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ND announces tuition hike

Rate of increase declines for 7th consecutive year

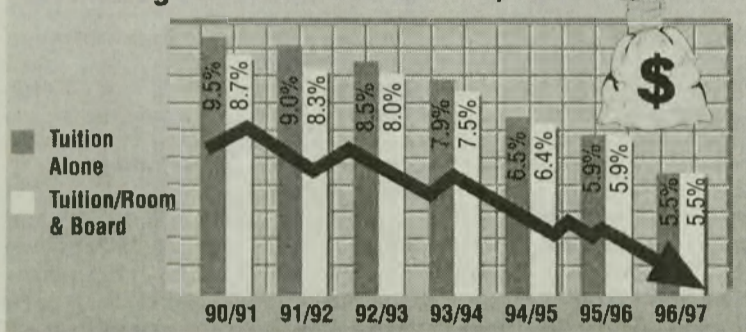
By JAMIE HEISLER
Associate News Editor

A 5.5 percent increase in undergraduate tuition and fees for the 1996-97 academic year, announced by the University yesterday, marks the seventh consecutive year that the percentage of tuition increase has declined.

The increase will bring the cost of tuition at the University to \$18,810, up \$810 from last year, and will bring the cost of room and board to \$4,760, up \$110 from last year. While the total increase equals over \$900, the percentage of increase is the lowest that the University has implemented since 1960.

According to Dennis Brown, assistant director of Public Relations, the continuing decline in tuition increases over the

Percentage Increase in Tuition/Room & Board



past few years demonstrates a University commitment to moderating the cost of tuition increase.

"Operating costs of the University continue to go up on a yearly basis, but the commitment [on the part of the Administrators and the Board of Trustees] has been to bring the tuition increase down while maintaining the quality of education," said Brown.

The University has also demonstrated a commitment

recently to increasing the amount of scholarship assistance available to students, according to Brown. A move by the University in the past few months will add \$5 million to funding for financial aid and will allow the University to offer an additional 425 scholarships over the next four years.

"With this move, combined with other enhancements, we expect that University-enhanced scholarships will

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New student leaders appoint executives

Observer Staff Report

As one of the first official acts of their administration, the Seth Miller-Megan Murray Student Government Administration announced the departments and department heads that would be serving in the upcoming year.

While last year's administration consisted of only four departments, Miller and Murray have created an additional four departments to their staff: Gender Relations, Athletic Resources, Financial Aid, and Information Technology.

"We think Student Government's potential on campus is underutilized, and we created

the new departments to address various aspects of student life," said Miller, the Student Body President.

The Student Government Executive Coordinators selected are:

- Kate McShane, Intellectual Life
- Molly Detgen, Student Life
- Chris Trenta, Controller
- Stacey McNulty, Public Relations
- Jen Dividio, Chief Counsel
- Jeff Ward, Athletic Resources

- Catherine McCarren, Gender Relations
- Steve Marshall, Information Technology
- Jeff Catalina, Financial Aid

"We are blessed with talented people working for us and are excited about this year," said Murray, the student body vice-president.

Yesterday marked the first day of the new administration.



Miller

Minor SMC blazes spark fire awareness program

By MAUREEN HURLEY
Saint Mary's News Editor

"Want to see your college career go up in smoke?" Posters boasting this slogan are scattered around Saint Mary's LeMans Hall, as fire safety becomes a hot topic following two minor fires in the residence hall last week.

According to Richard Chlebek, director of Saint Mary's Security, two unrelated fires caused by unattended candles spread at 6:40 a.m. and 9 p.m. on the second and third floors of LeMans Hall on March 24. Both fires were detected and extinguished by resident advisors before causing structural damage.

"The damage was minor, compared to what it could have been if it had happened at 4 a.m., when everyone was sleeping," said Chlebek.

Security reports state that a student's bookshelf was dam-

aged in the second floor fire; and there were scorch marks on the students' desk in the third floor fire.

"There was no real monetary damage," Chlebek said.

The student handbook states that burning candles is prohibited, as it is viewed as a "fire-hazardous activity."

"The rules are there to protect us. People really shouldn't have candles or an open flame in their rooms," said LeMans resident adviser KayLynn DeCarli. "With the recent fires, people are being more serious," she added.

According to DeCarli, the fires sparked a hall-wide fire safety awareness program. All sections in LeMans Hall are required to see the security video, "How Fast it Burns."

"If the R.A. had shown up 30 seconds later, this whole building probably would have gone down, since it's such an old dorm," DeCarli said.

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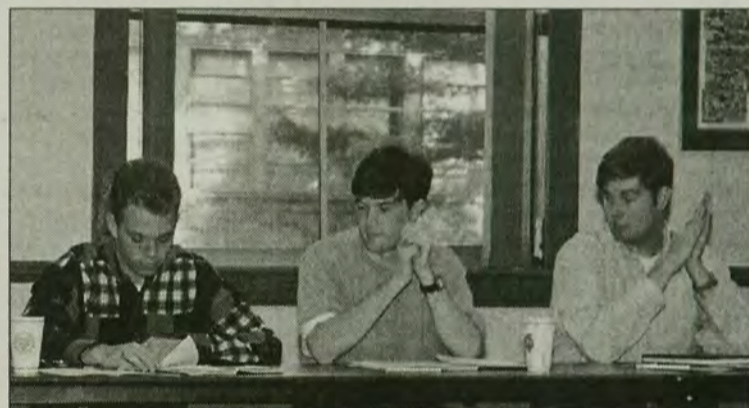
Miller outlines future agenda

By BILL CONNOLLY
Assistant News Editor

Outgoing Student Body President Jonathan Patrick finalized his chairmanship of the Campus Life Council and new Student Body President Seth Miller outlined his goals for the council he will chair at yesterday's CLC meeting.

Patrick outlined the three points he will focus on when formulating the CLC's report on co-residentiality. These include the history of co-residentiality, the discussion of the issue at the CLC, and a call to action for the Board of Trustees on the matter.

Patrick also pointed out the presence of the campus calendar on the World Wide Web next year, which will include descriptions of campus organizations. Student Senator Kate McShane emphasized that she and Judicial President Tom Matzzie will continue to ad-



Jonathan Patrick (center) and Dennis McCarthy (right) chair their final council meeting with President-elect Seth Miller (left).

dress the University's advising system next year.

The CLC was pleased that Patricia O'Hara, Vice President for Student Affairs, agreed that there needs to be an amendment to du Lac allowing the CLC to discuss policies under consideration for revision in the next edition of du Lac.

O'Hara suggested that du Lac

be amended to include: "Any student or student organization wishing to provide comment on policies... in du Lac is encouraged to submit such comments to student government representatives."

Miller then outlined his agenda and stressed that he would

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Man, I hate these training wheels...



The Observer/Kristi Kolski

A disgruntled sibling tours the campus during Sophomore Sibs Weekend.

Rotary Foundation awards scholarships

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
News Writer

Three seniors and a recent graduate were awarded scholarships by The Rotary Foundation to study abroad for the 1996-97 school year. Scholarship recipients Jesse Barrett, Maria Capua, Jason Subler, and Catherine McIntyre will be beginning their programs in their respective countries this summer.

The Rotary Foundation awards scholarships yearly for students to study in foreign countries. The students must pass a selection process that includes interviews at the local to district level and they must

also take a language aptitude test.

"You must be accepted to the University yourself, but other than that, [The Rotary Foundation] takes care of all the other arrangements for you," said Jesse Barrett, who will be going to American University of Cairo in Egypt.

Scholarships are given for single year and multi-year programs in any country in which there is a Rotary Club. The scholarships are granted to students that The Rotary Foundation considers to have qualities of good leadership and good citizenship, as well as an ability to express themselves.

■ INSIDE COLUMN

A need for change

As the spring weather finally heads into South Bend, I look out of my window in Flanner and see the basketball courts down at Stepan full of willing Bookstore Basketball participants.

This leads me to ponder my Bookstore experience last year as a freshman here at Notre Dame.

More than anything else, I remember the crowd, the majority of whom were white, cheering on the NBT II team, a team composed of 5 white guys. At the same time, the crowd booed the eventual winners, Models Inc., whose members were black. I thought it troubling at the time, and I continue to feel that way.

Speed ahead to 1996. As it is an election year, I have been inundated with vast information about presidential candidate Pat Buchanan and the divisive message he professes.

His story appeals to a distinct group of Americans by placing the blame for all problems on other groups. I hear him say that we should build a wall along our border with Mexico. He declares homosexuals to be the source of the decline in morals. He makes inflammatory statements about different groups of people that serve no other purpose than to place the blame of America's problems on other shoulders.

Not only is Buchanan despicably wrong in citing these as the roots of all problems in America, but he is also perpetuating an element that poses possibly the greatest dilemma of our day: intolerance.

Webster's Dictionary defines intolerance as the "state of quality of being unable or unwilling to endure; bigotry." We are all guilty of it. People today seem to be so focused on individualistic goals that, when they face difficulties, they seek out culpability in others.

When dealing with real-life human relationships, intolerance and all-out competition have no place. Although our American system has proven that competition breeds excellence, it has also demonstrated that people have a tendency to allow their own personal successes to become their sole priority. They forget that they live in a family or a community, and must deal with the other people in that family or that community on a regular basis.

In America, that community is composed of people from a wide variety of ethnic, religious, and sexual backgrounds. That, however, is not suppose to matter in this nation of freedom and equality. Our country's founding fathers fashioned this country out of the liberal mold that allowed people to come together and live peaceably regardless of their heritage. Although the thread appears somewhat thin, this tolerance is the value that keeps the United States from becoming the next Yugoslavia, or even Canada, where the French-speaking province of Quebec seeks to secede from the rest of the nation simply because of ethnic differences.

I enjoy the rich diversity that one is able to find in this country. I am glad that we do not all look like each other, and that we can enrich each other through our differing viewpoints. For this country (and this school) to persevere into the future, we must appreciate each other individually and learn to live right alongside those that happen to be different than us.

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

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Haitian ferry capsizes, death toll undetermined

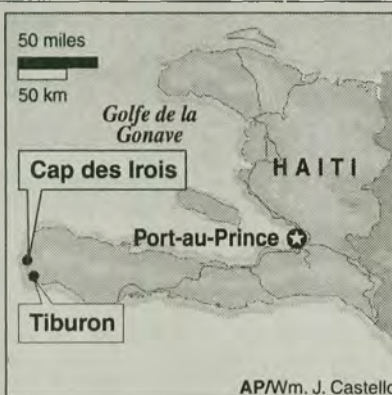
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti
A sailboat ferrying about 50 passengers between two Haitian towns capsized in the Caribbean Sea, and at least 15 people drowned, a survivor said.

The survivor, Jeansly Jean-Baptiste, said in a Radio Nationale interview broadcast Monday that the sailboat L'Aviron, which operated as a ferry, sank off a remote village in southwestern Haiti last Thursday.

News of the incident was delayed because of poor communications with the remote area, 140 miles west of the capital, Port-au-Prince. The boat sank near Tiburon, for which there are no listings in the Haitian telephone directory.

A U.S. Coast Guard spokesman in Miami said he was unaware of any ferry sinking. A Haitian government spokesman said maritime officials sent to the area to investigate a reported shipwreck were not expected to return until Tuesday.

Police officers from Jeremie, a three-hour drive from Tiburon, also went to the area over the weekend to investigate rumors of a boat sinking but couldn't confirm them, said Eric Falt, spokesman for the U.N. mission in Haiti. He said the police returned to the area on Monday.



AP/Wm. J. Castello

Jean-Baptiste's account of the capsizing followed a report by a Haitian legislator who said more than 200 people were feared dead after a passenger ferry sank Thursday in the same area. The legislator, Rep. Luc Lindor told Radio Haiti-Inter that the ferry was carrying about 300 people.

Lindor, who represents the Tiburon area, said he based his information on witness accounts. Efforts to contact him were unsuccessful.

"The region is completely isolated from the rest of the country," Lindor told the radio. He blamed the government for not building an adequate highway system to let people travel without risking their lives on unseaworthy boats.

Sea travel has traditionally been a main means of transport in this poor, mountainous nation on the Caribbean island of Hispaniola. Many interior highways have deteriorated in recent years.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Coast Guard said it had rescued 103 Haitian migrants on an overcrowded 40-foot sailboat near the Bahamas on Sunday. The Haitians were transferred to the cutter Courageous and were being returned to Port-au-Prince, according to a statement from Coast Guard headquarters in Miami.

Minimum wage debate rages on

WASHINGTON

Democrats marked the fifth anniversary of the last minimum-wage rise by attacking Republican presidential candidate Sen. Bob Dole on Monday for blocking increases while supporting raises in his own salary. Aides to Dole, the Senate majority leader and President Clinton's certain opponent in the November election, counterattacked, pointing out that Clinton did not propose an increase when Democrats controlled Congress. Opponents of a higher minimum wage argue it will destroy entry-level jobs for poor and minority youths. Republicans cited a three-year-old Clinton statement that raising the minimum wage was "the wrong way to raise the incomes of low-wage earners." Clinton last year proposed a 90-cent increase, spread over two years, to bring the minimum wage to \$5.15 per hour. Senate Democrats on Thursday sought to force a vote on the proposal.



Umpire death prompts postponement

CINCINNATI

Baseball's 328-pound umpire John McSherry died Monday after collapsing on the field seven pitches into the Cincinnati Reds' season-opening game. McSherry, 51, walked away from home plate and motioned to the other umpires. Then, in front of the TV cameras, he fell to the ground near the backstop. He was pronounced dead at a hospital about an hour later. The hospital said McSherry had sudden cardiac death, in which the heart beats out of control. Reds manager Ray Knight said he was told by another umpire that McSherry had postponed a doctor's appointment for arrhythmia, or irregular heart beat, because of the season opener. "He said John was supposed to go get his arrhythmia (treated) earlier and he didn't want to do that," Knight said. "He said, 'I'm going to be here opening day with them and then go get that tomorrow.'" Knight said McSherry was considered one of the more personable umpires, always willing to talk things out. "Whether or not he was right, he was always fair," Knight said. "He would never try to overpower you. He was a supportive, solid, caring umpire." The game against the Montreal Expos was postponed.

Andy Rooney fans show support

NEW YORK

Andy Rooney's viewers heeded his call and jammed the switchboard at Associated Press headquarters in response to a column suggesting the crusty "60 Minutes" commentator should retire. The Associated Press Chief Television Critic, Frazier Moore, suggested in a March 20 column that Rooney's show-closing commentaries had become dated and "chronic fuddy duddy." He told Rooney that the program "would be better off without you." Rooney responded by putting the address and telephone number of AP's Rockefeller Center headquarters on the screen and urging viewers to call and express their opinions on his future. Calls began immediately, tapered off overnight and began again this morning, forcing the news service to add an extra operator. About 5,000 calls had been logged by noon EST, said AP spokeswoman Tori Smith. No breakdown was immediately available, but "they're overwhelmingly in favor of Andy Rooney," she said. Rooney was not available for comment on the offending article.

Healthcare giants merge

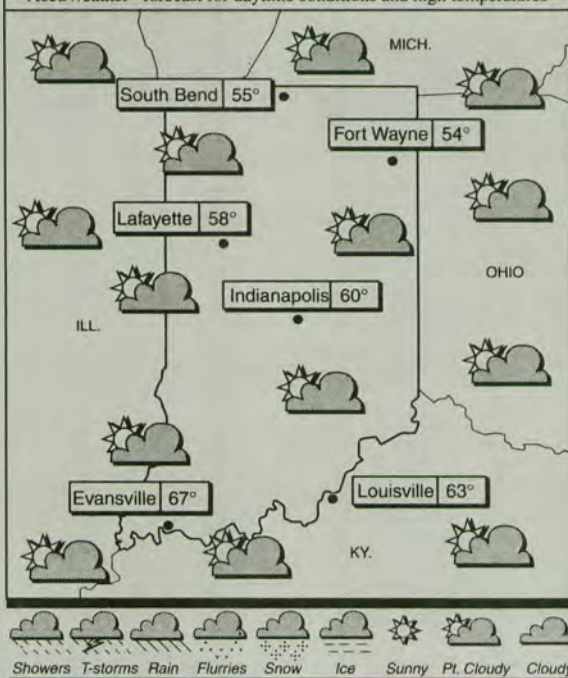
NEW YORK

Aetna Life and Casualty Co. is buying U.S. Healthcare Inc. in an \$8.9 billion deal that would create the nation's biggest provider of health insurance, reaching one in every 12 Americans. Combined, the companies' medical plans cover 23 million people receiving such things as life, health and disability insurance and mental health, vision and dental care. Of that number, 14 million get full-scale medical coverage through HMOs or other programs. The deal, announced Monday, marks a major push by Aetna further into the fast-growing arena of health maintenance organizations and managed care, where U.S. Healthcare is an innovative leader. They will merge under the name Aetna Inc., which will be based at Aetna Life's headquarters in Hartford, Conn. U.S. Healthcare is based in Blue Bell, Pa. Aetna spokesman Fred Laberge said that the merger will result in an undetermined number of job cuts. "It would be irresponsible to throw out a lost jobs estimate before we've done all our homework," he said. Aetna has been looking to merge with another healthcare company for approximately four years.

■ INDIANA WEATHER

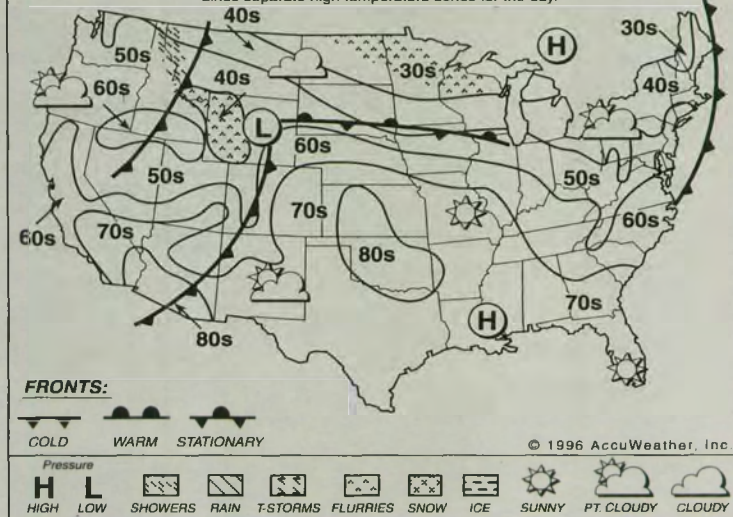
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

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Boston	48	30	Los Angeles	72	53	Philadelphia	55	38
Chicago	54	41	Miami	79	62	Phoenix	83	58
Columbus	59	40	Minneapolis	41	29	Seewer, KY	45	27

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use April as a test for what policies work well in order to better serve the student body next year. Miller's main issues for the next CLC meeting include improvements in the academic lifestyles of students, and improvements in both the University advising system and athletic resources under Miller's new Athletic Resources Department.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Miller presented Patrick with a resolution from the Student Senate thanking Patrick and Student Body Vice President Dennis McCarthy.

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increase 19 percent to almost \$15.7 million in 1996-97," said Father Edward Malloy in a letter to the parents of 1996-97 undergraduates.

"This is evidence that we are intent upon keeping the doors of Notre Dame open to talent, not economic circumstance," he stated.

Himes links community, God

By ANGELA CATALDO
News Writer

The concepts of God and community are firmly intertwined, according to Father Michael Himes, who spoke last night on the Saint Mary's campus.

"Christians are committing themselves, the moment they speak about God, to speaking about the community," began Himes, who delivered the final lecture of the Saint Mary's College Justice Education "Conversation Series."

Father Himes wrapped up the series with his reflection on the subject on a theological level.

"The word of God and the community are absolutely linked to one another," Himes said. "If you really experience

community, you cannot not believe in God," he added. Himes also stated that the relationship with God can be interpreted as "the lover, the beloved and the love between them."

Himes, an author and professor of theology at Boston College, believes that the community is difficult to develop because it requires wisdom and courage, two qualities which are extremely hard to practice.

"Wisdom is the ability to see the other as other" he stressed. Himes claimed that we must attempt to see individuals as their own person, not as extension of ourselves. "Too often we think of people as 'my mother' or 'my friend' and not as individuals," said Himes. Courage is the ability to "discern what is best for the other



The Observer/Brian Hardy

Father Himes was the last speaker in the "Conversation Series" at Saint Mary's College.

individual, and more importantly to act even when the other doesn't want you to," said Himes.

SMC to host classical guitar recital

Special to The Observer

The Department of Music at Saint Mary's College will present a classical guitar recital on Wed., April 3, at 8 p.m. featuring Dean Wachs and Gerry Zubko. They will perform works by Fernando Sor, Antonio Lauro, and Mauro Giuliani.

The recital will take place in the Little Theatre located in the Moreau Center for the Arts on Saint Mary's campus. Admission is free and open to the public.

Dean Wachs, who teaches at both Saint Mary's College and Indiana University South Bend, has been playing the guitar for over 30 years. He began his classical guitar studies with Richard Wisner in 1974 and continued until 1982. Wachs began teaching guitar in 1978 and has been teaching at Mendoza's Guitar Shop for the last 16 years.

Gerry Zubko earned a bachelor of music education degree from Indiana University South Bend in 1982. He studied guitar under Richard Wisner and has taught guitar at Andrews University, Indiana University South Bend, Southwestern Michigan College, and the Community School of the Arts in Saint Joseph, Michigan.

He currently offers private lessons at Mendoza's Guitar Shop and teaches part-time at the University of Notre Dame.

■ CORRECTION

Donations will not be collected at the memorial service for Meghan Conley on Wednesday, contrary to a report in last Thursday's Observer.

■ SECURITY BEAT

FRI., MAR. 29

11:59 a.m. A University employee was transported to Memorial Hospital for treatment of a back injury.

2:03 a.m. Security apprehended two juveniles that were in possession of a stolen bike.

7:50 p.m. A Carroll Hall resident was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center

for treatment of a sports injury.
10:13 p.m. A South Bend resident was arrested for criminal trespass.

SAT., MAR 30

3:30 a.m. A Keenan Hall resident was transported by Security to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a laceration.

12:45 p.m. A visitor reported the theft of her purse from the Joyce Center Arena.

Her purse was left unattended at the time of the theft.

SUN., MAR 31

1:26 p.m. A Zahn Hall resident was transported to Memorial Hospital for treatment of a sports injury.

2:21 p.m. A Howard Hall resident reported receiving a harassing telephone call.

3:36 p.m. An off-campus student reported the theft of her wallet from her coat pocket while at the Clarke War Memorial.

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"BUT THIS ISN'T WHAT I MEANT WHEN I SAID I WAS PRO-LIFE!!"

■ AND IN THIS CORNER

Easter: The full moon fever of those Europeans

Today's column will be utterly void of controversy, with a simplistic and chatty description of a boring topic, like how I have decided to repent my evil ways and rejoin the happy Catholic family in worshipping ecclesiastical control of my thoughts or how my relationship with my dog Marcus embodies the ultimate meaning of Christian ideals.

April Fool!

No, wait, that was yesterday. Dang. I never get my columns printed on any cool days. I mean, what the hell happens on April 2nd? Even Opening Day was yesterday. Today is the Rodney Dangerfield Day.

Matthew Apple

With that kind of lead-in — and with the knowledge of just how many writers this week will bleed their passion for the Savior onto the page — how can I resist writing about Easter?

I have mixed memories of Easter as a child: being forced to dress up in dumb three-piece suits handed down from my uncle, waking up my parents at 6 a.m. as my siblings and I scoured the living room and dining room for our Easter baskets...

Now there's a thought...what do eggs and bunnies have to do with a Christian holiday? Hmm, I probably ought to do some research before I write any more about this. Hold on. Stay right there, I'll be right back.

Okay, I'm back, that didn't take too long. The wonders of modern technology — I don't even have to go to a library to find authoritative information (books are

obsolete, man). From obscure World Wide Web files, I present the following potentially-jarring religious information:

"...the name 'Easter' was taken from the name of a Teutonic female lunar goddess, Eostre (from whence we also get the name of the female hormone, estrogen). Her chief symbols were the bunny (both for fertility and because her worshippers saw a hare in the full moon) and the egg (symbolic of the cosmic egg of creation), images which Christians have been hard pressed to explain. Her holiday, the Eostara, was held on the Vernal Equinox Full Moon.

"Of course, the Church doesn't celebrate full moons, even if they do calculate by them, so they planted their Easter on the following Sunday. Thus, Easter is always the first Sunday after the first Full Moon after the Vernal Equinox. If you've ever wondered why Easter moved all around the calendar, now you know.

"(By the way, the Catholic Church is so adamant about NOT incorporating lunar Goddess symbolism that they added a further calculation: if Easter Sunday were to fall on the Full Moon itself, then Easter was postponed to the following Sunday instead.)"

(Excerpted from "Lady Day: the Vernal Equinox," by Mike Nichols.)

Food for thought, eh? I have no idea if any of this information is correct. Most likely it's simply interesting speculation — for instance, I'd like to know where the French and German words for Easter come from, because, since Easter is an English word, they sure didn't come from "Eostre." And they still haven't explained my sudden craving for Easter chocolate.

The thing about the moons is pretty interesting, though. It has a ring of truth to it. After all, the "Christmas tree" was adopted by Christianity from various Germanic/Celtic tree-huggers, as was "Santa Claus," whom the Church sainted for no apparent reason.

And, of course, there is the relation of

the Resurrection to various myths from antiquity. The fertility cycles of Adonis (Syria), Attis (Phrygia), Osiris (Egypt), and Dionysus (Greece) are all about death and rebirth, and most involve trees and journeys into the underworld. Practically every culture throughout the world has similar cycles of rebirth and rejuvenation. Easter is just the Christian version.

Difference is, the cycles of antiquity were all celebrated either in August or October at the harvests. The northern Europeans evidently celebrated at the beginning of spring. And since the Church wanted to expand control over Europe, why bother holding a festival of rebirth in the fall? Makes sense.

I don't mean to lessen the importance of Easter at all — just to show that

Christianity doesn't have a monopoly on human culture or history. Easter, the Equinox, what have you, is a time to rejoice at the coming of Spring and the banishment of crappy South Bend weather. I can't believe I'm actually looking forward to 45 degrees and horizontal rain.

So, eat, drink and be merry, etc., etc. Hey, we've got a four-day weekend coming up. Sounds like a three-day celebration to me.

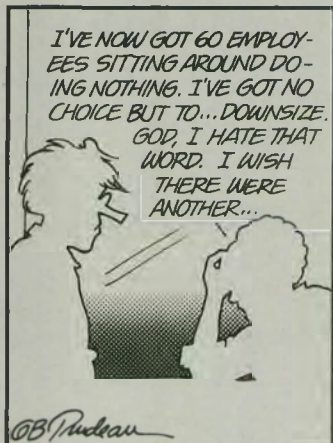
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■ DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY



"If people don't want to I come out to the ballpark, nobody's going to stop them."

—Yogi Berra

■ STEERING BY THE STARS

Good morning:
The all-nighter

I finally did it last night. Chances are, you've done it too. I swore I would avoid it at all costs, but the situation was out of control. I have just pulled through my inaugural all-nighter, and my body is extremely ticked off with me. It hates me now. "What did we ever do to you?" my bloodshot eyes are whining. Too bad. This is college, and all of you major organs are in it with me.

Any of this sound familiar?

Sunday, 11:18 PM: Poli sci exam in eleven hours. Haven't studied as much as I would have liked to. The reason, bless him, is currently fast asleep in a guy's dorm across the street.

This is why I am attending a women's college. Men are basically walking problems with nice smiles.

11:20 PM: Okay, let's approach this situation calmly. There is no need to panic. You just need to organize. Highlight the definitions. Make flashcards. And outlines. Outlines are good. Just sit down and outline all... five... chapters. There is NO NEED TO PANIC.

11:21 PM: I begin to panic.

11:22 PM: Still panicking.

11:24 PM: I gather my

Walkman and pages of Supreme Court rulings and settle into the empty hallway. The longest night of my life, with the possible exception of the evening with the SYR date who greeted me with, "Got any Zima?" begins.

Monday, 12:17 PM: A dormmate with a speech to write, to be known here as "Barbara" because that is her real name, appears with a two-liter of Coke to be self-dispersed between us like morphine to women in childbirth. We take turns bawling our heads against the wall, telling each other how stupid we are and how we will never ever do this to ourselves again, at least not until next weekend.

12:58 AM: "Karma Chameleon," that eighties anthem of a funkies, cues up on my Walkman. Work ceases for this important event, and Barbara and I attempt to analyze the vast literary merit of the work. Why a chameleon? Who is the chameleon, anyway? Is it the guy singing the song or the girl he's singing it to? Because if it's the girl, somebody should clue this guy in to the fact that most women really don't appreciate being compared to reptiles.

1:48 AM: Barbara emerges from her room to announce the fact that she is dropping out.

"Don't be absurd," I tell her. "How will you get into the football games?"

2:10 AM: I hate the Supreme Court. If I live to see dawn, I am no longer a poli sci minor. It is a silly subject. My new field of study will be: TV/VCR Repair. I page through the course catalogue looking for class offerings, preferably ones with no exams.

2:58 AM: Caffeine is my friend, my very special carbonated friend that makes everything not so blurry. I crawl in the Barbara's room, plastic Dixie cup upraised.

"Coke," I beg.

"Just a few more feet, honey," she says, holding out the bottle. The Holy Grail.

"Coke," I beg.

"Try not to fall asleep while I'm pouring like last



time."

3:44 AM: A friend passes by on her way to the restroom. Her reactions to my sorry situation range all the way from "You're STILL up?" to "You're still UP?"

4:01 AM: I lose consciousness in the middle of the hallway.

4:45 AM: I awaken to find myself surrounded by corridor mates on their way to an early morning jog.

"Is she dead? Get her pulse."

"Maybe we should take her to Health Services."

"No, they'll just tell her she has an upper respiratory infection and send her to class. Besides, how would we get her there?"

"I could go get the luggage cart from the front desk."

"You think it's okay to move her?"

"We have to. She's blocking the fire exit. She's gonna get fined."

"Wait, she's trying to say something."

"I can't make out what, though."

"It sounds like 'More Coke.'"

5:47 AM: Breakfast time. God bless Pop Tarts. Barbara, her speech glowing happily from the computer screen, plugs in her toaster.

"Is it a good idea to balance it on the full plastic trash can like that?" I ask.

"It's fine. It always smokes while it's warming up."

Our blueberry pastries spring up and I unplug the dorm inspection nightmare sitting in front of me. "We're all safe now," I say contentedly.

"You aren't. I am going to kill you."

"I'm not? You are?"

"You just unplugged my computer, you blonde."

7:12 AM: I'm running down my review sheet, making sure I've crammed all the material I've needed to cram. Suddenly I feel quite, quite, ill.

I have been studying the wrong chapters for the last two hours.

I previously had no idea it was humanly possible to sob and crack up simultaneously. Barbara, for some reason, finds the entire hole I've put myself into highly amusing.

10:59 AM: Exam over. Piece of cake. I'm fine. I'm golden. I'm in mint condition. I even have time to double-check one of my essay answers. And find:

"The Supreme Court, in its landmark *Miranda v. Arizona* decision, ruled that karma karma karma karma chameleon, You come and go, you come and goooo..."

Mary Beth Ellis, a freshman at Saint Mary's College, pulled another all-nighter to write this piece but is functioning just fine. gkp.

Mary
Beth
Ellis

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Abdul-Rauf's
actions require
different view

Dear Editor:

This is a response to David Hart's editorial on Christiane Likely's article on March 20. David, your characterization of Likely's article as "racist and ignorant" sounded rather harsh and unconvincing. To deem a person as "racist" for enjoying spending time with people of one's ethnic background seems a little overdone. But since your main concern focused on Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, I too will skip to that discussion.

You faulted Likely for not having "pride and respect" in her country because she supported his position of not standing during the national anthem. You mentioned your appreciation of "countless other freedoms" for which Americans have fought and died. I too cherish these privileged American "freedoms."

But I noticed your seeming inability of seeing things from Abdul-Rauf's point of view. Perhaps it hasn't been part of your experiences to face hostility because of your ethnicity, or your religion.

Perhaps you haven't felt the anger and humiliation imposed on you by others when facing discrimination from friends, fellow students, co-workers or even store clerks. Perhaps you haven't lived with that sinking, empty feeling when thinking about your parents and grandparents who faced even more severe restrictions on those beloved freedoms you mentioned.

Not every American's experience has been a full enjoyment of those ideals guaranteed by the founding fathers. Can you see how it might be more difficult to praise the symbol of those freedoms when your family's experiences have been much more limited?

A person can still be a genuine, faithful American although he or she chooses to criticize areas of weakness within our country. Don't let your fine patriotism blind you from facing the weaknesses where we have failed to live up to our very own standards. By refusing to stand for the flag, Abdul-Rauf forced me to consider some of the shortcomings which led him to conclude that oppression is alive and well in this country.

Are you prepared to universalize your own experiences and declare that oppression does not exist here? I believe I "respect and honor" my country better by facing squarely its shortcomings and then trying to change them rather than blindly assuming they don't exist.

Who is the better American—the NBA fan (like myself) who stands and sings away, or the conscientious American trying to make America a better place? I don't know if Abdul-Rauf's intentions centered on this or not. But I do think we should be a little more tolerant of those who are willing to make an unpopular stand in order to make this nation just a little bit better, or at least the rest of us just a little more informed. Then perhaps our "pride and respect" for our country will be a little more genuine.

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Mothers deserve their own 'right to life' for health risks

Dear Editor:

Recently you have published opinions on abortion by both Charles Rice and Matthew Apple. Rice's piece seems to contain a contradiction. First he seems to say that abortion necessary to save the mother's life is permitted by the principle of "double effect." Further on he says "Even if there were a case where it was necessary to save the life of the mother, abortion should not be allowed." Given the rest of Rice's piece, and the general incoherence of the principle of double effect, I take it that it is the second of these views that he endorses. In his piece, Apple says he finds "partial birth" abortions disgusting and abhorrent.

I take it then that both Rice and Apple opposed President Clinton's veto of the legislation banning "partial birth" abortions. They would regard as inadequate Clinton's grounds that the legislation did not adequately provide for those abortions required to protect the health of the mother (although perhaps Apple's

remarks were just incautious). I think Clinton was right to veto the ban, and pro-lifers especially ought to agree. Mothers always have a right to an abortion if their health is at serious risk. Let me explain.

Pro-lifers generally appeal to some Kantian notion of the dignity of life. Human life is ultimately valuable, and may not be traded for any other end. As each person is endowed with life, they are also endowed with a right not to be killed, thus killing generally and abortion specifically is wrong. Let's just assume that that is right.

Because I have a right not to be killed, I have a right of self-defense. This principle is generally established in law as well as morality. I may use reasonable and possibly deadly force, not merely to save my life, but to protect my person. In Texas this right even extends to protecting property, but then that's Texas.

What has this got to do with abortion? After all, the pro-lifer may argue, the fetus is innocent, my attacker is guilty.

That may be so, but my right of self-defense does not depend on the guilt or innocence of my attacker. Suppose someone put LSD (or perhaps some more powerful drug) in your coffee, and in a delusional rage you attacked me with a Samurai sword. If it were the only way to protect myself, I would be completely justified in killing you in self-defense, even though you were completely innocent. It is my innocence that counts. It is because I am innocent that I have a right of self-defense.

The fetus that threatens the mother is like the unfortunate victim on LSD. If we respect the mother as a full and equal person, we must allow her the right of self-defense. To insist on a right of self-defense in all cases except for those involving pregnancy reduces the mother to a mere fetus carrying receptacle, a mere means, and not an end. To deny her the right to self-defense when pregnant is either to imply that the mother is not innocent, or to fail to respect her as a person.

Some people seem to imply that women lose their innocence with their virginity, and thus lose their right to self-defense. But such a view is absurd. It would imply that almost no adult has a right of self-defense, at least against virgins.

On the other hand, people have traditionally failed to respect women as people. Great thinkers such as Aristotle and Aquinas had no problem relegating women to the status of second-class citizens. Such traditional views of women are evil and should be consigned to the intellectual garbage heap of history, brought out occasionally like Nazi horror stories in order to sober the youth. Unless Pro-lifers wish to treat pregnant women either as evil sinners or as mere fetus gestators, they ought to wholeheartedly support Clinton's veto.

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Soap operas go 'The East Village' hits



By JOEY CRAWFORD
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Everyone has heard of Brandon, Kelly, Steve, Donna, David, and Valerie. But has anyone ever heard of Eve, Daphne, Tom, Lila or Mick? Probably not. These are the characters of the new melodrama produced by Marinex Multimedia, "The East Village," which director/producer Charles Platkin characterizes as "Melrose Place/90210 meets Slacker." The combination creates some outstanding results, but this mesh is not the only interesting aspect of the program. Let's take an "inner look."

In today's society, computers play an increasingly important role in our daily lives. A day probably does not go by where there is no interaction of some sort or another with a computer. Among the most popular uses of computers is gaining access to the World Wide Web. With this in mind, the entertainment field, namely the soap opera genre, has created

a melodrama for the future.

"The East Village" is combination of text, on-location video shots (taken throughout New York City), audio samples, and video clips (not available until the sixth episode). It is one of the first Websites that thrives on original entertainment. "The East Village" can be found at <http://www.theeastvillage.com> on the World Wide Web. It promises to bring the same sexuality, controversy, mystery, suspense, and cheese that soap operas have brought to the TV screen for years to the comfort of the computer monitor...without the commercials. But how was the idea of an interactive soap opera conceived?

Platkin explains "The Internet is definitely here to stay as an entertainment medium, and soap operas are a natural sort of programming for the Web. The Web is an ideal medium for serialization because content can be added and accessed 24 hours a day."

Co-producers Jonathan Braun and Platkin

reflected on what aspects of entertainment could translate successfully to the Internet. They wanted to keep audiences coming back on a regular basis. Using television as a model, they realized that prime time soap operas possessed the entertainment qualities that they desired to keep the audiences yearning for more. The production duo teamed up with staff writer, Anne Marshall, to create a believable soap opera contained within the universe of the Internet. What the tandem created was the story of 24-year-old Eve, who lives in the East Village of Manhattan. The story is told in the form of the melodramatic diary entries of the young writer Eve. Together with the text, photos, audio bytes, and video clips, "The East Village" is a full multimedia experience.

"The East Village," using the local area establishments, apartments, and streets as a backdrop to create a stylish, urban look...deals with romantic plots with some traditional soap opera themes: amnesia, unexpected pregnancy, friendship-love tension, etc," maintains Platkin, "But all of the issues are treated with an East Village flair."

The East Village represents "Manhattan's last bastion of Bohemia." Artists, anarchists, businessmen, and a variety of other characters call this former marshland home. It is among these high-scale apartments and double-decker buses that we find the main character Eve Ramsay, "a previously privileged, tastefully neurotic 24-year old editor and aspiring celebrity whose daily triumphs and torments are the centerpiece of the East Village." Ramsay is played by independent film veteran Hope Adams who has appeared in "The Electric Urn" and "Treat Her Like a Lady." Adams is also set to appear in the Disney film "Hats off U.S.A." The interaction with the other characters (who are played by veterans of the stage, film, television, and modeling) is done through articulate, yet concise diary entrees.

Katherine Keating, director of public relations, assures fans that despite the fact that "The East Village" is centered around Eve, many other characters' perspectives are taken into account. "The main episode is taken from Eve's point of view, but her focus is on the affairs of her crazy friends. All you have to do is click on a different point of view to get another character's perspective of the events that occurred." In addition, biographical information pertaining to all

of the characters is just away. "The East Village" and other entertainment m



including music from favorite New York bands, special characters, including Daphne out in the city, and Mick's East Village. Maria's East Joan's weekly horoscopes and via "The East Village's" Web

■ WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

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By JASON HUGGINS
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I miss many things about surfing in Malibu, beach volleyball, but I miss the most (even more surprise, but South Bend alternative music (an oxymoron). Most of us have to suffer when we go back home for break back tapes of their favorite mail friends at other schools. But lament no longer! Use Dame and Saint Mary's student any radio station at (<http://www.audionet.com>) is sible.

Almost overnight, Audio network, offering live broadcast WRRK Pittsburgh. Using Progressive Networks (<http://www.audionet.com>) is able to digitally ing stations. All a station Internet connection, so WVI With RealAudio technology link in AudioNet's web page without download delays. FM mono signal and the soft



An Open Letter in Response to the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs

A. Introduction

I write in response to the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. The final report is the culmination of a process that began on March 6, 1995. At that time I wrote an Open Letter to the University community explaining the rationale behind the decision of the Office of Student Affairs to deny official University recognition to Gays and Lesbians at Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College (GLND/SMC).

In the Open Letter of March 6, 1995, I also established the Ad Hoc Committee. I asked the committee to advise me on how, apart from recognition of GLND/SMC or another student organization, Student Affairs could do a better job of meeting the needs of our gay and lesbian students. In particular, I asked the committee to consider the following questions:

1. How can the University, through Student Affairs, sponsor a facilitated setting respectful of Church teaching in which gay and lesbian students can come together as a group to explore common issues and find mutual support?
2. What types of programs should Student Affairs sponsor for rectors, hall staff and other Student Affairs professionals, to better equip them to meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students?
3. What additional measures should Student Affairs take to promote an environment free of harassment based on sexual orientation?

In the year that followed, the committee submitted two interim reports—the first on May 1, 1995, and the second on December 1, 1995. The committee published its final report on February 29, 1996. The final report reiterates four recommendations from the first interim report that address the portion of the committee's mandate relating to the training of rectors, hall staff and Student Affairs professionals. The final report also offers new recommendations that relate to the remaining parts of the committee's mandate.

I am very grateful to the committee for all of its efforts. It is clear to me that the committee worked hard to stay within its mandate, while at the same time giving authentic voice to the feelings of fear, frustration and isolation that they heard from many of the gay and lesbian members of this community to whom they listened.

In submitting its final report, the committee notes:

"The recommendations we offer represent our best efforts to address the needs of gay and lesbian students within a community that is committed to Gospel values and to the teachings of the Catholic Church."

In this single sentence the committee captures the two goals of the Office of Student Affairs with respect to our gay and lesbian students: Our desire to meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students and our desire to do so in a manner that allows us to remain faithful to Gospel values and to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Each of these goals is critically important to us. For this reason, before responding to the specific recommendations of the committee, I would like to return to some of the discussion in my original Open Letter regarding these dual goals.

First, as a community of scholars and a community professing Christian values, we desire to build an inclusive environment in which every member feels welcome and prized as a unique creation of God. We value our gay and lesbian students, as we value all students who are members of this community. We want the University to be a safe environment in which every student can pursue the educational endeavor to which we are committed—free from harassment of any kind. As with all our students, we want to meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students. We seek to do so through channels that we believe are best equipped to address the issues with which our gay and lesbian students deal and channels that balance our desire to support our gay and lesbian students with our responsibility to remain faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Second, as a Catholic university, we strive to create a community for our students premised on behavioral expectations that are consistent with Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church. One such value is the very inclusiveness discussed above. Another is the guidance proffered by the Gospels and the moral teachings of the Catholic Church on issues related to our sexuality. Thus, as you know, Notre Dame has an explicit student behavioral policy that expresses our belief that a genuine and complete expression of love through sexual union requires a commitment to a total living and sharing together of a man and woman in marriage. We call all our students—whatever their sexual orientation—to chastity. Chastity requires those who are single to refrain from sexual union.

We recognize that this call is a difficult one. It is a call which sometimes receives little societal reinforcement from the media or elsewhere. But it is the clear call of the Gospels with respect to our sexual mores, and it is the ideal for which we strive.

What we ask of our students as individuals, we also expect philosophically and conceptually of student organizations that seek official University recognition. To receive University recognition, a student organization's purpose must be consistent with the mission of the University and the moral teachings of the Catholic Church. The Office of Student Affairs denied recognition to GLND/SMC because we found the group's discussion in its application materials regarding the range of ways in which gays and lesbians might live out their orientation to be inconsistent with official Church teaching, as were expressions of dissent from Church teaching made by some of GLND/SMC's leadership in conversations and correspondence with our office over the years. This is not a characterization with which GLND/SMC necessarily agrees.

The two goals discussed above—building an inclusive community in which our gay and lesbian students feel prized, and remaining faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church—are not goals that we regard as mutually exclusive. On the contrary, we believe that both goals can be attained. Their integration, however, does present special challenges.

It is for this reason that in drafting the mandate for the committee's work, I asked the committee to advise me on channels, apart from recognition of GLND or another student organization, through which Student Affairs could better meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students. It is the judgment of Student Affairs that in our particular institutional milieu a student organization is not the appropriate mechanism for best integrating our dual goals.

There are those who are critical of the parameters within which I asked the committee to work. They regard the parameters as evidence that Student Affairs wishes to retain some control with respect to this issue. I do not dispute this. Retaining some measure of institutional control is the way that Student Affairs seeks to balance our desire to support our gay and lesbian students with our responsibility to remain faithful to Church teaching—a Church that prizes each of us for our uniqueness, recognizes every one of us as a member of the body of Christ, regards the sexual dimension of our humanity as a gift from God and calls all of us to chastity in the exercise of this gift.

The final report of the committee notes that we have taken some small but important steps during the past year in recognizing the sense of alienation experienced by our gay and lesbian students and in increasing our outreach. The committee acknowledges, as do I, that a great deal of work remains to be done in this regard. The committee expresses its hope that the recommendations offered and the collaborative spirit which animated its work will move the University closer to becoming the kind of welcoming and inclusive community that we strive to be. This is a goal that I fully share.

Within this framework, let me respond to the specific recommendations of the committee.



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B. Response to the Committee's Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION 1:

That the Office of Student Affairs incorporate into its orientation program for all resident assistants and assistant rectors a workshop on how to assist gay and lesbian students.

I accept this recommendation. For the last several years the Office of Student Affairs has included a workshop in hall staff training entitled "Sexuality and the Christian Tradition." As noted in the committee's final report, this year the hall staff orientation program also included a workshop on gay and lesbian student needs. Ann Firth, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs and chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, organized this workshop. The workshop included presentations by the Director of the Counseling Center, the Director of Campus Ministry, a member of the Department of Theology, an undergraduate gay student and an undergraduate lesbian student. These presentations were followed by a period for questions and answers. Student Affairs fully intends to include discussion of these issues in pre-service or in-service training for hall staff in future years.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

That the Office of Student Affairs offer continuing professional education to all residence hall rectors on the psychosexual development of college-age students, both heterosexual and homosexual.

I accept this recommendation. As noted in the committee's final report, the Office of Student Affairs began efforts in this regard during this academic year. Student Affairs devoted two rectors' meetings to discussions on the psychosexual development of college-age students. The second meeting was an all-day workshop led by a noted psychologist. Student Affairs intends to continue these efforts in future years.

RECOMMENDATION 3:

That the Office of Student Affairs make resources available to assist rectors in sensitizing their staffs and hall residents to the needs of gay and lesbian students.

I accept this recommendation. During the past few years the Office of Student Affairs has made a concerted effort to increase the resources available to rectors to sponsor programs in the halls on a wide range of issues. Student Affairs distributes a manual to rectors that describes successful programs sponsored in each hall during the preceding academic year. This manual also lists programs and resources available through a variety of University departments within and outside Student Affairs. Funds are set aside in the budget of the Vice President for Student Affairs to subsidize hall programs on topics relating to diversity, intellectual life, spiritual growth or developmental issues. This same budgetary line, which to date has not been fully utilized, will also be available to support programs sensitizing hall staff and hall residents to the needs of gay and lesbian students.

RECOMMENDATION 4:

That in their words of welcome at the beginning of the year, residence hall rectors be encouraged to specifically articulate their willingness to be a resource for those who are struggling with issues of sexual identity or who are self-identified homosexuals. Rectors should also communicate to the hall community the University's intolerance for harassment on the basis of sexual orientation.

I accept this recommendation. This recommendation first appeared in the committee's May 1, 1995, interim report. The Office of Student Affairs distributed the text of this recommendation to the rectors at our opening meeting in August 1995. Student Affairs specifically requested that each rector include these messages in their words of welcome. Student Affairs will continue to do this in the years ahead.

RECOMMENDATION 5:

That a University group of gay and lesbian students facilitated by one or two members of the faculty or administration be constituted. This group, which would stand in special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs, should assist gay and lesbian students in coming together to find mutual support and in exploring common issues within the context of this community and the teachings of the Catholic Church. The

group's advisor(s) should be selected by the student members and approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs. However, for the first year, the Vice President should solicit names of possible advisors from gay and lesbian students and appoint an advisor or advisors to convene the group. Through its advisor(s), this University group should receive University funding, publicize its meetings and have use of University facilities for its meetings.

I accept this recommendation subject to the discussion that follows. Let me begin by saying that in formulating this recommendation, I believe the committee chose language designed to stay within the mandate which I gave the committee—i.e., to advise me on how, **apart from recognition of GLND/SMC or another student organization**, the University could sponsor through Student Affairs a facilitated setting respectful of Church teaching in which gay and lesbian students can come together as a group to explore common issues and find mutual support. I do not believe that the recommendation calls for creation or recognition of a gay and lesbian student organization, nor would I accept such a recommendation.

I consider the following language in the recommendation to be of particular significance in distinguishing this University group from a student organization:

- (a) the group is facilitated by one or two members of the faculty or administration;
- (b) the group stands in special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs;
- (c) the group shall assist gay and lesbian students in coming together to find mutual support and to explore common issues within the context of this community and the teachings of the Catholic Church;
- (d) the group's right to receive University funds, publicize its meetings and use University facilities for its meetings comes through its advisor(s);
- (e) the Vice President for Student Affairs plays a role in the selection of the advisor(s).

Let me comment on each of the above portions of the recommendation in turn and add my own content to some of the language in an effort to clarify my intentions with respect to implementation of this recommendation.

A key part of this recommendation is the notion that the University group of gay and lesbian students shall be facilitated by one or two members of the faculty or administration. Together with the group's special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs, the concept of facilitation plays an important role in making this group directly sponsored by the University, as distinct from a student club or organization.

I regard the concept of facilitation as calling for a higher level of involvement and an even more direct University link than that normally associated with the role of a faculty/staff advisor to a student club or organization. On the one hand, to facilitate does not mean to control, nor does it mean to lead. On the other hand, I would expect the faculty/administrator advisor(s) to be present at all meetings of the University group; to be willing to assist the conversations of the group, in whatever ways are appropriate, as the dynamic of the group evolves; to exercise sensitivity to the portion of the recommendation that calls for the meetings of the group to take place within the context of this community and the teachings of the Catholic Church; to function as a liaison between the group and the Office of Student Affairs; and to play an administrative role with respect to the portion of the recommendation that calls for the group to enjoy the right to receive University funds, publicize its meetings and use University facilities for its meetings through the advisor(s).

The recommendation states that this group shall stand in a special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs. I intend to implement this part of the recommendation by establishing an ongoing relationship between the faculty/administrator advisor(s) facilitating the group and a member of my Senior Staff. I have asked Ann Firth, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, who served as chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, to serve in this capacity. I will ask the advisor(s) to the group to meet with Ms. Firth on a regular basis to report on how the group is progressing, to review upcoming publicity of meetings and to process requests for University funds from the budget of the Vice President for Student Affairs for expenses associated with meetings, such as advertising expenses or expenses for food or meals that might be provided in connection with meetings of the group.



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The recommendation notes that the University group shall assist gay and lesbian students in coming together to find mutual support and to explore common issues within the context of this community and the teachings of the Catholic Church. The University group exists to assist gay and lesbian students in coming together in a facilitated setting in which they can learn from each other and provide support to each other. As such, I regard the University group as fundamentally an institutionally-sponsored group that is designed to support our gay and lesbian students, not as a student club or organization. Thus, although I expect that leaders will emerge informally as happens in any group dynamic, the group will not have officers, directors or other titled positions, nor will it sponsor events, activities or programs apart from its meetings.

Like any group, I expect that this group will evolve and establish its own dynamic. The nature of the relationship between the group's advisor(s) and Ann Firth will allow for ongoing review and evaluation of the group as this process unfolds. Moreover, Recommendation 6 contemplates creation of a Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. I expect to appoint some members of the group to the Standing Committee. This will allow the group direct input into recommendations for campus-wide educational programming sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, as well as make the group a part of the continuing dialogue on the needs of gay and lesbian students and issues related to campus climate.

The recommendation states that the group may receive University funds, publicize its meetings and use University facilities for its meetings through its advisor(s). As I discussed above, I expect the advisor(s) to play an administrative role in this regard. Recognized student organizations enjoy these same privileges, but the fact that exercise of these privileges comes only through the advisor(s), who as part of the special relationship with the Office of Student Affairs will be in regular conversation with Ann Firth, distinguishes this group as directly University-sponsored.

Finally, the recommendation suggests a mode of selection for the advisor(s) in which the Vice President for Student Affairs plays a role. The recommendation states that for the first year of operation, the Vice President for Student Affairs shall solicit names of possible advisors from gay and lesbian students and appoint advisor(s) to convene the group. Thereafter, the recommendation contemplates that the members of the group shall select the advisor(s) subject to approval by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

It is clear from my discussion that I regard the advisor(s) as playing a key role. Given the concept of facilitation outlined above, the advisor must be someone with whom the student members of the group feel very comfortable. At the same time, because the group is directly University-sponsored, the advisor must be someone with whom Student Affairs can work. In the weeks that remain during this academic year, I want to invite gay and lesbian students to make an appointment with or write to me or Ann Firth to suggest faculty or administrators who might fill the role of advisor(s).

I have a genuine desire to see the University group for which this recommendation calls succeed. It is my hope that we will find person(s) with the collaborative skills that both the members of the group and this office need. I also want to give the group time to evolve during its early years and see how the dynamic of the group unfolds. I believe that continuity of the advisor(s) might prove to be important in this regard. I am not prepared to commit at this time to the portion of the recommendation that calls for student selection of the advisor(s) after the first year. It is my hope that this will become a moot point in the course of actual operation of the group, i.e., that after soliciting names from gay and lesbian students this spring, the advisor(s) whom I select for next year will prove to be person(s) whom both the student members of the group and this office will want to continue in the position for several years.

The University group constituted under this recommendation shall be known as Notre Dame Gay and Lesbian Students.

Following publication of the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, the co-chairs of GLND/SMC wrote to me on March 18, 1996. In this letter GLND/SMC discusses some of its reflections on the final report. The letter states: "We are especially heartened to see that the Committee, despite the restrictions of its mandate, recommends the formal constitution of a student group of lesbians and gay men." Noting that the Ad Hoc Committee mentioned that GLND/SMC has been the primary source of support for most of the gay and lesbian students to whom the committee listened, the co-chairs call on me to formally constitute GLND/SMC as the University group serving the needs of lesbian and gay students in our commu-

nity. Attaching a copy of its constitution, GLND/SMC applies to be formally constituted as the University group of gay and lesbian students.

I think it was entirely appropriate for the committee in its final report to give voice to the reflections shared with the committee by the gay and lesbian students to whom they listened regarding the role which GLND/SMC has played in their lives. Moreover, notwithstanding the differences that Student Affairs has with this group, I recognize that in the dispute surrounding the refusal of this office to grant recognition to GLND/SMC, GLND/SMC has functioned as an agent for change. As I acknowledged in my original Open Letter, I believe that Student Affairs acted too slowly and presumed too much about the adequacy of our outreach to gay and lesbian students in prior years when we relied on services offered to students on an individual basis through the Counseling Center, Campus Ministry and hall staff.

At the same time, as I have discussed above, I do not believe that in formulating this recommendation the committee acted "despite the restrictions of its mandate"; rather, I believe that the committee worked hard to stay within the framework of its mandate. I do not think that the committee's recommendation calls for recognition of GLND/SMC or another student organization, nor would I have accepted such a recommendation. I think that the recommendation calls for a new University-sponsored group facilitated by faculty/administrator advisor(s) and standing in special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs, not for a student club or organization. As outlined above, this is the basis on which Student Affairs is prepared to move forward. Thus, while acknowledging GLND/SMC's contribution to this debate, I do not accept GLND/SMC's call to be formally constituted as the University group contemplated in this Recommendation 5.

On March 26, 1996, I received a letter from the Campus Life Council (CLC) offering the CLC's reflections on the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee. With respect to this Recommendation 5, the CLC encourages me to solicit input from GLND/SMC with respect to the planning of the University group in order to assure the creation of the best option for our gay and lesbian students and to encourage GLND/SMC's ownership of and collective participation in the University group.

In response to the CLC letter, let me repeat my earlier invitation. Any gay or lesbian student is welcome to make an appointment with or to write to me or Ann Firth with suggestions for faculty or administrators who might serve as advisor(s) to the University group. Moreover, any gay or lesbian student will be free to join the University group and, together with the other student members, help to shape the group within the parameters that I have discussed above. With respect to the CLC's reference, however, to GLND/SMC's collective participation as an organization in the University group, I reiterate what I stated in denying GLND/SMC's direct request in this regard. Notre Dame Gay and Lesbian Students will be a new University-sponsored group of gay and lesbian students that is different in significant ways from a student club or organization.

RECOMMENDATION 6:

That a standing committee on the needs of gay and lesbian students be created to advise the Vice President for Student Affairs. It should be the task of this committee to act as a resource to the Vice President in identifying the ongoing needs of gay and lesbian students, to continue the dialogue begun by the Ad Hoc committee, and to assist in the implementation of campus-wide educational programming on gay and lesbian issues. The committee's membership should consist of appropriate members of the faculty, administration and student body. At least half of the committee's members should be gay or lesbian persons.

I accept this recommendation. I have asked Ann Firth, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, who chaired the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, to serve as chair of the Standing Committee. In addition, as I indicated in my response to Recommendation 5, it is my intent to ask some members of the University group to serve on this committee. In the weeks that remain during this academic year, I hope to be able to give thought to other individuals whom I will ask to sit on this committee so that the committee will be able to meet at the outset of next academic year. The work of the Ad Hoc Committee that resulted in these recommendations was an important step forward in our effort to identify steps that we need to take to create a more inclusive community. I hope that the collaborative spirit that animated the work of the Ad Hoc Committee will be the springboard for the work of the Standing Committee in our ongoing efforts to respond to the needs of our gay and lesbian students.



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RECOMMENDATION 7:

That the University Counseling Center continue to play a vital role in providing ongoing psychological support for those struggling with issues of sexual identity.

I accept this recommendation. The Ad Hoc Committee included Dr. Patrick Utz, Director of the University Counseling Center, and Dr. Susan Steibe-Pasalich, Assistant Director of the University Counseling Center. I know that the Counseling Center stands ready to continue its role and to enhance its efforts in this area.

RECOMMENDATION 8:

That Campus Ministry provide forums for gay and lesbian students in which issues regarding faith and sexuality can be discussed in a non-judgmental atmosphere, while at the same time challenging students to live up to Christian ideals. Campus Ministry should also provide retreat experiences geared specifically to gay and lesbian students.

In addition, Campus Ministry, in consultation with the University Counseling Center, should develop and offer retreats open to all students who wish to explore issues relating sexuality to faith.

I accept this recommendation. Father Richard Warner, C.S.C., Director of Campus Ministry, and Father Robert Dowd, C.S.C., Assistant Director of Campus Ministry, served on the Ad Hoc Committee. I know that Campus Ministry looks forward to the opportunity to implement the suggestions in this recommendation, as well as to continue the outreach provided by the pastoral support group for gay and lesbian students which Campus Ministry currently sponsors.

RECOMMENDATION 9:

That the Office of Student Affairs coordinate forums on sexuality, personal development and faith for the campus. There is a need to engage students, whether heterosexual or homosexual, in meaningful conversation about their sexuality and the integration of sexuality and faith. While Campus Ministry has offered students some opportunities for such dialogue, most notably through its "Keeping the Faith" lecture series, a more comprehensive program which will reach a greater number of students should be developed. Given the large percentage of undergraduates who reside on campus, the possibility of hosting such forums within each residence hall should be considered.

I accept this recommendation. I wholeheartedly agree with the committee's observation that the Office of Student Affairs needs to engage our students—whether heterosexual or homosexual—in meaningful conversation about their sexuality and about the integration of sexuality and faith. Although initiatives have been undertaken, I agree that a more comprehensive program targeted at a greater number of students is necessary and that the halls provide natural forums for such programs.

RECOMMENDATION 10:

That *du Lac*, the *Faculty Handbook* and the *Staff Employee Guidebook* include specific statements which articulate the University's intolerance for harassment on the basis of sexual orientation and which express the University's desire to welcome and support the gay and lesbian members of this community. In addition, the University should take steps to heighten awareness of the procedures in place to address harassment on the basis of sexual orientation. The University's current discriminatory harassment policy provides for the appointment of a University ombudsperson who can serve as a resource to those who are the targets of discriminatory harassment. All materials publicizing the University ombudsperson should include a specific statement that the ombudsperson can be of assistance in addressing incidents of harassment on the basis of sexual orientation.

I accept this recommendation as it relates to *du Lac*, and I will encourage the appropriate officers to accept this recommendation as it relates to the *Faculty Handbook* and *Staff Employee Guidebook*. Each of these publications now includes the University's current discriminatory harassment policy, which does articulate specifically the University's intolerance for harassment on the basis of sexual orientation. The recommendation calls for including words of welcome in these publications, for heightening awareness of existing harassment procedures, and for publicizing the availability of the University ombudsperson as a resource for incidents

of harassment based on sexual orientation. I accept these suggestions as they relate to Student Affairs, and I will encourage the appropriate officers to accept these suggestions as they relate to faculty and staff.

RECOMMENDATION 11:

That in orienting new students, faculty, staff and administrators to Notre Dame, the offices responsible for such orientation should make affirmative statements which articulate the University's intolerance for harassment on the basis of sexual orientation and which express the University's desire to welcome and support the gay and lesbian members of this community.

I accept this recommendation as it relates to Student Affairs, and I will encourage the appropriate officers to accept this recommendation as it relates to faculty, staff and administrators. In my remarks at Freshman Orientation, I cover a number of issues, including a summary of some of our more significant behavioral expectations. Consistent with the discussion of our dual goals in the introduction to this letter, I always include a clear statement regarding the University's expectation that students will reserve sexual union for marriage, as well as a discussion of the University's intolerance for harassment in any form. For the past several years, my discussion of harassment has included a direct reference to harassment based on sexual orientation. Moreover, this year I prefaced my remarks on harassment based on sexual orientation with words of welcome and support to our gay and lesbian students. I will continue to do this in future years.

RECOMMENDATION 12:

That the Vice President for Student Affairs should raise to the University officers the issue of modifying the nondiscrimination clause which appears in University publications to include sexual orientation.

I accept this recommendation. This recommendation asks me to raise to the officers of the University the issue of modifying the non-discrimination clause which appears in University publications to include sexual orientation. I will raise this issue for consideration by the officers. Raising this issue for discussion is obviously not a decision on the merits of this issue. I am sure that the officers will give this issue and all of its attendant complexities full analysis and discussion.

C. Conclusion

I realize that my response to the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee will not satisfy all members of the University community—in particular, those who regard recognition of GLND/SMC or creation and recognition of a student organization as the only acceptable solution. I believe, however, that, taken as a whole, the recommendations that I have accepted offer a significant base on which to build.

Like the committee, I think that the dialogue surrounding these issues has moved the University beyond where we were as a community a year ago. Like the committee, I acknowledge that we still have much work to do. The recommendations for hall staff training, continuing education of rectors, campus-wide educational programming on gay and lesbian issues, forums on integrating sexuality and faith, the University-sponsored group, the efforts of Counseling Center and Campus Ministry, better communication of our intolerance for harassment based on sexual orientation, as well as the role of the Standing Committee in continuing our dialogue on these issues, represent the beginnings of a more comprehensive approach toward addressing the needs of our gay and lesbian students.

The members of the committee spoke of the respect and trust for each other that grew in the course of their work together. May this same spirit characterize our work as a University community as we move forward in implementing these recommendations. I end this letter as I closed my original letter a year ago—a little further in our journey but with many miles still to travel. I ask you to join me in our continuing efforts to build a community in which each of us can realize our God-given potential—a community that is faithful to Gospel values which call us to chastity in a society that frequently settles for less, and a community that is faithful to the inclusive call of the Gospels both to see Christ in each other and be Christ to each other.

Professor Patricia A. O'Hara
Vice President for Student Affairs
April 2, 1996



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few key strokes so offers a variety of mediums as well, "The East Village" offers yet another unique aspect. Loyal fans will be able to join "cliques" to receive exclusive information pertaining their favorite characters, including those vicious rumors that are characteristic of melodramas.



During the first viewing, "The East Village" seems just as shallow as other "soaps." But upon a deeper look, the soap opera examines some very controversial subjects. It is not just random information on a computer screen, but rather an examination of what our culture has become. Keating explains, "'The East Village' is pure entertainment. It is not slow, and is certainly not for day-time soap audiences; rather, it is geared towards a younger crowd."

The amount of work put into this World Wide Web effort must also be appreciated. The concept is truly unique and stands to gain a cult following as large as "Melrose Place" and "90210." "The East Village" will take some time to develop into a truly prosperous form of entertainment, but bear with it, because most serials do take a while to develop.

ite underground projects from the e's guide to going-photo essay of the Village history and e easily accessible site as well.

Remember the first few episodes of "Beverly Hills 90210," "The Brenda Years"? The plots were so simple, and the acting was so bad, yet the show has evolved into one trashiest and most-followed television series of the decade.

Unlike other soap operas, fans do not need to tune in at a certain time each week. Studies



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Hope Adams stars as Eve Ramsay in the new cyberdrama, 'The East Village.'

can continue and schedules do not need to be interrupted. Just check out the new episodes each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays to get a glimpse of the future of entertainment.

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As for me, AudioNet finally makes living in South Bend bearable. Well, almost. We still don't have cable TV...

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■ MEDICAL MINUTE

Healthy tid-bits

The Pill For Men?

Dr. Dennis Brown of Massachusetts General Hospital and colleagues claim that it may be possible, at least in principle, to disrupt the acid environment during sperm development, "...opening the door to a contraceptive protocol that would prevent normal sperm maturation."



John Galvin
Health Correspondent

Due to high cost and time commitment for research, many drug companies are backing off from developing new contraceptives. Therefore, the idea of a chemical contraceptive for males may be more of a vision than a reality.

Alcohol Promotes Spread Of Cancer

The next time you drink-to-delusion you may face a larger risk than ending up at the Linebacker. Binge drinking has been recently linked to the spread of cancerous tumors.

Dr. Shamgar Ben-Eliyahu at Tel Aviv University, with colleagues at UCLA, report in the April issue of Nature Medicine that "...acute alcohol intoxication suppresses natural killer cell activity and promotes tumor metastasis." Alcohol suppresses your natural immune response to the spread of cancer.

Since about half of all tumors spread, and because this process may occur before the detection of the primary tumor, the risk of excessive alcohol consumption should be taken seriously.

Man's Blood May Harbor Cure For AIDS

New Yorker Steve Crohn has the first known substance in the world that will defeat the HIV virus. Scientists already know of many individuals who remain healthy for a very long time between infection with HIV and developing full-blown AIDS. However, the difference in the case of Crohn is that he appears to be completely resistant to HIV infection.

Scientists have already identified one set of biochemical compounds, known as chemokines, which appear to be acting in his blood to defeat HIV. These substances were first recognized only five years ago and appear to play a role in the immune system - the body's defense against invading bacteria and viruses.

Despite the potential that lies in Crohn's blood, scientists stress that any vaccine or treatment is still a long way off.

FDA Approves Nicotine Spray

Smokers trying to quit are getting a new weapon: a nasal spray that gives them a squirt of nicotine to help resist cigarette cravings. The Food and Drug Administration announced Monday that Nicotrol NS is approved for sale, even though inhaling the pure nicotine poses a small risk that smokers will become as dependent on the mist as they are on cigarettes.

The nicotine nasal spray, developed by Pharmacia & Upjohn Inc., enters the bloodstream faster than gum or the nicotine patch, offering the potential of almost immediate relief from the urge to smoke.

McNeil Consumer Products, which will sell Nicotrol NS, said the spray will be in pharmacies later this year.

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■ TRACK

Mixed results at Purdue Invite

BY BRIAN REINTHALER
Sports Writer

The outdoor track and field season is officially under way. The Irish got out of the blocks last weekend with the Purdue Invitational.

Two Notre Dame athletes in particular proved to be quick starters, turning in quality performances in more than one event early on.

On the women's side, junior Alison Howard was outstanding in the field as well as on the track. Howard took first in the long jump with a leap of 5.38 meters (17-07.75). The jump was just enough to edge out her competitor from Purdue, Dawn Kline (5.36 meters).

Howard continued to impress, capturing places in two running events. She finished fourth in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes, with times of 12.58 and 25.91, respectively.

Head coach Joe Piane was very pleased with Howard's showings.

"Alison just had a wonderful day," Piane said.

The other star of the season-opening meet was sophomore Errol Williams. The highlight of his day came in the 110 meter hurdles. Williams crossed the finish line first in a time of 14.24, just three hundredths of

a second in front of Indiana State's Will Lash (14.27). Williams proceeded to grab another top-three spot in the 200 meters, with a 22.38 performance.

Other strong times for the men were contributed by senior Derek Seiling who finished third in the 1500 meter run and junior Pat Gorman who captured third in the 800 meters.

Long-distance races proved to be the strong point for the women as senior Kristen Dudas, freshman Kelly Peterson, and junior Heidi Reichenbach all turned in top ten finishes.

Dudas took fourth in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:41.91, while Peterson finished eighth in the 3000 (10:33.34) and Reichenbach managed ninth in the 5000 (18:31.7).

The field was also key, especially for the men, who gathered six top five places. Senior Lamar Justice was the standout of the group. Responsible for two of the six impressive finishes, Justice captured second in the triple jump with a distance of 14.69 meters (48-02.5) and fifth in the long jump with a bound of 6.90 meters (22-07.75).

Freshman Thomas Dovidio added a fifth place in the triple jump, while sophomore Chris Smith pitched in a No. three fin-

ish with a toss of 56.25 meters (184-06.0) in the javelin.

Pole-vaulters turned in two of the top field performances for the match. Freshman Mike Brown and junior Dave Gerrity tied for second in the event, with equal vaults of 4.75 meters (15-07.0).

However, these results did not please Brown. A jump of 16-06.0 won the pole vault.

"Neither of us were happy with our jumps," the freshman said.

Yet, according to Brown, there is probably no need to worry at this point in time.

Brown further explained, "Some individuals performed well at Purdue. Others of us did not. It was our first meet though and we are all looking to improve."

The Irish will begin to look for that improvement as they face their home-opener this weekend at Moose Krause Field. The team will host a duel meet with Western Michigan Saturday.

Piane said that the home meet will be the first true test for the team as a whole because there were no team scores at Purdue.

"Our goal is certainly to win the meet," Piane said. "They (Western Michigan) have tons of sprinters and are strong in the field events. Let's just say it should be interesting."

■ NCAA BASKETBALL

Kentucky captures 'The Big Dance'

By JIM O'CONNELL
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD Kentucky has its first national championship in 18 years, the one it was supposed to win all season.

The Wildcats got it with a 76-67 victory over Syracuse on Monday night, a loss that earned the Orangemen the respect few gave them going in.

The sixth national title in school history, second only to UCLA's 11, came through the scoring of senior Tony Delk and freshman Ron Mercer. And, of course, the famed pressure defense and the ability to use college basketball's deepest roster.

"We're a little bit like the Green Bay Packers," Kentucky coach Rick Pitino said. "The entire state of Kentucky owns our basketball team."

Syracuse, a 14-point underdog, has the most NCAA tournament victories without a title. A 36th NCAA win would have meant a first national championship.

Now, this Syracuse team

joins the one-point losers to Indiana in the 1987 championship game in sustaining the most bitter defeats in school history.

"We knew it would be tough," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "Kentucky made a couple of great plays when they had to. Delk is a great senior and a great player."

Delk, voted the outstanding player, finished with 24 points and tied the championship game record with seven 3-pointers. The Wildcats finished with 12 3s, critical in cracking Syracuse's 2-3 zone. Kentucky tied the championship game record for 3s by a team.

Syracuse played only three reserves. They took one shot and did not score.

Mercer came up with a career-high 20 points, all but six of the points the deep Kentucky bench provided. More important, the extra bodies enabled the Wildcats to keep up the defensive pressure; Syracuse finished with 24 turnovers, 19 more than it had in the semifinal win over Mississippi State.

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I'm only taking out my belly ring
when I get pregnant. What about
you?

Jed.
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tonight?

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tum through the rest of the weekend. Starter Joy Battersby pitched six shutout innings in the second game on Saturday to help propel Notre Dame to a 5-0 victory. Knudson and second baseman Meghan Murray each drove in a pair of runs to secure the victory.

"Jenna Knudson has really been a pleasant surprise for us at the plate," said Miller. "She has improved her hitting so much since the beginning of the year. It's good to see her contribute the way she has for us."

Kobata was back on the hill in the third game of the series on Sunday, and the results were

pretty much the same. Rutgers managed just six hits in six innings, while the offense, led by Knudsen (one RBI), Giampaolo (two hits), and first baseman Kelly Rowe (one RBI), lifted the Irish to a 4-0 win.

Starter Angela Bessolo drew the starting assignment in the finale, and the freshman continued to show signs of future stardom. In the 8-2 win, Bessolo limited the Scarlet Knights to just one run in five innings while striking out five in the process.

"I didn't pitch as well as I'd like, but the weather was kind of a factor," said Bessolo. "I'm getting more confident each time out with the defense playing the way they have. Hopefully, I can keep improving through the end of the year."

Tennis

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came Indiana's Andrew Held 6-2, 6-4.

The Hoosiers picked up their two points in two tough three set matches in which both Jakup Pietrowski, at No 2 singles, and Brian Patterson at No. 4 were nipped by Kevin Gable and Hayden Gibson.

Pietrowski has fallen into a bit of a rut lately but played well Sunday as he lost 6-1, 5-7, 6-4. Patterson had been on a hot streak before Gibson outlasted him 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

"I thought that everybody played well enough to win today," Bayliss mentioned. "This time of the year everybody is tired and beat up and looking one match ahead, so it was nice to pick up a solid win."

The doubles side saw the Pietrowski/Patterson tandem see their first action at No. 1 doubles. They dismissed Pope and Held without surrendering a game, 8-0.

In the No. 2 doubles slot Sprouse teamed with sophomore Daniel Rothschild to clinch the doubles point with an 8-4 win over Filipek and Gable.

The Hoosiers managed to pick up a doubles win as the No. 3 duo of Gibbs and Stefan Bebling defeated Simme and O'Brien 8-5. Going into this match the Irish has lost four of their last five, but since their schedule has been so tough, their confidence was not shaken.

Sprouse explained the team's attitude, "We were pretty loose going in. We knew that we had played some very tough competition and we knew that we were due for a win. So, everyone was eager to get that win."

SAINT MARY'S TENNIS

Belles split weekend results in St. Louis

By KATHLEEN POLICY
Sports Writer

The results of this weekend's matches at Washington University were mixed for the Saint Mary's tennis team. The team beat Augustana College 7-0, but lost to Washington University 1-7.

The matches started with bad weather in Saint Louis, and Belles Head Coach Katie Cromer said Augustana agreed to play to decision instead of playing the full match. The weather did not stop the action as the coaches did not pull the players off of the courts after they finished the fifth match.

"We did as I expected against Augustana, but I don't think we played our best against them," said #1 singles player, junior Kate Kozacik.

SMC lost all of their matches against Washington University except for freshman Morey Graham's win at #6 singles, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6.

"I am happy with the play. I just wish we could have gotten over the hump and won more of the matches," Coach Cromer said. The matches were close with Kozacik losing 6-4, 6-4, and #2 singles player Nancy Sorota losing her match in three sets, 5-7, 7-5, 5-7.

"Kate played a good match," Cromer said. "The girl she played from Washington took the #1 Division III singles player in the country from Rhodes College to three sets."

"In doubles against Washington University, we

were down 6-0, and came back to 7-4, but we could not catch up with that little margin for error," Kozacik said.

Ann Underwood's absence from the line-up hurt the Belles this weekend. Normally the #5 singles player, Underwood missed the match for personal reasons. Thus, for the second time this season, freshman Betsy Gemmer stepped into the #5 spot, and the rest of the team also adjusted accordingly.

Going into the match, there was some concern over how the travel would effect the Belles. The traveling did not make a difference to the team, according to Kozacik.

"The day kind of blended together into one long day, but I don't think it had any effect on the play," Kozacik said.

Kozacik also felt that her match against Augustana was not a particularly good one.

"I started out slowly and did not do well in the first set, but really picked it up in the second set," Kozacik said.

Cromer felt that the match was a good experience for the players because Washington's program is highly ranked in Division III.

The Belles host the University of Chicago at 3 p.m. "I don't think that we will walk over them, but we should be able to win," Cromer said. "They were also playing at Washington this weekend and looked like a decent team, but I think that we can beat them if we play like we should."

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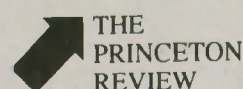
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The Observer/Michelle Sweet

Junior southpaw Gregg Henebry will get the nod against the Falcons of Bowling Green as the Irish go for their seventh straight victory.

Baseball

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and Rich Sauget, who struck out five in two innings of relief work for his second save, combined to allow only six hits to the Bulldogs, who entered the game hitting at a .294 clip.

"Brian (pitching coach Brian

O'Connor) has worked very hard with these guys," said Mainieri of the Irish pitching staff.

"He's got them believing in their abilities more. They're throwing strikes, and our two catchers are doing a great job of handling them from behind the plate."

The Irish will continue their seemingly endless homestand

today, as they face the Falcons of Bowling Green, a team which has Mainieri concerned.

"We have a lot of respect for Bowling Green," said Mainieri. "They beat us in our home opener here last season, and they have a good team again this year. We're playing good ball, though. We just want to keep it going."

■ GOLF

Notre Dame places ninth in tournament

By DEREK BETCHER
Sports Writer

The Irish men's golf team finished tied for ninth at this weekend's 16-team Johnny Owens Invitational in Lexington Kentucky. Duke won the 52-hole event with a team score of 885, while the Irish shot a 918.

Coach George Thomas isn't worried about his team's start, which he feels attributes to poor putting and weather.

"We struck the ball real well and we competed real well. If our short game would have been more consistent, we could have trimmed fifteen to twenty strokes off of our final total," Thomas said.

Thomas plans on his squad working on their putting this week as long as the weather cooperates. South Bend's cli-

mate limited Thomas' squad to just two rounds of golf.

"We were competing against a lot of Sun Belt schools down there," Thomas said, hinting at the disadvantage his linksters have to southern students who are able to golf year-round.

"It's still early, the timing's just not quite there. It's tough being out of competition for three months. To improve, right now it's just important that we keep playing," Hepler said.

After shooting a 309 and a 304 on Friday, the Irish finished the invitational with a 305 on Saturday. Thomas feels his golfers need to shoot sub-300 scores to compete with top programs, but he's not worrying yet.

"I'm not disappointed in the guys, we're just in a little putting slump," he said.

■ SPORTS BRIEFS

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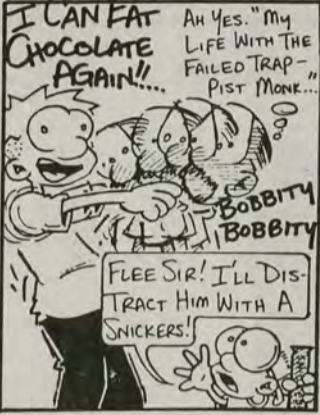
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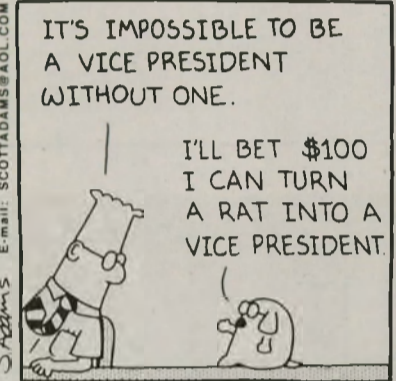
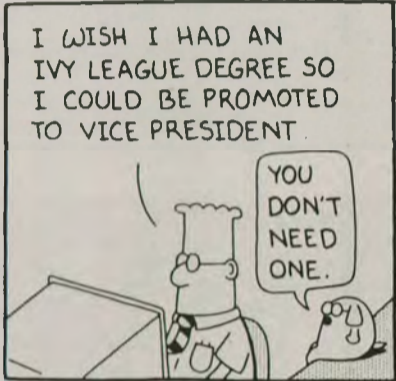


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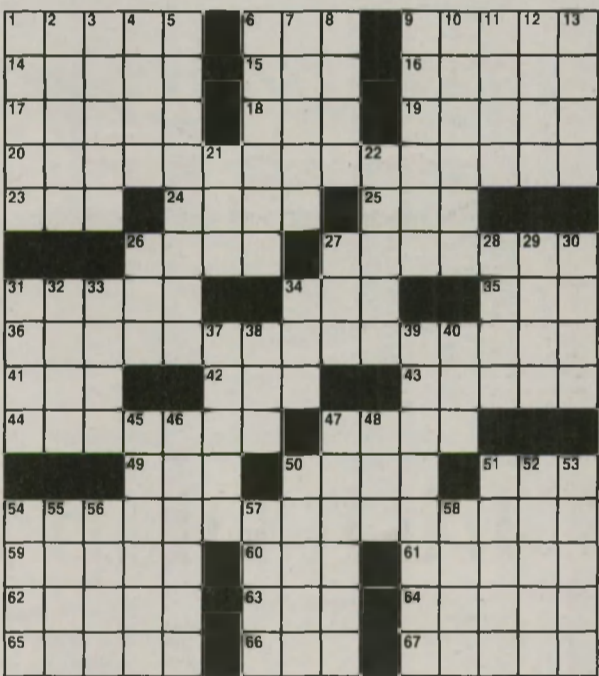
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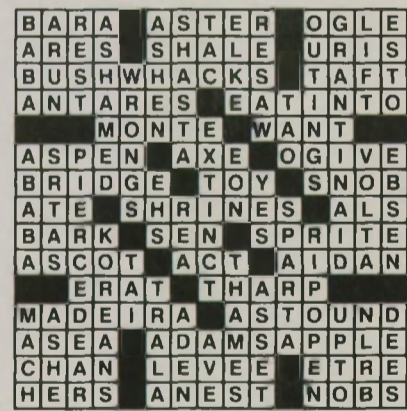
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 - 24 Country dance
 - 25 Maiden name precursor
 - 26 Sweet potatoes
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 - 63 Arthur Godfrey played one
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 - 65 Barely noticeable
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- 1 Swagger
 - 2 Prefix with logical or genic
 - 3 Tuckered out
 - 4 Bulgarian, e.g.
 - 5 Pricey Italian car
 - 6 Feathers
 - 7 Writing pad support
 - 8 Kind of suit
 - 9 "Seinfeld" neighbor
 - 10 Show song
 - 11 Dies —
 - 12 Co-star of 55-Down
 - 13 Lodge members
 - 21 Dreamy acronym
 - 22 Lavatory sign
 - 26 Prattle
 - 27 Scrooge exclamation



Puzzle by Deborah Trombley

- 28 Gen. Bradley
- 29 Beef bourguignon ingredient
- 30 Fifth Avenue name
- 31 Hit the deck?
- 32 "Bye!"
- 33 Strategize
- 34 Sot's woe
- 37 " — fast!"
- 38 High-test, e.g.
- 39 "So sorry"
- 40 Liquid in drums
- 45 Scopes trial locale, 1925
- 46 Kiddingly
- 47 Rankle
- 48 One who gives a hoot
- 50 Not watertight
- 51 Drinker's toast
- 52 Beau —
- 53 Lock
- 54 Heedless
- 55 He was Pierce on "M*A*S*H"
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are feeling much more optimistic today. Old friends miss you; get in touch. Problems with an authority figure can be avoided. Show tact. Work from a background position and keep your head down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Joining forces with a newcomer could change the course of your life. Proceed with both high hopes and caution. Keep your schedule flexible to accommodate last-minute meetings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A hard day's work puts you in the mood for a little pampering. This could lead to an extravagant purchase, a high-calorie repast or even a long massage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Romance heats up. Show your gen-

erous, compassionate side. A friend requests your help with a household project gone awry. A computer or other electronic item captures your interest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Deal with any insecurities now. Once you banish old fears, you will be free to be the confident, capable person you have always been inside. A friend does you a favor.

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■ Of Interest

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"Social Concerns Courses with Experiential and Service Learning Opportunities for Fall 1996-97" is now available to all interested students and faculty at the Center for Social Concerns and in the Library Office of Campus Ministry.

A blood drive will be held today in the Band Building until 4 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

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Senior All-American Terri Kobata had twelve strikeouts in five innings to help boost the Irish over the Scarlet Knights.

■ SOFTBALL

Softball sweeps Rutgers

Notre Dame dominates Big East debut

By MIKE DAY
Assistant Sports Editor

Even in a new situation against an unfamiliar foe, it seemed just like old times.

The way the Notre Dame softball team opened up the Big East season, one would have thought they were back in the MCC wiping the floor with powerless league rivals. This time around, the competition may have been different, but the outcome was still the same.

Indeed, the Irish experienced little trouble in their first ever Big East weekend, sweeping all four games against Rutgers to

improve their mark to 22-10 overall and a perfect 4-0 in conference play.

"I couldn't think of a better way to open up our first season in the Big East," said Irish head coach Liz Miller. "I think we kind of set the tone in the first inning of the first game, and that just kind of inspired us through the rest of the weekend."

Notre Dame wasted little time showing Rutgers that they were ready to be accepted as the newest member of the conference. The Irish jumped all over the Scarlet Knights pitching for 10 runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Katie Marten led off the inning with a single, and the Irish never looked back. Marten finished the game with four hits in five at bats to go along with three runs batted in. Right field-

er Jenna Knudson collected three hits and drove in a pair of runs, and center fielder Jennifer Giampaolo added two hits and two RBI's in the winning effort.

"The way we swung the bats in the first inning was absolutely incredible," said Miller. "We set out to provide some support for (starter) Terri Kobata, but I didn't anticipate what happened. I have never seen anything like that as long as I've been in coaching."

As impressive as the Irish offensive juggernaut performed, Kobata matched the effort on the mound.

The senior All-American lost a perfect game in the last inning but still finished her best outing of the year with 12 strikeouts in five innings.

The Irish carried the momen-

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■ BASEBALL

Strong pitching blanks Butler, 3-0

Christian Parker leads Irish to sixth straight win

By DYLAN BARMMER
Assistant Sports Editor

Ah, memories.

The Notre Dame baseball team had the chance to relive their MCC days yesterday, blanking Butler University 3-0 in a last-minute matchup at the Eck.

A less than impressive throng of 47 was on hand for the contest, which was arranged this morning to help fill in the gap which was created in the Irish schedule after their series with Big East rival Villanova was canceled last weekend.

The win was the sixth straight and fourteenth of the last sixteen for the 18-7 Irish, and was marked by quality pitching and timely hitting.

Christian Parker improved to 5-0 on the season, crafting a seven inning, six hit shutout in what was, at least statistically, his best performance on the hill this season.

"I've been pitching better the last few weeks," said Parker, who came into the game with an unblemished 4-0 mark but a 5.28 ERA. "I just figured I was going to go out there and go right at them this week. I've been pretty fortunate so far this season, but I knew today that I was going to have to go out there and put zeros on the board."

Parker did just that, hitting his spots to the tune of three strikeouts and only two walks, while pitching out of serious jams in the sixth and seventh inning.

Parker's control seemed to be much improved, as the pitcher who came into the game averaging a walk every 1.4 innings allowed just two free passes in seven solid innings.

"I thought Christian Parker threw great," commented head coach Paul Mainieri. That was as fine a display of control that I've seen him exhibit. He got the clutch outs when he needed them."

And George Restovich got the clutch hit when the Irish needed it.

The senior first baseman boosted his team high RBI total to 26 when he lofted a two out, two run double into the gap in left center in the bottom of the third inning, scoring Paul Turco and Scott Sollmann.

The two runs would prove to be all the Irish would need, as both teams exhibited solid pitching on the mound.

"Both their pitchers did a nice job," said Mainieri of Butler's Steve Magill and Jeremy Guler, who between them surrendered just seven hits on the afternoon. "They played well in the field also. We had to earn everything we got today."

The Irish pitching, which seems to be improving by leaps and bounds, was also extremely solid, as Parker

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■ MEN'S TENNIS



The Observer/Brent Tadsen

Senior captain Mike Sprouse upset Hoosier sophomore Derrick Pope, 6-2, 6-4, and helped the Irish break their losing streak.

Irish snap losing streak

By JOEY CAVATO
Sports Writer

Some teams look to rebound from a three game losing streak by returning home. However, the Notre Dame men's tennis team last home match was in February and their next home match will be on the tenth of this month.

So, playing in the same state was the next best thing as the Irish traveled again this weekend, but this time they stated inside the Indiana border.

This past Sunday, the tennis squad looked to snap a three game losing streak as they headed to Bloomington to square off against the Indiana Hoosiers. After losing four out of their last five the Irish saw this match as a chance to crack back into the winning column.

And crack back they did as

they defeated regional foe 5-2. The Irish got solid play from top to bottom of the lineup winning four of six singles matches in straight sets to improve their record to 10-7.

After traveling to North Carolina and Alabama for their last five matches head coach Bobby Bayliss was happy to return to the heartland.

"It was nice to play somebody from our part of the country," Bayliss remarked. "It was also good for us to pick up a solid win."

Captain Mike Sprouse got back to his winning ways as he defeated one of the top twenty players in the country in Hoosier sophomore Derek Pope, 6-2, 6-4.

At No. 3 junior Ryan Simme continued his great recent play. After playing at No 1 singles last year, Ryan was moved to No. 3 because foot surgery has ham-

pered his game. However, Simme has picked up his play lately and has won four out of his last five matches including a convincing win over Bo Gibbs 6-3, 6-2.

"After struggling early Ryan has been on the upswing as of late," Bayliss observed.

Simmie thinks that his better play has been due to his lack of pain in his foot.

"It was just going to take time to get back into the flow of things," Simmie explained.

John J. O'Brien picked up another win Sunday as he continued his solid play at No. 5 singles. O'Brien earned a point for the Irish as he overcame Mike Filipek 6-4, 6-3.

Brian Harris got into dual match action for the second time of the season as Jason Pun was out of the lineup. Harris over-

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