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Club funding for 1998-99 falls short of expectations

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
Assistant News Editor

In the Student Senate's 1998-99 budget, approved at its meeting yesterday, student clubs and organizations received only 47 percent of the funds they requested, resulting in uneven budget cuts or increases, according to senate documents.

Clubs requested \$251,270 in total funds, but the Club Coordination Council received only \$198,000, to be distributed at its discretion; though more than last year's \$152,000 budget, most clubs expressed disappointment that the \$10 increase in the student activity fee did not necessarily positively affect their budgets.

"It's difficult to say to a group, 'Well, you can't have that event because we don't have enough money,'" said Ryan Harding, Club Coordinator, whose job is to request funding for the more than 200 campus groups. "We're disappointed that we can't meet more of the club need."

The \$198,000 received by the CCC is the minimum amount of money that could be allocated to student groups, according to a University mandate.

Harding said clubs are a very large part of campus life, noting that approxi-

mately 5000 of 7600 undergraduates participate. He also mentioned that there is "really no avenue for additional funding" other than an emergency fund the CCC maintains for unexpected expenses.

"Clubs and organizations have recognized substantial increases in funding over the last two years. This trend is very encouraging as clubs continue to receive more adequate financial support," Harding noted in an April 22, 1998, letter to the Student Senate.

But an anonymous source claimed Harding was dissatisfied with the funding the CCC received, and speculated that he probably wanted and expected thousands more.

"They can't be happy that they had to cut their [requested] budget by \$50,000," commented the source.

Habitat for Humanity, Experiential Learning Programs (this includes seminars like the fall trip to Appalachia), and the Women's Resource Center were among the victims of the cuts in proposed budgets. The NAACP received 25 percent of its requested budget, and La Alianza was allotted only a 13 percent of its need.

"It hurts to see the ethnic groups cheated out of the money they need and deserve," commented April Davis, ethnic representative of the CCC.

Part of the monetary shortage may be due to a large addition to the Office of the President's budget, which received \$39,200 this year compared to last year's allocation of \$25,450.

Student body vice president Andréa Selak explained that the increased budget will be used to extend SafeRide to include Thursday nights and to pay a dispatcher to ensure that the program will always be available.

Other goals of the Cesaro-Selak administration that won them extra funds are the continuation of Project Warmth, the expansion of the Nike shoe drive, and the Irish elves program, in which a dorm adopts a previously homeless family for Christmas, according to Selak.

The duo also wants to create diversity panels, a night of reflection at the Grotto, an end-of-year mass for 1998-99, and set up a phone line students can use to ask questions about majors and study-abroad programs.

"I believe in strength in numbers," Selak said, explaining her belief that channeling money through student government will result in a more efficient use of funds, accomplishing more with the same number of dollars.

"We want to be a resource for the entire University ... we want to serve as a

Clubs & Organizations 1998-1999 Allocations

Division	Requested	Recommended
Academic	\$34,120	\$17,985 (53%)
Athletic	\$74,222	\$30,350 (41%)
Ethnic	\$125,285	\$40,050 (32%)
Social Service	\$80,180	\$56,800 (71%)
Special Interest	\$81,805	\$41,800 (51%)
Contingency	\$25,000	\$11,015 (44%)

Total Requested: \$420,612

Total Available: \$198,000

Balance: -\$222,612

resource to coordinate with other student organizations," she said.

Some CCC members remained uncertain that the large investment in the

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TECHNOLOGY BEAT

The world is spending \$800 billion to fix more than 3 billion computer chips; as the deadline nears, even the experts aren't sure what will happen

By HEATHER COCKS
Editor-in-Chief

On Dec. 31, 1999, as the seconds tick away toward midnight, the world will be waiting anxiously to begin the journey into the next millennium.

On Jan. 1, 2000, analysts will wait to see if the world's computer systems come along for the ride.

Specifically, they will monitor the Year 2000 virus, dubbed Y2K by the experts. Though all its potential effects remain a mystery, one thing is certain: It could mean the difference between moving ahead to a new century or getting stuck in the old one.

"It's massive, it's mind-boggling, to think of all the things that could go wrong," said Willie Kennedy, the Year 2000 engagement manager for Key Corp., which owns Key Bank. "Systems have doubled, tripled, even quadrupled in size in the last 30 years [since Y2K's creation]. Anything can happen. We can't tell for sure."

Programmers first planted the Y2K seed two decades ago, long before computers became household items. Memory space was too costly to waste; to conserve precious megabytes, programmers used only two digits to delineate the year.

So when the date rolls over to 1/1/2000, the computer sees only the last two digits of the century, "00," and draws its own conclusions.

Welcome to 1900 AD. "Typing in '19' each time seemed bothersome because it was assumed," Kennedy said. "No one thought those programs would still be running

anywhere near the year 2000."

They are, and they are running straight toward it. Paced

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how long it will last," said Bill Pierce, director of the State of

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WILLIE KENNEDY

Year 2000 compliance expert

by popularity of computers, technology pervaded society with such quickness that Y2K was deeply embedded before programmers realized the ramifications.

"The question is no longer whether or not anything will

Indiana's Y2K office. "My concern is that there's something out there no one's told us about."

Left unchecked, Y2K can either corrupt a system's data or shut it down altogether, something Kennedy said may

cause 80 percent of date-related technology to fail.

The task at hand is arduous, at best. Computer experts face the chore of checking all hardware and software used on a system, making sure both can either interpret the four-digit date, or be upgraded to do so.

Notre Dame students should weather the year 2000 storm with little difficulty, at least within the confines of campus, according to Velma Harris, leader of the Office of Information Technology's Year 2000 Management Team.

"We look like we are in good shape," she said. "A lot of our technology, like computers in Grace Hall, are already compliant."

"We're putting together a database so that each department can enter its specifics on there," she said. "We want to

know the name of all the hardware and software used by each department and its personnel."

From that database the OIT can create a master list of all manufacturers or vendors from which Notre Dame acquires its products. Each will get a letter asking if the product is year-2000 compliant, Harris said.

"We are still in the process of collecting the data. Our top priorities are the applications or systems that are mission-critical," she said, adding that the team expects to meet its targeted completion date of Dec. 31, 1998.

Neither the campus clusters nor ResNet will be affected by Y2K, Harris said.

Key Corp.'s Kennedy warned against heavy reliance on ven-

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IN ♦ THE ♦ YEAR 2000

Does Y2K Threaten Your Computer?

- All Macintosh systems are immune to Y2K
- Windows or DOS systems more than two years old - 90% chance of Y2K

PC TEST

1. Enter DOS mode
2. Change date to 12/31/99
3. Change time to 11:58 pm
4. Shut down machine
5. Wait until midnight passes
6. Reboot - date must read 2000 or must be adjusted for compliance

INSIDE COLUMN

Down the Hall ...

You wait in angst over the whims and wishes of upperclassmen and those with better numbers. This stress-inducing, tension-causing procedure isn't applying to college, or even DARTing for the upcoming semester.

No, this painstaking headache is the lengthy process of room picks — the ultimate test of where and with whom you will be living for the next year.

Being a freshman, this has been my first experience with choosing roommates for an entire year. For weeks I've listened to the advice of upperclassmen, some saying that room picks are a cinch and that everyone is happy in the end, others saying that it will test the bonds of friendship and that almost every time someone ends up unhappy.

Throughout these past few weeks, I've come to realize and appreciate a few simple, undeniable truths: a) room picks are NOT easy; b) people are selfish; and c) yes, women DO talk about each other behind others' backs.

I realize that no two situations are alike. Take, for example, two women who are getting a double in my dorm next year. Life couldn't be simpler for them. They've got a terrific room pick, want to live with each other and have found a fantastic (and, might I add, enormous) room on the fourth floor.

Now let's analyze the situation with my friends. There are nine of us. Yes, nine. We have a happy little group with a happy little friendship and we all wanted to live in what we see as the ideal room, the master of all living spaces: a quad. Guess what? That didn't work out.

I guess we went wrong when we decided to look at things the logical way — you know, write up the pros-and-cons list, over-analyze the possibilities, drive each other insane over the different combinations.

What should have occurred might go something like this: Friend A says, "Friend B, I want to live with you. But Friend C (no offense, because, after all, you ARE my friend), you're too loud and messy, and I can't live with you." Friend A would live with Friend B happily ever after (or at least for one year) and no feelings would be hurt. Unfortunately, that's not what happened.

People were unhappy. Feelings got hurt. It didn't happen the way it was supposed to. What happened to the upperclassmen who said that everything would be easy and that no one would feel left out or cheated? Oh, that's right — they probably didn't have eight other friends.

It wasn't until this week that I realized how truly petty picking rooms can be. I really wish I could live in the same section with all my friends, but it's not possible, and it's not life-threatening if we don't.

My roommate has a boyfriend at Boston College. Although he's not in the room next door, does he stop being her boyfriend? No, they write letters. They talk on the phone. If we're not across the hall from each other, don't worry — we'll still be friends. I can walk down the hall to visit.

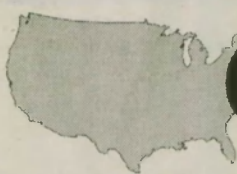
When you think about it, what is all the stress over? Does it really matter who the lucky person is to wake up Friend C, or tolerate Friend A's morning breath? No, because, regardless, we're all still friends. I'll still have to listen to the same stories about high school friends and dining hall crushes, no matter with whom and where I live. And that's okay, because, after all, I'm just down the hall.

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Outside the Dome

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Clinton accepts invitation to address MIT seniors

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

President Clinton will be the featured speaker at MIT's graduation ceremonies this June, one day after former Irish President Mary Robinson addresses Harvard's seniors.

MIT officials said the White House had initially contacted the Institute on Friday about the possibility of the President speaking at its commencement. Winners of the annual scramble among universities to snag big-name commencement speakers often reap the benefits in increased press attention.

A proud MIT president Dr. Charles M. Vest attributed Clinton's decision to MIT's leadership in innovation and technology.

"We are honored and delighted that President Clinton has selected MIT as the place to deliver a major address to people who will be leaders of the 21st century," Vest said in a



statement. "The future will be shaped in large measure by advances in science and technology, and MIT is the home of many of the people making those advances."

Clinton will share the podium with AIDS researcher and Institute alumnus Dr. David Ho, whom MIT had invited to speak in February, at MIT's June 5 ceremonies. MIT has recently scored high in the race for celebrity commencement speakers. The list includes United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan last June, Vice President Al Gore '69 in 1996,

Harvard Corporation member Hanna Gray in 1995 and The Aga Kahn '58 in 1994.

Clinton's acceptance of MIT's invitation brings his commencement speech total to three this spring. The President, who spoke at Princeton University last year, is also planning to speak at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis and Portland State University in Oregon, The Associated Press reported.

While expressing disappointment at missing Clinton's speech, which will occur after students have left campus, Harvard undergraduates said they continue to support the University's choice of Robinson, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

"Given what's going on in Ireland right now, it would be a bit presumptuous to look down on Mary Robinson," said the undergraduate council president Beth Stewart.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Commission examines tuition waivers

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.

The University had a discrepancy of more than \$22 million in its tuition waiver reports to two government agencies. In documenting 1996 graduate tuition waivers to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the university reported graduate tuition waivers of \$46,198,400. But in its report to the Office of the Auditor General, the university reported tuition waivers totaling \$23,657,805. The Performance Audit Commission, led by Auditor General William Holland, began looking into the distribution of tuition and fee waivers at Illinois state universities in July of 1996. In a report released Tuesday, the commission highlight the discrepancies within various institutions and provided recommendations for improvements. Here at the University of Illinois, the commission looked into various aspects of tuition and fee waivers, management controls and financial aid. According to the commission, the university included \$1.6 million of duplicate tuition waivers to the Office of the Auditor General.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Latino fraternity seeks charter

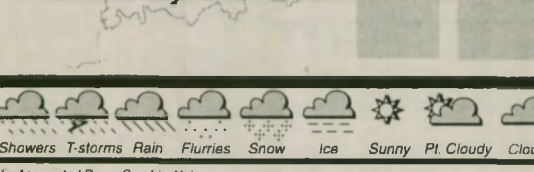
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

The University might be adding a new combination of three Greek letters to its list of fraternities. In a quest to become the first Latino fraternity on campus, the university organization Hermanos Unidos, or "brothers united," is seeking a colony charter from the national Latino chapter, Sigma Lambda Beta. If the colony status is gained, the group will become the only Latino fraternity in the state. On a campus with an enrollment of about 700 Latino students, no specific fraternal system for the ethnicity is currently in place. Sigma Lambda Beta is a growing national Latino chapter, beginning in 1986 at the University of Iowa and expanding to campuses across the country. The idea for a local chapter surfaced in fall quarter in the mind of business education freshman Juan Telles. "What inspired me is everybody talked about it, but nobody ever did anything," Telles said. "My goal was to bring a fraternity over here to get people together and help the community and children."

SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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Thursday		66	43
Friday		70	46
Saturday		64	44
Sunday		65	47
Monday		66	50



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Concrete canoe wins second place

DAVIS, Calif.

While most of UC Davis was recovering from Picnic Day, the UCD concrete canoe team celebrated its second-place finish — the highest finish ever for a UCD team — in the annual Concrete Canoe Competition, held this weekend at University of the Pacific on Lake Lodi. A concrete canoe is exactly what it sounds like: a 19-foot-long, 10-inch-high, 100-pound boat crafted out of quarter-inch-thick reinforced concrete. "It's a year-long project with the most intensive period being the last four months or so," said Matt Barnard, a concrete canoe team member. "This is the best that we know of that we've ever done." Building a concrete canoe is no small task, and the team has a strong network of faculty advisers to rely on for help — only if needed, of course. "The group is pretty much self-sufficient," said civil engineering assistant professor John Bolander. "They do have past experience to go on, and don't start from scratch every year."

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

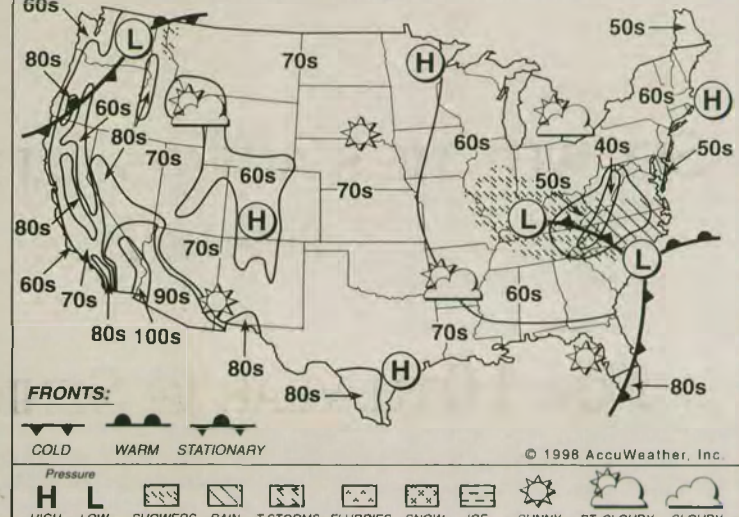
Museum displays poster collection

COLLEGE PARK, Md.

You know those people on the dorm floor. The ones with posters covering all the available wall space and maybe even the ceiling. If it's out there, it's on their wall. The National Museum of American Art's newest exhibition, "Posters American Style," captures the walls of college students during the last 100 years. Divided into four broad categories (American events, designed to sell, advocacy and advice and patriots and protesters), the new exhibit displays posters that are uniquely American. "Posters, American-style, are raucous, brash and uneven in color, size and format," said Therese Thai Heyman, the exhibit's curator. "The exhibit has areas like rock posters and from the cinema where American contributions are clear, and it also includes notable events." A walk around the exhibit space reveals the myriad of styles employed throughout the years. The exhibit ranges from art nouveau-style ads at the turn of the century, to psychedelic rock posters of San Francisco in the '60s featuring the Grateful Dead and Jimi Hendrix.

NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, April 23.
Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



Atlanta	64	45	Jackson	72	45	Orlando	75	53
Birmingham	68	42	Las Vegas	70	39	Phoenix	98	66
Boise	78	46	Miami	78	58	Raleigh	56	45
Dallas	78	56	Nashville	67	43	Tampa	75	53
Fairbanks	54	27	New Orleans	73	51	Waco	80	56

Budgets

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Office of the President was the best way to use student funds.

"We did think that it was kind of unfair [that our clubs' budgets were cut] but there's not enough money to go around," commented Jill Kula, an athletic representative of the CCC. "We did feel like a lot of our athletic

club teams are going to be hurt and some of [the money given to the Office of the President] may have been put to better use."

Social service representative Tim Vieira agreed.

"I think that the social service

clubs are very important to the overall mission of the University ... [they are] a major pillar of the message of Notre Dame ... I think they should have [left the money] with the clubs because the clubs represent the students in the school."

Both Kula and Vieira also commented, however, that they were fairly unfamiliar with the goals of the Office of the President and their funding needs.

The student budget is prepared by the Financial Management Board, but the figures it sends to the Student Senate for approval are not unchangable, according to board member Matt Mamak. The Senate can alter the allocation of the money, he explained.

"Ryan [Harding] didn't seem to reveal a whole lot about the

Student Senate's role [in the budget process]," said Vieira, adding that he was unaware of the senate's power to alter the budget. "I'm surprised that [he] didn't bring it up."

Vieira also stated that, had he known it may have been possible for the CCC to get more than \$198,000, he may have further investigated that option as an alternative to cutting service program funding.

"I'm offended as a student to see that they only gave the minimum [amount of money] to clubs ... that are really important to the survival of this University," Davis said.

"I see it as a slap in the face," said Davis. "The student activity fee went up and we got the percentage we were supposed to. I guess we're supposed to be content with that," she said.

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Urban Plunge Task Force

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- Be involved with coordination of the Urban Plunge
- All participants are invited to apply

Applications currently available in the Center for Social Concerns

Monday, April 27, 1998
is the deadline

Year 2000

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dors to supply year-2000 compliant products.

"Programmers generally don't come in on time or on budget," he stated. "Every day the vendor is late providing your upgrade, the problem gets bigger."

"Some companies take six months to a year to get everything up and running," Kennedy said. "The more you depend on the vendors, the bigger the risk and the nightmare."

This lack of preparedness could create a widespread domino effect in which smaller companies founder and knock each other out of business. Anderson Consulting, Inc., estimated that 10 to 20 percent of all businesses will fail as a direct result of Y2K compliance glitches.

Macintosh owners are a step ahead in the compliance race because all machines made by Apple Computer Inc. can read and understand a 4-digit date.

Windows- and DOS-based systems are another story.

"Of all personal computers more than two years old, 90 percent will revert to the year 1980 or 1984 [on Jan. 1, 2000]," said Kennedy, who recommended that PC owners test their own machines for compliance, rather than lugging them to a service shop.

"Go into your computer's DOS mode and change the date to read 12/31/99," Kennedy said. "Change the time to 11:58 p.m.

and shut down the computer.

"After you're sure enough time has passed and the date will have changed, reboot it," he continued. "If the year is not '2000,' you have a problem."

But the Y2K problem exists beyond the personal computer, beyond Notre Dame's computer clusters and almost beyond the comprehension of the expert programmers. Businesses, governments and home computer users worldwide will spend an estimated \$600 to \$800 billion worldwide to assess and, hopefully, correct the Y2K problem, according to a report from market research firm Gartner Group Inc.

The Federal Aviation Administration needs \$156 million to cover the cost of checking its 290 mission-critical FAA systems, 84 of which require repairs or upgrades to beat the Y2K bug, according to media spokesman Paul Takamoto.

"[Nothing] can malfunction," he said. "It's a huge international effort [because of international flights], and we're all in different places in terms of year-2000 compliance. It's complicated."

The FAA must double-check all air traffic control systems nationwide, both to avoid failure and prevent data corruption.

"The system can still function, but it may transmit the data from yesterday's radar readings, which could lead to some bad decisions," Kennedy said. "Planes won't just drop out of the sky, but the computers will show flawed data."

At stake is not just safe nation-

al air travel, but a global economy.

"International commerce can be affected by the failure of air traffic control systems anywhere in the world," said Gartner Group's James Cassell in a Nov. 4, 1997, report to Congress. "The year 2000 crisis is a 'war' we cannot afford to lose."

Programmers at Illinois-based Ameritech Corp., which provides local telephone service to Notre Dame and South Bend, must scrutinize 3,000 products and services, 25,000 desktop computers and more than 25 million lines of computer code, according to media relations manager Frank Mitchell.

"This is our biggest project. It affects all aspects of business," he said. "Fortunately, we've been savvy about upgrading our equipment in the last two years," but Ameritech will still spend more than \$200,000 on inventory and Y2K compliance, he added.

Cincinnati Bell Long Distance, with which Notre Dame has long-standing service arrangements, is similarly well-positioned.

"We already use 4-digit dates for everything," said Mike Vadney, assistant vice president of Information Systems at CBLD. "Our internal systems are working just fine."

Both he and Mitchell down-

played rumors that phone company computers could charge for a 100-year conversation if a call lasts past midnight on New Year's Eve.

"If your bill comes out to \$20,000, we'd notice that," Vadney said. "We'll be checking things harder."

Key Corp., whose bank has a branch office in LaFortune Student Center, budgeted \$40 million for its Y2K project and is proceeding on track, according to Kennedy.

"Everything will be working correctly," he said. "People won't suddenly lose money in the year 2000. That's a doomsday scenario that only would happen if we ignored Y2K completely."

But the little inconveniences are starting to mount.

"[An Automatic Teller Machine] rejected my cash card twice before it finally ate it," said CBLD's Vadney. "I couldn't withdraw money for a while."

The bank later told him the machine confiscated his card because the expiration date read "00" and it could not interpret that date as anything but invalid.

FORGOTTEN HARDWARE

Microprocessors are the brains behind all automated equipment, including elevators, thermostats, hospital equipment, security systems and cars. GartnerGroup estimated that, of the 3.3 billion

microchips used in such equipment, more than 50 million will fail in 1999 or 2000, a large-scale problem for which most homeowners are unprepared.

Especially in the dead of winter when the central heating quits.

"There's about 5,000 utility companies in the country, and none of them are prepared right now to face this problem," said Bill Pierce of Indiana's Y2K office.

None, except the power plants controlling Notre Dame's campus.

"We have two separate energy systems running right now, and we're making sure that they're both compliant," said Mike Smith, director of Facilities Engineering. "We've been meeting for the last several months about this and we're pretty well-prepared."

But the experts remain unsure whether the world's programmers can defuse Y2K on time — and the deadline is fast approaching. As 1999 draws to a close, the world will wait to see if it will chase technology into the 21st century, or whether the computers, for once, will be the ones lagging behind.

"It's a really interesting time. There will be a global impact ... but we will have to wait and see what it is," Kennedy said. "Somehow, some way, it will affect everyone."



UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES SELECT ALEPH 500

For the move into the next millennium, ALEPH 500 from Ex Libris has been selected by the University Libraries of Notre Dame as its library management software. ALEPH 500 was selected for its:

- State-of-the-art client/ server architecture
- ability to offer extended functionality
- support of current library services such as circulation and public online catalogs
- new features such as hot links to external electronic databases; etc.
- ability as a gateway to other online resources allowing the "catalog" to take on a new visibility and role
- future developments which include electronic reserves and extended interlibrary loan activities

Initial elements in an ALEPH-based campus-wide information system (CWIS) will support bibliographic access to the Libraries' collections via the traditional catalog and the possibility exists to create, store, index, and retrieve from other citation, full-text, or numeric databases. Already other departments such as the Sniye Museum, the Lab for Social Research, and the Human Resources Wellness Group have begun to explore the potential of the ALEPH software.

ALEPH should become operational in August 1998, given delivery of software by the vendor. If there is a delay the ALEPH system will be installed during Christmas 1998.

The Effect on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities should be minimal because ALEPH's public access is web-based. This means:

- NO additional software is needed since ALEPH 500 uses existing web browsers such as Netscape
- NO steep learning curve since many users are familiar with web-based searching like Yahoo
- NO large investment in equipment because OIT clusters and machines on faculty desktops already support web-based information
- Usable on any platform since Netscape exists for Windows 3.1, Windows 95, Windows NT, Mac OS, and many flavors of UNIX.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

French parliament votes to adopt the euro

PARIS

The French parliament Wednesday voted in favor of adopting Europe's new single currency, although conservative lawmakers from President Jacques Chirac's party abstained. The non-binding resolution passed easily by a vote of 334-49. Deputies from the Socialist Party and the conservative Union for French Democracy voted for the measure, while the Communists and the Socialist-allied Movement of Citizens were opposed. Leaders of the 15 European Union nations will meet in early May to officially announce the 11 countries expected to take part in the single euro currency, which will debut in January. Chirac last week made a strong pitch for the euro in a rare Paris news conference, but many members of his Rally for the Republic (RPR) party worry that the currency will undermine French sovereignty.

Firing squads to execute Rwandans for genocide

KIGALI, Rwanda

Firing squads across Rwanda will publicly execute 33 people, marking the first executions of participants in the central African country's 1994 genocide, officials said Wednesday. The executions will take place Friday morning in the capital of Kigali and four other locations. Government officials and survivors hailed the decision as a victory for justice. But international rights agencies said the move violated conventions on human rights. "This will show people... that justice is really working," said Justice Minister Faustin Ntezilyayo. "Justice must be seen to be done." Spokesman Jose Luis Herrero said the U.N. human rights agency is protesting the executions because the convicts' trials did not prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Feces-covered killer pleads insanity

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.

A murderer who smeared himself with feces and snored and shouted through most of his two-day trial on escape charges convinced a jury he was innocent by reason of insanity. The jury never heard any testimony that Hector Rivas was insane when he and five other killers tunneled their way out of a prison in Belle Glade in 1995. But his behavior apparently spoke for itself. Acting as his own lawyer, Rivas, 36, shaved his head into a patchwork of tufts and began his trial by answering the judge's questions with closed eyes and loud snores. On Tuesday, for the second time in two days, Rivas smeared himself with his own feces before court, then refused to change his clothes. An expert testified that Rivas was faking insanity.

THAILAND

Remaining Khmer Rouge side with royalists



A recent Khmer Rouge defector, still wearing the guerrilla's outfit, carries a mortar piece near Anlong Veng. Remnants of the hard line Khmer Rouge are holed up at "Hill 200" north of Anlong Veng near the Thai border.

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SURIN

Khmer Rouge rebels are joining forces with fighters loyal to Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the Cambodian prince's military commander said Wednesday. The merger could threaten an internationally mediated settlement of the power struggle that has convulsed Cambodia for years.

Gen. Nhek Bunchhay announced the merger in an interview with The Associated Press. Hours earlier, the prince had denied any Khmer Rouge links and said Khmer Rouge leaders

"should be condemned and sent to an international tribunal."

When they held power in the late 1970s, the Khmer Rouge implemented policies that were responsible for the deaths of as many as 2 million people from overwork, starvation and execution. The group began breaking up in 1996 with the remnants continuing to wage guerrilla warfare.

An alliance with the Khmer Rouge could derail elections in which Ranariddh hopes to regain the power he lost last summer when ousted by his co-premier, Hun Sen.

Under international pressure, Hun Sen agreed to allow Ranariddh to take

part in the July elections if he would cut ties to the Khmer Rouge.

Though ideologically opposed to Ranariddh, the Khmer Rouge provided tactical help to the prince's supporters after the bloody coup. Now the Khmer Rouge is under attack by Hun Sen's troops.

Nhek Bunchhay claimed there are 8,000 Khmer Rouge left. But the Thai military, which monitors the group's movements, estimates there are only about 2,000, which is still more fighters than Ranariddh is believed to have.

The Khmer Rouge sent peace feelers to the government over the weekend and was rejected. Government spokesman Khieu Kannarith said the guerrillas offered no written proposals.

The deal with Ranariddh's forces was struck Tuesday, said Nhek Bunchhay, a deputy chief of staff in the Cambodian army before last year's coup.

Under the agreement, Khmer Rouge leader Ta Mok would become a political adviser to a Khmer Rouge political party but have no military role, he said.

"I don't think the international community should have any problem with it," Nhek Bunchhay said. "I see no reason why Ta Mok cannot be accepted. He will have no military role whatsoever."

He said thousands of Khmer Rouge defectors had been incorporated into the Cambodian army since 1996, and Ta Mok's men should be given the same chance.

"I'm not joining them, they are joining me," he said.

Hun Sen called the parliamentary elections to earn international legitimacy and aid dollars, which were cut off after he deposed Ranariddh. The prince is Hun Sen's only serious opponent in the election, which is to be monitored by the United Nations.

Ranariddh's party won U.N.-sponsored elections in 1993 but was forced to share power when Hun Sen threatened renewed civil war.

COLOMBIA

Relatives identify victims of crash

53 killed as airliner slams into mountain

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BOGOTA

Tearful relatives gathered at a Bogota morgue Wednesday to try to identify the mangled remains of their loved ones who were killed when the Boeing 727 slammed into a mountain shortly after takeoff.

The crash Monday killed all 53 people aboard.

Rescue workers recovered some 34 black bags of human remains, including the tiny body of a 2-month-old baby taken to the morgue on Wednesday. Fewer than 10 bodies were found intact.

Some family members gave blood, and others were told to bring dental and medical records. Ana Maria Berenguer, director of the government forensic unit, said

some bodies could be released by Thursday, but very few.

Marco Vasconez, his eyes red from crying, defended his brother, the plane's pilot, Jaime Vasconez.

"Only God knows what happened — God and the black box," he said at the morgue.

Officials were investigating Wednesday why Jaime Vasconez deviated from his required takeoff pattern and seemed to ignore a

'ONLY GOD KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED — GOD AND THE BLACK BOX.'

MARCO VASCONEZ
BROTHER OF PILOT

warning he was off course before crashing his Ecuador-bound plane into El Cable mountain, just 150 feet below its 10,170-foot summit.

The plane was leased to Air

France by TAME, the Ecuadorian military-run airline.

The Ecuadorian crew flew the route, from Quito to Bogota and back, three times a week. Jaime Vasconez had 5,500 hours of flight experience, nearly half of it in a Boeing 727.

The 43 passengers included two Colombians, a Briton, a Swede, a Honduran, six French, four Danes and six Italians — two of whom were on their honeymoon.

A TAME spokesman said the plane had been in excellent shape.

"The president of Ecuador is flown on these planes, so they must be in perfect condition," Marco Emilio Erazo told The Associated Press.

TAME aircraft have been in several fatal accidents. In 1988, a TAME-owned Electra crashed into Lake Agrio northeast of the Ecuadorian capital of Quito, killing seven people. In 1983, 119 people were killed when a TAME plane crashed in southern Ecuador. A

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IKON OFFICE	IKN	27.08	9.3750	25.250

■ STUDENT SENATE

Letter supporting commencement speaker approved

By TIM LOGAN
News Writer

The Student Senate drafted a letter last night voicing its support of Notre Dame's selection of Indiana Lt. Governor Joseph Kernan as the 1998 commencement speaker.

The choice, which has raised heated debate on campus and attracted significant outside media attention, had led to a resolution brought before the senate on April 8 criticizing the selection and calling for greater student input in the future.

Since its inception, the resolution has been reworded to avoid criticism of Kernan and focus primarily upon increasing student voice in the process.

However, student discontent over Kernan's selection had begun to attract widespread media attention, including an Indianapolis Star story which

stated "Joe Kernan apparently isn't good enough for some Notre Dame seniors."

Discussion of the issue began when senior Mark Councilman addressed the Senate, protesting the resolution and criticizing the disrespect shown to Kernan.

"I think it's insulting and kind of arrogant," he stated. "It lacks a humility that we ought to have as we're just entering the world."

Councilman also questioned the necessity of student input in the selection process, noting that, while students pay to attend, the University selects the students and the decides when a student is fit to graduate.

"I don't think that anywhere here is any sort of democratic process," he noted. "I think students should have a say in the process, but this [resolution] has a certain arrogance."

Debate on the subject contin-

ued when Keough senator Brian O'Donoghue read a letter by Paul Rathburn, associate professor of English, and motioned that the Senate adopt the letter as an open statement to the administration.

Rathburn's letter states the choice of Kernan is "brilliant" for three reasons — his status as a 1968 graduate of Notre Dame, his "magnificent war record," and his "brilliant career in pub-

lic service."

"The critics ... underestimate Kernan. ... The content of his message will stay with them longer than the aura of celebrity that a bigger name speaker might bring," Rathburn wrote.

The Senate took much of Rathburn's language and put it into a letter, intended to address the issue while still timely. "If we do it next week, it doesn't serve a purpose," said Keenan senator

Matt Mamak. "If we do it now, it has that much more impact."

The Senate's statement, which was approved 22-2, concludes: "We ... are delighted and privileged to have ... Kernan as our commencement speaker."

The letter will be sent to news organizations which have carried stories about the issue, including the Chicago Tribune, the Indianapolis Star and the Associated Press.

Louise Edwards as Rosalind experiences the enchantment of the Forest of Arden in Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, which opened last night in Washington Hall. Performances continue through Sunday.



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Alcohol

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

Are you struck by the number of people around Notre Dame who seem unable to socialize, particularly with the opposite sex, without first consuming excessive amounts of alcohol? I probably shouldn't take up this topic here since, like sex and chastity, alcohol is one of those topics that could leave me yet again looking the prude. And yet, for some reason, I feel compelled, even obliged to say something on the topic. And it wouldn't be on this page if it didn't have something to do with a deep abiding concern for those who might read this column.

Alcohol on this campus is messing up people's lives. We as Campus Ministry would be remiss if we did not have something to say about the elephant in the middle of the room. As we attempt to nurture the spiritual life of this campus with our many liturgies and programs, we would be crazy to think that our efforts are unaffected by the use and abuse of alcohol on this campus. The ways in which we socialize on this campus has everything to do with the health and life of this community, as individuals, as couples, as friends, and as the larger family of Notre Dame.

Don't misunderstand me, I like to drink. It is, in fact, one of the few vices that I haven't publicly forsworn. I suspect my reputation for enjoying spirits far exceeds the reality, at least from that which I hear through the grapevine, but I will never deny enjoying a few drinks with friends. Where we go wrong are those instances when we seem to depend on alcohol to give us what we need to adequately enter into a social situation. It may be because I'm a rector this year, but I don't think it takes a social scientist to figure out that there is something wrong with the way we socialize on this campus, especially at SYRs, Hall Formals, off-campus parties, and even on weekend nights (including Thursdays) at the bars.

Please, please, don't misunderstand me. I am not a prohibitionist. I do not support our becoming a dry campus. I think we would be as remiss in disallowing alcohol on this campus as we would be if we didn't attempt to teach people about responsible drinking and personal accountability. This is an appropriate time and place to learn how to drink. But I think you know that the preparatory rituals which seem to happen on this campus before hall dances are not happening in your parents homes or before office parties or even before nights out with friends beyond these days. And while you might explain it away by saying that it's just a college thing, I worry about what you'll walk away from here with in the ways of socializing and relationships.

If we don't appreciate the fact that there is a direct correlation between the prevalent abuse of alcohol on this campus and the problems that we have with gender relations then we're nuts! Many would like to say that we drink so much because the social life on this campus is so bad. I wonder if the social life on this campus is so bad because we drink so much. Aside from the fact that we often sit around with the "guys" and drink, which isn't in itself bad unless it becomes the very reason why we gather, we should be thinking about how it relates to the gender relations on this campus. If we've come to believe that it's "normal" to enter into an evening with a person of the opposite sex, much less end it, seriously wasted then we need to think again. Too often, the drinking is inversely proportional to how well one knows the other person. And when we go out with the person we know least well we're in no condition to meet them, and we end the evening (early probably) looking the fool, or at least not knowing them any better than when we started. What will you walk away from an evening like that with? And how often have you done things in relationship that you would never have done but for the fact that you were drunk? At the time it seems to heighten your courage, but more often, upon reflection, it impairs your judgement, especially regarding physical expression. How often would we like to have those moments back when we didn't consider well enough what we were doing?

My real concern is that, in our present reality, we're not well disposed to learn how to socialize, to enter into deep and intimate relationships, friendships, with those of the same or opposite sex. We live under this illusion that we're better communicators or funnier or less timid when we're drinking/drunk, but what is that going to do for us beyond these days when we're in a social setting where there is no alcohol. We have to learn to develop the skills of communication, and humor and overcoming shyness without alcohol.

It's a practical matter gang. It's not about me, or Campus Ministry, or Student Affairs; it's about you. It's about making choices for your life that are consistent with the integrated whole of the rest of your life, and of the person that you want to be when you leave this place. In these waning days of the semester, take it for what it's worth and do with it what you will. But time is too fleeting to waste it; just ask the seniors.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Kernan Brilliant Choice as Speaker

The student body of the University of Notre Dame du lac is honored and proud to have Indiana Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan as its commencement speaker.

Joseph Kernan graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in government in 1968. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1969 and served as Naval Flight Officer aboard the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk. In May of 1972 he was shot down by the enemy while on a reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam. He was held as a Prisoner of War in the infamous Hanoi Hilton for 11 months.

For his service, his personal heroism and his courage under great duress he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, Two Purple Hearts and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He was elected Mayor of South Bend in 1987 and served as Mayor for nine years, longer than any other mayor in the city's history. During that time as mayor:

- 1) South Bend's bond classifications jumped three classifications to AA as a result of sound fiscal management.
- 2) The presence of uniformed police officers on the street increased more than 50 percent due to investment in new technology.
- 3) City investment in the Blackthorn development area attracted more than 160 million dollars helping to create/retain over 4,000 jobs.

In 1996 he was elected Lt. Gov. of Indiana in which capacity he is president of the Indiana Senate, director of the Indiana Department of Commerce and is the Commissioner of Agriculture.

The choice of Kernan is brilliant because:

- 1) Kernan is a Notre Dame graduate. We honor one of our own.
- 2) He has a magnificent war record of service to and suffering for our country.
- 3) He has forged a brilliant career in public service.

We the student body of the University of Notre Dame du lac are delighted and privileged to have Indiana Lieutenant Governor Joe Kernan as our commencement speaker.

The Student Senate
University of Notre Dame
April 22, 1998

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame More Than Just Drinking

I am quite concerned by the sentiments expressed in Bob Kerr's article "Administration Allows Drinking But No Space," that appeared on April 17. The close-mindedness exhibited in this article is the main cause for my concern. It's no secret that alcohol is a problem on this campus, partially because of the abusive consumption that Kerr recognizes as an issue.

However, abuse is not the only problem.

From the very beginning of his or her stay at Notre Dame, each student is forced to choose one side of the issue, to drink or not to drink. Those who choose not to use alcohol are often shunned and ridiculed as a result of their decision. Let me emphasize that the problem is not that a large number of people use alcohol. The problem is caused by the individuals who obnoxiously proclaim that their decision to get hammered every weekend is right and that those who choose not to imbibe are making an unacceptable choice. Similarly, although not as frequently, those who do not drink isolate themselves from those who do, creating an unhealthy dichotomy. In the middle are those who have learned how to be responsible with their alcohol use. On the two polarized sides of the question, there needs to be a much more open attitude. This is the Notre Dame family, isn't it? Shouldn't people be accepted based on who they are, not based on whether or not they decide to drink?

I also have great difficulty accepting the suggestion that "drinking is our pastime," and therefore we should "learn to accept it as an inescapable part of our identity." While I firmly believe that there is nothing wrong with using alcohol, as long as it is used responsibly, I also believe that college drinking is not a rite of passage. It is not something that everyone has to do, as Kerr implies in the quoted statement. It involves a personal decision made by each individual as an individual, hopefully without the interference of anyone else.

I would also like to question Kerr's claim that, "If we had another outlet ... the University might be able to pull off a dry campus. But not in this town, and not with these students." First, I am fairly sure that a dry campus is not the University's goal, and it probably

should not be, because of the greater risks involved in making more off-campus excursions necessary. Second, the Notre Dame student body is a collection of some of the brightest individuals in the country. "Not with these students" sounds like an insult to me. In almost four years here, I've tried a good variety of weekend activities. I've been to dorm parties,

off-campus parties, bars, movies and Flip-Side events; in each of these categories, there have been some good and bad times. As a group, we should be (and I believe we are) creative enough to find other things to do, and we should want more from our collegiate experience than hazy memories of being hammered, smashed, toasted, sloshed or housed.

Kerr states that Notre Dame social life has always included drinking, and always will. While his prediction may be correct, it does not have to be correct, and certainly not insofar as it is now. It seems clear that as deaths and other casualties have occurred at other schools as a result of abusive drinking, we will see another one of these consequences first-hand at Notre Dame if our collective drinking habits remain the same.

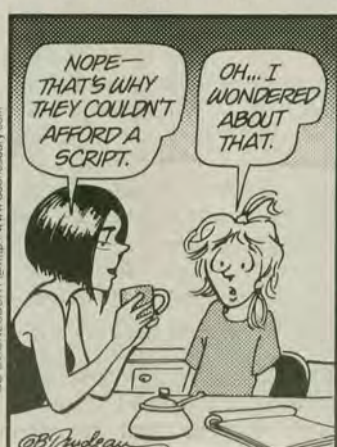
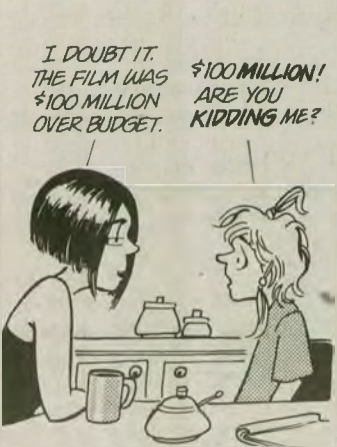
In addition, Kerr's comparison of Notre Dame's drinking to the "pastimes" of other schools is just a bit ridiculous. The pastimes he mentions that are associated with other schools, including skiing, biking and hiking, are all active, healthy activities, and they have another factor in common: They're all legal. Don't forget that about 75 percent of the undergraduate student body is underage. The University is not going to overtly permit illegal activities by including a bar in the addition to South Dining Hall. Other schools may be known for other pastimes and they may be situated in more pleasing locales. Does anyone really want Notre Dame to be "known" for its alcohol use? I hope not.

Steve Ponisciak
Senior
O'Neill Hall
April 20, 1998



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GARRY TRUDEAU



QUOTE OF THE DAY

'Historically, a Canadian His an American who rejects the Revolution.'

— Northrop Frye

■ PERSPECTIVES OF ND

Affirmative Action A Necessary Evil

"When you live in a poor neighborhood, you're living in an area where you have to have poor schools. When you have poor schools, you have poor teachers. When you have poor teachers you get a poor education. With a poor education, you can only get a poor paying job, and that poor paying job enables you to live, again, in a poor neighborhood! So it's a very vicious cycle."

— Malcolm X

These are America's realities: The founding fathers infused a racial caste system — not a color blind one — into the U.S. Constitution by relegating "negroes" to property, worth no more than three-fifths a human being. After Lincoln's reprieve from obvious bondage, Jim Crow laws and procedures shrewdly circumvented and nullified the Civil Rights legislation of the late 1860s, maintaining the oppressive racial caste system.

Mel Tardy

In 1896, Plessy vs. Ferguson only enhanced the oppression. The mantra of "separate but equal" legally cut negroes off from whites and, in effect, all resources whites were privy to in improving life for their own families and posterity: schools, libraries, colleges, hospitals, hotels, banks, politicians and safe neighborhoods. On the freeway of opportunity, the ghetto could claim no entrance ramps. This was reality in America circa 1950, nearly 100 years after Congress added civil rights to the Constitution (Amendments XIII, XIV and XV).

Then came a turning point. In the 1954 Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education case, young Thurgood Marshall successfully argued that a doctrine of "separate but equal" in a racially oppressive society was inherently unequal and unfair, laying the legal groundwork for what became the Civil Rights Movement.

Integration was not the ultimate goal; it was a means to achieve a goal: the end of racial oppression towards African Americans. Whites refused to share resources with African Americans, but civil rights leaders reasoned that if they were forced to integrate — share space — with blacks, sharing of resources would naturally follow. Self-serving as it was, when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. took up the cause, he infused a spiritual, moral dimension with which the Caucasian (Christian) community could empathize.

King's murder sparked deadly riots, prompting President Johnson to issue Executive Order No. 11246 in 1965. Adding teeth to JFK's Executive Order No. 10925, which bade federal contractors to "...take affirmative action, to ensure that applicants are employed ... and ... treated ... without regard to their race, creed, color or national origin," Johnson's order required employers to "promote the full realization of equal employment opportunity through a positive, continuing program in each executive department and agency." Johnson felt the government, a participant in discriminatory practices, was duly obligated to bring those "shackled" victims up to speed with those who had, at the former's expense, inherited a running start. He wanted equal results, not just equal opportunity.

In 1971, Nixon further required all federal contractors to develop affirmative action plans, including analysis by job classification of areas where minorities and women were being underutilized, goals and timetables. By this, he didn't mean illegal quotas, just a good faith effort and reasonably attainable targets.

Each presidential order inched affirmative action from passive concept to results-oriented plan. While some argue ideology, it is with the implementation phase that most opponents now take issue, via the courts. Some believe the very existence of Civil Rights laws means equality. Others

argue that the obvious use of "non-merit" criteria like race, even to "level the playing field," was outlawed by the 1964 Civil Rights Bill. Still others claim affirmative action just hasn't been effective or helped the right people and has even hurt whites unjustly.

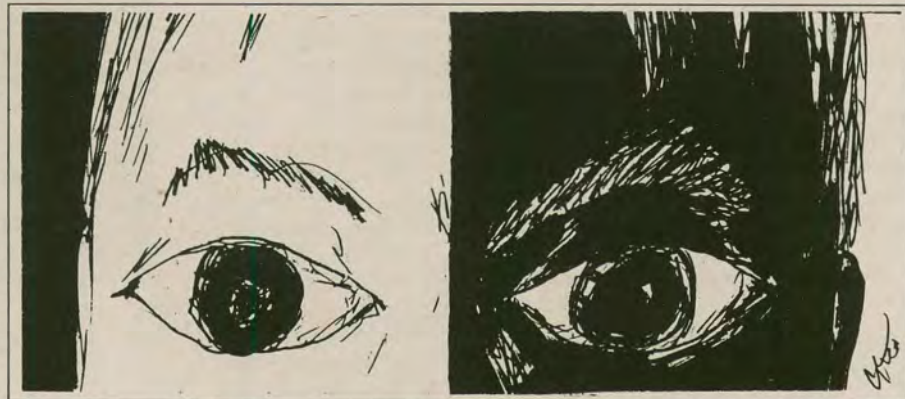
Over the past 30 years, many forms of "affirmative action" have evolved. The book "Affirmative Action" by Tomasson, Crosby & Herzberger (1996) suggests viewing them on a continuum, from "equal opportunity" and active nondis-

crimination (i.e. sensitivity training) to the active seeking of candi-

dates based on desirable characteristics (what Fair calls "remedial affirmative action"). Tomasson offers a workable summary using Oppenheimer's models: targeted hiring, quotas, preference programs, self-examination and outreach programs.

While most quota and set aside programs have been deemed illegal by the Supreme Court based on the 1964 Civil Rights Bill, other programs, including hiring and admission policies that use race/gender as a "plus factor" (i.e. in the case of a tie) or those enacted by Congress (see Fullilove case), currently have the court's favor if they pass the "narrowly tailored" standard. In the wake of Proposition 209 and the Hopwood case, which both attacked preference programs, that may change, but the Supreme Court still views such programs as legal.

On ideological grounds, rights of Lockean (discrete) individuals clash with group social justice. Many Americans value "rugged individualism", but racial oppression has tainted that term for many African Americans. We survived by developing a heightened sense of community. Slavery, Jim Crow, Rodney King's beating, all affected us as a "group." When African



Americans were publicly whipped or lynched, and survivors knew police wouldn't do anything to prevent it from happening to them next — to call that a crime against an "individual" would have been an insult.

Thus, anti-discrimination laws requiring the victim to prove an institution's history of discrimination against that "individual," before justifying the legitimacy of remedial affirmative action towards that "individual," ring hollow to African Americans from here to California!

Ultimately, it may not matter. Some politicians shrewdly use affirmative action to pit African Americans against Asian Americans, "angry white males" against Janet Renos, Reagan Democrats against Clinton Republicans. We are mere spectators in a game of political football. If blacks truly had power, affirmative action would be politically untouchable (similar to entitlement programs benefitting elderly whites), or obviously unneeded. For example, a majority of neither people of color (including Asians) nor white women voted in favor of Proposition 209 in diverse California, but white males outvoted them all. Does that make Prop 209 "the will of the people?"

People justify affirmative action by using several different arguments. Tomasson summarizes them as retribution (a mis-

nomer) for past discrimination, the benefits of diversity, social contract theory, sociological arguments and pragmatic (i.e. prevents riots and black nationalism). Perhaps the most persuasive argument, however, is to ask whether or not the climate/situation that spawned affirmative action still exists (i.e. is playing field level), and whether affirmative action is a fair, effective equalizer.

Many who advocate "equal opportunity" believe things became equal with the mere passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Bill.

Yet, we're reminded that for nearly 100 years prior to that bill, Articles XIII and XIV and XV of the US Constitution proclaimed civil rights while Jim Crow circumvented them. De jure freedom is no substitute for de facto freedom.

Here's an example of a non-level playing field. The parents of many college-age African Americans were denied the right — and expectation — of a college education. Thus, many of today's African American collegians are first generation, with parents not "college savvy" or financially able enough to enroll their kids in SAT prep courses, have them improve scores via multiple retakes, or to have a doctor determine whether a learning disability may be hurting their ability to test well. The regents of the University of California chose to be insensitive to that in their "merit-only" admissions crusade.

Yet, in that same crusade, did these regents target legacies? Children of same-era whites make up significant, pre-determined percentages of selective schools' incoming classes, as legacies — a privilege to which many African Americans had no entrance ramp, due to oppression.

On the surface, the policy appears color-blind, but is this equality of results? Is the playing field level? Loopholes like this (and I could list many others) would make

Jim Crow envious. Whites rarely claim that denial to selective schools was due to preference programs for legacies (roughly 25 percent of ND's class), but in a semantic twist they'll raise the roof about affirmative action and African Americans (roughly 3% of ND's class).

Here's another example: A recent TV documentary selected two men, similar in every respect (age, college, degree, occupation, salary) except one was Caucasian, the other African American.

In St. Louis, they were told to apply for jobs and rental properties, inquire about car purchases and bank loans, etc. Alone, one would go, then shortly after, the other. The results were disgusting.

In most instances, the African American man was ignored, doubted, lied to about openings, asked to pay higher premiums or in some way shown that inequalities do exist in attitude as well as action. The white man, conversely, was treated like a king. This is reality in America. Why would we want to get rid of affirmative action in such an environment?

Given an unlevel playing field, is affirmative action an effective, fair remedy? In judging effectiveness, Bryon Fair reminds us in "Notes of a Racial Caste Baby" (1997) that the goal of affirmative action was never racial integration for the sake of brotherhood and an end to segregation

... it was for the sake of access to resources and an end to racial oppression. In this sense, affirmative action has become the once-craved entrance ramp to American opportunity; for African Americans as well as similar victims of oppression. Affirmative action has forced Americans to think twice about "business as usual."

If those were the only benefits, then affirmative action would be relevant. In addition, however, attention to diversity has opened new markets, in our backyard and abroad. Moreover, affirmative action has not hurt race relations in America ... it is race relations in America. No other programs force people from divergent backgrounds to interact in their everyday experiences the way affirmative action has, especially in the corporate world and in universities which are developing leadership for the 21st century. Not even churches do this. If we are closer as brothers and sisters in America, give some credit to affirmative action. Who initially would have thought that, once we got together, we might actually get along.

Perhaps affirmative action would be more effective if executives didn't practice selective networking (i.e. exclusive country clubs), if "white flight" would stop segregating neighborhoods, if the diversity oversight committees usually assigned to people of color were stronger factors of consideration for promotions or faculty tenure, and if glass ceilings, salary inequities and unfair promotional policies were easier to see. (Sometimes, suggest Crosby and Herzberger, such inequities are only apparent with larger data samples viewed in aggregate.)

Some argue that affirmative action is unfair to whites. Perhaps, it is in a few isolated cases, but as a battle cry, "reverse discrimination" truly mocks African American history. For example, this zero-sum mentality blames affirmative action for tightening job markets, rather than demographic trends, "trickle-down economics" and the short-sighted decisions of U.S. corporations. In the 1980s, the latter tried to force-feed inferior products via "made in the USA" stickers, financed greed-based corporate takeovers, and underestimated the viability of international rivals — all leading to a weak economy, severe corporate down-sizing, a temporary moratorium on new-hires and so-called "angry white males."

Nevertheless, as changing political and ideological winds swirl around affirmative action, the courts bear watching. A way once paved with Brown, Weber, Fullilove and Johnson now has Proposition 209, Hopwood, and a pending University of Michigan case. Sure, there are problems with affirmative action. For example, a program initially designed to remedy racial oppression of African Americans runs into problems when applied to other races and ethnicities, mixed races and women. That's grounds for mending affirmative action, not ending it.

We owe it to ourselves, and to those who will judge us in history, to protect affirmative action. Inequities still exist, and history has shown us we can't trust "business as usual" to right these wrongs. Affirmative action has done more than anything else to build an entrance ramp from the ghettos — and middle-class holding tanks blocked by glass-ceilings — to the freeway of American opportunity. Currently, nothing else is more effective, timely or practical, and the benefits to America of keeping affirmative action alive clearly outweigh the costs of abandoning it.

Affirmative action is not, and cannot be, a stand-alone solution to all racial problems, nor to achieving the goal of a level playing field. Nevertheless, if the goal of our country is equality, unity and freedom from oppression, we must continue the affirmative action experiment a bit longer, just as we continue this elusive goal of an American democracy.

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album reviews



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Widespread Panic Light Fuse Get Away

Capricorn Records

★★★★★ (best out of five)

With summer quickly approaching, the thoughts of college students turn from books and studies to concerts and freedom. For those interested in seeking out the best of summer concert experiences, concerts such as Lollapalooza, Horde Festival, the Rolling Stones, Dave Matthews and Phish are relatively well-known. Another name worth knowing is Widespread Panic.

The name Widespread Panic might ring a bell with Notre Dame students after their concert here in South Bend in September at the Morris Civic Auditorium. For those unfamiliar with the band, they are a six-man ensemble originally from Athens, Ga. Consisting of John Bell on vocals and guitar, John "Jo-Jo" Herman on keyboards and vocals, John Houser on guitar and vocals, Todd Nance on drums, Domingo Ortiz on percussion and vocals and Dave Schools on bass and vocals, the band began as a Grateful Dead cover band. Since the mid-80s, the band has focused its sound on a combination of hard rock, blues and acid rock. While much has changed since then, the band's relentless touring has gained them international popularity, a huge grass-roots following, and a reputation as one of the best live bands to see today. For this reason, Widespread Panic's sixth and newest album, entitled *Light Fuse Get Away*, is possibly the most exciting album they have released simply because it is a sampling of their live sound.

The cover of the album looks like a firecracker wrapper and the name of the album also implies explosiveness. Even the release of this album was done in a way which exemplifies the manner in which Widespread Panic seems to approach their music. After a long European and

Australian tour, the band returned to their hometown in Georgia to give a free concert in the town square. The two-CD live album opens with an enchanting version of "Porch," rich with mysterious vocal harmonies which gradually erupt into a foot-stomping and consistently concise jam. This song alone gives the listener a great idea of what's to come as it leads into the previously unreleased "Disco." The two CDs are packed with music from beginning to end, mixing songs from their oldest albums to songs from last year's release, *Bombs and Butterflies*. There are also plenty of unreleased concert favorites such as "Conrad" and "Papa Legba."

Throughout the various phases of the album, the energy never drops a beat while many songs reflect variance in feeling and influence. Experienced "Spreadheads" will savor favorites such as "Space Wrangler," "Traveling Light" and "Rock" while those not familiar with the band might find appeal in songs such as "Pickin' up the Pieces," "Pilgrims" and "Wondering." The best facet of the album is the unique, once-in-a-lifetime feel of each song that can't be found on any studio album.

All in all, the CD brings the group back to the U.S. with momentum as they head into another great summer of touring and gives fans and newcomers just what they've been looking for: a great live recording for all to enjoy.

Dave Clark

A current pioneer of jazz/fusion guitar, John Scofield has gained notoriety (albeit behind the likes of John McLaughlin) as one of the few innovators willing to morph his sound according to the setting. On his new disc, *A-Go Go*, he does just this to complement the young and impressive trio of keyboardist John Medeski, percussionist Billy Martin and bassist Chris Wood. More popularly known as MMW, they are the quintessential acid jazz trio of the 90s, and their release with Scofield has been in the works for some time.

This all-instrumental album is by no means short of melody, one of Scofield's past demons. Medeski is the master of an eerie but catchy acid jazz, and his Wurlitzer, Clavinet, Hammond B3 and piano are the means by which he gets there. Thoroughbreds of the New York scene, MMW sounds tighter and more eclectic than they ever have thanks to Scofield's songwriting. Throughout the album, Scofield and Medeski trade ideas with an excellent sense of complement and let the album steadily gain momentum from catchy melodic riffs to outright jamming, preserving a laid-back groove throughout. On "Chank," Medeski lays out a pleasant melody which progressively becomes more and more atonal and climaxes with a loose guitar-organ fugue. Scofield dons the Marc Ribot (a frequent guest guitarist for MMW) outfit for this piece, but quickly returns with a rather tonal and melodic lead in "Boozer," which incidentally includes a blatant "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy" quote. The group again changes gears for the brief but hauntingly enchanting and possible tribute "Kubrick," which features the eeriest side of Medeski coupled with a flamenco-tinged edge from

Scofield.

The album hits an upbeat gait with "Hottentot," as Chris Wood furiously pounds the groove on the upright bass. Wood's sound has continuously become more autonomous with MMW. He is definitely at his peak when, as in this piece, he combines the necessary groove with assertive punctuations and dissonant insertions. Martin, a very loose percussionist with an addiction to strange rhythmic devices, is a good fit for Scofield, although Scofield's work sounds more furious and perhaps a bit tighter on his earlier work with Dennis Chambers. However, the four mesh quite well as a unit and the result is pleasing to the ear, uniform and clearly original.

John Scofield has done himself a great service by collaborating with the underground trio MMW. He not only expands his already-endormous repertoire of musical genres, but will certainly bring more mainstream recognition to himself from an audience who was most likely previously unfamiliar with his work. Scofield's interaction with Medeski on the album rotates from consonant to dissonant.

Exciting and well-stated, Medeski reaffirms that he champions chromatic harmony and cross-rhythms, and does so with such panache that few could be turned off by the music's somewhat arcane tendencies. This quartet exudes ingenuity, experience and fun, and their collaborative project should be enjoyed by any listener of the groove.

Joel Cummins



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John Scofield A-Go Go

Verve/Polygram Records

★★★★ (best out of five)



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Chris Goddard Fill The Silence (EP)

Chris Goddard/ascap

★★★★ (best out of five)

Following in the footsteps of the Skachoholics and the Dunn Brothers, Morrissey resident Chris Goddard has released a four song EP, and you should go buy it. The campus music scene is sporadic at best and appalling at worst. At times one must wonder if there is in fact an alternative to the Skachoholics. Fortunately, there is. Goddard, a St. Louis native, has written and produced *Fill The Silence*, which is a quiet, beautiful exploration of the self.

With the minimal accompaniment of Evan Howard on percussion, Brian Goddard on bass and Chris himself on guitar, Goddard's words find a pleasantly welcoming home. The album's shining track is "The Pretty Song," which skillfully blends the style of Jeff Buckley with the lyrical beauty of Jim Croce into a convincing love song.

In the other songs we see scenes from Chris' life and it feels like he is telling the truth. His songs lack the pretense that holds many lyricists from being able to communicate with the listener, but after hearing *Fill The Silence*, one feels as though Goddard were an old acquaintance — and a really nice guy.

The music that supports *Fill The Silence* is simple but effective. The performance is confident and skillful. Chris Goddard can be found performing his songs on and about campus which is also a great place to pick up the CD.

Stuart Smith

concert reviews

DiFranco De Facto

By DJ Spak

Ani rocks the little plastic bubble (aka the beautiful Stepan Center)

After years of training and research in the field of journalism, one crucial principle has become eminently clear to me: the story takes precedence over all other things. I could certainly pepper my reaction to the recent Ani DiFranco concert with song titles and meaningless facts about the artist's career. I could also tell outrageous tales of an opening act who magically transformed his rhythm section into a machine and, in the process, lost the attention of his audience. Such matters, however, do little justice to the real story: namely, Miss Ani DiFranco.

I have to admit that I wasn't exactly abiding by my usually impeccable journalistic methods as I entered the Stepan Center on Wednesday night.

The Incredible Hulk was in my pocket and delusions of Bookstore grandeur were floating through my mind. I justified my approach by recognizing Ani's

extreme clout in the concert industry.

Going to an Ani show is somewhat similar to seeing Phish, P-Funk, or any Third Wave ska band: You can have a fantastic time without being totally familiar with the artist's work. So then, as I entered the center and picked up my ticket, I was pretty much prepared for anything. Which is exactly what I got.

The scene inside Stepan was every dogmatic feminist's and teenage boy's dream come true; scores of young ladies filled the arena, although I was not sure whether they were awaiting the appearance of Ani or preparing for some sort of ritualistic male sacrifice. The anticipation seemed to stem from the former, however, as the crowd jumped to its collective feet and roared its approval

as Ani, accompanied by a bassist, drummer and organ player, took the stage. After a surprisingly funky opening number and some idle talk about

the Stepan Center's similarity to the inside of a brain, the real excitement began. While glancing at the masses Ani must have seen my angelic face, because she suddenly decided to drop her top and play the rest of the show in little more than her bra. This was undoubtedly an added bonus

(for me, anyway), but the real standouts of the show were the songs.

Moving from slow, acoustic numbers to longer, more improvisational jams, Ani kept the crowd excited and alive throughout the evening. Her experience as a truly seasoned performer became obvious as she picked just the right moments to interact with the crowd or switch the pace of a song. By the time the band had left the stage, my sense of joyous awe could only be tempered by two simple questions:

Where did all the time go, and why is that girl behind me such a terrible dancer? The crowd was not completely satisfied until two encores were performed.

a perfect conclusion to an energetic evening. When I first entered the Stepan Center last Wednesday night, I was a mere

child in the Ani DiFranco universe, filled with a cornucopia of misconceptions and doubts. By the time I left, however, I was a man. I gained a new appreciation for her music, her fans, and even her choice in undergarment apparel. On an otherwise cold and uninteresting night in South Bend, Ani DiFranco lit a fire in my soul that has yet to be extinguished. Take it from the Kid: Until you have seen Ani DiFranco live in concert, you really don't know what you're missing.



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They're so money baby

By Matt Buttel

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy "swings" into Chicago's House of Blues

With the explosive popularity of Jon Favreau's 1996 film *Swingers* came a revival of 1940s jump-jive, alley-cat hipster culture. While such groups as the Mighty Blue Kings, Cherry Poppin' Daddies, and the Brian Setzer Orchestra have all gained tremendous momentum from the film's release, Ventura artists Big Bad Voodoo Daddy jumped from an existence as an extremely talented California ensemble to a national music sensation. In the midst of a cross-country tour promoting their self-titled major-label debut, BBVD made an unforgettable stop at the Chicago House of Blues this past Friday evening.

The show shot out of the gate sprinting with Mama Digdown's Brass Junction, a Madison-based New Orleans-style band. The nine piece group got the crowd moving with and hour long set filled with addictive shuffles, catchy riffs and overpowering unisons. The house was filled early in anticipation of BBVD's appearance, but Mama Digdown proved themselves worthy of such an audience. Their set was highlighted by a disappearance from stage left and a reemergence into the



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crowd for their final three numbers, N'awlins funeral-march style.

The P.A. blared Nat "King" Cole and Albert Collins tunes between sets and gradually dissipated into a jump-swings blues combo number. The curtain opened, the crowd roared with delight, and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy tore into their opening tune, "The Boogie Bumper." Trumpeter and featured soloist Glen "The Kid" Marhevka ripped out a scorching series of multi-octave

runs and Dizzy Gillespie-esque blast.

Percussionist Kurt Sodergren, bassist Dirk Shumaker, and keyboardist Joshua laid down and infectious groove that kept the kids dancing all night long. These three, coupled with the accentual guitar licks from lead vocalist and guitarist Scotty Morris, kept the pace fast and furious all throughout the show. Their rock solid

foundation gave BBVD's talented horn section the opportunity to showboat all evening, much to the crowd's approval. Tenor saxophonist Karl Hunter, baritone saxophonist Andy "The Golden Smog" Rowley, trombonist Jeff Harris, and Marhevka collectively stole the show. Whether in crisp unisons, complex heads, imaginative solos, or hysterical stage antics, these four are the perfect touch to the talented BBVD rhythm section. Frontman Scotty

Morris proved to be as entertaining an emcee as he is a guitarist, and while his voice was a bit raw at times, he piloted the group through an entertaining show.

The majority of the set consisted of tunes from their initial CD. "Mr. Pinstripe Suit," "Mambo Swing" and "King of Swing" were all new tunes that impressed the audience, while *Swingers* staples "You and Me and the Bottle Makes Three Tonight (Baby)" and "I Wanna Be Like You" were familiar tunes to everyone in attendance. A terrific cover of Cab Calloway's "Minnie the Moocher" paid proper homage to the Hidey-Ho man, and the set closed with a Dixieland group improvisational number, "So Long-Farewell-Good-bye" (with a tease of Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit" thrown in).

The band returned to chants of "Go-Daddy-O!" for their final number, the tune that made them famous. The crowd danced itself senseless as each musician took verses with everything they had. Clad in fedoras, two-tone wing tips and vintage pinstripe suits, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy demonstrated that while the 40s revival may come and go, they'll be playing crowds for years to come.

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fielder J.J. Swiatkowski threw Perconte out at the plate in a nearly identical play to Porzel's for the Irish in the second. Perconte and Ust, when he scored the winning run, were the only two Irish runners to reach third base in the game.

In a rotation planned before the game, Mainieri used Brad Lidge, Alex Shilliday, Scott Cavey, Mike Naumann and Aaron Heilman on the mound. The five pitchers scattered eight hits while walking one batter and striking out nine.

In his third-longest outing of the year, Heilman (4-0) threw three and two thirds innings for the win, allowing one hit and a walk while striking out six. He extended his scoreless innings streak to 25 and a third innings, lowering his ERA to 1.14 from 1.26.

"I was going to go one more inning with Heilman," Mainieri said. "He had only thrown 50 pitches. But luckily we didn't need him to throw another inning. He won't pitch tomorrow [Thursday] and will be ready for the weekend [at Seton Hall]."

Crusader pitcher Tony Flores threw 124 pitches in the loss to drop to 2-2 on the season. In eight and two-thirds innings, Flores allowed eight hits and two walks while striking out five. Giving up only the unearned run in the ninth, he lowered his ERA almost a full run from 4.50 to 3.66.

After the two-and-a-half-hour opening game, the nightcap got underway late in the evening at 8:45.

Notre Dame wasted little time in bring-

ing a run home. In the second, Jeff Wagner led off with a double and was joined on base when Porzel walked two batters later. Leatherman then hit a towering fly ball that just cleared the fence in right field for a three-run home run. It was the first baseman's eighth of the season and fifth in his last 13 games.

Those would be all the runs the Irish would need. Starter Chris McKeown pitched six shutout innings scattering six hits and walking two while striking out a career-high nine batters.

"It didn't feel like I had great stuff coming into the game," McKeown said. "They hit my mistakes, but I was able to throw all my pitches for strikes when I needed to. I was able to keep them off balance."

In the seventh, Valparaiso broke Notre Dame's streak of not allowing an earned run at 42 and two-thirds innings. Tom O'Hagan started the inning and got the first two hitters to ground out. Then the Crusaders put together back-to-back doubles and a walk before Mainieri pulled O'Hagan for Steve Szczepanski. Szczepanski walked the first batter he faced on four pitches to load the

bases, then got catcher Scott Lockhart to fly out to right field to end the game.

Since the three-game massacre to Miami when the Irish allowed 54 earned runs in 24 innings, Notre Dame's team ERA has fallen from 9.31 to 3.91. In the last nine games, the Irish staff ERA is a microscopic 0.36.

"One of the best things that's happened

to us has been all these games during the week as well as on the weekends," McKeown said. "It gives everybody a chance to get out there. It's just a matter of getting our grooves. Everybody's doing well and getting the job done. The two victories put Notre Dame at 22-1 in their last 23 games, the best record of any Irish program over a stretch with only one loss."

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Pride *at* Notre Dame *Part II*



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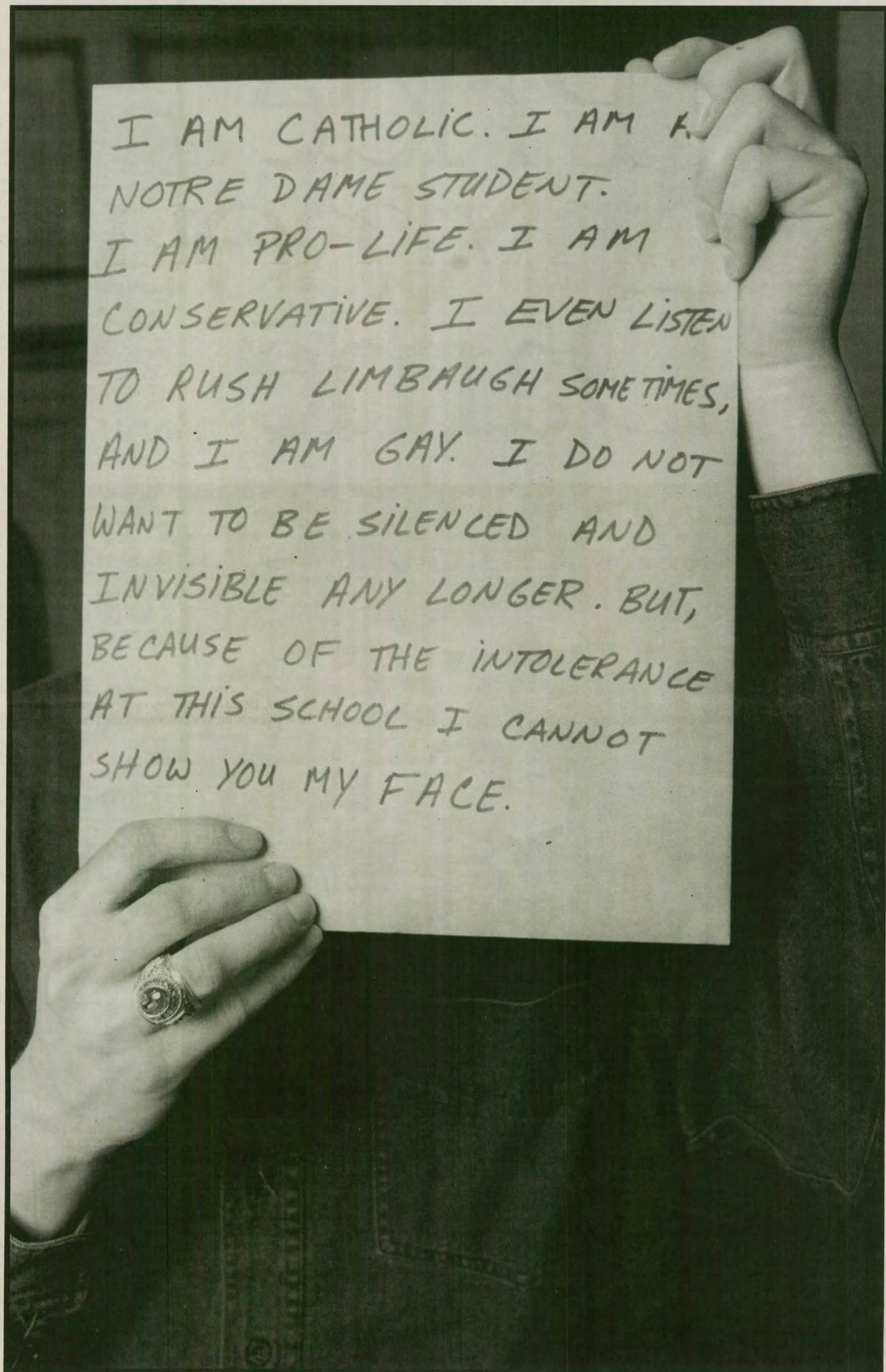
Since the University denied the student-run group Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (GLND/SMC) the right to meet on campus in 1993, the debate surrounding the status of homosexual students on both campuses has been ongoing and, in some cases, heated.

Administrators adhere to Catholic doctrine, accepting homosexual orientation in and of itself, but not condoning the accompanying sexual or romantic attractions.

But the students, many of whom consider

themselves Catholic, feel slighted by the administration's apparent expectation that they deny a very real part of themselves — sexuality. Some feel safest in silence; others prefer to speak out and openly confront the difficulty of being gay on these campuses, and doing so without rejecting the religion that some feel rejects them.

Here, in the second of a three-part series, The Observer hopes to illuminate the homosexual experience at Notre Dame through the stories of those who live it, for beyond doctrine, policy and controversy lie people trying to assert their rights in the face of real and theoretical obstacles.



Anonymous student

anonymous

Last year around this time, a confused sophomore sat alone in his room, plagued by the pain of ceaseless migraines and body aches.

Sleep, his one possible refuge, eluded him; night after night a frustrating and terrifying insomnia kept him tossing and turning.

The burden of the hopes, dreams and future plans that so many others wanted him to live out — his parents, professors and friends — weighed upon him, but there was something heavier on his mind that he could not push aside.

He knew, beyond all doubt, that he was gay and that he could not tell anyone; the

"terror, stress and anxiety" that accompanies coming out would be too much, he said.

So he buried his secret deep within himself, beneath the six, seven or eight shots of vodka he needed every night before bed. And then he could sleep.

"I discovered alcohol, and I found it as a way to escape. My whole sophomore year, I drank every day — hard alcohol. I was suffering from depression and the reason I was depressed was because I was gay, and no one could know," he said. "By the end of sophomore year, I had tried other drugs, not hard stuff. I did marijuana. I needed a drug."

"I didn't try to kill myself, but I put myself in a dangerous situation with medication and alcohol. It was kind of a non-suicide suicide. I would be dead now if I kept at the rate I was going last year," he said.

The ordeal lasted almost an entire academic year, during which he hid the truth under a mask of the expected. No one ever saw his addiction. No one ever knew of his homosexuality.

No one ever suspected anything self-destructive or even remotely unusual about this conservative, Republican student whose history mirrored so many others on Notre Dame's campus. He had been "an honors student with a 4.0 in high school and in a zillion activities." His parents thought he was having a happy, well-balanced experience during his second year away at school.

"My mom would call, and my roommate never knew anything, and he would tell her honestly that he thought I was OK. He never saw me drink anything," he said.

But even from his substance-induced comfort-zone, he saw his life spiraling out of control and into an abyss of drugs and booze. Every day, he sank deeper.

"I knew I had a problem. People just didn't drink like I did," he stated. "I got counseling. I took anti-depressants and made personal changes. I was ready to admit to myself that I was gay, and I was ready to start living my life the way I should live it."

He thought back to his childhood, coming to

terms with the fact that "I've known I was gay my entire life. Even in the first grade, I liked guys. I didn't even like girls. I mean, I love girls, platonically, but not romantically."

So he returned to Notre Dame for his junior year a revitalized and courageous young man. He had fought the alcohol, the drugs and the depression; now, he had to end the silence.

"I came out to my best friend at the beginning of this year," he recalled. "I went to a GLND/SMC meeting and saw that there were happy, functioning gay people out there — that to be gay and to be happy weren't mutually exclusive things."

"GLND/SMC has shown me that there are real people who are gay and who go to school and do their homework and get law degrees and aren't depressed and don't need drugs to get by. There are ways out besides death and drugs," he said.

Steadied by new friends, personal strength and conviction, he continued to come out to a small group of friends, one by one. The responses he got were mostly positive.

"It feels good to hear them say 'we still love you,'" he said, "but it's kind of like, 'Yeah, you'd better, I've been your friend for nine years.'"

But that familiar terror raged inside him when he contemplated coming out to his parents, who had known him his entire life without truly knowing him — they assumed he was heterosexual.

Finally, he planned to set them straight.

"I got so anxious and upset and sick to myself about it that I thought I was going to die. The only thing I can liken it to for a straight person is telling your parents your pregnant or that you got your girlfriend pregnant. They [your parents] are supposed to say they support you, but they can tell you to get an abortion, and that can kill you inside," he said.

"But when you're gay, it's not like you got some girl pregnant or you have a problem that you actually did something to bring about. It's being, and I knew my mom and dad couldn't accept that."

He was right.

"They said, 'You're not gay.' They said I had to go to rehabilitative therapy. They said I couldn't go to Notre Dame if I was gay. I got, 'How could you

do this to us?' My mom said she'd rather hear a lie than the truth. She said I was killing her inside."

That conversation was a few months ago, and the threat remains. If he is gay, he cannot be a part of the Notre Dame family because his parents will not pay for it. His only option was bury the truth, so he said he must have been mistaken — that he must be heterosexual and that he didn't know what he was thinking.

"My parents used to know, now they don't know, and they can't know or I'm walking," he said.

His anonymity and deception are his only protection against being forced from the University for good. He said he can keep up the disguise, and he is trying to understand his parents' reasoning.

"I've come to learn that my mom's from a different time period, and she has her own prejudices," he said. "If they're going to be like that, I have to be smarter and tell them that I'm straight. I'm sure I'll tell them the truth again in like 10 years, when I'm financially secure. Now, I'll have to just deal."

He also must deal with the newness and anxiety of being out of a closet that served as his tiny home for almost two decades. He still harbors the fears that kept the door tightly shut for that time, but holds strongly to his conviction.

"Whether people leave when you enter the shower or they don't invite you to dinner or you don't get picked for that basketball team — that's what keeps you in the closet, but I've learned that it's better to be out and dealing with all of this than to be in the closet and depressed or have low self-esteem or worse," he said.

Now, he concentrates on his schoolwork and the organizations in which he participates, a few of which work to aid those who deal with oppressive and difficult situations of abuse similar to that which he suffered.

He also reconciled his homosexuality with his Catholic faith, seeing the Catholic Church as an accepting and nurturing institution where he can feel welcome.

"It was hard to integrate the Catholic and gay stuff. I believe in all Catholic beliefs on all issues but homosexuality, and I believe, like many priests believe, that the Church really needs to catch up to the times," he said.

"I still don't believe in premarital sex," he added. "I don't think homosexuals get any special rights, but I know I want to be with someone for the rest of my life in a marriage kind of thing."

The only closet that still hides him is that of his parents' construction, but he hopes that the truth can resurface in the future. He continues to come out to friends and associates, which each day helps him and those around him grow more comfortable with his sexuality.

He notes that "it [homosexuality] is all over the place," as he glances at a down arrow above an elevator in LaFortune. The arrow shines with a pink hue when the car stops on the third floor.

"See — it's everywhere," he said.

PRIDE AT NOTRE DAME



Alyssa Hellrung

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More than 400 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students may remember the girl who, standing on the steps of the Main Building last year, proclaimed her lesbianism to a vast array of total strangers.

That figure is Alyssa Hellrung, who has come to stand for strength and pride in Notre Dame's gay community in her four semesters here.

"I've kind of become the poster girl for homosexuality at Notre Dame," Hellrung said. "If they need someone to pin it on, that's OK because they know me as 'that gay girl

who's totally normal and like everyone else.' I'm not combat-boot-wearing. I don't exactly fit the stereotype."

But "totally normal" might not be the best description of the Breen-Phillips sophomore, because while so many students struggle with sexuality and identity at Notre Dame, Hellrung arrived with a self-accepting image of her lesbianism.

"Not only am I a lesbian, but I'm a feminist, a vegetarian and a liberal Democrat. Do you think I'm not used to defending myself?" she said, with pointed sarcasm.

But it is less a defense of her lifestyle than an explanation, which she offers in forums, discussion groups, articles and committees for those who listen — and sometimes, those wary of listening. Hellrung firmly believes she can increase students' understanding of both her choices and those of peers not yet ready to speak out.

Hellrung said she dated guys in high school without giving one thought to being gay, until one weekend at the beginning of her junior year she "just looked at [her friend] a different way."

After "collecting data — remembering things, analyzing," she completed "the most terrifying year of my life," and she understood the difference.

"The way I was supposed to feel about boys — that was what was missing when I was with boys. They just weren't girls. The first time I kissed a girl, that's when I knew forever. People ask me, 'How do you know you're gay?' I ask them, 'How do you know you're straight?'" Hellrung said.

"My junior year of high school was a really hard time, when I would cry myself to sleep every night and I didn't know what I was," she continued. "I

understand that people right now on this campus are going through that very same thing, and I want them to know they aren't alone. When I got here, I thought I was alone.

"One time last year, I cried for all those people who think they're the only one going through it. That's how I know I have to speak out for them."

In her hometown of Gainesville, Fla., she can openly be a lesbian. She goes to gay clubs when she is home and hangs out with friends who are not afraid to be out of the closet.

Notre Dame is the flip-side of the coin for her.

"I knew that Notre Dame would be conservative, but I thought, 'How conservative could it be?' I learned real fast. There are people here who have never had to defend themselves before because they've just followed their conservative Catholic background," Hellrung said.

She began to understand that homosexuals are not always open about it at Notre Dame, first during band camp before freshman year, and later when she moved into her dorm.

"The first week of freshman year, a dozen roses showed up outside my door and my roommates just figured they were from my boyfriend," she said. "When I told them they were from my girlfriend, right off the bat, both of them were like, 'Hey, that's OK,' and they kept up the guise of being cool with it. There was a week of awkwardness, and finally they asked me questions and the whole rest of the year, they were completely OK and great about it.

"They'd be helping me with my girl problems, and I was helping them with their guy problems. It ended up being an idyllic relationship at the end," she said.

But she was not sure that positive coming-out experience would repeat itself each time. She learned the history of GLND/SMC's ejection from the Counseling Center and knew then that not everyone in the community accepts homosexuality with an open mind.

"It scared me at first. It was like, 'Geez, this is a huge deal to people.' On this campus, being gay seems so taboo and it shouldn't be. It's like I was feeding off of that and making it a real big deal because I was all of a sudden coming out to people one by one, which is a really nerve-wracking situation," she said.

The best way to curb that anxiety, according to Hellrung, was to come out to people in droves — dozens, hundreds, even thousands at once.

"When I started speaking, that's when I got strength," she said of her first discussion session last spring in Breen-Phillips, where the audience asked about her sexuality, her dating life and her faith.

"I learn a lot from people whose minds are opening around me," Hellrung stated. "Mostly the people who seem to come to hear me speak are the straight students who need their minds opened too. I wanted to show them that we're not monsters and we're not out to get anyone."

"I'm not a psycho stalking poor, innocent straight girls. I want people to hear me speak and then see me walking to class, going to the dining hall, going to work out at the Rock," she said.

She says her main objective is not a social overhaul, but to increase understanding about gay issues, both political and emotional; her strategy is to foster small but noticeable attitude adjustments in her audience.

"You never know how people are going to interpret what you say. They could never learn or they could ignore it and one day they will learn and they'll feel bad for things they've said or done that discriminated against others."

"It's like when someone says, 'That was so gay,' I want to stop and say, 'Hey, do you know who I am? Let me talk to you for a second,' because all people really need is to understand that it hurts," she stated. "I think it's great when people catch themselves on that for the first time and try to break the habit because now they know it can hurt."

She also fields questions about the difficulty of integrating the Catholic faith with homosexuality — both her own and that of others.

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Quincy Starnes

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I'm a minority among minorities."

Quincy Starnes is an African-American, gay Notre Dame sophomore, a Southern Baptist who hopes to share a family someday with a man to whom he will dedicate his life.

"You can't get more minority than me," he said, despite the fact that so many other students spend their time very much like he does — in class, in the theater, in club meetings, at the dining hall and at clubs on the weekends.

But few Notre Dame students are very much like Starnes is — a homosexual African-American.

"There's the people who will accept you for being black, but won't accept you for

being gay, and then there's the people who will accept you for being gay, but won't accept you for being black," he said.

When Starnes came to Notre Dame, all he wanted was to find a place where he would feel accepted.

Like so many students, it took him a while to find his niche. From a small, conservative town in the South, Starnes attended a Lutheran high

school, "which I feel is so close to Catholic," where he was out of the closet to only a few close friends.

He came to the University the summer before freshman year as a member of the Hesburgh program for minority students. He expected that at a Catholic school, there would be concern and opposition to his homosexuality, but he made a decision and stuck to it.

"I said to myself back before I came to college, 'I'm going to act how I've always wanted to act,' so I came out to everyone in the program. Most of them were cool about it, but there were a few guys who referred to me as 'that gay guy' and who started rumors that I was sleeping with my roommate, who was straight. Good call, huh?" he said.

So it was other minority freshmen who gave Starnes his first taste of the student reaction to homosexuality, just months before the first day of his freshman year.

He had high hopes of meeting individuals in what he expected would be an established black community, something that barely exists in his hometown where less than 12 in his graduating class of near 70 were black.

When he began classes and met other African-American students on campus, he said he realized that acceptance into this community would mean masking his true identity.

"It's difficult to be in the black community and to be gay and to be open about it. The guys, many of them are athletes. When I walk by the 'black table' in the dining hall, I can feel them glaring at me," he said. "It [being gay] goes against the macho image. I really want to be part of the black community, but there's so much competition between this group and that that I don't feel comfortable."

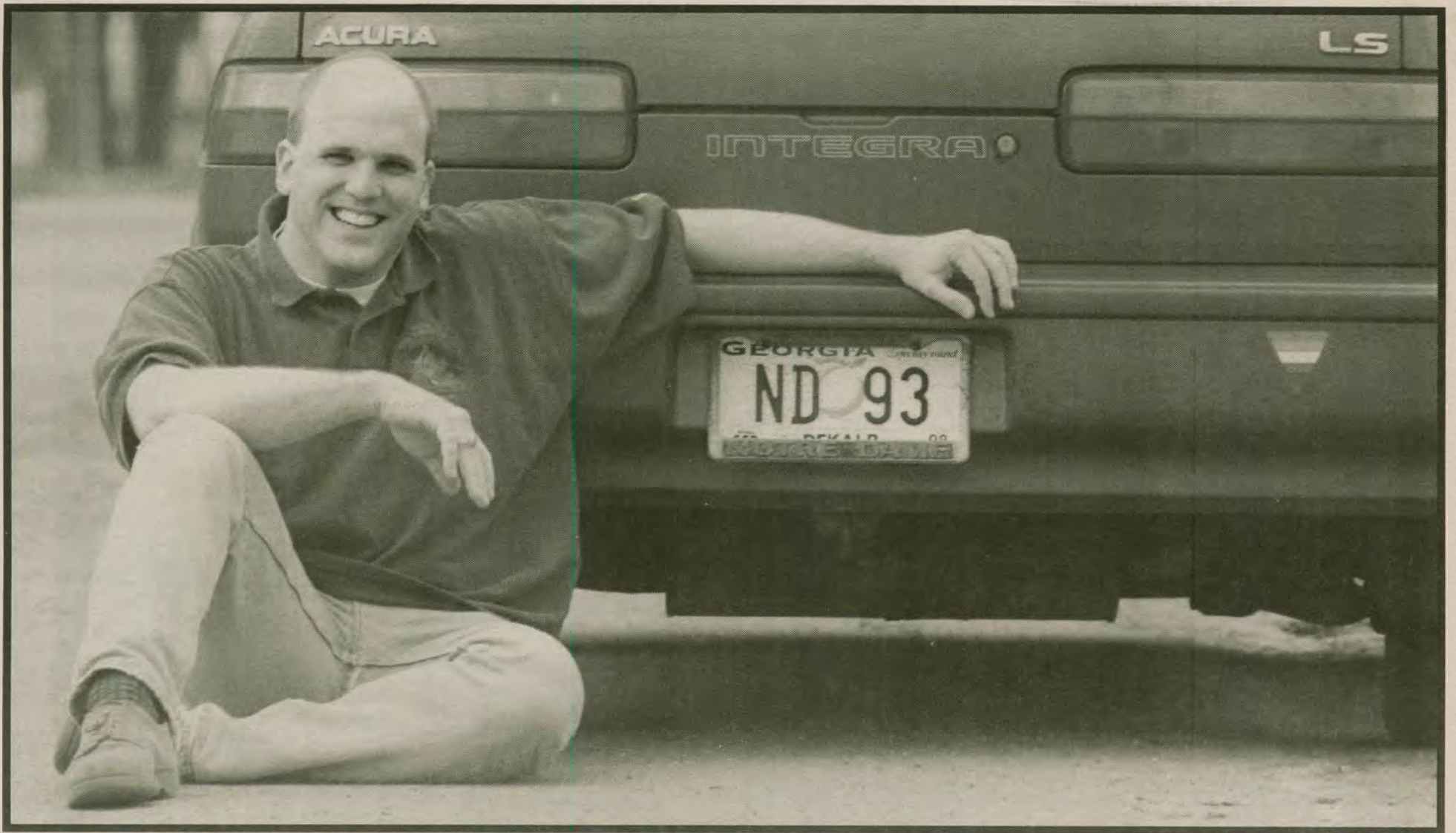
Because he refused to conceal his sexuality, Starnes said he felt ostracized from the black community and made other friends.

"I have a lot of straight friends who know I'm gay. My section-mates last year were great. They tried to get me to bring a guy to my dances, and when I was interested in someone, they wanted me to bring him over so they could 'approve,'" he recalled.

He said many of his friends have been very supportive of his lifestyle, which excludes alcohol and promiscuity, and that a close friend even decided once to set him up at a club.

"My New Year's resolution was to stop chasing after men, to get them to come to me. So I did. I was out one night with a friend, and I was looking at this guy, and she told me to go over and ask him to dance," recalled Starnes. "I said, 'I can't do that,' so she went over and said, 'If that guy over there

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Karl Eichelberger

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He stepped out of his car with the ND license plates and strolled into Lula's, clad in blue jeans, an ND sweatshirt and an ND LAW hat.

Karl Eichelberger was a walking ad for the spirit of the Fighting Irish.

"We grew up singing the fight song," he says in a slight but noticeable Southern drawl from his years growing up in Georgia.

He came to talk about his role as this year's president of Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's (GLND/SMC), but he considers that leadership role to be just one of many facets of his life.

"I'm more concerned with my receding hairline than I am about being gay. I go about my life more concerned with the football team or more concerned with my classes," he said.

As a matter of fact, until the 1993 alumnus returned to Notre Dame for law school after a year of working, people at the University didn't really associate the name Karl Eichelberger with gay politics at all.

"I wasn't going to tell anyone I was gay, popping up at the preeminent, Catholic school in the Midwest and all," he said. "I've never not know I was gay, but it's just one aspect of who I am, and since I didn't want to deal with what people say and the whole 'people being afraid of me in the shower' scene as an undergrad, I stayed in the closet to everyone but a few close friends."

During his academic break, Eichelberger came

out to his parents.

"I was scared shitless," he recalled.

His father's reaction was, "You could have spent all weekend jumping out of closets, playing charades, and we would have guessed what you were doing."

He learned that not everyone would be judgmental and harsh about his sexuality.

After living in Atlanta and being open with co-workers and neighbors, Eichelberger decided that "there was no way I was going to let Notre Dame throw me back into the closet again" when he returned to study law.

"I didn't show up in a tutu running around the lobby in the law school, but when people ask, I tell them that I'm gay," he said. "I'm much happier now."

He began attending GLND/SMC meetings in an effort to find other gay and lesbian students on campus and to understand better the political actions the group took in response to the administration pulling the organization from its meeting space in Counseling Center.

After GLND/SMC's departure from campus, the administration formed ad hoc committee to determine needs of homosexuals on Notre Dame's campus. Eichelberger said GLND/SMC was ostracized from the plans, and ultimately it was not recognized as a student group, despite strong support from other student-run groups.

With these events fresh in his mind, Eichelberger took control of the unofficial organization last fall as a "reluctant leader because of the high graduation rate last year." He felt strongly that the group needed to continue, but altered this year's focus toward a more support-oriented structure.

"GLND/SMC made a lot of difference for me and I thought, 'It's time to give back,'" he remembered. "When I got here a few years back, it was very political and activist-oriented. I saw this as a rebuilding year to concentrate on support and social activities, to talk about issues that really affect us."

With nearly 50 active members, including students, faculty, staff and clergy, and over 200 names on the e-mail list under Eichelberger's leadership, GLND/SMC continues to grow despite the lack of administrative recognition, which he says hurts

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Kelli Harrison

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When she entered Saint Mary's College in the fall of 1994, Kelli Harrison expected a pretty typical four years. She planned to major in something practical, get a good job and, just maybe, meet a man with whom to share her life.

Four years later, Harrison has become that happy, well-balanced, educated woman,

but she sees her path as far from typical. During her years at the College, she dealt with personal struggles and relationship matters that she'd never considered as an incoming freshman.

She never thought she would leave Saint Mary's in search of an apartment and a job in the

same city as Jen Warner, her life partner.

"I'm very convinced that I would have eventually come to this conclusion," Harrison said. "It came to the point where I was so in love with her that I could not deny those feelings any longer."

Harrison met Warner in a class freshman year.

Their started out being platonic, hanging out or doing homework, but as Harrison stated, "you just can't deny those feelings."

The two began dating, but for Harrison the relationship pushed the boundaries of her future plans. And in the coming years, she experienced more challenges that tore at the foundations of her family, her relationship with Warner and, more pervasively, her self-understanding and evaluation.

"Discovering that I was a lesbian was the biggest challenge I've faced thus far in my life. The easiest solution was to try not to be gay, but that didn't work," she said, adding that despite her Catholic upbringing, she simply could not deny being gay.

"Physically, I am more attracted to women. Falling in love, if you took away all of the other things, my emotional bonds are more fulfilling with a woman. I've never reached the same level of intimacy with a man as with a woman," she stated.

"It's not all about sex. It's about intimacy, both spiritually and emotionally. It's about flowers and romance. It's about being best friends," she said.

Her candid words come easily now, but Harrison swears her self-assurance and strength were non-existent a few years ago.

"You're suspect of your body because it's trying to force you to be gay," she continued. "A lot of the acceptance [of one's homosexuality] has to do with self-concept, but it turns into self-hatred, and if I hate myself for being gay, I'm going to have some negative feelings toward my love-interest because she's gay too."

Harrison recounted the pain of coming to terms with her feelings for Warner, with whom she has shared her entire lesbian experience. She says "the worst of it" was not knowing where to turn or what to do.

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Shannon Vieth

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Shannon Vieth did not know what to expect when he arrived at Notre Dame for his orientation in August.

He read newspaper articles on the football team and visited the home page on the World Wide Web, but as for really knowing about the school and its students, Vieth was ready to write on a blank slate.

As he moved his belongings into his St. Edward's Hall quad, he knew he was embarking on a new phase of his life and vowed to be honest, liberated,

and true to himself at Notre Dame.

"When I got to college, I wanted to be as free as I wanted with my expression. I'm trying to live the life that I want to live and the life I believe that God created me to live," Vieth said.

Although his vow pertained to all aspects of his

life, Vieth was concentrating on one in particular — his homosexuality.

"I had decided that if anyone asked me outright [if I was gay], that I would say, 'Yes.' I wouldn't lie," Vieth said.

The first few weeks at Notre Dame were filled

with excitement and comfort for Vieth. A dedicated Catholic, he attended Mass regularly and was overjoyed to discover a very welcoming and inviting message there.

"My rector at St. Ed's, Father David Schieler, talked about acceptance and homosexuality every night of freshman orientation," he said. "He talked about how we should all be open and accepting."

"But it only lasted through freshman orientation, which was ironic," Vieth stated.

Ironically, because as the message of acceptance faded in his dorm, so did his feelings of comfort and welcome at Notre Dame. Yet he refused to betray his vow of openness and honesty, finding himself at a GLND/SMC meeting during the first week of September.

"I asked myself, 'Do I want to go in? Do I want to make this statement?'" he recalled. "I had trouble walking in the door because I thought, 'What if it's the wrong door, and I walk in and ask where the meeting for gays and lesbians is?'"

After talking to upperclassmen and professors, Vieth knew that the issue of homosexuality had a long and arduous history at the conservative Catholic school, but he buried his nerves and entered the meeting. There, he found other young people, many of them freshmen like himself, trying to reach a conclusion about both the personal and political state of homosexuals at Notre Dame.

He made friends with the same decisions to make and situations to face as he did. He found a comfort-zone.

But when the meeting was over and Vieth returned to his dorm, he entered a zone that was far less reassuring.

"On Solidarity Sunday [Oct. 4], they handed out rainbow ribbons. I wore one on the top of my shirt, and my roommate came up to me and asked if I knew what it meant," remembered Vieth. "I said I

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Alyssa Hellrung, *from page 5*

"I have never had a doubt in my faith in God, but I don't want to deal with this Bible stuff," she said. "I don't think God would have made something he hated. I don't think there can be so much love in a relationship that God hated."

"I just can't handle Catholicism anymore," Hellrung continued. "It's not that I feel that I don't belong. I just don't think it's right for me to be taking communion with all these people who believe that everything the Catholic Church is saying is right."

But she refuses to give up on religion. Hellrung frequently prays, thanking God for the happiness in her life and asking

for the strength to continue fighting for those afraid to leave the closet.

"I want the people who are still hiding in the closet to know that there's somebody's out there fighting for them. If I can touch one life, that's all I care about," she said.

And she wants to show Notre Dame what it means to her to be a lesbian.

"I'm in a unique position," she admitted. "I'm in the workings of the Catholic Church at a university, and if I can change the perceptions of the students and faculty and the congregation, then maybe it will move up [the hierarchal ladder] for once."

But Hellrung's life is not solely about being in the spotlight. She often considers her future — working at Club Med and writing — but she's not sure whether she'll find anyone at Notre Dame with whom to share it.

"There are so many people on this campus who I'll never meet, or if I do meet them, I'll never know they're gay. It's really hard when my two roommates have boyfriends on Valentine's Day, and I can't believe that girl I like is straight. It's really hard here. It's like, 'Should I accidentally-on-purpose run into her?' She's probably straight anyway, and that's a lot of heartache," she said.

For now, Hellrung is embracing her on-campus activism. She has been quoted in *The Observer*, *Scholastic Magazine*, *Notre Dame Magazine*, on local television stations, serves on the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Rights, NETWORK board and is a team leader at various campus retreats.

She will always speak her mind and even explain why she is the way she is; indeed, Hellrung will speak to anyone who questions the rainbow sticker on her backpack, or asks if she was that girl who stood at administration building and came out to a crowd of strangers.

Quincy Starnes, *from page 6*

asks you to dance, will you?"

He paused, blushing, before relating the rest of the exchange.

"She came back and said he said, 'Yes,' but of course then I couldn't ask him," he said.

"She went over again and said, 'That guy's too shy to ask you to dance, so go over and ask him yourself,' and he did. And now we're dating."

His boyfriend is a Goshen resident in his 20s, and their relationship is in many ways typical: Starnes gets concerned that their phone calls are long distance, and speaks excitedly about their weekend date.

But he hates the fact that, unlike many Notre Dame couples, they can't walk around campus as a couple when he comes to visit.

"When you're on campus, you want to act like the straight couples with PDA, hand-holding and kissing, but you can't because it's not socially acceptable. You can tell that from the way guys relate to each other on this campus," he said. "You rarely see guys touch each other even though girls can hug and kiss each other on the cheek and it's no big deal. If you see guys do anything like that, it's like, 'Hmm, what's that all about?'"

And Starnes has had to deal with some of those critics.

"My roommate this year moved out after last semester. He actually said it wasn't the lifestyle he was uncomfortable with," Starnes said, indicating disbelief with a roll of his eyes.

"In general, you can tell that they [straight people] are afraid for themselves. They're afraid you're going to put the moves on them. They're afraid they are going to get taken advantage of at a weak moment," he said. "I'm not that kind of person. It's like most of us, if we know you're straight, we're not going to go there and ask you out because it causes a



Starnes dances to the song, "Take me as I am" from the musical *Rent*, at party held by theatre students. "I just love to dance" says Starnes.

lot of pain and heartache on both sides."

So Starnes sticks to his friends, those he's met in classes and those whom he's gotten to know through GLND/SMC meetings and functions, which he attends when he's not practicing for a show or busy with other commitments.

His race and sexuality aside, he has political opinions that hinge on the fact that he is a very religious man, despite the fact that he cannot easily practice the Baptist faith without transportation off campus.

"I do believe that this is a Catholic uni-

versity and they should uphold the Catholic doctrine, but there are some things that have been disproven in the doctrine, and I think they should consider that," he said.

"I believe that God created me this way and so it's not an evil or a sin," he added. "I pray every night. I figure that love is love. I don't think that love can be a sin."

So the self-proclaimed "minority among minorities" goes about his life as a St. Edward's Hall resident, an actor, a student and a member of two small and

sometimes-oppressed groups.

Starnes refused to let his race or sexual orientation prevent him from making friends; indeed, as he spoke, nearly half a dozen people stopped our discussion to say hello or tap him on the shoulder in greeting.

"I've always come from a place just like this. You try not to upset someone and if you do, it's not the end of the world. You can either be friends or go your separate ways. It's a big campus."

Starnes has found his niche.

Karl Eichelberger, *from page 7*

the group financially.

"We're trying to bring a couple of high profile speakers to campus to counter the Strake Foundation, but it's hard without the money," he stated.

That foundation has brought speakers to campus who give students a conservative perspective on homosexuality and religious issues, one suggesting that homosexuals can be "converted" to heterosexuality.

But the issues of support and acceptance that Eichelberger tries to bring to GLND/SMC are not completely unnoticed by faculty at Notre Dame. In fact, the Gender Studies department helped the group in its pursuit of increased knowledge of gay and lesbian issues.

"We get speakers, so they get speakers. We help to facilitate the group in anyway we know how because, for example, the Strake Foundation is not an even

playing ground for the students," Kathleen Biddick, department chairman of Gender Studies said.

"Things are stacked against them [gay and lesbian students] as far as the academic handbook and in the way of financial support. These issues need to be addressed fairly on campus, and we just happen to be helping the group by addressing them," she continued.

Now, Eichelberger is working to plan a spring formal and various other events like bowling nights and the recognition of current issues to keep the energy and spirit of the group alive. He continues discussion sessions and tries to help

members get necessary support for issues like alcoholism or depression that can be associated with oppression and discrimination, but that GLND/SMC is not trained to handle.

His main concerns are still school, friends, family and his "receding hairline," but now he's added another line to this list: He is trying to get students who need support from their peers to find GLND/SMC or other places like the Counseling Center or Campus Ministry.

"To me, I see it as the more the merrier," he said. "Now there's all this competition about 'Where are all the queers going to go?' It's wonderful."

Kelli Harrison, *from page 8*

"When you really start to doubt yourself — that's the worst of it. You seriously wonder if you're the one with the problem," she said.

A dedicated Catholic, Harrison found that her Church was not the resource she needed to survive a difficult period of growth and exploration.

"My Catholic identity is an important part of my life, but altogether, I was emotionally and spiritually distracted by constantly trying to figure out who to be," she said. "Sometimes I sit in Mass and concentrate on God, and sometimes I sit in Mass and worry about what other people are thinking of me in this place that is shutting out some of her loyal children."

"How can I have an affection for a Church that sometimes doesn't have an affection for me?" she said.

Harrison also grappled with familial issues when her parents discovered her homosexuality. A relative noticed Harrison giving Warner a kiss on the cheek after Thanksgiving dinner, and Mrs. Harrison repeatedly asked her daughter if there was "something you wanted to tell me," but Harrison kept her feelings hidden.

Until one day, "I dropped the bomb," and the shrapnel flew.

"I felt a lot of guilt before I came out to my family, but when I did, they were very reluctant to send me back to school," she recalled. "Money issues compounded the decision, but it was their sincere belief that if they didn't send me back, I would have a happy life with a husband and kids. They had

to lay blame somewhere, so they said that school made me gay."

The couple broke up several times while Harrison dealt with her parents' confusion and anxiety, but again, denial of feelings did not help the situation.

"Parents often get painted as the bad guys, but they genuinely want what's best for their kids, and they just don't think that being gay will make them happy," Harrison said. "We have to be patient. Now I know my mom and I can handle anything. It [discussion of my homosexuality] opened up lines of communication in our relationship."

"My dad is a different story," Harrison continued. "He's not ready on this issue yet. My belief is you've got to push people a little bit so they can grow a little. I'm trying to be delicate with my dad, to push him beyond his comfort-zone."

The Harrisons now accept their daughter's choice, and the couple worked actively in the Saint Mary's community to call for acceptance of all women regardless of sexual orientation.

"If a girl is sprawled out on a couch with her boyfriend, no one stares at them like they're freaks, but if I passionately kiss my girlfriend on this campus, I don't want anyone to freak out and have a heart attack," Harrison said.

"People are much more tolerant of heterosexual PDA than they are of homosexual PDA. I think it's because for some reason, when someone says heterosexual, people think about flowers and candy

and falling in love, but when you say homosexual, people think about sex, and of course you don't like to think about other people having sex."

In an effort to help Saint Mary's women — heterosexual and homosexual — Harrison, Warner and other women tried to form The Alliance for Lesbian, Bisexual, Straight and Questioning Woman of Saint Mary's College. The group was accepted by the College's Board of Governance last year, but new College president Marilou Eldred denied the club official recognition early in 1998.

Before Eldred handed down her decision, Harrison spoke of what she perceived as the benefits of a group like The Alliance.

"It [The Alliance] is not separatist in any way because it's also for the heterosexual students. It forms alliances between all the women on this campus. While we're waiting for a change, people are still suffering."

Harrison hopes that through open dialogue, all College women will understand the implications of the pain people endure because of confusion about one's self. She also believes that professors can take it upon themselves to foster discussion of the homosexuality, but experience tells her that option might not be a likely one.

"I brought it [homosexuality] up in a class once. It got one sentence, no one said anything, and then the professor moved on. I think he was afraid for the class to discuss it or he didn't think we

could discuss it without getting emotional about it," she said.

"If they don't think we can intellectually handle it, we need to just close the school down and move on," she added. "If you can't discuss homosexuality in the classroom, professors are sending the message that it isn't legitimate."

but Harrison's life is quite legitimate; right now, she is planning for her future with Warner, with whom she's made a commitment to share the rest of her life.

Regardless of where they start this new phase, Harrison and Warner will look back at Saint Mary's as the place they met, the place they first began a life together and the place they worked to make better for women of future generations.

And as their college years come to a close, their focus becomes their future as life partners.

"We're trying to find a place where she can go to school and I can work and we can live together," Harrison said. "We've already committed our lives to each other. For me, there's no such thing as 'my future,' it's 'our future.'"

The couple wants to have a family somewhere along the line, but express concern over how their community will respond to a lesbian couple raising a child.

"I think my girlfriend and I would make wonderful parents, but I have the fear that any human being would have about raising a child," Harrison said. "I don't want to have kids unless I'm damn sure that they will be happy and safe."

Shannon Vieth, *from page 9*

did, and he asked if I was gay or something. I said, 'Yes.'"

From that day on, Vieth's other quad-mates discovered this part of his sexual identity in many ways — from his writing it over e-mail to their finding books he was using for a class research project on the subject.

"The first one [roommate] who found out was pretty cool about it, but it got worse. When one of my roommates found out, he told me to remove books from the room because he didn't want any trash in the room," Vieth said.

"He said I could not have any gay people in the room because he wanted to feel comfortable," he added.

As he felt the effects of disclosing his sexual orientation to his roommates, Vieth decided to tell his mother, who lives in Milwaukee.

"I told my mom in November in a three-hour conversation on the phone, but it was hard to talk about it because I didn't have any place in my dorm where I could go to have a conversation like that," he said. "I didn't feel totally comfortable in my room, but I stayed there and told her."

"A few days later, I got a letter from her saying that she couldn't

see where I was coming from. 'Wasn't I destroying any religious beliefs I ever had?' It said to destroy the letter. It said that I was gay because I wanted attention," he said.

Uncomfortable in his own room and unable to discuss the subject with his mom, Vieth continued attending GLND/SMC meetings and spoke with staff members at the University Counseling Center.

"Other people taught me that my mom really does love me but that she doesn't understand what she's going through," he said, explaining his present understanding of his mother's situation. "It took me a long time to deal with it. I have to give her that time too."

The agonizing spiral of family and daily life continued to take its toll on Vieth, who wanted to keep focusing on his studies as well.

"During Thanksgiving break, my mom and I were playing the game of 'Life.' Ironically I didn't have to get married or have children any of the three times we played, but my mom asked if I had to get married, in really life, if I'd marry a boy or a girl," he said.

"I didn't say anything for a while. Then she said, 'If you're going to marry another man, I'm not going to put you in the will,'"

Vieth recalled. "After a ton of screaming and yelling all break, we didn't even say goodbye to each other on Sunday night."

So after a long Thanksgiving "vacation," Vieth returned to Notre Dame, where his life as a gay man was little easier than he found at home. By this time, he had come out to all his roommates, most of whom took the information with little understanding or compassion.

To avoid spending time in his room, Vieth turned to friends he met through GLND/SMC — people with whom he "just felt comfortable."

"Sometimes, when [my roommates] were having friends over, they would make gay jokes and make me want to leave," he said. "When I would, they would say to each other, 'Good job, you got the fag out of the room.'"

Not allowed to have friends at his home — the one for which he pays almost \$5,000 in room and board charges — and not welcome there himself, Vieth only went to his St. Ed's room a few times daily to switch books and change clothes.

But as the most stressful part of the semester drew closer, he found he could not handle the

pressure.

"Over finals, I had a pillow, a blanket, all my books, an alarm clock and even a plant, and I lived in the basement of LaFortune because one night, I came home and my roommates were watching a straight porno and drinking beer," he said. "I was distracted, but of course when I asked them to be quiet, the rules that I couldn't have friends in the room didn't apply to them."

"I was completely frustrated because I was uncomfortable in that situation, and they didn't care at all, so I left to study," Vieth said.

His finals camp-out lasted for six days, after which he returned to his Wisconsin home where his homosexuality was ignored as if it did not exist. Before the end of the semester, he "filed a petition to get out of my room, which for some reason failed."

Through all his hardship, Shannon acts and looks like any other freshman guy at Notre Dame. He goes to class. He hangs out. He finds places that make him comfortable. He looks for a way to make the world better.

"I certainly don't want to leave Notre Dame. The worse it gets, the more likely I am to stand up and say something," he said.

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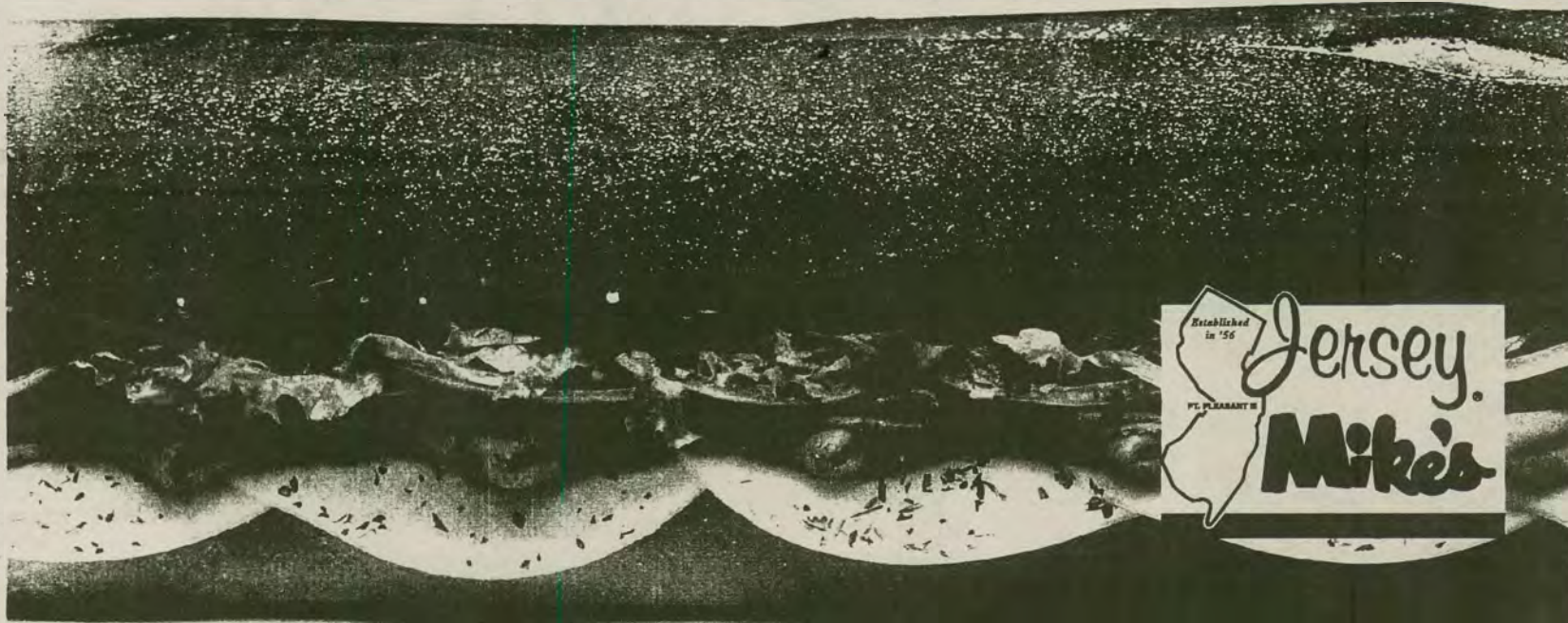
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■ BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXVII

Ranked teams continue to dominate Stepan courts

Primetime, No Limit advance to round of 16

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

How sweet it is. Last night, 16 teams played their way into the next round of Bookstore XXVII with only one unseeded team earning the right to play in the Sweet 16.

In a very loosely officiated game, No. 9 No Limit tangled with No. 24 Dirty Sanchez last night before No Limit finally opened up a big lead and cruised to victory, 21-14.

Dirty Sanchez broke out to an early 7-4 lead, but No Limit scored five unanswered points and took a 11-9 lead into half-time.

In the second half it was all Eric Chapelle, who put on a clinic with his crossover dribbles and quick moves to the basket.

"They [Dirty Sanchez] were

really quick, but Eric just took over the game," said teammate Joey Getherall. "I think he's the best player in the whole tournament."

Getherall was a last minute addition to the team after Benny Guilbeux and Raki Nelson were sidelined with injuries.

"I think these guys have a good chance of winning it all," added Getherall.

"It was a very physical game, but their athleticism was the difference," said Dirty Sanchez's Dave Allen.

"When they're playing football on the basketball court, it doesn't give us much of a chance," added another Dirty Sanchez player.

In the final game of the evening, Primetime, who retained the number one seed, found themselves in a close game throughout the first half.

"We knew they would come out and shoot well," said Raam Jani of Primetime. "We didn't play our type of game in the first half."

Leading 11-9 at the start of

the second half, Primetime stepped up their defense and pulled away for good, ending the game on a 10-1 run.

"We were able to turn it on in the second half," said Jani. "Our defense led to a lot of open looks and we were able to knock them down."

Jani used those looks and

converted them into quick points. He turned his game up a notch and went on a tear, scoring four straight points to put the game out of reach.

In the round of 16, Primetime will take on unseeded Absolut Irish, who defeated Leso Legion: Our Boy's Wicked Smart, 21-10. The game will be

played on Stepan 2 at 10 p.m.

"I think we're playing well despite our injuries," said Jani. "We're looking forward to playing. This is when it starts to get fun."

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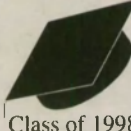
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has had an outstanding impact on the team's performance this weekend. The trio of Lizzy Lemire, Klayman have combined to account for 32 percent of this season's hits and 41 percent of the team's RBI.

On the mound, the pitching duo of Alkire and Jennifer Sharron have combined for more than half of the team's innings pitched and 17 of the 27 wins this season. Sharron leads

the team in wins (12), complete games (13), shutouts (7) and innings pitched (128).

After playing their doubleheader against Toledo, the team will return back to the friendly confines of Ivy Field for a three-game series against division rival Villanova. In order to clinch the division title, the Irish must win at least two of the three games against the Wildcats.

For now, however, the doubleheader between the Irish and the Rockets is set to begin at 3 p.m. this afternoon at Carter Field.

Driver

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be at his best," said McMahon.

Yet with the setup of Notre Dame's secondary, the competition may be altogether nonexistent.

"In our multiple defensive backfield," said McMahon, "He [Driver] is a starter and will be on the field."

Driver's transition to safety was not as easy as his athletic abilities would have one believe. Not only has Driver switched the sides of his game, but also the type of defense that he has been used to playing.

"I ran defense in high school, but we ran a man to man style. So this spring, I had to get used to the backpeddling [necessary in a zone defense]," commented Driver. "It's still giving me some problems."

"The first few day I was struggling, I didn't

know when I was gonna play defense, I've been running the ball far too long."

But the Irish's top recruit last year for tailback isn't limiting himself to a backpeddling pace. Even with freshman Darcey Levy and sophomore Jay Vickers stepping in to replace Clement Stokes as the backup tailback, Driver is counting on coming in to relieve Denson from time to time.

"I'll be back [on offense] a little to help them out," Driver said.

But as the spring season wraps up this weekend with the annual Blue-Gold game, Driver is focused on working in his new position on the defense.

"I expect him to play hard and hit somebody, making the tackles and not getting beat," said McMahon.

For a player at a new position, Driver is taking the same attitude that has thus far made him a rising star on the Irish squad. After the spring season has cleared a new path for him, Driver will look to clean up the opposition in the fall.

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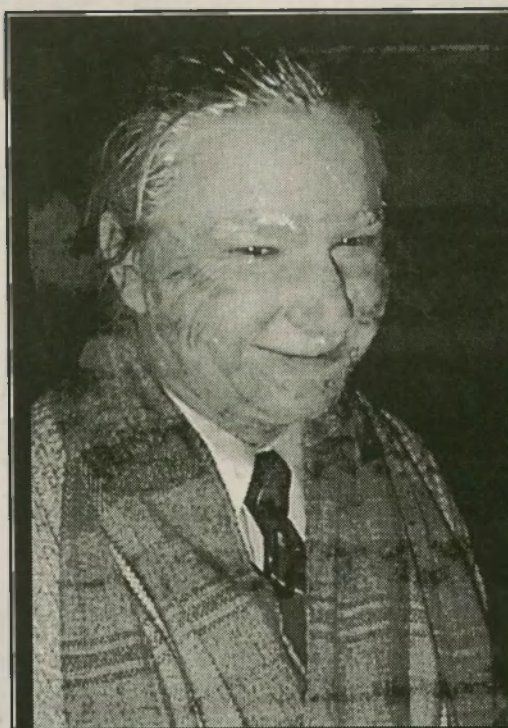
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■ SMC TENNIS



The Observer/Kristy Sutoris

The Belles hope that they can break their slump with a win over Albion.

Belles take on Albion in last home match

By VICTORIA BUTCKO
Sports Writer

Sometimes luck is not written in the stars.

Things have not fallen into place for the Saint Mary's tennis team as they have unfortunately added another loss to their record. After dropping a match 6-3 against Kalamazoo College on Tuesday, Saint Mary's (5-10) is quickly approaching the end of their season.

"Kalamazoo was a difficult team to face," said head coach Robin Hyrcko, "especially with sophomore Mary Woodka still out of the line up. The girls played tough, but we just couldn't pull it off."

Winning their doubles match was the No. 1 team of co-captains sophomore Katie Vales and junior Betsy Gemmer. The dynamic duo played a solid, invigorating match and finally defeated their counterparts, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The No. 2 doubles team of sophomores Becky Kremmer and Krista Eastburn put up a good fight, but lost momentum after losing a tie breaker in the first set, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

The only singles victory came as a result of Vales' continued strong play. Vales put her No. 1 singles opponent in place,

winning 6-2, 6-3.

Although they are not taking their recent slump with ease, hopes are still very high for the upcoming conference meet.

"We have really grown as a team," said Kremmer. "We feel good about the upcoming conference meet and we have been well prepared."

The only drawback for the team as they look toward conference play is that Robin Hyrcko will not be attending. That weekend, instead of cheering for her Belles she will be hearing bells, as she walks down the altar to say "I do."

"She [Hyrcko] has prepared us all season for conferences," said Kremmer. "We wish she could be there, but I think we are ready for the competition."

The No. 1 doubles team of Vales and Gemmer have an excellent shot at winning the conference. The team has only lost one match all season and will earn a high seed in the tournament.

The Belles step on to their home court for the last time this season on Thursday, as they take on Albion College.

■ CRICKET

Australia takes India in match

Associated Press

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates — Michael Bevan smashed his third one-day century Wednesday to help Australia set a target of 284 for seven against India in a crucial match of the Coca Cola Cup.

Bevan, rated as one of the top one-day specialists in the game by skipper Steve Waugh, cracked nine boundaries in his unbeaten 101 from 103 balls to add to the worries of the Indian team, which needed a victory to advance the final.

Bevan reached his century on the second-to-last ball of the final over, striking paceman Harvinder Singh for a boundary to square leg.

Bevan and Mark Waugh, reinstated as the

openers Wednesday, put on 90 runs for the fourth wicket from 16 overs to lift Australia from 87 for three to 177 for 4 when Waugh was dismissed for 81.

Mark Waugh, the twin brother of the Australian skipper, had seven boundaries and two sixes in his 99-ball stand as Australia made the most of the opportunity of batting first.

Australia, with three victories in the day-night tournament, has already qualified for Friday's final, leaving India and New Zealand, who have one victory each, to battle for the final spot.

If India were to lose Wednesday's match, the second finalist was to be decided on the net run rate.

India needs to score an average 5.7 per over to win the match.

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- *Bungee Run
- *Velcro Wall

*****12-6pm - Due to problems transporting Extreme Air, the vertical edge rock climbing wall (as seen on the Tonight Show) will be substituted. We will also have boxing, speed pitch and an obstacle course. Sorry for the inconvenience.*****

1-7pm - Munchies - snow cones, cotton candy, pop corn, chips, cookies and pop

2-6pm - Dancin' at the DH

- *DJ on steps of the Dining Hall

3-7pm - Caricaturist - on the Library Green

3-5pm - Clown on the Green

- *balloon animals and fun tricks

3-5pm - Canoe Races in Lake Marion

4-5pm - Carnival Games

- *Rollerblading around campus - Angela Athletic Center
- *Frisbee Toss - LeMans Green

4-6pm - Sand Volleyball Tournament - Sand Courts by Angela

4:45-6:30pm - SMCnic - all your favorite picnic foods plus cotton candy, pop corn and snow cones
(Notre Dame Students can get co-ex tickets at ND)

6-7pm - Twister Tournament - LeMans Green

7-10:45 - Brigade of Bands - Library Green and Haggar Terrace

- *Hotel Prati* 7-8:15 on the Library Green
- *Letter 8* 8:15-9:30 on the Terrace
- *Gravity Hill* 9:30-10:45 on the Terrace

11pm - Drive in Movie on the Green - Air Force One

- *Pizza and Soda will be served

SMC Tostal Raffle

Get a raffle ticket when you buy a t-shirt or play a game.

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■ BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXVII

From 625 to Sweet 16

Bookstore field narrows, intensity picks up

By JOE CAVATO
Associate Sports Editor

As Bookstore Basketball draws more students from their books to the courts, the games continue to grow in intensity as the field narrowed to a very Sweet 16.

In one of last night's early contests, So Solid held off unseeded

charm as Wills scored in the post to put his team into the Sweet 16.

"He's our bread and butter," Schiavone said. "We had the height advantage so we just got the ball inside and when it gets late in the game and you lose your legs you have to go to the big man underneath."

Burn 'n' Shoot had a little too

thing."

Canna appreciates just having the chance to play this late in the tournament.

"It was a lot of fun, last year I got knocked out in the first round when I just played with my roommates so it's nice to get involved in this," Canna said. "It was a ton of fun and a real scrappy game."

That scrappiness paid off for Burn 'n' Shoot underneath the boards as Consuming Fire had the size advantage.

"We concentrated on rebounding because they have a ton of size on us," Canna said. "Our post players played really great tonight I was really glad with the way we played. But most of all it was fun."

Another player who was certainly enjoying himself was Off Shore Drilling's Tim Ridder, who led his squad to 21-10 win over Cabo Wabo.

"It was a little rough," Ridder said. "Like the games in the past we had times where we played well and times when we didn't play well. Those guys played tough though. We ended up winning so I guess that's all that matters."

Ridder also won with a certain style as spectators enjoyed the way he simply checked the ball, with his noggin. But the highlight was Ridder's rim rattling jam and his run back on defense that really cannot be described in words.

"I've got problems, I think that's about it," Ridder commented. "I can't explain it. It's just kind of a spur of the moment excitement thing I guess."

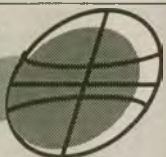
The excitement will only increase with tonight's eight games as Bookstore Basketball XXVII nears its conclusion.

Bookstore Basketball Women's Results



Reckless Drivers def Stroke and Dribble
We're the Monohans... def Five Girls Who Know
Bad Girls of Cavanaugh def Team 13
Team 8 def Red Strippers
Listless def We'll Take On You and Your Mama
Cage Gouse def Hot Shots
J.T. and the Trash Talkers def Basketball Powers
Malibu Barbie and the Sunshine Girls def The Clap
Fox Force Five def Julie's Angels

Bookstore Basketball Round of 32 Results



No. 1 Primetime 21, Wee 3 Gonna Shoot All Over You 10
No. 2 Mickey's 21, No. 31 5 Guys Who Prefer Eating Out 12
No. 3 Off Shore Drilling 21, No. 30 Cabo Wabo 11
No. 4 Still Muddy 21, No. 29 RSVP 17
No. 5 Malicious Prosecution 21, Russell the Mussel 12
No. 6 Wax 21, No. 27 Tastefully Done 12
No. 7 SFR3 21, No. 26 Stir It Up 13
No. 8 Bolivian Yaks 21, No. 25 Grumpy Old Dudes 9
No. 9 No Limit 21, No. 24 Dirty Sanchez 14
No. 10 So Solid 21, No. 23 Slow Your Roll
No. 14 Your Mom 21, Coast to Coast 17
No. 15 In Memory of McConn 22, Pretrial Diversion 20
No. 16 Burn N' Shoot 21, No. 17 Consuming Fire 18
No. 20 Show Me the Money 21, Punching Clown 15
No. 21 Soldiers 21, B Diddy & the Fam 17
Absolut Irish 21, Leso Legion: Our Boy's Wicked Smart 10

Slow Your Roll 21-19. So Solid held the lead from the start, but Slow Your Roll knotted things up at 16 and then took the lead 17-16.

"They played great, you have to give them credit," A.J. Schiavone of So Solid said. "They really play well as a team and they gave 110 percent."

Behind some sharp shooting and strong inside play by Nick Wills, So Solid stormed right back. Wills missed a free throw but made up for it as he hit a jumper in the paint to give his squad the lead.

When faced with a 20-19 deficit, Slow Your Roll remained patient on offense as they did not want to make any mistakes. So Solid had several chances to win the game but strong defense by Ben Johnson and John Nakajima turned them away.

Third time proved to be the

much fire for Consuming Fire as they outlasted Consuming Fire 21-18.

Kory Minor and company could not take advantage of the second chance given to them by the disqualification of Serpico last night.

Burn 'n' Shoot held the lead at half and maintained the lead until a spectacular fast break lay-up by Minor brought his team within striking distance.

Consuming Fire took the lead at 17-16 but Mighty Mouse point guard Matt Canna helped lead his team to get back on top 19-17 before he drained a free throw for the 21-18 win.

"At the end we kind of went in a funk," said Canna, who despite his small stature took the ball strong to the hole time and time again. "I wanted to draw a foul and try to pound it inside and get a reaching foul or some-



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Ryan Healy of No. 2 Mickey's led his team to a 21-12 victory yesterday.

Bookstore Basketball The Road to the Championships

1. Primetime
10 p.m. Stepan 2
16. Absolut Irish
8. Wax
10:45 p.m. Stepan 7
9. No Limit
5. Off-Shore Drilling
10 p.m. Stepan 3
12. Burn n' Shoot
4. Still Muddy
9:15 p.m. Stepan 7
13. Your Mom

2. Mickey's
9:15 p.m. Stepan 2
15. Show Me the Money
7. SFR3
10:45 p.m. Stepan 2
10. So Solid
6. Bolivian Yaks
10 p.m. Stepan 7
11. In Memory of McConn
3. Malicious Prosecution
9:15 p.m. Stepan 3
14. Soldiers

Championships
Sunday, 2 p.m.



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Garret Ganske and the rest of Primetime retained the number one seed.

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MEN ABOUT CAMPUS

DAN SULLIVAN



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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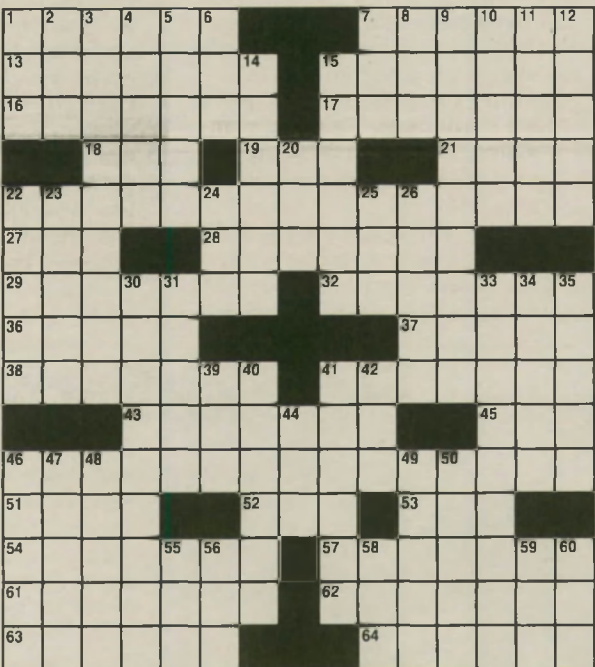
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Polling unit
 - 7 "Pathétique," e.g.
 - 13 Teacher of the deaf
 - 15 Reporter, at times
 - 16 Sway
 - 17 Lennon classic
 - 18 Dvorák's Symphony — minor No. 9
 - 19 Kind
 - 21 Med. service providers
 - 22 Sudden acceleration
 - 27 — Jima
 - 28 Colorful flowers
 - 29 Unpretentious food
- DOWN**
- 32 Swelling reducer
 - 36 Cosmetician
 - 37 Roping target
 - 38 Climbed, as a pole
 - 41 Spring time
 - 43 Brilliantly colored bird
 - 45 Lacrosse team
 - 46 Crazy
 - 51 Final say?
 - 52 Wholly
 - 53 Corrode
 - 54 18th-century hairpiece
 - 57 Hebrew prophet
 - 61 Exalt
 - 62 N.B.A. Raptors' city

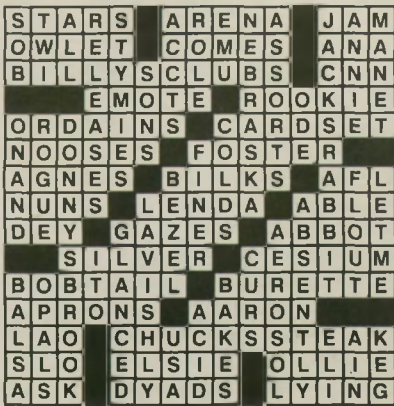


Puzzle by David J. Kahn

- 34 Something hard to drink?
- 35 New Hampshire city
- 39 Former Spanish queen
- 40 1992 Louis Malle film
- 41 Dry red wine
- 42 Compass line
- 44 "My — Sal"
- 46 Sulking sort
- 47 White poplar
- 48 More extreme
- 49 "Do I — Waltz?"
- 50 Wore
- 55 Lacking color
- 56 Sheraton's parent
- 58 Hunk's pride
- 59 Cash dispenser, for short
- 60 Weed remover

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: (800) 762-1665.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



YOUR HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

Aries: Payoff time gets closer today. Staying on course is easy when the end is in sight. The more you lose focus, the longer you will delay your richly deserved reward.

Taurus: You shine with intense energy today. Everyone is aware of your beauty and how fantastic you feel. Venus gives you a wink and a nudge in the direction of romance.

Gemini: Use patience and focus to your advantage when dealing with others. You draw out someone's secret today. This is a time to gather and hold information rather than spend it.

Cancer: Unique ideas are well received today. The Taurus Moon gives you enough charm to make you a credible leader. Your talents might be wasted.

Leo: A sudden rebellious streak may get the better of you today. Do not sabotage your career over a whim of instant gratification.

Virgo: You are the master of finding practical solutions. Problems seem obvious to you even though they may have others completely stumped.

Libra: The presence of beauty and luxury makes

you a little greedy today. The lure of the physical world is extremely strong. Get over your issues about sharing.

Scorpio: Power and intensity make this an exhausting, but hopefully fulfilling, day. Remain flexible within a relationship. Possessions or ownership issues are your biggest obstacles at the moment.

Sagittarius: You are obliged to help someone whose problem normally would not concern you. Learn a basic lesson from the details of another person's mistakes.

Capricorn: This is a day to give your emotions full and free range. Shout out your feelings. Both work and play yield excellent results. Relaxation happens easily in natural settings.

Aquarius: Old magic stirs you in ways you might never have guessed. Reconnect with your past instead of separating yourself from it.

Pisces: Your bag of tricks is filled with poetic language and hypnotic imagery. You captivate an audience of potential lovers with that ineffable Pisces mystery.

■ OF INTEREST

Catholic Common Ground Dialogue is showing a video today at 7:30 pm in the Library Lounge. This is an opportunity to learn how to carry on dialogue with other persons who care about important issues in the Catholic Church.

Senior Sam Sanchez presents a percussion recital tonight at 8 pm in the Band Building. Works by George Frock, Lorraine Irvin, Dean Witten, Anthony Cirone, Domenico Scarlatti, Bobby Christian, and George Hamilton Green will be presented. John Ely will accompany on piano. The recital is free and open to the public. Please call 1-6201 for more information.

Gary Cox will present a lecture today entitled "Mobilization, Social Networks, and Turnout: Evidence from Japan" held in C-103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies at 4:15 pm

1999-2000 Fulbright Information Session: Students intending to apply for the 1999-2000 Fulbright competition must attend an information session today at 4:15 pm in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune Student Center.

■ MENU

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| Notre Dame North <ul style="list-style-type: none">Roast Chicken with GravyWhipped PotatoesMixed VegetablesTortilla Soup | Saint Mary's Pizza Bar <ul style="list-style-type: none">Turkey MeltJambalayaGreen Peas |
| South <ul style="list-style-type: none">Breaded Cheese SticksGrilled Tuna with LemonTortilla SoupPepperoni Calzone | |

Wanted: Reporters, photographers and editors.

Join The Observer staff.

Barry Williams (Greg Brady) Lecture
7:30-9:30PM
Stepan Center
\$2

entertainment, karyoke, & games
4:00-7:00PM
Fieldhouse Mall
(Rain Location: LaSun Ballroom)

Brady Dining Hall Theme Dinner
4:00-7:00PM
NDH & SDH

As Good As It Gets
8:00PM
Cushing Auditorium
\$2

70s Dance Party
9:00PM-12:00AM
LaFunk Ballroom

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■ SOFTBALL

Irish aim for 3rd Big East title

By BILL HART
Assistant Sports Editor

After rallying to the top of their division, the Notre Dame softball team has their eyes set on a third consecutive South Division title.

The Irish still have a large part of their schedule left to be played, but each victory makes it that much harder for their rivals to close the gap.

The Irish were originally scheduled to play Northwestern on Thursday, but the Wildcats were forced to cancel due to a scheduling conflict. Therefore, Notre Dame will travel to Toledo to play a doubleheader that was rained out in late March.

Despite their unimpressive 8-31 record, the Rockets have won two of their last three games. Offensively, they are led freshman Laurie Nagel with a .349 average, while Amy Lukowski carries a 2.31 ERA and three wins under her belt.

On the other end of the field, the Irish have certainly lived up to their nickname, fighting their way back to the top of the Big East South Division.

Last week, the team went a perfect 8-0, sweeping four opponents and shutting each out in at least one game.

On Sunday, the Irish completed their perfect week with a sweep of St. John's. Sophomore Lisa Tully went 4-8 with two triples in the series to lead the Irish, while freshmen Melanie Alkire and Danielle Klayman each went 3-8. Offensively, Klayman leads the Irish with a .346 average at the plate.

For the second straight week, Notre Dame players have been showered with Big East honors. Tully was named Big East player of the week after hitting 11-24 with three runs, three doubles, and two RBI triples in the eight games the Irish played.

Alkire was named the Big East rookie of the week with a 10-21 performance that included two doubles, a home run, five RBIs and a .714 batting average. She also went 2-0 on the mound over the week with a 1.40 ERA.

The freshman class on the Irish softball team

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On the road to Toledo, the Irish hope to steal two non-league games.

■ SPRING FOOTBALL

Cleaning house

Driver joins Irish secondary as team looks to hit hard in the fall

By ANTHONY
BIANCO
Sports Writer

Its spring time at Notre Dame. Just like anywhere else, the Irish are taking care of some spring cleaning even the football team.

One of the biggest changes for Bob Davie's Irish this spring involves moving current freshman Tony Driver from the offensive backfield to the defensive secondary.

The tailback, who rushed for 133 yards on 35 carries with 3 touchdowns behind Irish starter Autry Denson, is working for a starting spot as a safety.

"Tony Driver's a fine running back," said coach Bob Davie on moving the 6-foot-2, 210 pounder to free safety. "He's a contact football player, really an aggressive football player. But we really need to get him on the field."

Driver will join an already talented secondary that will be without the services of last year's starting safeties Allen Rossum and Ivory Covington, who combined for 119 tackles last season.

"You'd like to have both these guys [Rossum and Covington] back, but the truth is we don't and we've got some young guys that have to step up and become players," said defensive back coach Tom McMahon.

Adding to the secondary shift is the absence of Deke Cooper, who started at two games at free safety last year, due to academic concerns. In addition, adding Driver to the safety depth chart allows Deveron Harper to jump from safety to his natural position of cornerback.

When all the dust has settled on the Irish's spring cleaning moves, Driver will work on a safety corps that includes seniors-to-be Benny Guilbeaux and A'Jani Sanders. Splitting the starting

duties at strong safety last year, they registered a combined 126 tackles in 400 minutes of play. Driver, Guilbeaux and Sanders will compete for the two safety starts this upcoming season. But the competition is definitely not dirtying the spring cleaning efforts.

"The competition is really helping me a lot," said Driver. "I'm still learning the defense, and A'Jani knows a lot of positions. I'm trying to get as much experience as possible at the position."

The switch and the resulting competition should also cleanup Sanders' game as well.

"A'Jani can look around and see that he's got to be ready everyday for every practice to

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Courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information

A'Jani Sanders will be competing against Tony Driver and Benny Guilbeaux for a starting safety spot.

■ BASEBALL

Good 'ol pitching and defense extends wins

By DAN CICHALSKI
Senior Staff Writer

At Eck Stadium Wednesday, Notre Dame and Valparaiso provided a perfect example of that old baseball saying, "Pitching and defense win ballgames."

The Irish took two games from the Crusaders by 1-0 and 3-1 scores. Both contests featured tight pitching and spectacular defense to keep the run totals low and extend Notre Dame's winning streak to 12 games, the longest in head coach Paul Mainieri's four years guiding the Irish.

"If you look at the great teams, they have consistent pitching and defense," Mainieri said. "Your hitters won't hit every day. Their pitchers were crafty and after an emotional win against Michigan, I think we did not come out as intense. Great pitching and defense gives you a chance to win these games."

In the first game, the Irish broke a scoreless tie in the ninth when Alec Porzel drove in Brant Ust — who had reached on an error and stole second — with a two-out single to left center field. It was Porzel's third hit of the game and 23rd RBI of the season.

"With two strikes on me, I was just trying to put the ball in play," Porzel said.

But most of the fireworks occurred before extra innings in the field, not at the plate. As a result, Notre Dame left six men on base and Valparaiso stranded nine.

In the top of the second, Valparaiso's Brian O'Connor

doubled with one out. The next hitter, Ryan Poepard ripped a single to left field and Porzel threw O'Connor out at the plate with a one-bounce throw to Jeff Wagner.

"I wasn't sure he was going to [try to score]," Porzel said. "But I was prepared to throw him out. They had hit a hard liner to me before, so I knew I had a chance and I knew I had to throw through Brant [the cutoff man]."

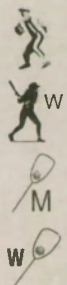
Notre Dame had its best scoring chance in the third when Dan Leatherman and Allen Greene led off with singles. With J.J. Brock at the plate, Mainieri sent the runners and Brock swung on the hit-and-run. Valpo second baseman Josh McIntyre caught the line drive and tossed the ball to Billy Finn covering second base, who threw to Todd Poepard at first for the triple play.

"I wish I could say it was the first time I've had a team hit into a triple play," Mainieri said. "But their second baseman made a great leap at the ball. It happens once in a while."

In Valparaiso's half of the fifth, three singles, a pickoff, a fly out and a hit batter led to a bases-loaded, two-out situation. Cleanup hitter Todd Poepard — batting .333 entering the game — hit a fly ball to center that Greene caught with a backhand dive. Only one other Crusader baserunner would get as far as second base the rest of the game.

Notre Dame had another scoring chance in the seventh inning. Jeff Perconte reached on an error with two outs and stole second on the third pitch to Porzel. After Porzel walked, Todd Frye slapped a single between third and short that Perconte had to let pass before heading to third. Crusader left

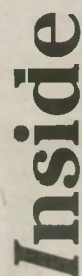
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Saturday, Noon
at Toledo (DH)
Today, 3 p.m.
at Harvard
Saturday, 1 p.m.
at Columbia
Tomorrow, 3 p.m.



Big East at Miami
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Softball vs. Defiance
Saturday, Noon



■ Bookstore field narrows to 16

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■ SMC Tennis loses to Kalamazoo

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