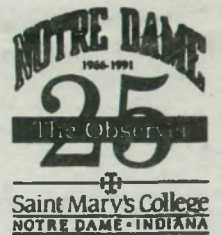




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If stone could speak

These statues outside of O'Shaughnessy Hall have seen a lot of football and baseball games the past few days as students have enjoyed the weather with a game on the quad.

Beeler's parents sue bus company

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — The parents of a University of Notre Dame swim team member killed in January in bus crash filed a wrongful death lawsuit Thursday against the bus company and driver.

Gordon and Kathy Beeler of Granger filed the lawsuit in St. Joseph Circuit Court on behalf of their daughter, Margaret "Meghan" Beeler.

Miss Beeler, 19, was one of two students killed Jan. 24 when the private bus transporting the swim team home from a meet at Northwestern University went out of control on the Indiana Toll Road near South Bend during a snowstorm.

The suit alleges that United Limo Inc. and bus driver Howard Dixon were negligent in the crash. Dixon was driving at an excessive rate of speed for the icy conditions at 65 miles

per hour, the suit claims.

The suit also charges that Dixon was unable to slow down while changing lanes, causing the bus to slide off the road, rotate about 180 degrees and flip upside down into a ravine.

Colleen Hipp, 19, of St. Louis also was killed in the crash. Another swim team member, Haley Scott, 18, of Phoenix, suffered severe injuries.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages for lost love and affection, as well as funeral, burial and administration expenses.

No charges have been filed from the crash, but the St. Joseph County grand jury is scheduled to review the case later this month.

An investigation into the crash found no mechanical problems with the bus, officials said.

Underground gay group files for recognition

By JULIE BARRETT
News Writer

In what may be viewed by the Notre Dame administration as a bold move, The Gays and Lesbians at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's (GLND/SMC) registered yesterday to be officially recognized as a student group by the University.

GLND/SMC "realizes that we could help more students if we could sponsor lectures, have meeting space in LaFortune, a telephone line, be able to hang posters up with educational information and be able to advertise in The Observer without a

University censor — in other words, be able to do what other student groups do," said Michael Vore, a former co-chair for the group.

The group's move for recognition now has been motivated by the recent attention gay and lesbian issues have received through the Safe Haven and Burtchaell issues this school year, according to Vore. Because these issues are "alive enough in people's minds," Vore asserts that the time is now to try to effect change.

Student Affairs has not reviewed the group's letter and registration form at this point

and is, therefore, unable to comment on the issue, according to Student Affairs Vice President Patty O'Hara and Assistant Vice President Father Peter Rocca.

University President Father Edward Malloy could not be reached for this story.

Vore said that members of the GLND/SMC have been meeting with the administration for too long without any real results, and that it is time to "take the procedure out of the back rooms of the administration and into the public."

In order for the group to be officially recognized by the Uni-

versity, the organization must not "encourage or participate in any activity which contravenes the mission of the University, or the moral teachings of the Catholic Church."

According to Vore, the GLND/SMC does not contravene the University's mission or Catholic teaching.

GLND/SMC "is set up to address issues that surround a person's realization that he or she has a lesbian or gay orientation," Vore said. "There's nothing in Catholic teaching which says 'You can't do that.'"

The Holy Cross Order, which guides the University's policies

and procedures, represents the underlying problem that the group faces in being recognized by the Administration. The Order refuses to deal with the issue of homosexuality, Vore said.

"Besides the mistaken impression that gay or lesbian orientation is unacceptable in Catholic teaching, the biggest roadblock in the way of getting GLND/SMC recognized is the Holy Cross Order," Vore said.

Officers of the group signed a letter stating that the Order still maintains that it ordains no homosexuals, even though an

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Farmer's Senate victory stands despite charges

By MICHAEL SCHOLL
News Writer

Tyler Farmer's victory in the District 1 (South Quad) Student Senate election will stand even though he was found guilty of two counts of campaign violations, according to a ruling released by the election ethics committee of the judicial board.

In a hearing held Wednesday, the committee reviewed allegations made against Farmer by his opponent, Alumni Hall junior Dave Certo. Certo charged Farmer, a Morrissey Hall freshman, with violating several of the campaign regulations listed in the Bylaws to the Undergraduate Constitution.

The committee found that Farmer had violated the Bylaws by posting three of his campaign posters over Certo's posters on bulletin boards located in Alumni Hall. It also found Farmer guilty of posting two posters in Morrissey Hall that violated the 11" by 17" size limit stated in the Bylaws.

However, the committee acquitted Farmer of charges that he included "ethically questionable messages" on some of his posters and of the charge that he had been campaigning in

Carroll Hall after the designated campaigning period ended at midnight on Monday, March 2.

For his two convictions, Farmer was assessed a fine of \$30, which will be donated to an Alumni Hall charity acceptable to Certo and the committee.

The maximum penalty for such violations is forfeiture of candidacy. However, judicial board chairperson Ellen Lewis said the committee found Farmer's violations to be "limited" and "not of malicious intent," and thus chose not to overturn the election result.

"The committee found my campaign in general to be ethical and informative to the students of this university," Farmer said.

Certo, the incumbent senator for District 1, said he would not comment on the case until he read the committee's written opinion.

The ethics committee held a similar hearing last night concerning Al Nicgorski's challenge of Tim Callahan's victory in the District 3 (North Quad) senate run-off. A decision on that case is expected to be released today.



The Observer/Kristina Roderick

Did a hurricane hit?

Pasquerilla East Freshman Buffy Morris and Rita Hajjar don't normally live in this clutter — they're just packing for spring break.

ND vehicles switch to natural gas

By TRAVIS SMITH
News Writer

Notre Dame Transportation Services are converting six of their vehicles from liquid gas to natural gas as a trial program. In charge of the conversion are Marty Ogren of Notre Dame vehicle maintenance and Northern Indiana Public Service Corporation, NIPSCO.

As of now, three of the six cars have been converted, but none are in use yet. According to Ogren, "We have a target date of April 2 to have all the vehicles in use."

The vehicles being converted include one campus security car, one landscaping truck, one laundry truck, two preventive maintenance trucks, and one building services truck.

"We are trying out natural gas as an alternative fuel because of our concern for air quality," said Ogren.

Although natural gas does not eliminate emission, it does burn much cleaner than liquid gas. In addition, natural gas is much cheaper. While a gallon of

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INSIDE COLUMN

Too much research can be a bad thing



Kelley Tuthill
Editor-in-Chief

It's hard for a reporter to not be critical, even of a place like Notre Dame. Despite its greatness, this University has set standards so high for itself that it is difficult not to get disillusioned every once in a while.

In the past four years, the focus of this University has changed dramatically. It appears that the commitment to undergraduate education is being passed up for the more glamorous goal of becoming a National Catholic Research University.

Who's goal is this anyway and how realistic is it?

At a Board of Trustees meeting last month, a group of trustees met with students, including myself, to discuss a report we had done on the future of undergraduate education at Notre Dame. Among the trustees assembled, there didn't seem to be a clear consensus on the desirability of becoming a National Catholic Research University.

Many of the trustees questioned whether the goal of becoming a "research" institution was feasible. Most students and trustees agreed that if excellence in Catholic undergraduate education had to be sacrificed, the goals of the University were unjustified.

If some trustees seem unconvinced about the whether Notre Dame should aim to be a National Catholic Research Institution, one wonders who made this our goal in the first place?

University President Father Edward Malloy and Provost Timothy O'Meara seem pretty convinced that Notre Dame is heading the right direction. Where's the check in this system? Can two men change the direction of a 150-year-old University?

Most will agree that improving the graduate programs is a good thing. Also agreed upon is the idea that a strong research component is important to gaining recognition among universities in America.

The question remains: Must undergraduate education be Notre Dame's sacrificial lamb?

One trustee suggested that unparalleled excellence in Catholic undergraduate education is Notre Dame's strongest asset. Yet becoming a National Catholic Research University is costly—both in terms of money and resources.

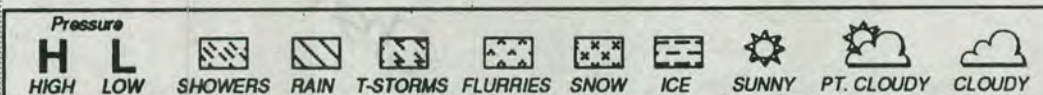
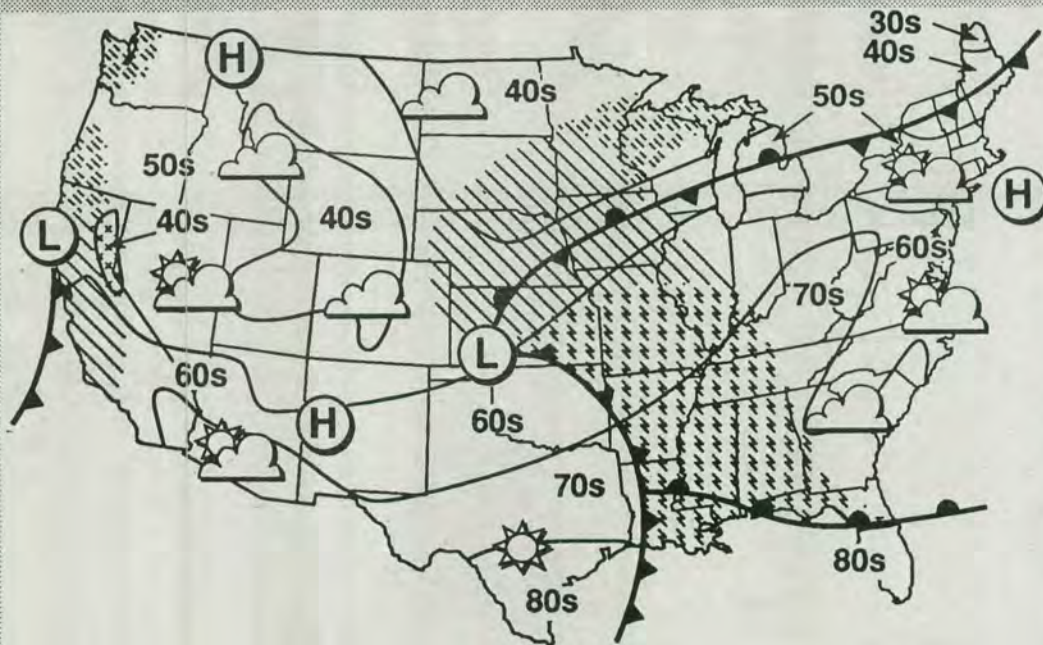
Wouldn't it make more sense for Notre Dame to keep in tact (and improve) its greatest selling point? Perhaps the University could choose to focus on a few research areas and set more realistic goals for itself.

Notre Dame must not forgo its mission to educate young people in favor of gaining a better national reputation. It's time for the students, faculty, administration, alumni and, perhaps most of all, trustees to stop and think about the future of undergraduate education.

It's frightening to think that the alumni of the class of 1992 might not think Notre Dame worthy of providing an undergraduate education for their children.

WEATHER REPORT

Forecast for noon, Friday, March 6



FORECAST:

Mostly cloudy today with a 40 percent chance of showers in the afternoon. High in the middle 40s and low around 40.

TEMPERATURES:

City	H	L
Atlanta	65	50
Bangkok	95	75
Boston	55	40
Brisbane	80	66
Caracas	81	61
Chicago	36	32
Eugene	59	43
Flagstaff	34	23
Helena	45	28
Hong Kong	59	57
Istanbul	63	43
Juneau	33	30
Knoxville	55	42
London	45	39
Los Angeles	61	47
Nairobi	81	54
New York	53	45
North Platte	53	29
Paris	46	36
Manila	81	72
South Bend	36	32
Tallahassee	71	38
Washington, D.C.	56	45
Yuma	61	36

TODAY AT A GLANCE

WORLD

Blacks may hold top posts

■ **JOHANNESBURG, South Africa** — The white government supports a proposal to appoint blacks to top government posts for the first time in South Africa's history, creating an interim leadership to oversee the end of apartheid. But the African National Congress, the country's main black opposition group, said today that it may not want to serve in the existing Cabinet. ANC officials want an interim government council separate from the Cabinet. The Star newspaper reported today that ANC President Nelson Mandela and the head of the rival Inkatha Freedom Party, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, were strong candidates for ministerial positions.



Iranian quake kills six

■ **NICOSIA, Cyprus** — Two earthquakes jolted northwestern Iran today after a quake a day earlier killed at least six people and injured more than 50 in the southwest, the country's official news agency said. The Islamic Republic News Agency said both of today's quakes registered 4.6 on the Richter scale and were centered near the Turkish border about 435 miles northwest of Tehran. No injuries or damage were reported. One quake rocked the city of Khvoy and the next shook the city of Tabriz, capital of Iran's Azerbaijan province. A quake Wednesday, measuring 4.9 on the Richter scale, destroyed 291 homes in the towns of

Lordagan and Ardal and 10 nearby villages, IRNA said.

NATIONAL

Food stamps promised to dead man

■ **GREENVILLE, S.C.** — Relatives of a dead man received a letter saying his food stamps would be discontinued because he died, but he can reapply if anything changes. Al Palanza Jr.'s brother died about two weeks before the letter arrived from the Greenville County Department of Social Services. "Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances," the letter said. At first, Palanza said he was disgusted, but eventually found the letter funny. He called it "living proof of how screwed up the system is."

Drunk driver hits London Bridge

■ **LAKE HAVASU CITY, Ariz.** — A man whose car crashed into the London Bridge was ordered to pay repairs that could reach \$50,000. Superior Court Judge Steven Conn also fined Walter Beck \$430 and ordered him to undergo periodic alcohol testing. Beck, 52, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor drunken driving last Friday in Maricopa County Superior Court. The New Year's Eve crash knocked out a 41-foot section of railing on the transplanted British landmark, destroying 31 granite balusters that hold up the rail. Mayor Charles Langerveld estimated repairs could reach \$50,000. "London Bridge isn't falling down any more," he said. "It's just getting a facelift."

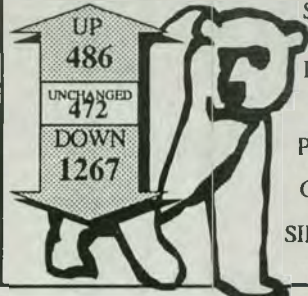
OF INTEREST

■ **Student government applications** for next year are due today. Bring them to the student government office, 2nd floor LaFortune. If you have any questions, call 239-7668.

MARKET UPDATE

YESTERDAY'S TRADING/ March 5

VOLUME IN SHARES	205,775,300	NYSE INDEX	224.92	↓ 1.74
		S&P COMPOSITE	406.51	↓ 2.82
		DOW JONES INDUSTRIALS	3,241.50	↓ 27.06
PRECIOUS METALS				
		GOLD	↑ \$.70	to \$352.30/oz.
		SILVER	↑ 2.3¢	to \$4.133/oz.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- **In 1806:** Poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning was born in Durham, England.
- **In 1967:** 25 years ago, the daughter of Josef Stalin, Svetlana Alliluyeva, appeared at the U.S. embassy in India and announced her intention to defect to the West.
- **In 1981:** Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as principal anchorman of "The CBS Evening News" after 19 years on the job.
- **In 1983:** In a case that drew much notoriety, a woman in New Bedford, Mass., reported that she had been gang-raped atop a pool table in a tavern called Big Dan's.
- **In 1982:** Author-philosopher Ayn Rand died in New York at age 77.

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Students in trouble with federal taxes

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — The government is worried that college students may be cheating — on their taxes.

Any portion of a scholarship applied to room and board or travel has been taxable since 1987, assuming the recipient already earns above a certain minimum.

"There is a concern that many taxpayers don't know the room and board portion of the scholarship is taxable income," said Gail Ellis, a spokeswoman for the Internal Revenue Service.

The agency last month collected information from Harvard University on scholarship recipients, university officials confirmed.

Students are indignant.

"This is really frightening, to try to use the IRS to beat on students," said Selena Dong, legislative director of the U.S. Student Association. "Students are barely able to meet college costs and all of a sudden there's this new, tough IRS position on scholarships."



The Observer/Jon Novak

Is the circus coming to town?

While other students took advantage of the weather to play common sports like football or baseball, Pasquerilla East freshman Mary Dwyer decided to practice her juggling skills.

ND to prohibit smoking in all buildings

Special to The Observer

The new Notre Dame smoking policy will prohibit smoking in all campus buildings, University President Father Edward Malloy announced Monday.

The policy goes into effect Aug. 1.

Developed by a task force of staff, faculty and students — smokers and non-smokers alike — the policy states: "Smoking is prohibited in all buildings, stadiums and vehicles owned, leased or operated by the University of Notre Dame."

The policy includes five possible exceptions to the rule. However, the rights of non-smokers to a smoke-free environment will prevail in all disputes.

After reviewing concerns over the health hazards of smoking and secondhand smoke, Malloy established the task force last year to study the subject. The group gathered facts and opinions from community members and reviewed smoking policies in the business world as well as at other colleges and universities.

The task force's recommen-

dations have been reviewed and approved by the officers of the University and its environmental issues committee.

The University over the next several months will offer programs to assist campus community members in adapting to the new policy.

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CAMPUS
MINISTRY

Local judge lectures on hate speech

By CHRIS WERLING
News Writer

A veteran of the radical free speech movement on college campuses of the 1960s and current Appeals Court Judge cautioned against hate speech codes in a lecture at Notre Dame Thursday.

Judge Boggs of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals gave a lecture titled "Can or Should the Government Forbid Someone from Speech that is Alleged to be Hate Speech?" sponsored by the Federalist Society at the ND Law School.

Boggs drew upon his experience during the free speech movement as he "grew up intellectually in college in the sixties when student radicalism began with the Free Speech movement at Berkeley, when the notion of free speech of paramount value was very widely held." Boggs attended Harvard University and continued his education at the University of Chicago Law School.

As Boggs spoke on distinguishing between types of speech and what should and should not be considered lawful, he drew on actual law reviews and the Fighting Words Doctrine, which says that "words are distinguished by the kinds of speech." These law reviews suggested "the notion that there are ways to combat or suppress a particular kind of speech using one or another First Amendment doctrines," said Boggs.

Boggs admitted the difficulty in differentiating between lawful and unlawful speech and said, "basically, in my view those distinctions are not successful."

While arguing what the government should or should not do in the judiciary sense, Boggs cited three lower district court cases which "seem to indicate that the old time religion of the First Amendment is in full force."

In the first case, John Doe vs. the University of Michigan, the University apparently "had a fairly conventional speech proposed that made punishable various types of offenses in speech." Judge Abraham Cone, whom Boggs described as "quite liberal," struck down the speech, a decision which the University of Michigan did not appeal.

The second of the three cases that Boggs spoke on was reported in October 1991 and entitled the Board of Regions of

the University of Wisconsin vs. the U.S. district post. According to Boggs, in this case, "the newspaper of the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee had printed various newspaper articles which were found offensive to some."

Boggs said the U.S. district court replied to these articles in a manner that "struck it down and specifically focused on the fact that the rules clearly reached beyond the narrow confines of the Fighting Words doctrine."

The final of the three cases which Boggs focused on was the Leaven vs. Harrels case. This case involved Michael Leavens, a white professor, who "has become quite controversial for speeches and articles written" that lacked racial eloquence.

In the Leaven case, "the university did nothing while bearing disruption in his (Leavens') classroom" while "marching in and marching out and shouting" as other forms of disruption took place. The district court ruled similarly in this case as in the other cases that his "constitutional rights were found to be violated."

Boggs also applied the controversy of First Amendment rulings to a current Supreme Court case entitled RAV vs. St. Paul, Minnesota, which Boggs said should "certainly be decided by the time the court adjourns at the end of the year."

The Minnesota case involves an incident where, "people went onto the lawn of a black family and burned a cross on their lawn," said Boggs. He then gave the result of the trial explaining that the "Minnesota Supreme Court agreed to statutes that this was unconstitutional and said that it could be narrowed to apply only to Fighting Words," which then resulted in an appeal since it was not agreed upon that these actions were only fighting words.

Regarding the Minnesota case, Boggs said that "my suspicion is that the court will not come down with a ringing decision in either direction."

Boggs finally ended by suggesting three ways of his own to better the controversy of First Amendment rulings. His first suggestion was that in a person's private action he or she "should not be denounced, they should not be opposed by ostracism" or be defamed in any way.

Boggs followed with his second suggestion that "action which would constitute other crimes" should and "can be punished under those statutes or contents of the crime."

The third and final suggestion of Boggs was "a content neutral application of servility" which meant that rulings passed in any type of community would be passed for all groups and no group would remain exclusive outside of the ruling.

Boggs concluded that "obviously the hate speech situation runs through a myriad of specifics."

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Kerrey, broke, drops out of presidential race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey dropped out of the Democratic presidential race today after a string of setbacks, telling a roomful of cheering supporters and Senate colleagues, "we ran out of gas."

In a wistful news conference, Kerrey said he was ending his once promising candidacy "with regret but with great pride ... this is no retreat and this is no surrender."

"While we have plenty of potential and plenty of enthusiasm, unfortunately we do not have plenty of money," said Kerrey, whose campaign is about \$1 million in debt.

His announcement left four major contenders still standing as the Democratic race heads into crucial primaries in the South and industrial states over the next two weeks: Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas, Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin and former California Gov. Jerry Brown.

Kerrey endorsed none of them, but said he would support any of them in the fall campaign. He said President Bush is "the only unelectable candidate."

That seemed a bouquet tossed in the direction of Clinton. Kerrey said last week in Georgia that questions about Clinton's use of a Vietnam era draft deferment would make him ripe as a "soft peanut" for Bush in the fall. Today, he said he would "campaign feverishly" to help elect the Arkansas governor if Clinton is the nominee.

In his valedictory address, Kerrey offered a reprise of the themes he stressed in his campaign: "American leaders need to wake up," he said, and recognize the need to treat children better, to provide national health insurance and address other concerns.

Kerrey was flying home to Nebraska later in the day for a campaign-style rally meant to bolster his standing in his home state, where his Senate term

expires in 1994.

He became the second dropout in the race. Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder ran briefly, but folded his campaign before the first ballots were cast.

On paper, Kerrey was an attractive candidate, a wounded Vietnam veteran, a popular former governor of Nebraska serving his first Senate term. He launched his quest for the White House saying he wanted to become the leader for a new generation of Americans, and made national health insurance the centerpiece of his campaign.

But except for a victory in South Dakota's primary on Feb. 25, he fizzled everywhere. He came in a weak third in New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary, and came away from last Tuesday's eight primaries and caucuses in debt and without a single victory to his credit.

"After Tuesday I felt like the Jamaican bobsled team," he

quipped. "We had a lot of spirit but unfortunately we didn't get a lot of medals."

He said he caught a few bad breaks along the way, conceded that a few were self-inflicted, but said that even so, "I consider myself the luckiest man in the world."

Kerrey gave way in good humor — joking that he could remain in the Senate, but a Nebraska newspaper reporter who covered his national travels would have to go home and "cover county commissioners now."

He made clear he is ready to resume the political wars in the Senate. "For me the fight is simply going to move on to new arenas," he said.

Kerrey's friends counseled him in recent days to think about his political future, said a senior adviser who spoke only on condition he not be identified. The general tone was that "things look too bleak to risk the future by going on," the adviser said.

Democrats had long considered Kerrey prime presidential material. He won a Medal of Honor in Vietnam and lost part of his leg there. He went on to build a successful restaurant business. He unseated a Republican governor on his first try for office, and unseated a Republican senator on his second. No small part of his appeal was that he had dated actress Debra Winger.

But Kerrey never caught on with voters, for a combination of reasons.

He was off to a rocky start after open microphones picked up a joke he told another candidate about lesbians, and the Labor Department cited his restaurant chain for numerous child-labor violations.

And his outspokenness, which can be disarming, was disconcerting in a presidential campaign. He conceded one of his campaign ads had backfired and rarely tried to put a good face on a bad showing. He talked openly of new taxes.

Buchanan's pen haunts his bid

WASHINGTON (AP) — From his senior year in college, Patrick Buchanan set his sights on being a hell-raising political columnist. He made it, with spectacular success. Now, as a presidential candidate, he is paying the price.

In interview after interview since he entered the race in December, and in some of President Bush's commercials, Buchanan has been badgered about comments he made in print and in his television commentaries.

Comments about AIDS being nature's "awful retribution" on homosexuals. About women being "less equipped psychologically" than men for the workplace. About Adolf Hitler being a "soldier's soldier."

Buchanan dismisses all the hullabaloo as irrelevant. "I was a good commentator, and I wrote good columns, and that's why I'm being quoted," he said in a recent CNN interview.

Buchanan's sledgehammer rhetoric is in the mold of the writer who may have started him on his journalistic path. He was nine when his father first introduced him to the works of Westbrook Pegler.

Pegler, a popular conservative columnist of the '40s and '50s, called President Franklin Roosevelt Old Moosejaw. He called Eleanor Roosevelt La Boca Grande, which is Spanish for the big mouth. He once called Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes a "penny-ante moocher" and a "cheap

sponger" for checking in at Bethesda Naval Hospital when he was sick.

In short, Pegler's approach to political commentary was summed up in words Buchanan has quoted with approval: "Stand flat on your feet and swing for the belly."

And when Buchanan decided in his senior year at Georgetown University to study journalism, he says the height of his ambition was to follow in Pegler's footsteps.

He started as an anonymous editorial writer for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, then worked for Richard Nixon and then became a bylined columnist.

He wrote that bombings of abortion clinics "have temporarily enabled the principal victimizers in American society — doctors making a hundred grand a year tearing apart and disposing of the remains of unborn children — to posture as victims for an indulgent press."

Discussing AIDS, he wrote, "One day, those 'progressive' politicians and Health and Human Services bureaucrats, who entertained and indulged every clamorous demand of the Gay Rights Movement in the hallowed name of 'civil rights,' are going to have much to answer for from the early years of this dread epidemic."

Again, he wrote, "The poor homosexuals. They have declared war on nature, and now nature is exacting an awful retribution."

In a 1983 column that has been targeted in a Bush commercial, he said women voluntarily leave the job market much more often than men and added, "Less equipped psychologically to 'stay the course' in the brawling arenas of business, commerce, industry and the professions, women are physically unequipped to compete in the worlds of athletics and arms."

During the buildup to the Gulf War, he objected to Bush's likening of Saddam Hussein to Hitler, writing that "whatever may be said of Hitler, he was a world class warlord" and Saddam is not. In a 1974 column, he had written, "Though Hitler was indeed racist and anti-Semitic to the core ... he was also an individual of great courage, a soldier's soldier in the Great War, a political organizer of the first rank, a leader steeped in the history of Europe, who possessed oratorical powers that could awe even those who despised him."

While the Reagan administration negotiated arms control agreements, he asked, "When is the United States going to break free of this prison called arms control?" and argued that "America's security does not lie in agreements co-signed by our mortal enemies."

He even took aim at fellow journalists, writing during Democrat Walter Mondale's campaign for the presidency in 1980.

were present Thursday.

Vladimir Yermakov, a civil pilot, was surrounded by an angry crowd of hecklers who argued and laughed at him when he told how Stalin ruined his life. He said he spent his childhood in an orphanage after both of his parents died soon after being sent by Stalin to labor camps in Siberia.

"I was a year old when my father was arrested in 1949. He fought in the civil war, World War I and World War II," Yermakov said. "My father wasn't guilty of anything, Stalin just needed people to work in the camps. What sin could a person who suffered through three wars commit?"

But others like Pilishvili didn't believe Stalin could do any wrong.

"It's a lie, because Stalin lived for the Soviet Union."

Stalin, a native Georgian, ruled with an iron hand from shortly after Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin's death in 1924 until he himself died of a brain hemorrhage on March 5, 1953.

Some Russians, disgruntled now with Russian President Boris Yeltsin's economic reforms, sometimes wistfully reminisce about the Stalin era, when freedom of speech was forbidden but store counters were overflowing and crime was virtually non-existent.

Some of his followers said Thursday they were unaware of Stalin's brutality.

"Of course Stalin was a good man. He brought about order in the country," said a 35-year-old construction firm worker, Vera Magamedyova, waiting behind a police barricade to enter the Kremlin grounds.

Only a handful of protesters

Pro-Stalinists rally on anniversary

MOSCOW (AP) — "Comrade Stalin was right!" proclaimed a hand-written sign propped up near Red Square where a small crowd gathered Thursday to commemorate the 39th anniversary of the Soviet dictator's death.

For many, the name Josef Stalin is synonymous with brutality and he is widely blamed for killing millions of his own people. But for the roughly 200 hard-liners who gathered to lay flowers at his Kremlin grave, Stalin was the greatest, kindest and smartest politician of all time.

"Stalin was a very good man. Nobody in the entire world is better than Stalin was," Varvara Pilishvili, a retired history teacher, said quietly as she clutched a bouquet of colored tulips. "I am a Stalinist, and I will die a Stalinist."

House rubber check scandal explodes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House ethics committee, in a move that sent shivers through the ranks of Congress, Thursday proposed publicly disclosing the names of 24 lawmakers who repeatedly wrote bad checks on their House bank accounts.

The committee, which released no names, will ask the full House to approve the proposal, giving nervous members a direct say in how many of their number face a potentially disastrous election issue.

The disclosure would include 19 current and five former members of Congress.

Not even the 14 ethics committee members know who the major abusers are, because the information compiled by the General Accounting Office used codes to identify the account holders.

The committee proposal would name only repeated and routine abusers. Some House members already have called for disclosure of all members who wrote bad checks.

House sources have said about 300 members may have written at least one overdraft at the bank, which was closed late last year because of the check scandal.

The committee would privately notify the worst abusers that they faced public disclosure so they could plead their cases before any list became public.

Rep. Matthew McHugh, D-N.Y., acting chairman of the ethics committee for the investigation, said the panel supported the proposal on a 10-4 vote.

McHugh, who also headed the panel's investigating subcommittee, said there will be "at least one other alternative, maybe more" when the committee plan goes to the House floor next week.

The members' bank, a prized perk for more than a century, didn't charge a financial penalty to lawmakers who wrote rubber checks. That amounted to interest free loans.

It's unlikely that any House decision short of full disclosure will be the final word. Members will be under pressure from the media, political opponents and constituents to reveal how many bad checks they wrote.

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ND alumni to broadcast educational conference

By KATHY MASSA
News Writer

Notre Dame will be the focus of over 700 cable stations and 15 million people nationwide Sunday, in a satellite broadcast interactive educational program.

The topic of Sunday's Alumni Continuing Education telecast, to be aired at 2 p.m., is 'raising elementary school children.' It is the second of three programs on education. In November of '91, Alumni Education began the series with a telecast about educating the preschooler. In November of this year, the educational series will conclude with a program focused on the high schooler.

Sunday's program will include a panel of educators discussing the issue, "Parenting the Elementary School Child: How to Nurture a Positive Self," in front of a live studio audience, 125 groups nationwide and over 8,000 colleges via satellite.

Alumni clubs across the country worked with their respective dioceses to bring together viewers from the community to watch the telecasts. Groups receive the telecast free of charge in addition to educational packets, an enrichment video tape and a packet for the director of each site.

In addition to the panelists and the studio discussion, the production team will splice in video of elementary school kids

and parent-teacher conferences. In this way, the program is aesthetically interesting and of high production quality, according to Kathleen Sullivan, director of Alumni Continuing Education.

"It is believed that Notre Dame is the only University in higher education ever to offer enrichment programming for alumni and their communities through satellite technology," said Sullivan.

Teleconferencing regarding family issues began at Notre Dame in response to a statement by the bishops, released in January, which emphasizes "children and family first." The bottom line of these programs is "to spotlight issues where Notre

Dame excels, like faith and Christian marriage," according to the Peter Pratica, assistant director of the ND Alumni Association.

"Interactive conferencing offers many advantages. It offers practical information about important topics," said Pratica. "People feel comfortable taking programming from Notre Dame because many alumni met their spouses here," he added.

Feedback from viewers has been phenomenal, said Sullivan and Pratica. Many have been pleasantly surprised that such great programming is offered at no charge. Alumni have praised the provocative content and high quality of production, said Sullivan.

"These telecasts provide a much needed and valuable resource for our families as they seek creative solutions to challenging problems," according to a diocese in Des Moines.

"The telecasts are a rich model of dialogic enrichment for Churches and other institutions in America," said Frances Forde Plude, Associate Provost at Syracuse University, an expert on Catholic teleconferencing.

The program on Sunday will be broadcast from WNDU at 2 p.m. The studio audience includes local educators, but others are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Kathleen Sullivan at 239-6186.

Gates probes successors

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three of six candidates to replace Police Chief Daryl Gates are accused of misconduct and Gates has been ordered to investigate the allegations — a move angering critics of the panel seeking his successor.

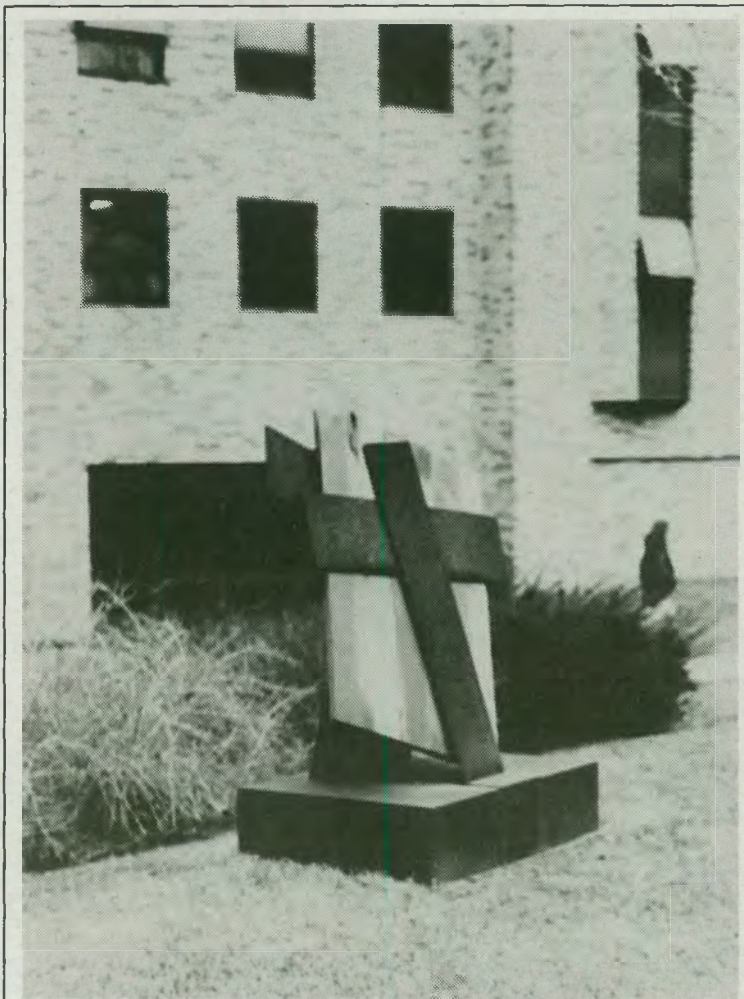
Police Commission president Stanley Sheinbaum said his agency lacks the staff to investigate the possible misconduct, so he ordered Gates to do it.

But the American Civil Liberties Union said Gates shouldn't get involved.

"He is biased about the entire selection process. So he should show a little grace and ask the commission to set up a special investigator," said the ACLU's Ramona Ripston.

Sheinbaum ordered the probe after Xavier Hermosillo, chairman of a Mexican-American group called News for America, alleged that three of six semifinalists had violated police policy. The group also complained when two Hispanic candidates were eliminated.

Gates wouldn't comment, a spokesman said.



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Signs of Lent

While others think only of spring break, Pasquerilla West remembers the coming of the Lenten season with this sculpture

Black pro-lifer equates abortion with 'genocide'

By MARA DIVIS
News Writer

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Genocide of the human race is being committed through abortions in the United States every day, according to Delores Grier, vice-chancellor for Community Relations of the Archdiocese of New York.

Grier, who is also founder and president of the Association of Black Catholics Against Abortion, spoke at Notre Dame Thursday on "Race Genocide Through Abortion."

She said she considers abortion murder, that terminating a pregnancy is taking a life.

"A baby is a human being," she said. "Our Constitution says that everyone has a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I believe that life begins at conception. A baby shouldn't have to be born to be protected."

Grier said that the incidence of abortion is higher among minority groups, often due to lack of money, opportunity and education.

"Seventy-four percent of free abortion clinics in this country are in black and Hispanic communities," she said.

This is due in some areas to research-oriented hospitals and health care groups who use the aborted fetal tissue for experi-

mental purposes. They find that the incidence of abortion is higher in these groups, so they establish clinics in these communities, she said.

However, she said that despite the statistics of disadvantaged and underprivileged minority groups, these people have no excuse to "resort" to abortion in the situation of an unwanted or unplanned pregnancy.

"We (blacks) have a spirit that says God never gives you more than you can bear," she said. "Blacks have survived nearly everything, (including) slavery and lynchings. We can survive nine months of pregnancy."

The United States does not value life the way other cultures have in the past, Grier said. Since other cultures have assimilated themselves into the United States, people have slowly come to accept a "culture of killing," she said.

"Africans count the unborn as waiting to be born," she said. "But integration brings imitation."

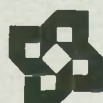
Grier said that the nation should, by outlawing abortion, realize that "we don't have to kill to solve our problems."

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Grier: Abortion threatens blacks

By COLLEEN CONLEY
News writer

Using her ten fingers to tick off arguments against abortion, Delores Grier, vice chancellor for the archdioceses of New York, referred to abortion legislation as the beginning of the "hand of death."

Speaking yesterday at the mock courtroom of the Law School, Grier, who is the founder and president of the Association of Black Catholics Against Abortion, labelled abortion a "race genocide," and called for prayer and the elimination of apathy to end abortion's legalization.

Defining the charge of genocide, Grier said abortion is like mass murder because it is the "taking of the future of black America, and also the taking of the future of white America...this is genocide, black or white, it's genocide-we're killing ourselves."

Grier said that poor, black women who terminate pregnancies are doing so because abortion "has been thrust upon them in response to their request for assistance in raising a family", adding that "abortion, in my opinion, is pushing this entire society into non-existence because abortion is the beginning of the death ethic."

Grier criticized the founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger, for spreading the idea through "Negro Project" that black people are inferior because they believe children come from God.

According to Grier, "black people believe in the fifth commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill'... but to become acclimated, [they have] unfortunately imitated the wrong examples in society."

Responding to the what she termed the frequent argument that poor women must seek abortions for financial reasons, Grier argued that monetary constraints are never sufficient grounds for aborting a pregnancy.

"My people have survived lynching, whipping, [and] bombing, and you're going to

tell me a black woman can't survive a nine month pregnancy and care for her children? Who made that decision? Society made the decision," she contended.

Grier faulted those who detach themselves from the abortion issue out of apathy and said that "apathy is saying, 'I don't want to be involved...I don't care what happens to anyone else.'"

She called for an end to apathy and the casual treatment of abortion, questioning the audience, "what are we doing that may be...contributing to that hand of death by our apathy?" She continued by saying that silence or a lack of action is the same as accepting abortion.

Grier also said that abortion rights proponents are not pro-choice, but pro-abortion, and that there can be no middle ground in between. "They [the Supreme Court] did not legalize choice, they legalized abortion," she said, and urged people to "take a stand and be what you are. Be pro-life, be pro-abortion, but don't say 'I'm pro-choice.'"

Abortion supporters are often afraid to say they support killing, Grier said, and she challenged what she called their cowardice, referring to a biblical passage in which Jesus says, "I vomit you out of my mouth if you be lukewarm." Grier added that people use pro-choice terminology because they don't want to be associated with murder.

Asserting that materialism and greed typically accompany the abortion industry, Grier said physicians who perform abortions are enjoying lucrative returns in terms of compensation, taking in as much as \$900 an hour for their services. "[Many] can't stand what they're doing, but the money is good," she said.

Grier further faulted abortionists because they are trained and educated to be "healers of health," but they become "dealers of death, proud to say 'I'm a pregnancy terminator.'" Grier alleged that "every doctor that does an abortion is a hit man." She said

that many are driven to drug and alcohol addictions and advised her audience to "pray for them."

Referring to women who seek abortion as a means of sex selection or for reasons of fetal deformity, Grier said that they are "killing for convenience," and she fears the day when unborn life is aborted for other genetic purposes, such as undesirable skin or eye color.

She advised abortion opponents to support the cause through prayer, and in particular, to pray peaceably in front of pro-abortion legislator's offices between the hours of nine and twelve on Saturdays. "Sooner or later, because persistence will do it, that legislator will call you in and say 'Let's talk,'" Grier said.

She added that gaining audience with a legislator is an opportunity to remind him or her that "you, too, can be on the unemployment line" if he or she does not respect life. Grier continued by saying that life does not come from the government and that laws "can not take away from the fact that we're tampering with God's creation."

Grier said she objects to politicians who believe in the pro-life cause but capitulate to a pro-abortion stance for purposes of political survival, citing civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, who Grier said assumed a pro-abortion mentality when he joined "the death party of the Democrats...he had to change or not be in the party," according to Grier.

Killing is never necessary to resolve any problem, Grier said and continued that alternatives are always available in the form of expanding church programs and adoption.

In a closing question and answer session, Grier cited the movie *Roots* for its reference to unborn life, in which African-Americans are sub-divided into three classes: those we see, our ancestors, and those who are waiting to be born. She also mentioned a traditional Kenyan maxim which states, "no one knows whose womb bears the chief."



The Observer/Jon Novak

Walking a thin line

A student performs an amazing act of balance on this campus fence.

Computers disinfect against virus

NEW YORK (AP) — Computer users took precautions to disinfect their machines from a virus set to strike on Michelangelo's birthday Friday although some experts did not expect widespread damage from the electronic prank.

The rogue program, found in machines built to the IBM standard, will be triggered on March 6, the 517th anniversary of the birth of the Renaissance artist. If unchecked, it can destroy all the information in a machine.

The National Computer Security Association estimates no

higher than 20,000 computers — about one in 2,500 of all the personal computers in the United States — could be damaged if no precautions are taken. John McAfee of the Computer Virus Industry Association estimated 5 million machines may have it worldwide.

"It has been overhyped, without question," said Charles Rutstein, staff researcher for the Washington, D.C.-based NCSA. "There is going to be some data lost. But for the most part, it's not a terrific problem as far as the world is concerned."

Gays

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internal study says that as many as 80 percent of the Indiana Province is gay, and 50 percent of the rest of the Order is. Vore attested that this information was confirmed by three "well-placed members of Holy Cross."

In 1986, GLND/SMC requested office space in LaFortune, a telephone line, and the ability to sponsor lectures. The University would not recognize the group because it considered it inappropriate to recognize a group based on sexual preference and deemed

homosexuality as going against Catholic teaching, Vore said.

The group's current letter addresses the University objections by stating that the issue is not "preference," but orientation, which is inborn, and therefore analogous to race or national origin.

"We've been arguing for the last year that Catholic teaching insists on a distinction between sexual orientation and sexual activity, forbidding the latter, but acknowledging the former," Vore said. "Gays and lesbians at Notre Dame/Saint Mary's has always maintained a neutral stance on questions about activity, so that we wouldn't conflict with Catholic teaching."

Until the group receives official recognition by the University, the current co-chairs, who asked that their names remain confidential due to "family and career" pressures, said the GLND/SMC will continue to "fight against heterosexual prejudice and stereotypes, and...to fight for the needs of lesbians and gays in the Notre Dame community, with a Catholic sense of values, and more specifically, with a Catholic sense of justice."

"The University will probably turn us down," Vore concluded, "but then I suppose we can just start papering the bathroom walls with copies of the rejection letter instead of the other garbage you find there."

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liquid gas presently costs around \$1.10, the equivalent of one gallon of natural gas is around \$.70. In reference to miles per gallon, cars running on either fuel average the same mileage. According to Ogren, cars running on natural gas have a power loss of around 8%.

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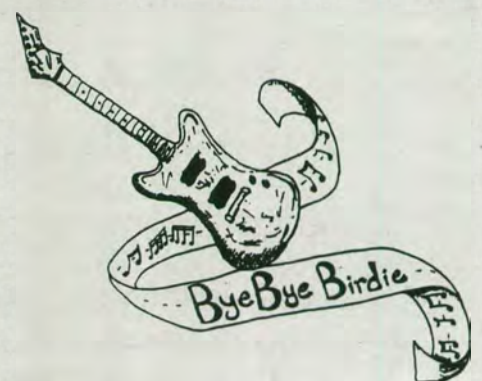
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Basketball fans' behavior offends Christian reader

Dear Editor:

Recently I decided to attend a game of basketball between our team and a team from St. Johns. Almost immediately, I became alarmed. You see, a player from St. John's made the mistake of some sort, and the fans began to cheer this event. I became upset, and immediately exited the JACC.

Upon introspection, it occurred to me why I had become frightened. Here we were, a Christian school, playing a game with another Christian

school, but it was no "game," and it certainly was not Christian. Christians don't mock one another, and take delight at another's misfortune.

How do you think that young man from St. Johns felt? Did any of you barbarians stop to think about that? Regardless of our "victory," I don't think any of us were winners that day.

I have to stop writing now, before I get too worked up.

Charlie Fisher
Grace Hall
Mar. 2, 1992



Sex should be more than just physical

Dear Editor:

I'd just like to thank God for The Observer again. Whenever I have a problem, I can count on one of the insightful Observer writers to clear things up for me.

This year, I've learned so far where I'm safe in South Bend and where I'm not, that I'm not responsible enough to buy my own condoms, how to behave towards my local sports teams, and now, most importantly, that when I say I'm in love with chocolate cake, I'm not in "love" with chocolate cake.

My own problem was quite similar to Mr. Schwartz's, only I thought I was in love with Tootsie Pops. It was getting to the point where I was thinking of going to the infirmary for counseling. Now, thanks to the Inside Column, I don't have to. I do have a few problems left though.

First off, even though I now understand love, I'm still having a problem with sex. It's more difficult because although I can love (not real love, just chocolate cake love) Tootsie Pops, I can't have sex with them (well, it's harder for guys at least).

Mr Schwartz is at least correct when he says, "sex is especially confusing, because sex involves people." I won't mention the fringe (I hope they're still just fringe) elements for whom sex does not involve only people.

The confusion that Mr. Schwartz is speaking of is evident immediately when reading his article.

Mr. Schwartz's views on guiltless sex are certainly not particularly extraordinary or original, he would have been a great proponent of "swinging" in the seventies. What really did astound me was the position he has taken in this day and age. It's really easy to pick apart his article just because it was poorly written and not too well thought out, and that's what I originally intended to do.

I thought I would give the campus a few more laughs at Mr. Schwartz's expense, and I was all ready to do so, then I started to think about what he said (or was trying to say).

First of all, I think there are just a few people who might not agree that there aren't "enough people who just enjoy the physical side of sex" nowadays. Even if I thought Mr. Schwartz was referring only to the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community, I would be want to find this large group of abstinent young people who don't enjoy the physical aspects of sex (maybe his girlfriend, I don't know). If anything, throughout history, the human race has proved how much it really does enjoy sex, with and without (unfortunately) people.

How many emperors, kings, scientists, and intellectuals of all sorts have we lost due to

sexually communicable diseases? Mr. Schwartz's view is especially dangerous in this day of AIDS. I really hated to bring that up again, but it's become a fact of life even Catholic boys and girls (and that's what we are, don't give me this women and men stuff) can't ignore.

I happen to be Catholic myself and to believe in the Church's views on abstinence before marriage, and I don't normally judge other people's sexual beliefs according to my own standards, but actually recommending to young people that they try to "control [their] sexuality" and just enjoy sex for its physical pleasure is not only stupid, it's plain dangerous.

I understand where Mr. Schwartz's motivations are coming from, the world is full of Catholics who don't want to be held responsible for their sins. Mr. Schwartz by no means the first to try to ease his own guilt by proposing his own amendments to and changes in the Catholic faith.

My recommendations to Mr. Schwartz are two: One, if you don't change your views, don't get married in a church. Two, if and when you do get married and have a daughter, to think about at what age you're going to tell your little girl to forget about love and "just enjoy the physical side of sex."

John Stoj
Off-Campus
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Shenanigans sing and dance their way to California

By STEVE
TANKOVICH
Accent Writer

Shenanigans is going west. Shenanigans is continuing its 10th year anniversary celebration with its annual spring tour. The tour, through several cities in California, including San Francisco, Sacramento, San Diego, and Los Angeles, will take place from March 7 through March 16.

Shenanigans, Notre Dame's only singing and dancing ensemble, is a group of 18 singers and dancers, eight musicians, and a sound technician. The group puts on several shows a year for Notre Dame students and faculty, as well as the public.

This year, Shenanigans has put on a successful Christmas concert, performed at Freshman Orientation Weekend, football weekends, and most recently at Junior Parents' Weekend. As has been the case for the last several years, they will also be performing during Commencement Weekend in May.

Shenanigans was started in 1982 by Rick Ward, a member of the Glee Club who organized with several of his friends who wanted to include dancing with their singing programs.

The group is led this year by Dean Sipe, a junior from Pangborn who is the acting General Manager. The group's advisor is Charles Lennon. Joe Clair is Shenanigans' Tour Manager. All of Shenanigans' performances are videotaped by Emil Hoffman, former dean of the Freshman Year of Studies. "It's amazing how much he does for us. He's a really nice guy," says Sipe.

The group is getting very excited about the

tour next week. In the beginning, there were concerns with going to California because of the money factor, Sipe explains, but enough was done to make the trip possible.

The tour is ideally set up so that it pays for itself. Donations will be taken at concerts, and t-shirts will be sold. Also, many Notre Dame alumni clubs are sponsoring concerts in their cities.

Shenanigans will be leaving this Saturday for San Francisco. They then travel to the University of California-Berkley, where they will perform a benefit concert for the homeless.

Sacramento and San Francisco are next on the group's itinerary. In addition to an evening concert at the Punchline, Shenanigans will do a special concert for the AIDS ward at San Francisco General Hospital.

After a day of traveling down the coast to Santa Barbara, Shenanigans will do a show at a popular lunchtime park and then move on to San Diego.

In San Diego, Shenanigans will perform at a local Ronald McDonald's house. They will stay the night in San Diego, and then be on their way to Los Angeles.

Friday is sure to be a highlight of the trip, as Sipe explains, "I'm going to Disneyland." In addition to visiting the park, Shenanigans will be able to perform at Disneyland.

After seeing the sights, the group will perform one final concert at Cal Poly University in Pomona, before returning to South Bend.

"There's a great feeling of satisfaction after a show because [Shenanigans] is totally student-run," admits Stanford sophomore and two-year piano player, Mike Cotter.



Voices of Faith

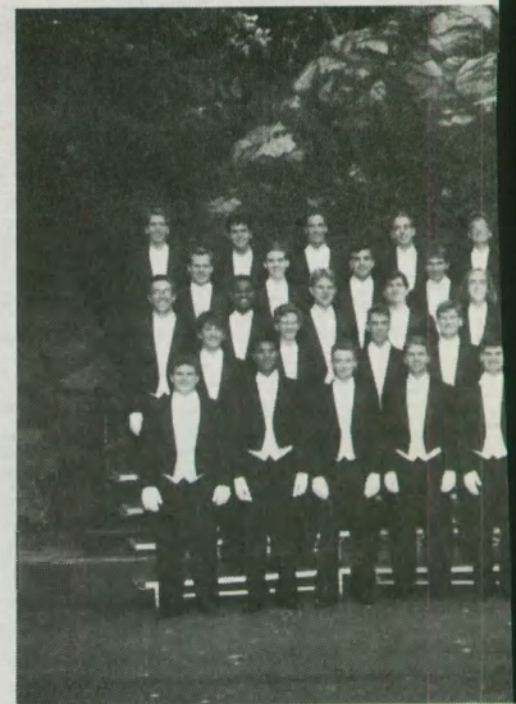
By JENNIFER GUERIN
Accent Writer

Next week, 47 dreams will come true.

Financed by alumni clubs in Georgia and Florida, as well as other donations, a representative group of the Voices of Faith gospel choir will embark Saturday morning on their first extensive tour ever.

The student-run Voices of Faith, combining dedication and musical talent, stimulated enough interest among Notre Dame alumni last year to transform a long-standing dream of touring into reality.

After performing for alumni at various functions over past years, the ensemble was approached by people interested in organizing and financing a trip for the week of this year's spring break. Touring has been an aspiration of Voices of Faith leaders for a few years, and they readily



The Glee Club leaves on Saturday for Puerto Rico

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with spread message of God in the South

ed the opportunity. The 47 touring members will perform at sites in the two states, including Morehouse College in Atlanta, the University of South Florida in Tampa, and St. Augustine in Belle Glade, FL. A highlight of the tour will be their two-day stay at Disney World, where they will perform at Epcot Center and be given complimentary passes to enjoy the park. The choir sees the trip as a fund-raiser, a reward, a vacation, and a tremendous opportunity to spread their message while attracting interest and support.

Co-presidents Keith Johnson and Andre Barrett are thrilled their group is getting the opportunity to travel. Both agree that exposure is the key to the spring break tour. "Before," stated Barrett, "we were fortunate to have 20 people to come out and hear us. . . I feel we've put a lot of work into the choir in the past couple of

years." Both he and Johnson remarked that the diligence of the members, combined with more talent and interest among them, has brought confidence and success to the group.

Organized in 1979 by a handful of interested students, the choir did not really flourish until 1988, when, according to Barrett, an "influx in quality people" and skyrocketing interest brought the group to its current size.

The 75 members of the Voices of Faith include talented singers from a variety of backgrounds who join together throughout the year for performances at Notre Dame and in the South Bend community.

Barrett emphasized their primary purpose is to worship and praise God, not to entertain. The co-presidents agreed that more exposure will help people to understand the message of the group.

Performing at Notre Dame is quite different from performing for other audiences. Although the audiences enjoy

the shows and let the choir know this, "the Catholic audience in general receives us in a different manner," said Johnson. They participate less vocally and actively than most recipients of the gospel tradition.

Despite this fact, members find the group a source of comfort and belonging. Andre Barrett noted, "It has been a stabilizing force for me over the four years," an opportunity to share similar cultural traditions with people who have common religious and ethnic ties.

Johnson, a sophomore, hopes the tour will become a regular event on the Voices of Faith calendar. "I would love to do it again," he said. "We always enjoy sending our message out, as long as it's received well."

The group charges a flat fee for singing at each location on next week's tour. Most of the money, raised by alumni clubs in the performance area, will cover the expenses of travel. Some of the locations

will also be charging admission.

To save money, members will be staying in the houses of area alumni, whenever possible. They hope to return home with a small profit, which will be used to purchase new musical equipment and robes for the singers. A campaign to raise money for these robes, which are very expensive, will probably begin on campus very soon.

Notre Dame senior Raghib Ismail donated \$2,500 of his own money to the choir, and two individuals involved in the Spring Break tour of the south each donated \$1,700 to cover expenses for two of the concerts.

The Voices of Faith move more and more audiences with their shows each year. With increasing exposure they hope to help people realize they offer a distinct and intense spiritual and emotional message about God. There is a form of praise and celebration—a form they hope to use to strengthen themselves and their audiences across the nation.



before heading back to Florida on their Spring tour.

Glee Club seeks sun in the South

By JOHN TRAN
Accent Writer

The songs of Notre Dame are heading south for spring break as the Glee Club begins their tour in Puerto Rico and Florida.

Arriving in San Juan Saturday, the Glee Club will perform their first concert of the tour on Sunday at la Iglesia de San José, Villa Caparra Guyanabo. After visiting the mountains on Monday, they will be

performing at the Church of San Juan Bautista, Maricao, Tuesday.

On the following day the Glee Club will head on to Ponce. There, they will sing their final concert in Puerto Rico at the el Teatro de la Perla.

The Glee Club plans to spend the rest of the week in Florida. Their stay in Florida will include performances to Notre Dame alumni and Catholic organizations.

The Glee Club began 76 years ago, and throughout the years,

they have been performing all over Europe and the United States. As a result, Notre Dame alumni and the music community from all over the world have come to recognize the Glee Club as a unique organization that represent the University and the spirit of Notre Dame.

The Glee Club pays for the majority of the expenses for their current spring break trip. Revenues are generated from concerts and records sales.

"The Glee Club is a musical and social organization that travels extensively throughout the country and throughout the world. Its members act as ambassadors of the University bringing music as well as the Spirit of Notre Dame to alumni and others," according to senior John Ujda.

The Glee Club is currently operating under the direction of Dr. Mark Ring. Its Co-presidents are Dennis Brown and John Thiede.

Smoking and Monk's brave new world

After reading the new policy on smoking, I actually had a kind thought about Medjugorje, which is tobacco-growing country.

The priests there don't discourage the members of their flock from smoking. The priests tell them to abstain from smoking one day a week as they'd abstain from meat, or wine, or any other of God's good gifts.

The priests say such acts of self-denial please Our Lady. The priests promise the people that if they will attend Mass faithfully, God will send rain to water the fields where the tobacco is growing.

This discernment of God's will must have been passed onto the priests like second-hand, or side-stream effect, smoke from the visionaries whom Our Lady has allegedly befriended.

Maybe Medjugorje will be the last bastion for Catholic smokers in the free world. Maybe the priests at St. James' can turn smoking into a sacrament that will make the sun dance.

Maybe Domers, subject to nicotine fits, could start a novena asking Our Lady of Medjugorje, defender of smokers' rights, to pray for them.

The new ground-rules are

clear evidence that we have come to the end of an era. Hard-shelled Baptists have always regarded the use of tobacco as morally wrong, since it harms the body, which is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Catholics are finally catching up with the Fundamentalists in outlawing smoking as a student activity. At denominational colleges like Bob Jones and Wheaton, you have to renounce smoking—as well as card-playing, dancing, and drinking—as a condition for acceptance.

Born-again Christians are always looking for new ways of showing that they are not brain-washed. I've met Notre Dame students who go to Mass every day of the week except Sunday, because that's when their religion requires them to go under pain of sin.

Smoking as a vice is becoming very expensive—cigarettes are starting to cost two bucks or more a pack, and it's becoming socially unacceptable even in brothels that have a high tone. As a lifetime smoker, I'm embarrassed to light up, even in my room, if non-smokers are present.

Those who continue to smoke tend to be throwbacks,

Father Robert Griffin

Letters to a Lonely God



neanderthals, lone wolves, rednecks who drive trucks, or curmudgeonly old priests.

The generation now flowering takes great pride in having clean lungs and good teeth. There is no glamour to smoking for them except as a form of rebellion that proves that they're free spirits.

Students paying \$18,000 a year for their education don't go out of their way to be decadent; but if you tell them that you have passed a rule forbidding them to drink anywhere on campus, you may wake up on Sunday morning, to find their dead soldiers all over the Grotto.

It's the rare student who smokes at Notre Dame; and those undergraduates who do smoke are usually occasional smokers who light up a couple of times in the evening.

The backsliders at Bob Jones and Wheaton are probably more hard-core in their smoking than any student who gets hooked on cigarettes at Notre Dame.

Smokers have a way of being very visible to one

another. The smokers who are most visible to me are the workers staffing the dormitories and the dining halls. I see them taking smoke-breaks when their work allows them to come up for air.

They rely on cigarettes, enjoyed with coffee, to give them their mid-morning or afternoon pickup. Life would be harder for them, if Notre Dame became officially smokeless; since their salad days, when they were wet behind the ears, they've relied on smoking as a way of dealing with stress.

I'm trying to decide if the task force on smoking deserves my forgiveness. I think probably it does, at least until after the dust has settled, and we can discover whose bulls have been gored.

At first, I had a feeling that the rules go too far; now I'm wondering if they go far enough. If clean air is the name of the game, let's clamp a lid on the place that will keep out the pollution, starting with the two cartons of Pall Malls I inhale and

exhale every week, and the foul-smelling cigars that our visitors smoke.

Then let's take a look at the gas-burning engines in the cars people drive all over our beautiful Notre Dame campus, poisoning every green and growing thing.

As a senior smoker, I forgive the task force that is offering me a stone when I hoped for an egg; and such forgiveness isn't easy when you're running scared. Sometimes I think that nicotine is the glue that keeps these vital organs of mine in place.

But old smokers never die; like chimney sweepers, they just come to dust. After years of battling for smokers' rights, I've decided to take a fresh-air course from the Heart Association.

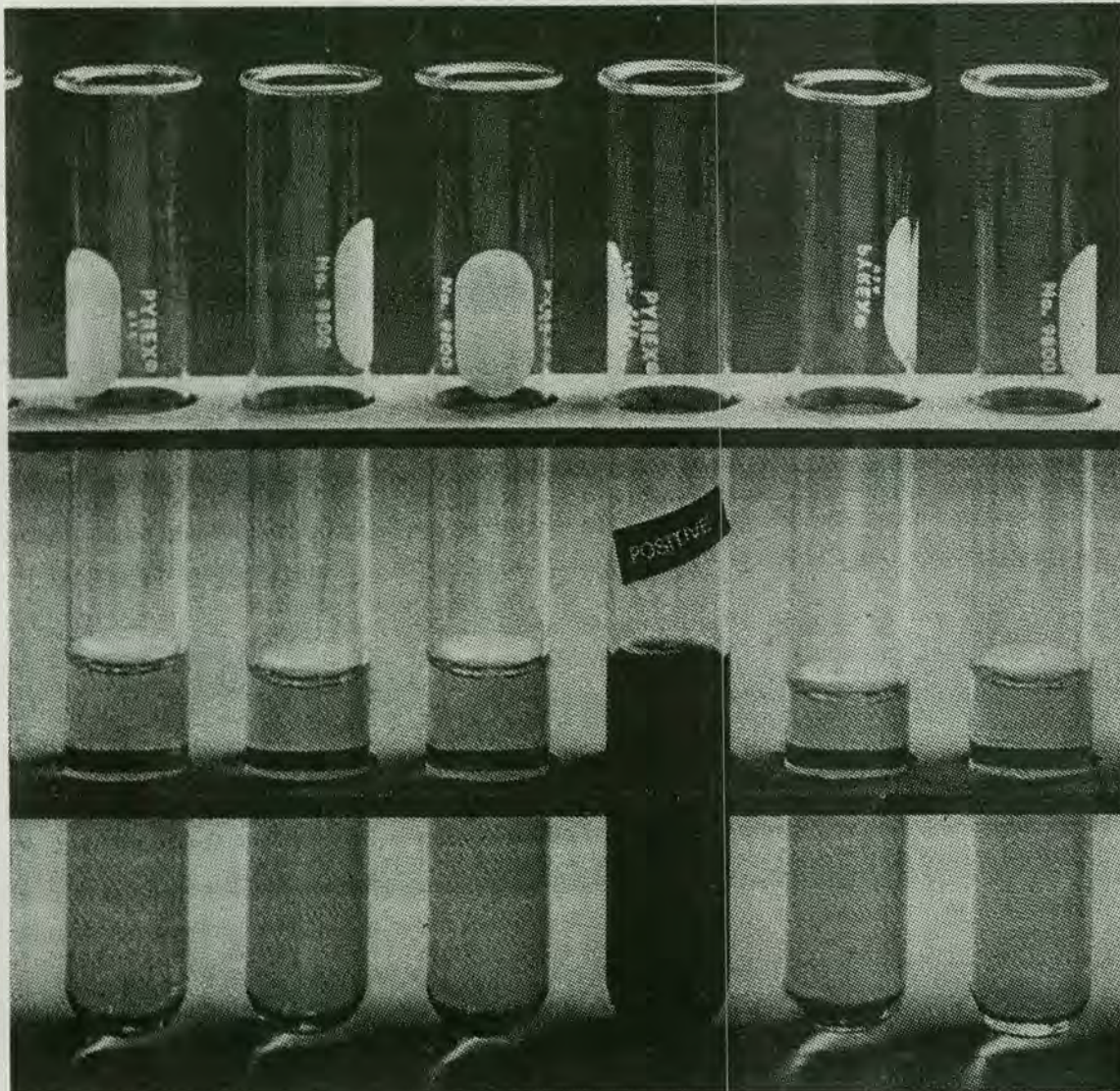
I hope that as a re-programmed non-smoker, I can be a part of Monk's brave new world where, on a clear day, you should see forever.

If all my good intentions fail, I still have the Medjugorites to keep honest. I heard that Our Lady's message of the month for March to the alleged visionaries was: "Medjugorje means fine tobacco."

What new product do you suppose she's promoting, whoever she is, calling herself the Mother of God?

The Observer wishes everyone a happy spring break!!!

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Notre Dame Basketball Statistics

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Ellis, Laphonso	26-26	35.8	184-291	.632	103-154	.669	11.5	41	18.3
Sweet, Daimon	26-26	34.8	178-342	.520	70-86	.814	2.5	51	17.4
Bennett, Elmer	26-26	35.7	158-350	.451	84-118	.712	3.3	156	16.7
Taylor, Billy	26-25	30.2	70-153	.458	24-35	.686	2.9	43	6.5
Tower, Keith	24-23	25.4	45-111	.405	21-35	.600	5.8	34	4.6
Ross, Jon	25-2	12.6	37-68	.544	18-22	.818	2.3	13	3.7
Russell, Malik	23-1	12.4	15-35	.429	9-17	.529	1.3	26	1.7
Cozen, Carl	20-0	6.8	11-33	.333	2-6	.333	0.8	6	1.5
Boyer, Brooks	26-0	4.5	10-23	.375	4-6	.667	0.5	7	1.0
Ross, Joe	18-1	4.7	5-13	.385	0-5	.000	0.9	1	0.6
Justice, Lamar	16-0	3.1	3-5	.600	1-2	.500	0.4	1	0.4
Tully, Brendan	1-0	2.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0.0	0	2.0
Williams, Nathion	8-0	4.5	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0.6	2	0.0
Gillmore, Jason	3-0	5.3	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0.3	1	0.0
Adamson, Matt	1-0	4.0	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0.0	0	0.0
TOTALS	26	5200	717-1435	.500	336-486	.691	33.8	382	71.0
OPPONENTS	26	5200	699-1501	.466	391-583	.671	32.1	348	74.0

3-POINTERS:

NOTRE DAME
OPPONENTS

FG-FGA

76-112
135-349

PCT

.355
.387

TOTAL

1924
1846

Score by Periods:

Opponents
Notre Dame

1st 2nd

937 987
861 985

TOTAL

1846

RECORD:

NOTRE DAME

OVERALL

14-12

HOME

8-5

AWAY

5-7

NEUTRAL

1-0

NOTRE DAME SOFTBALL

1991 NOTRE DAME SOFTBALL STATISTICS (38-22-0)

Batter	Avg.	G/GS	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3BHR	SB/SBA
Alford	.667	32/18	3	0	2	1	0	0	0/0
Pinter	.364	30/7	44	7	16	8	3	1	0/0
Connoyer	.339	42/37	118	11	40	13	4	1	0/23
Miller	.308	54/51	146	21	45	23	7	2	0/45
McMurray	.302	34/16	63	5	19	14	1	1	0/0
Fay	.284	55/54	155	26	44	21	7	2	0/10/12
Quinn	.247	33/27	77	8	19	3	3	0	0/2/2
Alvarez	.246	49/41	122	20	30	4	1	0	0/9/12
Crossen	.218	56/52	147	20	32	14	7	0	0/2/0
Kmak	.216	59/58	162	14	35	9	3	1	0/1/3
Folsom	.202	50/45	114	10	23	5	4	0	0/1/1
Sommerliad	.200	35/27	80	10	16	6	1	1	0/2/4
Boulac	.199	54/54	136	9	27	17	2	1	0/1/1
Varnetti	.198	49/46	96	5	19	9	3	1	0/2/2
Cook	.171	23/15	35	3	6	4	0	2	0/1/1
Miller	.170	41/19	47	11	8	2	1	0	0/10/15
Harter	.000	9/0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0/0/0
Mee	.000	1/0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0/0/0
Dwyer	.000	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0/0
Barnas	.000	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0/0
Rueter	.000	21/0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0/2/3
Kelly	.000	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0/0
Linn	.000	29/27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0/0

Notre Dame Opponent

.246
.205

60/60

1550
1504

189

381
309

153

102

47

52

13

10

0

3

49/66

41/55

SPRING BREAK

SPRING BREAK SPORTS SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

March 7
at DePaul 7:00 pm
March 9
at Evansville 7:35 pm

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

March 7
at Old Dominion 7:35 p.m.
March 12
at MCC #2 seed
Championships 3:00 p.m.

BASEBALL

at Big Four Classic, Louisville
March 6 vs. Louisville, 3:30 pm
March 7 vs. Kentucky, 11 am
March 7 vs. Indiana, 2:30 pm
March 8 Championship, 3:30 pm
Consolation, 12 noon

SOFTBALL

March 7-8
at Southeastern Illinois Tournament
March 9-15
at Tampa Bay Games

HOCKEY

at Independent Tournament
March 6 vs. Alaska Fairbanks
March 7 Consolation/Championship

WRESTLING

March 7
NCAA West Regionals

MEN'S TENNIS

March 6-8
at H.E.B. Championships
Corpus Cristi, TX

WOMEN'S TENNIS

March 5
vs. Northwestern 1 pm
March 7
vs. Indiana 10 pm

TRACK

March 7-8 ICAA Championships
at Princeton, NJ

FENCING

March 7
Midwest Championship NCAA Qualifications
at East Lansing, MI

LACROSSE

March 7
at Philadelphia Classic 12 noon
vs. Villanova Franklin Field

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Signed Alan Mills, Anthony Telford, Jim Poole and Jim Lewis, pitchers.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with Jeff Conine, first baseman, on a one-year contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Announced that Dick Hackett, assistant to the president, is leaving his day-to-day duties but will be retained as a consultant.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with Scott Latus, third baseman; Paul Sorrento, first baseman; and Tom Edens, pitcher, on one-year contracts.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Renewed the contracts of Kevin Maas, designated hitter-first baseman; Charlie Hayes, third baseman; Bernie Williams, outfielder; John Ramos, catcher; and Jeff Johnson and Wade Taylor, pitchers.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with David Justice, outfielder; Mark Lemke and Francisco Cabrera, infielders; Brian Hunter, first baseman; Kent Mercker, pitcher; and Greg Olson, catcher, on one-year contracts. Renewed the contract of Deion Sanders, outfielder.
CHICAGO CUBS—Signed Frank Castillo, Lance Dickson, Mike Harkay, Bob Scanlan and Turk Wendell, pitchers; Hector Villanueva, catcher; Pedro Castellano, Elvin Paulino, Ray Sanchez, Doug Strange and Jose Vizcaino, infielders; and Doug Dascenzo, Ced Landrum and Derrick May, outfielders.
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with Hal Morris, first baseman, on a one-year contract. Renewed the contract of Joe Oliver, catcher.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Signed Ramon Martinez, pitcher, to a one-year contract.

COLLEGE

NCAA—Suspended New Orleans basketball center Sydney Rice for one game for participating in a non-sanctioned city league game in 1989.
DREXEL—Announced the retirement of Lillian Hass, women's basketball coach, effective in June.
GEORGIA MILITARY—Announced the resignation of Glen Wolfe, football coach.
JERSEY CITY STATE—Named Mark Griffin assistant athletic director.
STANFORD—Named Bill Ring running backs coach.
TULSA—Named Mike Knoll defensive coordinator and George Small defensive ends coach.
WESTFIELD STATE—Named Tim Buchanan men's soccer coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
DETROIT RED WINGS—Sent Bobby Dollas, defenseman, to Adirondack of the American Hockey League. Recalled Dennis Vial, defenseman, and Chris Tancill, center, from Adirondack.
MINNESOTA NORTH STARS—Assigned Enrico Ciccone, defenseman, to Kalamazoo of the International Hockey League.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Recalled Mike Colman, defenseman, from Kansas City of the International Hockey League.

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Globetrotters beat Generals; provide fun and folly for fans

By RICH SZABO
Sports Writer

From the very beginning, one could tell that something was amiss at the Thunderdome, as the scoreboard listed the quarters in the order 1-3-4-2. This would be no ordinary basketball game.

Instead of the Fighting Irish, the ACC was rocked by the wizardry of the Harlem Globetrotters, their talent and showmanship stealing the hearts of fans, young and old, who came to pay them a visit.

From the opening strains of "Sweet Georgia Brown" to the final "Trotter dunk, the audience was captivated by the performance of the Clown Princes of Basketball as they defeated the Washington Generals 72-63.

In winning the game, the 'Trotters extended their world-record winning streak of over 7,500 games, a streak covering the past 20 years.

As the players were being introduced, the fans got a taste of what the evening had in store for them when "Sweet" Lou Dunbar, the reigning "Clown Prince of Basketball" went up to announcer Steve Fisher and demanded that he be introduced next. Fisher, of course, left Dunbar til the end.

Mixing sometimes serious basketball with usually amazing feats of dribbling, passing, ball-handling, and dunking, the Globetrotters took on the Generals with a light-hearted attitude and plenty of good-natured goofing around.

Last night's performance included some vintage Globetrotter antics. With the score 34-28 in favor of the 'Trotters, Dunbar ran into the audience and absconded with a lady's purse. As the referee tried to resume play, Dunbar was

running around with the lady's wallet, trying to keep it. When peace was finally restored, Dunbar pulled the lady out onto the court for a dance session, and the remainder of the "Trotters joined in.

The biggest laughs of all were brought forth by Dunbar and Matthew "Showbiz" Jackson, who took any and every opportunity to contribute to the play-by-play with rips on the announcer, the various Generals players, and especially the officials. At one point, Dunbar even managed to convince the ref that a two-shot "hugging" foul should only be worth one shot since he only hugged the guy one time.

At one point, the Globetrotter decided to ham it up in front of the cameras, lining up in front of the channel 46 cameraman and saying, "Hi South Bend. We watch channel 46 all the time." After Dunbar kissed the camera, the 'Trotters then approached the channel 28 camera and commented on how they only watched that station some of the time.

As the game continued, the team undoubtedly fulfilled the wishes of some of the young children in the arena. Once, a young boy in a wheelchair was brought on court and had a basketball spin on his finger. On another occasion, Dunbar had another young boy make a basket and then gave him a Globetrotter shirt. Dunbar and the child flexed for a while, and then the leading 'Trotter sent the boy on his way wearing a new shirt, only after trying to hawk it off on the parents for \$25.

Of course, no Globetrotter show would be complete without the famous bucket routine. At the end of the third quarter, after knocking a few cups of water on the crowd, "Showbiz" threw an entire bucket of water on a ref and the fans sitting

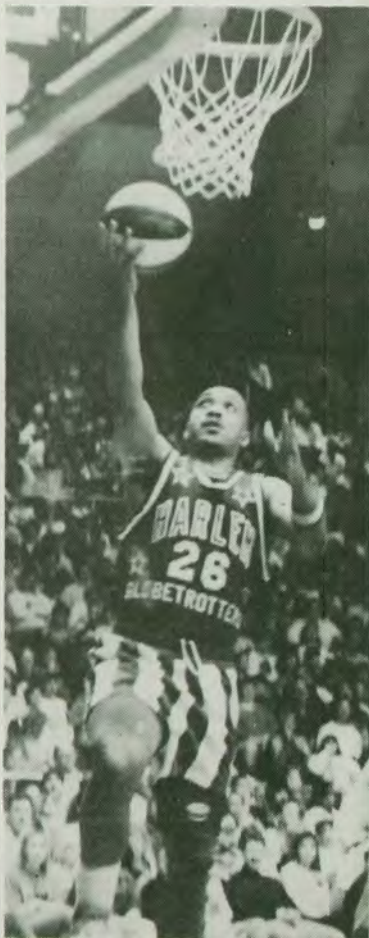


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behind him. Later, heading directly into the stands, Jackson proceeded to launch a bucket of confetti into the fearful crowd.

It never really mattered who won, but then again, the outcome of the game was never really in any doubt. The fans came to be entertained, and they left satisfied.

From pulling the ref's shirt up in front of a TV camera to throwing a basketball attached to a string at an unsuspecting woman, the evening was a relaxing and enjoyable event, as the Globetrotters worked their magic and thrilled the fans, reminding everyone of how much fun the game can really be.



(Top) The 'trotters pose for the TV crews during a short time out.
(Above) "Sweet" Lou Dunbar drinks a Coke with a happy fan.
(Below) Dunbar dances with a member of the audience Thursday

(Clockwise) The 'trotters played a face-paced game, while "Sweet" Lou pulls the shirt off of the referee. The other official watches as they finish their famous warm-up show.



Wrestlers expected to score big at Regionals

By JIM VOGL
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame wrestling team will compete in the NCAA West Regionals on Saturday at Cedar Falls Iowa.

"It's a possible two team race," said Irish coach Fran McCann.

A balanced Notre Dame squad (6-5 in dual meets) and host Northern Iowa (ranked tenth) would appear to be head and shoulders above the rest. Northern Iowa lost to fifteenth-ranked Purdue, a team that narrowly escaped a 19-18 win over ND a week ago.

The NCAA finals, held March 19-21, will take 20 wrestlers from each region. First-place finishers receive automatic bids, while about 90-percent of second-place finishers will qualify.

The other spots could be filled by a third wrestler in a particularly strong level. In the West region, McCann sees 118 as the weakest, while 142 and 158 have more depth. Irish junior Jamie Boyd (16-6-2) could sneak in at 142 with a solid performance, while Emil Soehnlen (13-14-1) would need an upset to advance at 158.

Seniors Chuck Weaver (ranked 18th) and Marcus Gowens (13th) are both favorites to return to their hometown of Oklahoma City for the finals. Although the matches are still not set, the "pre-seeds" will likely place Chuck Weaver as the number one heavyweight.

Marcus Gowens should be second at 126, behind Marquette's Mike Pasdo, who beat Gowens at the National

Catholic Tournament and is currently ranked sixth. At 177, ND junior J.J. McGrew (11-4) will probably get the number two seed as will senior Tom Salvino (13-11) at 190.

"(The seedings) are based upon who you've competed against, who you've beaten," explained McCann. "The first criteria for seed is head-to-head competition."

The rest of the Irish lineup, seeded three or four, is filled with potential. Even freshman Matt Beujon, unseeded at 134, could pull an upset.

"He's beaten the number one seed, but he lost to the kid who I think is going to be seeded number four," said McCann. "But he's capable of beating anybody in that weight class."

Also, Soehnlen lost to the number one seed by only one point.

"Going into this tournament, it's such a mental thing right now," explained McCann. "The teams that are usually successful are the ones finishing strong. I feel really good because we finished the season strong."

The team hopes to ride the momentum of a successful season's end and have a good week at practice.

"It's a long season, it's a grueling season, it's a tough season, and we're really healthy, and mentally we're in good shape," said McCann. "I'm looking forward to it and I know the seniors are. All of them have a good shot at the nationals, and for some of them, it will be their first time."

Women's tennis dumps Northwestern

By JASON KELLY
Sports Writer

They needed this one badly.

The Notre Dame women's tennis team knocked off Northwestern 6-3 to snap a three match losing streak and get some momentum as they head into a tough week of action.

The Irish took five of six singles matches and cruised the rest of the way as they climbed back to the .500 mark at 4-4.

Sophomore Terri Vitale was the only loser in singles action, falling to the Wildcats Joanna Fera.

"Terri had a tough, though match," commented Irish coach Jay Louderback. "She was a hard girl to play because she got to every ball and never seemed to make a mistake."

The rest of the singles matches went Notre Dame's way, however. Melissa Harris, Laura Schwab, Christy Faustman, Lisa Tholen and Ann Bradshaw all posted wins to give the Irish a lead they would never relinquish.

With wins in the first two doubles matches, the Wildcats tried to claw their way back, but even a sweep of all three matches wouldn't have been enough to overcome the early Irish lead.

Louderback shuffled Notre Dame's doubles lineups and he believes that the new combinations will pay off in the future.

"We switched the doubles teams and I think the combinations will be alright," he commented.

They worked well enough against the Wildcats. Although the teams of Faustman and Tholen and Eniko Bende and Schwab lost their matches, Katie Clark and Kristy Doran were able to knock off



The Observer/John Rock
Freshman Laura Schwab blasts a backhand past her Tennessee opponent. Indiana visits Notre Dame tomorrow morning at 10.

Northwestern's Amy Heath and Joanna Fera in the final match to give the Irish the final 6-3 margin.

"We needed a win," Louderback said. "We've been so close all year, it's good to get a win over a good team."

Another good team is on the way this Saturday.

Indiana visits on Saturday, giving the Irish another chance to show off against one of the nation's best teams.

After losses to highly-re-

garded Tennessee and Kentucky, the Irish are eager to knock off a top-ranked team.

"Indiana will be a good match for us," Louderback noted. "They'll probably be ranked number 10 or 11 in the next poll and we've been playing well. We have nothing to lose against them, so we're just going to battle hard."

The Irish also face a tough spring break schedule, which sends them south to Clemson and South Carolina next week.

Men's tennis team streaks into HEB tourney

By ROLANDO DE AGUIAR
Sports Writer

Like large numbers of other Notre Dame students, the tenth-ranked Irish men's tennis team will head to the Gulf of Mexico this weekend.

But rather than partying,

coach Bob Bayliss' squad will be playing tennis, while enjoying the spring weather of southern Texas.

The H.E.B. College Championships in Corpus Christi, Texas will mark the beginning of Notre Dame's outdoor season. With his squad

seeded first in the 16-team tourney, Bayliss is wary of the team's position as favorites.

"These teams are putting a target on us now," said Bayliss, whose team is 8-1 in dual match play this season. "But wins over a few top-20 teams would really solidify our ranking."

The Irish face Florida State today in first-round action. If the Irish can defeat the Seminoles, the team will move on to play either Texas A&M or Colorado. But the Irish are not looking ahead to the Aggies, who are one of the top teams in the Southwest Conference, or the Buffaloes, whom Notre Dame crushed in dual-match play in early February.

"We just have to take these matches one at a time," said Bayliss. "We don't know who we're going to play, so we really can't look ahead."

Notre Dame probably

shouldn't look to the second round. Though the Irish have been stellar throughout the indoor season, the match marks the team's first outdoor competition of 1992.

"These warm days have really been a godsend," said Bayliss. "We are very lucky to have gotten a chance to play outdoors."

"When you play outside, you realize that the ball really moves around on you a lot more than it does indoors," he said. "Though it's tough for the spectator to see, the movement is very noticeable for the player."

David DiLucia, Notre Dame's number-one singles player, returns to action for the Irish after missing last week's competition with a slight groin pull. The senior, ranked second nationally, practiced this week and should be a factor in Corpus Christi.

"He (DiLucia) was running

hard for balls on Wednesday," said Bayliss. "He has gotten better every day."

The Irish have reason to be nostalgic about this tournament. The team's performance at the H.E.B. Championships has been a stepping stone for the Irish program in recent years.

Two seasons ago, the Irish defeated perennial power Texas Christian, but were defeated in second-round play by Pepperdine. But the team came back to down Duke, which held a top-twenty ranking. In 1991, however, Bayliss' team suffered a setback.

"Last year, we were worse than awful," said Bayliss. "We played Alabama in our first outdoor match of the season, and it was ugly. The next day we played Florida, and lost again. Hopefully, we can change that pattern."

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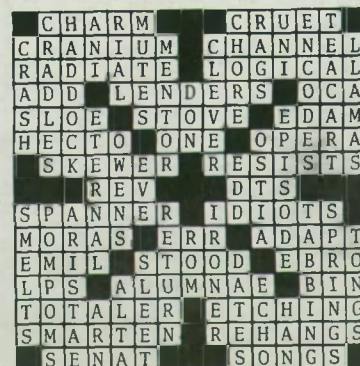
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Irish baseball travels to Louisville for Big Four Classic

By JENNIFER MARTEN
Sports Writer

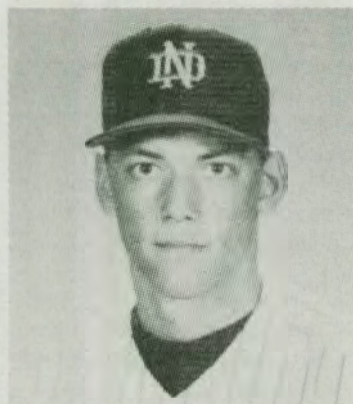
Daytona...South Padre...Lauderdale...Louisville...Seattle. Members of the Notre Dame community will be trekking to cities like these for spring break.

If the last two don't sound like typical vacation spots to you, talk to the Notre Dame baseball team because that's where the Irish will spend their break.

This weekend, the Irish are playing in the Big Four Classic in Louisville, Kentucky. On Friday, Notre Dame (4-0) faces Louisville (4-4) for the first time. Saturday's meeting with Kentucky (7-2) will also be another first, but the Indiana game represents a series of 62 games with the Irish holding a 33-29 advantage. Last time the teams met was for a two-game series in 1989 which the Hoosiers and the Irish split.

Louisville will provide a formidable foe with its powerful offensive lineup. The Cardinals are averaging nine runs a game and have already notched 14 round trippers. Louisville has proven it can hit homeruns in the past, leading the NCAA in that category last year with 125. Left fielder Glenn Meyers is leading the team offensively with a .444 batting average, 14 RBIs, and four homers. The Irish better not forget about the Cardinals once they are on base because Louisville has stolen 20 bases so far this year almost equaling last year's season total of 35.

Battling the Cardinal lineup will be a proven Notre Dame pitching staff. Junior Chris Michalak is the probable starter for the Louisville game. The lefty (0.00 ERA) is 1-0 with a win over Army in the season opener. Slated to start against the Wildcats is freshman Craig



Chris Michalak

Allen who made his collegiate debut versus Army pitching four innings and allowing six hits and three earned runs. Junior pitching ace Pat Leahy will face Indiana with a 1-0 record and a 0.00 ERA. Leahy shut out Memphis State last weekend. For the championship game on Sunday, junior Al Walania (1-0, 13.50 ERA) will be on the hill if the Irish advance to the finals.

Kentucky has only lost two games this season with both coming against teams ranked in Collegiate Baseball's top-25. Number 13 North Carolina State and number 12 South Alabama have beaten the Wildcats already this season. Kentucky is led catcher Billy Thompson batting .448 with three doubles in 1992. The rest of the Wildcats have a combined batting average of .311. Leading pitcher for Kentucky is junior Mark Thompson (3-0, 1.08 ERA) while the remainder of the staff has a 2.48 ERA.

After the first four game of the season, Notre Dame boasts five batters hitting over .300. Leahy leads the team at .600 with senior Joe Binkiewicz (.357, 3 RBIs), senior Cory Mee (.333, 4 RBIs), junior Eric Danapilis (.333, 4 RBIs), and junior Dan Bautch (.333) not far behind.

Indiana has been an offensive

surprise so far this season scoring 83 runs in the first four games and hitting .487 collectively. In the most recent series with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Indiana hitters knocked 11 balls out of the park while batting an impressive .491. Hoosier pitchers have also been impressive in the opening games of the season. Freshman Scott Mudd notched the win in a 25-5 blow out of UWM.

Defensively, the Irish bring a solid slate to Louisville. In the infield, the probable starters will be Binkiewicz (1B), sophomore Greg Layson and freshman Robby Birk (2B), senior Craig Counsell (SS), Mee (3B), and either freshman Bob Lisanti or sophomore Matt Haas will be behind the plate. In the outfield, probable starters will be freshman Steve Verduzco in left, Bautch in center, and Danapilis in right.

Ellis to compete in Dunk Contest

Special to the Observer

For the first time in women's college basketball history, eight of the best senior players in the country will compete in a three-point shooting contest as part of the Fourth Annual College Basketball Slam Dunk and Three-Point Shooting Championship to be held Sunday, April 5 at University of Minnesota's Williams Arena. The event will also include the traditional Men's Slam Dunk and Three-Point Shooting Contests.

This championship is the

only sports program where the viewers will actually determine the Slam Dunk champion. A panel of on-site judges will narrow the eight Slam Dunk contestants to two. During the Men's and Women's Three-Point Shooting Championships, viewers will vote for one of the two Slam Dunk finalists by calling a special telephone number. The winner will be announced at the end of the broadcast.

Shooting in the Men's Three-Point Championship will be Christian Laettner of Duke; Todd Day and Lee Mayberry

of Arkansas; Tony Bennett of Wisconsin-Green Bay; Walt Williams of Maryland and Tom Gugliotta of North Carolina State.

The Slam Dunkers participating this year include Notre Dame's LaPhonso Ellis; Wyoming's Reginald Slater and Everick Sullivan of Louisville.

The women competing in their Three-Point Contest include Lynda Kukla of Valparaiso; Julie Jones of Richmond; Kim Gilchrist of Mississippi and Wendy Davis of Connecticut.

Irish hockey visits balmy Alaska for spring break

Observer Staff Report

The Notre Dame hockey team travels to the icy city of Fairbanks, Alaska this weekend to participate in the NCAA Division I Independent Tournament.

It's a sort of homecoming for Irish coach Ric Schafer. Schafer left as an assistant coach at Notre Dame in 1980, to become the founder and head coach of the Alaska-Fairbanks hockey program. Schafer built the Nanooks up, and had them competing with the nation's best squads. In the 1984-85 season, Schafer's squad upset Princeton, Ohio State, and beat Notre Dame twice.

This trip will pit Schafer's Irish (11-17-1) against his old

squad in the opening matchup. The winner will play the Alaska-Anchorage-Air Force victor in the finals on Saturday.

Alaska-Anchorage has been ranked as high as fifth in the country this season, but has suffered a recent slump. The Seawolves, nonetheless, have compiled an impressive 19-7-1 record this season.

It was Alaska-Anchorage who knocked Notre Dame out of the tourney last year. The Seawolves whipped the Irish 10-2 in the finals, and headed off for the NCAA tournament.

To get to the Seawolves, the Irish beat Alaska-Fairbanks in a thriller. Winger Lou Zadra scored twice to lead Notre Dame to a 4-3 win over the Nanooks.

Villanova next test for Irish lacrosse

Observer Staff Report

The Notre Dame lacrosse team heads to Pennsylvania for Saturday's Lacrosse Classic to face Villanova.

The Irish will look to notch their second win of the season, the first being a 23-4 victory over St. Bonaventure.

Standing in the way of an Irish win will be both a solid Villanova squad, and history. The Irish have lost the past three years to the Wildcats, and will be facing a team considered one of the nation's finest.

Villanova topped Notre Dame 15-9 last season behind Rick Bontatibus' three goals and three assists. He will again be the centerpiece of the Wildcat attack, but he will be aided by the play of Sean Haggerty and Jason Foote.



Mike Sullivan

The Irish will counter with a defense led by Ed Lamb, who totalled eight ground balls in the win over St. Bonaventure.

Goalies Chris Parent and Ryan Jewell split time in the season opener, and both looked impressive. The defense must continue its strong play against Villanova, a team which scored eleven goals in its season opening win over Michigan State.

Senior Mike Sullivan and sophomore Randy Colley will head the Irish offensive attack. The pair accounted for seven of the goals in the St. Bonaventure game, and tallied a combined eight assists.

Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan feels his team has the talent to beat the Wildcats.

"Villanova is a very good team, and we have not beaten them in three years," said Corrigan. "They're a top-20 caliber team and we are capable of winning. It's time to step up and do it."

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which is not good news for the Irish who have had trouble against Midwestern Collegiate Conference teams all year.

"If you look at their record and look what they've done and look at their margins, they (the Purple Aces) definitely are one of the top teams in the country. They have an outstanding record in a very, very difficult conference," said MacLeod.

Currently, Evansville is at the top of the MCC ranks and boasts the MCC's leading scorer. In addition, Notre Dame beat Loyola by seven here while Evansville trounced the Ramblers by 23 at Loyola.

Evansville also came within eight against Arizona at Arizona.

"Both of the games will be battles, but there hasn't been an easy one yet," said MacLeod.

"These two games will get our attention. Our guys know they are in for a very difficult game Saturday and a very difficult game Monday. Both of these teams are tremendous teams."

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■The Observer is looking for Saint Mary's sports writers. Anyone interested in covering Saint Mary's sports for The Observer should contact the Saint Mary's Sports Editor, Nicole McGrath, at The Observer office or at 284-5415.

■Off Campus Lacrosse is looking for new players. Anyone interested in playing should contact Jim Mahoney as soon as possible at 289-7736.

■ND/SMC Women's Lacrosse is starting practice on Wednesday, March 18. Practice will run Sundays through Fridays from 4-6 pm and will be held outside next to the Angela Athletic Facility at Saint Mary's. All new members welcome. Any questions, call Jennifer at 284-5341.

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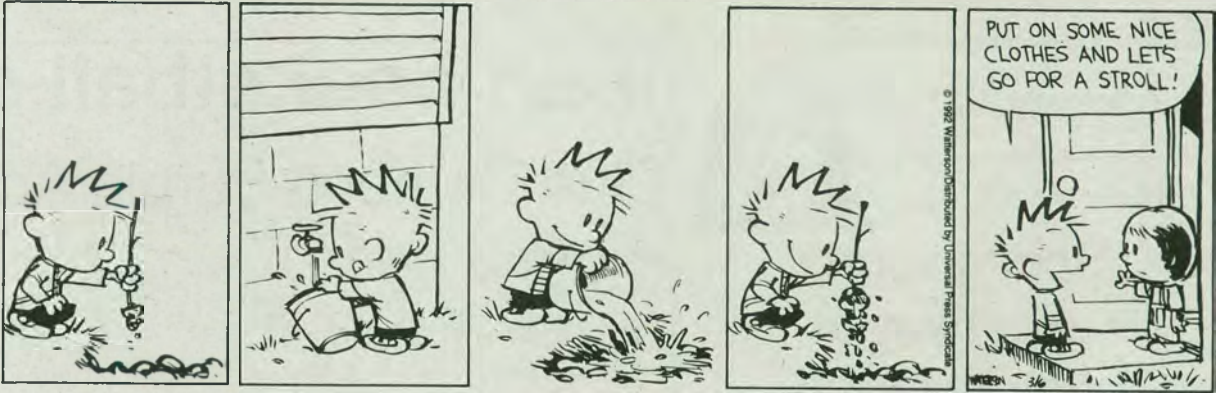
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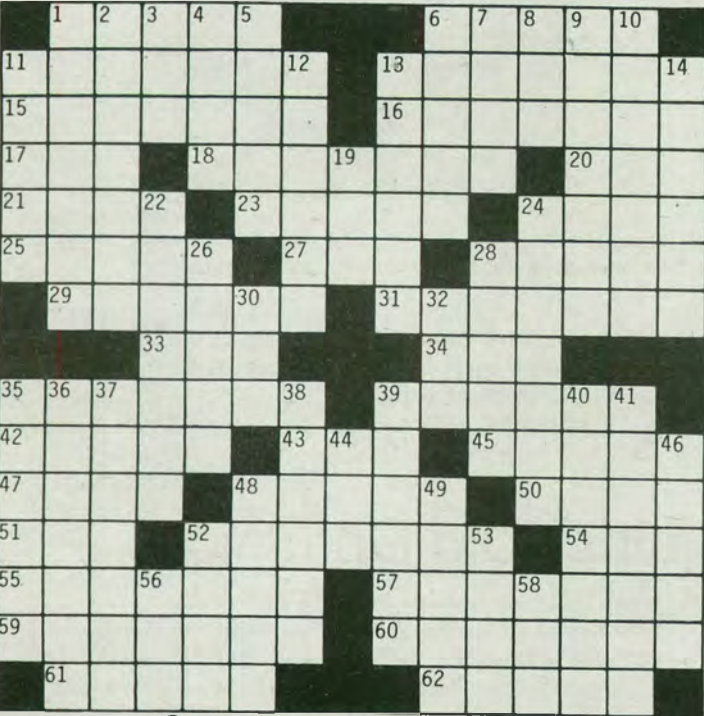
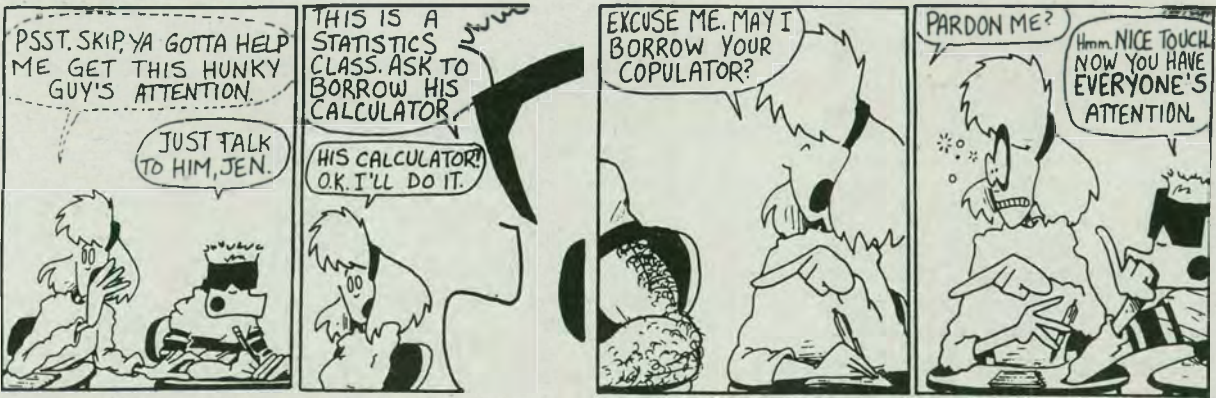
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Spring sports underway at Saint Mary's

Welcome to the sports shop.

Sports this spring at Saint Mary's should prove to be filled with performances that will leave fans' jaws gaping.

Take a look at some of the tennis players who will be taking a shot at the Saint Mary's Hall of Fame. This hall will not be filled with trophies. It will be filled with never before seen sports moments provided by the Belles.

A shoe-in for the tennis showcase, Ellen Mayer will shine if she lives up to last year's games in her senior year.

Mayer has played in the top-three spots at Saint Mary's all four years of her tennis career. As co-captain, Mayer is ranked #35 in Division III singles, a division which includes over 230 teams.

Never before has Saint Mary's had a woman nationally-ranked in the singles category.

Not to be overlooked, Marie Koscielski will be joining Mayer this year as her co-captain and doubles cohort. Koscielski has also played in the top-three spots her four years at Saint Mary's.

"Marie is what I call a classic tennis player," said SMC tennis coach Dr. Jo-Ann Nester. "Ellen has had everything fall in place for her games."

Teammate Natalie Kloefer describes the exciting duo as great friends who complement each other on the court. While Koscielski is seen as "quick as a bullet," Mayer steps onto the court looking deceptively mellow. But it soon dawned on opposing players how dominating Mayer truly is.

"We will be really strong if we stay healthy," Dr. Nester said about the upcoming season, but the Belles' success will also need boosting from the fans.

She stressed that students could show their support by coming out for a couple of matches.

After all, what good is a sports hall of fame is nobody comes to ooh and aah the prized "trophies" that Saint Mary's showcases?

The tennis team's season starts out at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

They will be playing Sunday March 8th Guilford College at 8 a.m., Monday March 9th Bryn Mawr College at noon and Ursinus College at 7 p.m.

They then go on to play Tuesday March 10th the University of Evansville at 8 a.m., Wednesday March 11th Barton College at 4 p.m. and Thursday March 12th Swarthmore College at 8 a.m. (Not all of us get to sleep in on Spring Break.)

Finally the team will wrap up with a game against Haverford College at 8 a.m.; as well as another game against a team just added to the contest.

The tennis team "raises their rackets" at Saint Mary's beginning on March 21st against Albion College at 3 p.m.

And you thought that only the major leagues had their exhibition games down in Florida? Saint Mary's softball team will be heading to Fort Myers, Florida to participate in a tourney including Aquinas College, Bryant College, North Woods Institute, Marion College, Gannon College and Rockford College. Their first home game is on March 20th against Butler.

Irish basketball seek NCAA bids

Blue Demons, Purple Aces await Irish invasion

By JENNIFER MARTEN
Sports Writer

This is it.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team is down to the wire. Two games remain on the schedule, DePaul and Evansville, both are over break and both are away. The Irish (14-12) meet the Blue Demons on Saturday in Chicago and take on the Purple Aces on Monday, March 9.

In order for Notre Dame to get the tournament bid that everyone had been clamoring about recently, the Irish must have a successful weekend.

"We have to have success," said Notre Dame coach John MacLeod at a press conference yesterday. "I don't know whether we will need to win both games or if a split will do it. If we're 14-14, that's probably not going to help our chances. I don't think the NCAA selection team takes a team at .500."

The Blue Demons were defeated 74-69 in their last effort against Notre Dame on January 29. Since that game, DePaul has played flawless basketball going undefeated until Marquette beat them last week. With senior forward David Booth and junior forward Curtis Price back from injuries, the DePaul lineup is one to reckon with. Also, freshman Howard Nathan has been a surprise for the Blue Demons.

"I think the DePaul that we will see Saturday night will be the DePaul that beat Florida State, the DePaul that has been on a tremendous tear since the 29th of January," said MacLeod. "He (Nathan) is really explosive. I've been watching him since the last time we played and he's really putting up some numbers. Booth is the kind of guy who can score just about any time he wants. If it's not there, he can make it (a play for himself). Not everyone can do that."

"Defensively, the entire DePaul team causes all kinds of problems for us. I remember the last time we played them, we had a difficult time running our offense."



The Observer/Andrew McCloskey
Keith Tower shoots over a Michigan defender. The senior center will play his final regular season game Monday at Evansville.

The rivalry between DePaul and Notre Dame has been intense over the year. This will be the 85th meeting of these teams with Notre Dame leading the series 47-37, but the Blue Demons have won four of the last six contests.

The last game of the season is against Evansville on Monday. The game could prove very important if the Irish lose to DePaul
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Women close season against Old Dominion

By RENE FERRAN
Associate Sports Editor

Amazingly enough, the Notre Dame women's basketball team finds itself in a better position this year than last year for an NCAA bid.

In 1991, the Irish entered the last week of the season with a 20-5 record, the 22nd position in the Associated Press rankings, and yet no guarantees for a berth in the 48-team NCAA tournament.

And when Notre Dame was upset by Dayton in the next-to-last game of the regular season, its dreams of a bid were effectively shattered.

But this season, when the Irish will have to win their last four games just to reach the .500 mark overall, they know that such a run will sweep them into the big dance.

With three victories at the MCC Tournament next weekend in Cincinnati, Notre Dame will capture the

conference's first-ever automatic bid to the NCAA's.

"We have the same feeling going into the (MCC) tournament as last year," said sophomore Sherri Orlosky, "but I think this year, we'll be more focused and intense, knowing we can get an automatic bid."

But first, Notre Dame (11-15, 8-4) closes out its regular season tomorrow night at Old Dominion (15-10). This is the fifth meeting in the series, with the Monarchs holding a 3-1 edge.

However, that one Irish victory came last year, as they held off a late Old Dominion rally to pull out a 70-58 victory.

The Monarchs return three starters from last season, including the team's leading scorer and rebounder, sophomore Celeste Hill (19.6 ppg, 10.2 rpg, 3.5 steals). Hill is joined in the frontcourt by juniors Michele Reynolds (6.8, 3.7) and Stephanie Gilmore (6.4, 5.8).

The starting backcourt is comprised of junior Pam Huntley (10.3, 3.6, .390 three-point shooting) and sophomore Deanna Vander Plas (8.7, 1.8).

After the Irish return from Norfolk, Va., they will have five days to prepare for the first round of the MCC Championships. Their first round opponent was unknown at press time, although as the number-two seed, they will face either Detroit Mercy or Evansville.

Notre Dame swept the season series from both the Titans (86-70 in Detroit; 66-58 at the ACC) and the Aces (78-62 at ND; 79-65 in Evansville). Senior Margaret Nowlin (16.6 ppg, 9.0 rpg) led the Irish in scoring in both games against Evansville and their first meeting against Detroit.

Orlosky (7.8 ppg) scored 20 points to lead Notre Dame in its eight-point victory two weeks ago over the Titans. Orlosky has come on strong of late for the Irish, averaging more than 10 points per game and shooting 56 percent from the field in their last six games.

Only top-seed Xavier and Notre Dame have clinched their seedings at the MCC tourney. The rest of the seedings will be determined after this weekend's action.



The Observer/R. Garr Schwartz
Point guard Kara Leary drives past a Butler defender. She will lead the Irish against Old Dominion on Saturday as a tune up for the MCC tournament, which begins next weekend in Cincinnati.

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