Movie Title/(Gross Sales)

1. Titanic (\$16 million)
2. Grease (\$13 million)
3. Primary Colors (\$7.3 million)
4. The Man in the Iron Mask (\$6.6 million)
5. Wild Things (\$5.8 million)
6. As Good as it Gets (\$4.3 million)
6. Good Will Hunting (\$4.3 million)
8. U.S. Marshals (\$4.2 million)
9. The Newton Boys (\$4 million)
10. Ride (\$2.6 million)

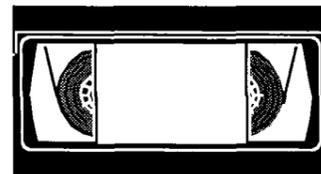


Source: NY Times AP online

Top Ten Last Week's Video Rentals

Video Title

1. The Devil's Advocate
2. G.I. Jane
3. The Game
4. Air Force One
5. The Edge
6. Mad City
7. Conspiracy Theory
8. Eve's Bayou
9. In & Out
10. The Peacemaker



Source: VSDA online

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And then there were seven ...

"Hey, buddy, how late does the band play?"
"Oh, about half a beat behind the drummer...."

How many jazz musicians does it take to change a light bulb?
"Don't worry about the changes. We'll fake it."

No, really, how many?
None. Jazz musicians can't afford light bulbs.

How many sound engineers does it take to screw in a light bulb?
"Light bulbs? You still use those?"

What's the difference between Kenny G and an Uzi?
The Uzi only repeats itself a thousand times.

What would Mozart be doing if he were alive today?
Scratching desperately at the lid of his coffin.

When asked by the Pope what the Catholic Church could do for music, Igor Stavinsky is reported to have replied without hesitation: "Give us back castrati!"

How can you tell which kid on the playground is the child of a trombonist?
He doesn't know how to use the slide, and he can't swing.

How many trombonists does it take to change a lightbulb?
Just one, but he'll do it too loudly.

What's the difference between trumpet players and government bonds?
Bonds mature.

What's the difference between a saxophone and a chainsaw?
The grip.

Why is the french horn a divine instrument? Because a man blows into it, but God only knows what comes out of it.

Why God was never able to receive his tenure at any University.

1. He had only one major publication.
2. It was in Hebrew.
3. It had no references.
4. It wasn't published in a refereed journal.
5. Some even doubt he wrote it himself.
6. It may be true that he created the world, but what has he done since then?
7. His cooperative efforts have been quite limited.
8. The scientific community has had a hard time replicating his results.
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10. When one experiment went awry he tried to cover it up by drowning the subjects.
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13. Some say he had his son teach the class.
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Radical Romanticism: Wolfe Tone and the O'Connell Connection

Mary Helen Thuente, Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne
United Irish Literary Nationalism

Fintan Cullen, University of Nottingham
Radicals and Reactionaries: Portraits of the 1790s in Ireland

Session II, 5-6:30 p.m.

Thomas Graham, History Ireland
The Shift in United Irish Leadership from Belfast to Dublin, 1796-98

Nancy Curtin, Fordham University
The Magistracy and Counter Revolution in Ulster, 1795-98

TUESDAY MARCH 31

Session III, 9-10:30 a.m.

Daniel Gahan, University of Evansville
The Rebellion in County Wexford

Kevin Whelan, University of Notre Dame
The Rebellion in its 'Atlantic' and European Contexts

Session IV, 11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

David W. Miller, Carnegie Mellon University
The Churches and Rebellion

Michael Durey, Murdoch University
United Irish Conicts in Australia

Session V, 2- 3:30 p.m.

Thomas Bartlett, University College, Dublin
The Aftermath of Rebellion

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The Act of Union and 'Public Opinion'

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Baseball

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Irish handed Georgetown ace Randy Erwin his first loss of the year, as the freshman lasted only one and two-thirds innings.

The final game in the Georgetown series proved the Irish have turned a corner on the season.

Brock again blasted four hits, smacking his sixth and seventh home runs of the year, nearly equaling his career total of eight.

"I think a lot of hitters start

out slowly, especially when they're playing on the weekends only," said Brock, who batted .643 in the Georgetown series.

"We've had this string of eight games in six days and that's really helped just getting your timing, and facing live pitching everyday," Brock con-

tinued.

Felker raised his average again with a two-for-two effort at the plate, adding three RBIs.

Sophomore righty Brad Lidge had the scouts drooling with nine strikeouts over seven innings, and two earned runs on five hits. Lidge has 47 Ks in 41 innings this season.

But it's the entire team's recent play that has everyone at Frank Eck Stadium smiling.

"The game of baseball is not a sprint; it's a long race," said Mainieri following the team's fifth consecutive win. "You just can't get down on your team because they have a bad game, or couple of games."

The College of Arts and Letters is seeking nominations for the Father Sheedy Award.

The Sheedy award, named for a former dean of the College of Arts and Letters, is presented annually to a member of the Arts and Letters faculty for excellence in teaching.

Both students and faculty are invited to submit nominations and should do so in writing:

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Sheedy Award

Special to the Observer

Philip Murphy, a junior member of the Notre Dame men's soccer team, has been selected to participate in the second annual NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference, presented by Entergy Corporation, which will be held May 25-28 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena, Florida.



Murphy

This forum will provide the opportunity for NCAA student-athletes to discuss and explore critical issues facing their peers around the country, to enhance their leadership skills, and to promote better communication among student-athletes, coaches, administrators, faculty and communities.

More than 370 student-athletes will attend the 1998 NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference. Student-athletes were nominated from NCAA member institutions, including

those that participate in the CHAMPS/Life Skills program.

Murphy, a three-year member of the Irish men's soccer team, was selected from more than 850 nominations. A Dean's List student enrolled in the College of Business Administration, he has been named a co-captain for the upcoming 1998 campaign.

The 1998 NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference will focus on topics recommended by last year's participants, as well as by recommendations of the Divisions I, II and III NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committees. Some of these topics include coaching roles in intercollegiate athletics and the perception and portrayal of student-athletes related to their sports, campuses and communities.

This year's list of conference speakers includes: Robin Roberts, anchor and sports commentator for ABC and ESPN; Tom Curley, publisher of USA Today; Cedric Dempsey, executive director of the NCAA; and Quinn Buckner, ESPN sports commentator/color analyst and member of the 1976 Indiana men's national championship basketball team.

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Vasudha Narayanan, Professor of Religion, U. of Florida

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4:40 *Closing Remarks* - Arvind Varma
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Notre Dame Security Police Job Openings, 1998-1999 Year

We are anticipating several openings in our SafeWalk Program for next year, including 15 SafeWalkers as well as seven Shift Captains. SafeWalk provides informal escorts for students, seven days a week, from 8 p.m. through 2:30 a.m.

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Shift Captain is a new leadership position, responsible for the supervision of the SafeWalkers and liaison with the Coordinator of the Student Employees. Shift Captain applicants who have not previously served as SafeWalkers will be required to observe current SafeWalk teams during April.

■ SOFTBALL

Softball splits against Rutgers in conference opener

By BILL HART
Assistant Sports Editor

Last season, Notre Dame's softball team had an outstanding opening Big East series, sweeping conference rival Seton Hall in four games to begin their run for the South Division title.



Nichols

Entering another conference season this weekend, the Irish were looking to repeat their memorable success against the Scarlet Knights. The team will probably want to forget their last roadtrip, however, as they went 1-2 over at Rutgers this weekend.

On Saturday, the Scarlet Knights got the ball rolling early, scoring two runs each in the first two innings, taking a quick 4-0 lead. After a lull in the hitting for both teams, the Irish scored five unanswered runs in the last two innings to give them the 5-4 victory. Sarah Mathison led off the sixth with a single and scored later on a single by Tara King.

In the seventh, senior Jenn Giampaolo doubled to start off the comeback and later scored off of two singles by Amy Laboe and Melanie Alkire. Mathison then singled again, followed by a Rutgers error which allowed Laboe to score. A hit by King drove in another run, and junior Kris McCleary completed the rally by driving in Mathison to

score the winning run.

Senior Kelly Nichols pitched the seventh inning to record her 20th career save and become the all-time NCAA career saves leader. Nichols allowed two hits to open the seventh before a strikeout, fly ball and a ground ball in the next three Rutgers at-bats ended the game.

The previous record of 19 was held by Cal Poly Pomona's Lori Thompson from 1987-89. Jennifer Sharron improved her record to 5-4, while the Knights' Juliette Brooks took the loss.

Rutgers rebounded in the second game, scoring during every inning but the first to take a 9-2 win and split the first day's activities. The Scarlet Knights scored in every inning but the first. The Irish kept up early in the game, scoring one run apiece in the second and third innings, but were unable to rally twice in one day. McCleary and freshman Lizzy Lemire each had an RBI, and Giampaolo and McCleary scored for the Irish.

Rutgers pitcher Lisa Bosso improved her record to 2-0 on the season, while Alkire received her first loss of the season. The defeat ended a three-game winning streak for the Irish.

On Sunday, the two teams completed their three-game series with a perfect game. Unfortunately, the Irish were on the losing side, as they fell 5-0. The Knights scored two runs in the first and three in the second off Sharron, who fell to 5-5 with the loss.

With the weekend losses, the Irish fall to 12-16 on the season,

while the Knights improve to 4-2 in Big East play and 9-5 overall.

Notre Dame will finish up their eastern road trip with two

games against Western Michigan tomorrow at 3 p.m., before heading home for another doubleheader against

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If you have participated in the Appalachia Seminar, please consider applying to the Appalachia Task Force.

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M. Lax

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American Todd Rassas. "Starting with us [the defense] we had a lack of good ball clearing."

"When we got the ball in the zone, we didn't control it well enough to finish the play," Dusseau said. As a result, the Irish's leading scorer, freshman attacker Dave Ulrich, who averaged more than four goals a game, was held scoreless, also another first on the season.

Senior All-American Jimmy Keenan finished the scoring in the first with his first of two goals on the day.

Notre Dame's lack of opportunities held them scoreless in the second quarter, as the Statesmen netted another goal, giving them a 5-2 halftime lead. They continued to build on the lead in the third with goals from the sticks of All-American senior Nathan Roost, who scored a game-high four goals, and sophomore Jared Bebee, both attackmen. Ben Savage's goal at the 6:52 mark was answered by Schwanke's third of the day to end the third quarter with an 8-3 score.

Roost's goal to start the fourth gave Hobart their biggest lead of the day, 9-3. The Irish responded with a pair by midfielder Dan Butler and attacker Stedman Oakey nine

seconds apart. But the team came no closer, as Hobart junior Alex Mitchell and Roost returned the score to a six-goal Statesmen advantage.

Despite a strong effort by All-American goalie Alex Cade, whose 20 saves are a season high, the Irish left Hobart without a win, lowering the team to a .500 record.

The day of firsts for the Irish was also due to a lack of concentration on the fundamentals, something the team will need to work on if they wish to return to the winning track.

"Everything starts off with the little things," said Butler. "If you don't have that in control, you've beat yourself, and that's what we did Saturday."

Notre Dame stands at 10th in Directors' Cup

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame stands 10th in the latest standings featuring most winter sports championships in the Sears Directors' Cup all-sports competition.

During the winter season the Irish produced a runnerup finish in men's and women's fencing (a combined championship held last weekend at Saint Mary's College), a 23rd place finish in women's swimming, and a 60th place finish in men's indoor track, giving Notre Dame 220 points.

During the fall season the Irish women's soccer team reached the national semifinals, the men's cross country team finished 12th at the NCAA championship and the volleyball team reached the NCAA regional semifinals.

Stanford (560 points) leads the competition, thanks to

1997-98 NCAA titles in women's volleyball, men's cross country and women's swimming, while North Carolina (370 points) is second after winning the NCAA women's soccer and field hockey titles.

The current standings include results from NCAA fall competition in women's volleyball, men's water polo, field hockey, I-A and I-AA football, men's and women's cross country and women's soccer. The winter results to date include fencing, rifle, skiing, women's swimming, women's track and field, men's track and field and men's wrestling.

In the four previous years in which the Sears Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame has finished 11th in 1993-94, 30th in 1994-95, 11th in 1995-96 and 14th in 1996-97.

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■ SAINT MARY'S TENNIS

Saint Mary's dominates Adrian's weak points

By VICTORIA BUTCKO
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team experienced more difficulty Saturday dealing with the windy afternoon conditions than with Adrian's competition, shutting them out 9-0.

The Belles (4-4) once again dominated the courts, displaying veteran skills uncharacteristic of a young team.

The No. 1 doubles team of sophomore co-captain Katie Vales and junior co-captain Betsy Gemmer slammed overhead-after-overhead in response to the lobs made by Adrian opponents Lori Dusel and Christy Coli, who couldn't handle the strong serves of Vales and Gemmer.

Vales and Gemmer took the match in two sets with scores of 6-2, 6-0.

"Adrian really wasn't much competition," said Vales, "but the wind definitely made it hard. [Adrian] would throw up a lob and the wind would just take it. This match was a good warm up for our team to get things moving for the rest of the season."

The second doubles team of Becky Kremer and Mary Woodka stepped on the court ready for action, and proceeded to defeat Linda Hachted and Stephanie VanHeest of Adrian, 6-1, 6-3.

Woodka and Kremer found

the corners of the court with ease and showed no mercy with their net play, aggression and teamwork.

The third doubles team, sophomores Krista Eastburn and Leslie Ortiz, were ready for every shot dished out by opponents Blonde and Nachteqall of Adrian. Eastburn and Ortiz volleyed and served it up to win their match 6-1, 6-3.

"Everyone was determined to win and the determination paid off," Ortiz said. "Hopefully we'll be able to continue in the same manner."

Freshman Lori Schulte played the mose geuling match of the say at No. 7 singles. Schulte came out full force in her first set, taking it 6-0. The tables quickly turned in the second set as Schulte fell short 5-7. Facing a third set, Schulte didn't allow fatigue and the hot sun to interfere with her determination to win. Schulte pulled her game together and won the set 6-2, taking the match.

The singles players let the doubles teams' success overflow into their individual matches against Adrian. No. 1 singles player Katie Vales won 6-0, 6-1, and Betsy Gemmer, holding the No. 2 singles spot, won 6-1, 6-0.

"Wind was a definite hindrance," said Gemmer. "Overall, I think the team's good communication and adaptation to the wind is what got

us a win. I think our team is really coming together. We've improved a lot and I think we're going to surprise a lot of people."

Looking ahead to Thursday's match at Hope College, Gemmer said, "We really need to stay focused this week at practice to prepare for Hope. Hope will have a lot of answers to our shots. It'll be challeng-

ing, but we just have to work together as a team."

Becky Kremer and Mary Woodka, at third and fourth singles played solid sets against Adrian with scores of 6-1, 6-4 at third singles and 6-0, 6-2 at fourth singles. Sophomore Leslie Ortiz at No. 5 singles, shut out Adrian opponent, Kelly Johncox, 6-0, 6-0 and Krista Eastburn showed no mercy at

No. 6 singles, defeating opponent Karen Fuller 6-1, 6-0.

Saint Mary's tennis coach Robin Hrycko cheered on her team throughout the match.

"It's nice to see them doing so well," said Hrycko. "We're a young team and the girls have improved tremendously. The wind was crazy today but the girls are handling it really well."

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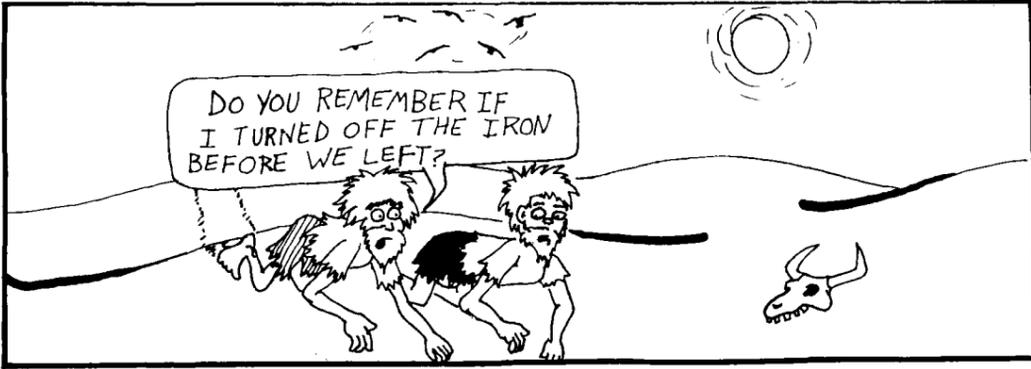
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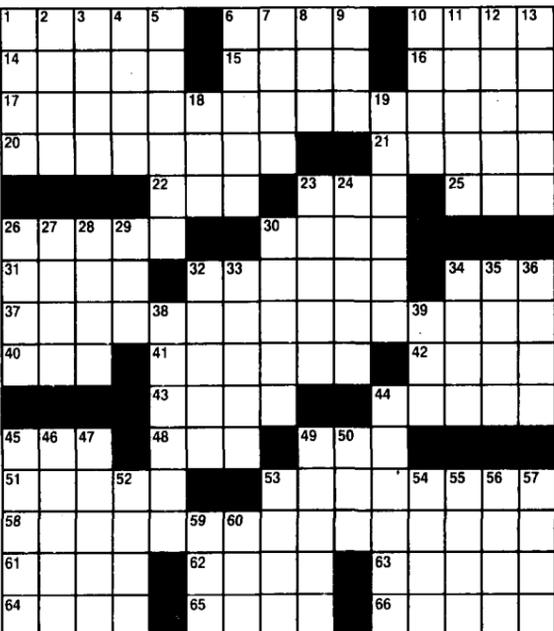
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- 1 Preferred group of invitees
 - 6 Normandy campaign town, 1944
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 - 14 New Zealand native
 - 15 Watered-down
 - 16 Teen woe
 - 17 Start of an old romantic song lyric
 - 20 Take up again, as a claim
 - 21 First month of the año
 - 22 Vase
 - 23 Midwest clock setting: Abbr.
 - 25 Narrow waterway: Abbr.
 - 26 Cosmetician Lauder
 - 30 "I smell ____!"
 - 31 Capitol topper
 - 32 Explain once more
 - 34 Deposited
 - 37 Part 2 of the lyric
 - 40 Light brown
 - 41 93, e.g., at the pump
 - 42 Curved molding
 - 43 Wine sediment
 - 44 Dictatorial
 - 45 One ____ time
 - 48 Netanyahu's land: Abbr.
 - 49 Before: Prefix
 - 51 Diamond measure
- DOWN**
- 1 Mideast leader
 - 2 Not on time
 - 3 Where Ames is
 - 4 Spanish ladies: Abbr.
 - 5 Kleenex
 - 6 Stem's opposite
 - 7 "Anything but ____!"
 - 8 Actress' Ullmann
 - 9 Quarter of four
 - 10 Start of a new day
 - 11 Pains
 - 12 Motionless
 - 13 "Si, sí!" man
 - 18 Any ship
 - 19 Tiny sting
 - 23 Uncle of Antigone
 - 24 Unguentine, e.g.
 - 26 Cut and paste
 - 27 Divan
 - 28 Fed. tax agents
 - 29 Wriggly fish
 - 30 Book of maps
 - 32 Reduces to tiny bits
 - 53 Fish that swims upright
 - 58 End of the lyric
 - 61 One of the O'Neills
 - 62 Canal to Buffalo
 - 63 Meal from the garden
 - 64 Study, as text
 - 65 "Lights out" music
 - 66 Arduous journeys
 - 50 Gridiron cheer
 - 52 "Diary of ____ Housewife"
 - 53 Barber's motion
 - 54 Bridge expert Sharif
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Taurus: The Taurus Moon beckons you toward drastic and indulgent behavior. This is one of those times when you are free to be excessive. The consequences of your actions are a million miles away.

Gemini: Your normally upbeat mood may be visited by a slow sadness. Whether set off by a current issue or an unresolved memory, you are unusually pensive. Be patient with yourself and maybe you will learn something.

Cancer: Social activities are suddenly attractive to you. Be yourself in a group of friends or friendly strangers. Your mind is filled with wonderful things that others are only too happy to discuss with you.

Leo: You radiate massive charm when you are competent in your work. Drop the facade and be yourself without fear of ridicule. Today's plan has more to do with teamwork than with ego.

Virgo: Decisions made today move you efficiently onward to the next step. The Taurus Moon enhances your practical nature. A social event leaves you feeling proud of yourself in a comfortable way.

Libra: Your challenge is to determine which of your business associates can be trusted. Today's stakes may not be high, but you would do well to test the system for flaws. Appearances can be deceiving.

Scorpio: Use your considerable power of reasoning to find your way through a time of chaos. You are the moment of calm in the eye of a storm. Stay in control of yourself to avoid getting mixed up in someone else's mess.

Sagittarius: It may be easy to speak in generalities, but they will only cloud the issue. This is no time to gloss over the details. Your luck will hold out if you remain responsible in other areas of your life.

Capricorn: This is your day to shine in a professional situation. Your tireless efforts are a source of awe and envy. The Taurus Moon helps you turn even the dirtiest job into something glamorous.

Aquarius: Be patient with people you'd rather not be seeing. A surprise visit doesn't have to be unpleasant or an inconvenience. You may politely refuse an invitation to join an excessive activity.

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■ **BASEBALL**

Sluggers win four straight over weekend

By ALLISON KRILLA
Associate Sports Editor

It was spring cleaning time at Frank Eck Stadium this weekend as the Notre Dame baseball team disposed of Indiana Tech 15-3 on Friday and posted a three-game sweep of Big East rival Georgetown on Saturday and Sunday.

"I told the guys right from the get-go that once we get a chance to start playing a lot of games in a row," said head coach Paul Mainieri, "they're going to start seeing the ball better in the batter's box; their instincts are going to be better; their reactions are going to be better. That's just the nature of the sport of baseball, you have to play the game to be at your best."

With wins of 7-6, 19-7 and 10-2 in its opening conference series, the team was at its best, scoring 51 runs on 67 hits over four games.

On Friday, the Irish avenged a five-run loss to Indiana Tech behind the heavy hitting of Jeff Wagner, Brant Ust and a surging Jeff Felker.

After taking a 2-0 lead in the third, Notre Dame pulled farther ahead with a three-run third highlighted by Felker's first homer of the year and Ust's third blast in as many games, just two batters later. J.J. Brock continued his torrid play at the plate, going 4-for-4 with two doubles, two RBI and three runs.

Pitcher John Corbin made his first career start just two days before, turning in six strong innings despite making his first appearance in over a year. Corbin held the Warriors to three runs on five hits with one walk and two strikeouts.

In Saturday's doubleheader against Georgetown, the Irish fell behind early, but clawed back for a 7-6 win.

Junior Allen Greene lifted his third dinger of the year, a two-out blast over the center field fence, to knot the score at five apiece in the fourth. Jeff Perconte plated a run with a two-out double in the fifth, and Brock drove in the winning run in the sixth with a double beyond the reach of Georgetown center fielder Sean Mignogna. Brock, Wagner, Ust, Perconte and Todd Frye each had two hits for the Irish.

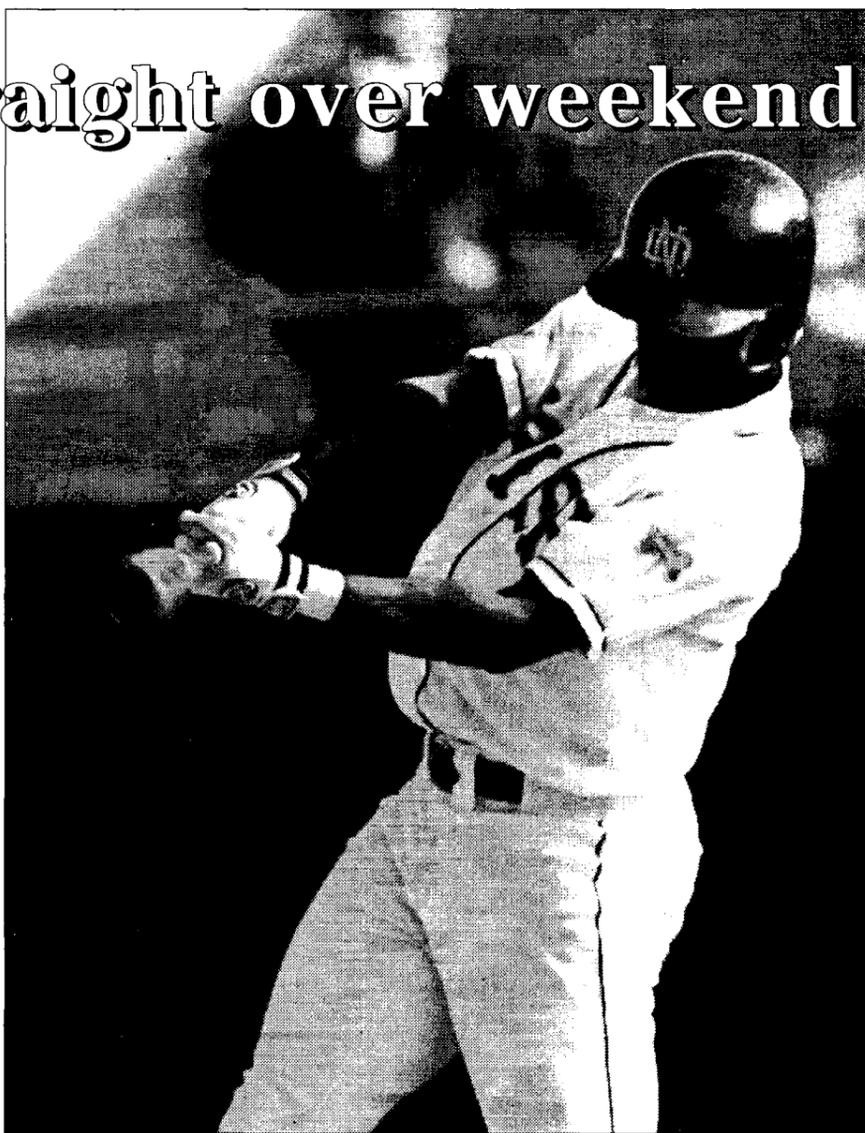
Junior righty Alex Shilliday emerged from a rocky start to earn the complete game victory, allowing five earned runs on eight hits while fanning seven.

"Even though he struggled, [Shilliday's outing] was the highlight of the weekend for me," said Mainieri. "So many times when a kid struggles like that in the beginning, you see him kind of give up; Shilliday didn't give up. He kept his team in the game."

Notre Dame exploded in the nightcap with four-hit performances by Felker and Ust, and three-hit performances by Greene, Brock, Mike Knecht and Dan Leatherman.

Brock, Wagner, Felker and Ust went yard for the Irish. Wagner and Ust's back-to-back homers in the six-run Notre Dame sixth were each player's team-leading seventh of the year, while Felker's poke marked his second in as many days.

Junior lefty Chris McKeown picked up the win after relieving starter Tim Kalita with two outs in the fifth. The



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Notre Dame's baseball team had an outstanding weekend, defeating Indiana Tech on Friday and sweeping Georgetown 3-0 on Saturday and Sunday.

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■ **MEN'S LACROSSE**

Irish lose third straight to Statesmen

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Sports Writer

This weekend's contest against Hobart brought the Irish a couple of firsts that the team could most likely do without.

The 11-7 loss against the Statesmen marked their first win against Notre Dame in their six meetings, and is the first time Hobart has jumped out to 3-0 record to start the season since they entered Division I play.

Perhaps the biggest and hardest first to swallow for the Irish is Saturday's loss places them at 3-3 on the season; this is the first time since 1992 that they have lost three straight.

Hobart came out on the board first, cranking two goals in the first two minutes



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by freshmen attackman Jason Ouellet and senior midfielder Rich Schwanke. After junior midfielder Stephen Taylor gave the Irish their first, Hobart continued its domination, scoring two with 6:13 left in the first quarter.

"They weren't anything special from the start," said junior attacker Chris Dusseau. "We just weren't ready, and they took advantage of it."

The opportunities for Dusseau and the Irish attackmen did not materialize on Saturday. The focus for the Irish against Hobart was the midfield.

"The midfield is going to be on the ball a lot," said head coach Kevin Corrigan before the contest.

The Irish's lack of offensive opportunities was due in large part to a lackluster effort in clearing the ball upfield.

"The midfield was a big part," said defensive All-

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■ **TRACK**

Track races towards NCAAs

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

In the opening weekend of the outdoor track and field season, several distance runners in the Stanford Invitational met provisional NCAA qualifying times. Errol Williams led the field at the Alabama Relays, but athletes participating in the Purdue Open were slowed by extremely windy conditions.

Head Notre Dame track and field coach Joe Plane accompanied some of the top distance runners to the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif., but had not returned to campus last night. The Irish were led by NCAA provisional qualifying performances by sophomore Alison Klemmer, senior Jason Rexing and junior Antonio Arce.

Klemmer, who did not compete in track last year due to an injury, ran 35:01 in the 10,000 meters, breaking the school record by 16 seconds. She placed fourth overall, and was

the third collegiate runner to finish. This was her first ever 10,000-meter race.

"Generally, that time will get in the meet [NCAAs]," said women's distance coach Tim Connelly. "That was the first 10,000 that she's ever run in her life. I think that with experience, she'll run even better."

Rexing, a senior all-American who made it to the finals of the NCAA Championships in the 10,000 meter run last year, ran a personal best time of 29:10 in the event. Arce will probably need to improve upon his time of 29:47 to make it to nationals.

Notre Dame athletes showed strong performances at the Alabama Relays in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Williams, an indoor all-American last month, beat all other collegiate runners with a time of 14:01 in the 110-meter hurdles. Senior Kevin Reher took third in the event.

Other top finishes on the men's side came in the 200-meter dash, with Chris Cochran taking third in 21.59 and Marshaun West placing eighth. Mike Conway ran to sixth place in the 1,500 meter run in 3:51.85 and Phil Mishka's 800-meter time of 1:53.56 was good for sixth among collegians.

The Irish were led on the women's side by their high jumpers and hurdlers. Sophomore Jennifer Engelhardt took second among collegians in the high jump with her performance of 5'7", and junior teammate Kelle Saxen's jump of 5'5" was good for fifth place.

Junior Nadia Schmiedt scored in multiple events for the team. She ran 14:35 in the 100-meter hurdles to place third, and placed ninth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:00.98.

The majority of the team took part in the Purdue Open in West Lafayette. On the men's side, junior Mike Brown's 16'2 3/4" pole vault gave him the victory. Tim Kober took second in the 800-meter run in 1:56.71. In the 3,000-meter run, the Irish were led by Ryan Blaney's third-place time of 9:34.2. Gabe Seaman's time of 55.25 in the 400-meter hurdles was good enough for third place.

For the women, the top finishers were Cara Motter's fourth place in the 800-meter run, and Erin Luby's fifth place in the 1,500-meter run.

"I thought we had some really good performances," said Connelly. "Our kids raced really well."



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