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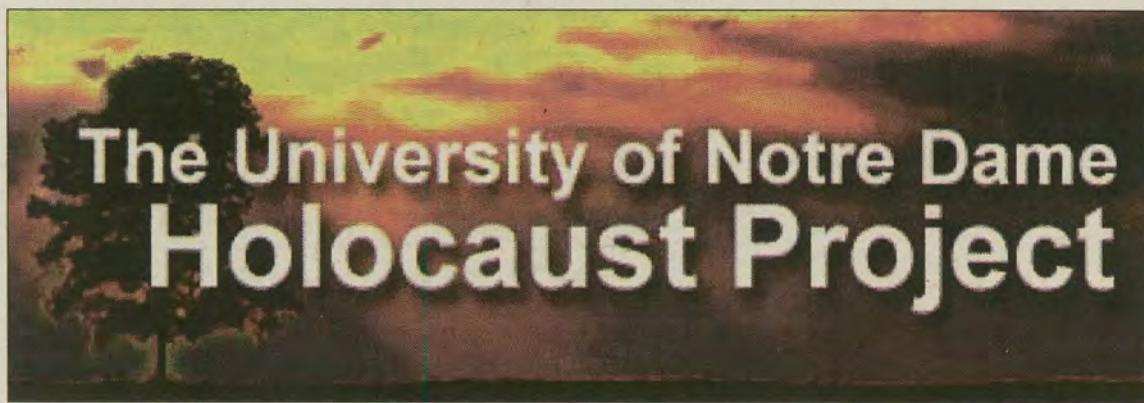
Holocaust Project features international experts

By ERICA THESING
News Writer

Bringing together world-renowned artists, theologians, scientists, historians and other experts, the Holocaust Project will conclude its year-long efforts this weekend with an international conference exploring the effect of the Holocaust on all of humanity.

This conference encompasses every imaginable discipline, according to Rabbi Michael Signer, co-director of the project.

"The truth of the matter is that there is something here for everyone. We are trying to make a statement here that the Holocaust didn't take place



in just a secular environment," he said. "This conference is future oriented. We want to see what we now know and where we can take it in the future."

The organizers chose the

conference title, "Humanity at the Limit: The Impact of the Holocaust Experience on Jews and Christians," in the hope of emphasizing that the events of the Holocaust reveal truths of humanity.

"It transcended the limit of evil that we thought possible and certainly gives evidence of [going] beyond the limit of good with people risking their lives to save others," Signer said.

Saul Friedlander, a survivor and historian of the Holocaust, will open the conference Sunday at 1:30 p.m. with his presentation on history and memory. Friedlander visited Notre Dame last semester as a scholar-in-residence with the Holocaust Project.

After Friedlander's lecture, four Holocaust experts will respond in a 3:20 p.m. session.

That evening, Jeffrey Wolin, whose photography of Holocaust survivors is currently on display at the Snite Museum, will speak about his work. Wolin began photographing survivors with the idea that simply their faces

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FRIDAY FEATURE



Maureen Fitzgibbons, director of International Student Affairs, serves over 600 international students at Notre Dame.

Strangers in a strange land

International students face unique challenges as they travel thousands of miles to join the Notre Dame family

By KRISTI KLITSCH
Assistant News Editor

What is student life at Notre Dame?

Every incoming freshman asks this question and approaches the campus filled with apprehension and excitement. Some sadly leave friends behind and others anxiously await their new-found freedom.

But a different group of Notre Dame students, which comprises less than two percent of the undergraduates on campus, has other fears and worries. This group travels from countries around the world to attend college in South Bend.

More than 600 international students from 80 countries currently study at Notre Dame, according to Maureen Fitzgibbons, director of international student affairs. At the undergraduate level alone, 40 countries are represented by over 125 international students.

Notre Dame hosts 19 undergraduate students from

Panama, more than any other country. Canadian students are the second largest group, with 17 currently studying at Notre Dame. Other countries with high representation among Notre Dame undergraduates are Malaysia, Singapore and Ecuador.

Fitzgibbons accounted the concentration of students from these five countries to academic scholarships and long-standing relationships with the University.

"We have a long-standing relationship with Panama and Ecuador because of the strong Catholic connection, and many students from Malaysia travel here on business-sponsored scholarships in engineering and science," Fitzgibbons said.

Although some students choose to attend Notre Dame based on its academic and athletic reputation, others are recruited by the admissions office.

Steve Grissom, associate director of undergraduate

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Alumni Senate convenes for yearly session

Directors of 140 alumni clubs nationwide gather on campus for meeting

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
News Editor

Alumni from all over the world will descend on campus this weekend for a series of information sessions, meetings with students and workshops.

The Alumni Senate meeting, a yearly gathering of 140 alumni club directors, coincides with the spring meeting of the Alumni Association Board of Directors which also takes place on campus this weekend.

Alumni attend the senate as a way of training and motivating them for involvement in the clubs when they return to their home grounds.

"They meet with all of the regional directors and have a chance to come together and talk," said Mary Pat Beal, the editor of alumni publications. "Besides that, they attend presentations about continuing education, community service and other aspects of alumni clubs."

Last night, the senators attended a club awards dinner during which one club was designated as Club of the Year.

Over the course of the weekend, the participants will also be able to meet with current Notre Dame students during the course of the weekend. On Saturday, the Alumni Association has invited the all students to a "picnic" in the Joyce Center from noon to 2 p.m. Each region will have its own table with the alumni senators from that area, so that students can easily find alumni from their area.

The senators will also meet on Saturday with the 1998 Summer Service Project student volunteers who will be going to their areas for the eight-week-long projects.

"While there is a chance for alumni to interact with students, it is not the main point," Beal said. "The main idea of this is to gather information for the alumni to take back to their clubs."



Last weekend's African freedom celebration was cosponsored by International Students Affairs.

■ INSIDE COLUMN

Here come the men in black...

The "TeleTrece News" from Santiago began last Thursday night with the official logo of the

Michelle Krupa
Senior Staff Writer

Summit of the Americas — a brightly colored red and blue number "2," underscoring the importance of the second hemispheric conference hosted last week by Chile.

Thirty-four countries sent their most important political leaders — presidents, secretaries of state and first ladies — to discuss issues of global significance including poverty, economics, education, justice and civil rights.

After the numeral disappeared from the screen, the song "Men in Black," playing in English, became the newscast's main attraction. The tune provided music for a video clip of Secret Service agents filing out of Air Force One into long, black Cadillacs, leaders of a parade whose guest of honor was none other than William Clinton. A reporter interrupted the music to give important facts about the president's trip — the size of his plane, where he would be staying and the length and route of his trip to and from the airport.

The next news clip showed footage of Clinton and Chilean president Eduardo Frei walking through a Santiago neighborhood, waving at children who in turn waved American flags. The clip continued with interviews of waitresses in a diner where Clinton stopped for a Coke. The women held a dirty glass up to the news cameras in homage, for it was the glass from which Clinton had drunk. One excitedly mentioned that she was allowed to take his order. They all gasped about this kindness and said he was "just so handsome."

The news then jumped back to the studio, where the broadcaster had yet another Clinton story. Apparently the president had visited a school while downtown and had to use the bathroom. The janitors were astounded when the leader entered the facility and used a normal stall, not the one especially cleaned and disinfected for his particular use. Their statements reflected how they thought that the action was so "normal" and the oddity a man at his level acting in such a regular way.

Finally, the broadcast skipped to an economic consultant who began to speak about the Summit. She discussed the talks and resolutions that had gone on between leaders of all 34 countries. Clinton was not in attendance, she noted, because a special economic commissioner had come from the U.S. to serve in his place. This seemed a mediocre treatment of a conference at which most, if not all, other presidents were in attendance.

The next day, in the middle of a soap opera, the very same news channel broke to a live broadcast of the Clintons boarding Air Force One for their trip back to the U.S. The reporter noted Hillary's choice of a pant-suit as traveling garb instead of a dress, and hoped that the couple would turn toward the press to give one last gesture of thanks and salutation to the people of Chile. His wish came true.

Now, despite the fact that hundreds of international leaders converged upon Santiago last week for a conference that will have implications across the globe, newspapers, radio and TV stations predominantly concerned themselves with the eating habits and daily motions of "Clinton in Chile."

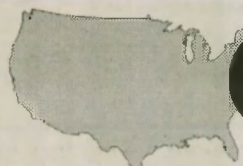
One wonders if the South Bend NBC affiliate cut into its "Mad About You" rerun to catch a glimpse of the leader of the free world returning to his home country. I'm guessing that Paul and Jamie won out on that one.

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

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Students call for removal of student body president-elect

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

UF administrators were lured out of their offices during the lunch hour Wednesday by loud chants and blaring car horns.

"Ethics in, McGovern out!" the nearly 75 students shouted, their picket signs echoing their non-stop chants. "Johnny, Johnny, go away. You're a tool of FBK."

For an hour and a half, critics of student body president-elect John McGovern did not mince words.

They made it clear they do not want McGovern — found liable last week of defaming 32-year-old graduate student Charles Grapski by adding child molestation charges to his criminal record and posting it on campaign fliers — to lead them or their 41,000 peers.

"He has no character," former student senator James Salt said. "He proved that three years ago. And the



most disgusting thing about it is he's hiding behind the appeal process."

McGovern was ordered, along with Florida Blue Key — UF's oldest leadership honorary — to pay Grapski \$250,000 in damages, plus lawyers' fees, for the defamatory fliers posted during the Spring 1995 Student Government elections.

McGovern, a 23-year-old law student, has maintained his right to be student body president because he plans to appeal the jury decision and because he maintains his innocence.

"This is a long judicial process, and we are only at the first step," he said last week after the verdict. "This will go on for years, and I was elected with this lawsuit pending."

"Florida Blue Key or not, John McGovern is still liable," said Salt, shouting into a television camera as some administrators flowed out of Tigert Hall and others peered from their office windows.

"Any moron can see this is wrong," UF sophomore Anthony Pedicini said. "Civil or criminal, defamation is wrong. It's not a gray issue."

Many of those administrators have said McGovern's and Blue Key's leadership and presence on campus needs to be determined by students and SG. Wednesday afternoon, standing in a crowd of angry students, they maintained that stance.

"The students ought to determine who their own officers are," said Art Sandeen, vice president of Student Affairs. UF junior Tim Sheelen said that is politically impossible because of the majority hold McGovern's party has on SG and the Student Senate.

■ MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

Crash kills one athlete, injures three

HUNTINGTON, W.V.

Feeling flowed on campus Tuesday because of the high-way accident Monday morning on I-64 near Morehead, Ky., which killed one Thundering Herd football player and injured three others. Kemba Bryant, a junior linebacker, was killed. Injured were Juwane Sandridge, Maurice Hines, and Lamar Martin. Hines and Martin suffered bruises and minor injuries. Both were released from St. Claire Medical Center Monday. Sandridge, the driver of the vehicle, remains in satisfactory condition at St. Claire Medical Center. A private memorial service was conducted Tuesday night at the Campus Christian Center. Deon Dobbs, a Marshall basketball player, said of the accident, "Something like this really makes you think about living life to the fullest." Dobbs said he really did not know Bryant. "I really didn't know Kemba, but I know Maurice and Lamar. I feel sorry for the whole team. It's going to be tough for them."

■ OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY

Source says President shredded report

NORMAN, Okla.

The answer to the Athletic Department's budget crisis may lie in a 13-page report. The problem is, OU President David Boren ordered the confidential report shredded, according to someone who wishes to remain anonymous. Boren was given the report last winter. It outlines \$2.9 million in services — services that most other universities pay for — that OU won't. It also identifies areas for cost cutting that could save another \$2.8 million annually. The report wasn't the answer university administrators were looking for. Boren said the report was unacceptable, and he threw his copy away. "The report was incomplete and inaccurate," said OU Press Secretary Kim Hefty. "He told them to start over." But Boren never asked the Athletic Department to redraft the report, according to the person who wishes to remain anonymous. Instead, he told those who received the report to shred all copies of it. The report was never redrafted.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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■ UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - BERKELEY

Police wait for descent of protester

BERKELEY, Calif.

After spending 32 hours camped near the clock hands of UC Berkeley's Campanile, animal rights activist Mike Kennedy said he will continue to dangle from the tower, enjoying the view for as long as he can. Kennedy climbed up to the clock on Tuesday morning. Near the top, he set up a green platform and unfurled a banner reading "End Vivisection. Animal Liberation." Although other protesters from the Animal Rights Direct Action Coalition and In Defense of Animals who stayed on the Campanile's observation deck were arrested, police have not figured out how to remove Kennedy safely. "We have no plans to go and get him down," said UC police Capt. Bill Cooper. "We've gone up regularly to check to make sure he's OK." According to Kennedy, who is secured to the Campanile by four different anchors and a harness, police officers communicate with him from inside the observation deck.

■ MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

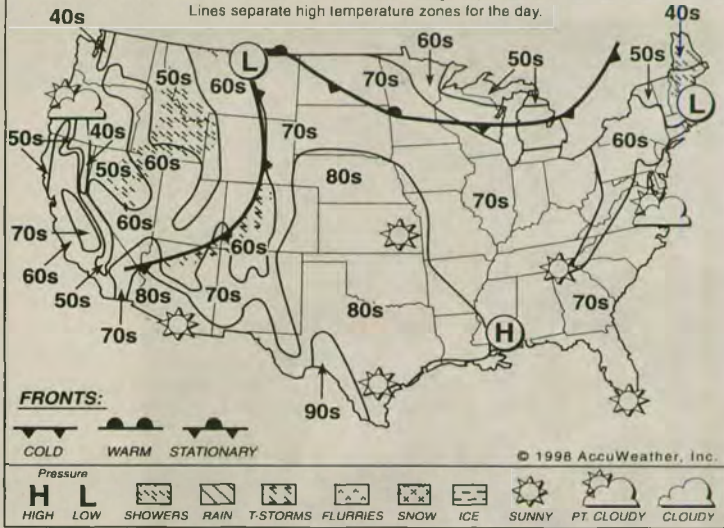
Officials ban alcohol from tailgates

EAST LANSING, Mich.

Citing rowdy behavior resulting from excessive drinking during tailgates, MSU officials announced Wednesday that alcohol will be banned from Munn Field during home football game days for the 1998 season, sparking outrage among some MSU students and alumni. "If it weren't for the behavior, we probably wouldn't have looked at the area at all," said Bruce Benson, MSU Department of Police and Public Safety's chief of police. In addition, MSU police made permanent the ban imposed on upholstered furniture that started before the last game of the 1997 season after there were several couch burnings during Munn tailgates. But some students and alumni don't think there are enough problems on the field to warrant an alcohol-free regulation and say the ban is just another way to eliminate drinking by students. "It's gonna kill a tradition here at state," said junior Brett Langolf.

■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, April 24.
Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



Albany	64	43	Las Vegas	76	54	Pittsburgh	68	43
Billings	68	41	Memphis	78	58	Richmond	74	51
Boston	58	50	Milwaukee	68	42	St. Louis	77	59
Charlotte	72	50	New York	70	52	Seattle	57	42
Dallas	84	66	Phoenix	85	59	Trenton	70	46

Israeli physician fights for human rights in Palestine

By REBECCA HAMMEL
News Writer

In January 1988, Dr. Ruchama Marton, an Israeli physician, along with a group of other physicians, visited a hos-

pital in the Gaza Strip and her life changed forever.

She and her colleagues encountered a hospital filled with urine and filth, lacking the necessary supplies to care for its overcrowded patients.

Marton saw many Palestinians with broken limbs and head injuries and some that were still unconscious from being severely beaten.

"Each of us carried a heavy emotional load," Marton said.

The physicians talked about what they had seen and decided to take action.

Marton founded Physicians for Human Rights, an organization which works to unite Israelis and Palestinians in the struggle for human rights. In Marton's opinion, this issue is closely tied to medicine and politics.

In her talk, Marton outlined the principal strategies of Physicians for Human Rights.

First and foremost, they seek to continuously present their ideas and suggestions to both the public and the government. The group publishes reports and press releases both in Israel and in foreign countries in order to influence world opinion. They also bring law suits against human rights violators to the Israeli Supreme Court.

In general, the group strives to alter the notion of national identity that is so fundamental to Israeli self-perception. If the Israeli public realizes that they are not the only potential victims in the conflict with the Palestinians, they will become aware of the travesty of human rights in Israel.

"We innocently believed that if we shared what we had seen with the public, they would react the same way that we did, with utter shock, great shame and an intense need to fight against this situation," Marton said.

Her early hopes were quickly dashed, however, by an unresponsive public and an uncooperative government. Marton said that her efforts to make the Israeli public aware of the violation of human rights have been treated with disdain and fear. She has been accused of being a

traitor to her country and received numerous threatening phone calls.

"They are continually trying to humiliate, reject and threaten us," Marton said.

The public, in order to protect its own self-image, practices what Marton calls an "unconscious denial of reality."

"As a collective, we are always victims, always right, always humane and always must be united," she said of the Israeli public.

This perspective automatically transforms the Palestinian into the "Other," unscrupulous, inhumane and never united, Marton continued.

The government, and in particular the policy makers, practice a conscious and deliberate disregard for human rights and attempt to "minimize and flatten policy debate," according to Marton, adding that they continually attempt to discredit the Physicians for Human Rights as an untrustworthy source of information.

The complete and utter denial of the use of torture by the Israeli government against Palestinians has also presented many obstacles to Marton.

She has tried to make the public aware of the systematic and widespread existence of torture, telling them that, "people are losing their mind because of pain and fear."

Marton knows that her goal to change individual and social perspectives of reality as well as government policy will continue to be difficult.

"World view is highly resistant to change and modifying it requires a stubborn persistence," she said.



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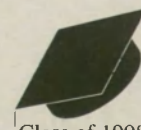


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GSU gives teaching awards

Special to The Observer

Stephen Walk and Donald Paetkau received the 1997-98 Graduate Student Union Teaching Awards for Instructor, and Teaching Assistant, respectively.

"We want to acknowledge those graduate students who have done an exemplary job in performing their teaching responsibilities," wrote Marybeth Graham, Academic Affairs Chair for the GSU, in an April 21 letter to the recipients.

Walk, a graduate student in mathematics, was honored for leading his course as an instructor. The GSU recognized Paetkau for his work as a teaching assistant in the biology department.

Both recipients will be given a gift and a \$100 honorarium at the upcoming Graduate School Award Ceremony.

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Margaret Pfeil (Theology)
Ana Tereza Lemos-Nelson (Government)

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Kellogg Institute names 1998-99 grant recipients

Special to the Observer

The Kellogg Institute for International Studies annually awards a number of research fellowships and grants, on a competitive basis, to Notre Dame faculty members and graduate and undergraduate students pursuing comparative international studies.

During summer 1998, three faculty members and three graduate students will undertake research with seed money grants of up to \$3,000 each. Professors Kwan Kim and Byung-Joo Lee of the economics department will travel to South Korea to study that country's financial crisis and economic restructuring. Benjamin Radcliff, a professor of government and international studies, will conduct an analysis of "The Political Economy of Happiness." Regina Castillo will be working in Nicaragua; Anibal Perez-Linan on Brazil and Venezuela; and Michele Waslin in Mexico. All three are students from the department of government and international studies.

Four undergraduate have received grants of a similar amount for summer research that will be the basis of senior honors theses or seminar papers. Recipients are: government and economics major Emily Anne Edwards, Mark Massoud, an economics and sociology major, both of whom will travel to South Africa; Rachel Wacker, an art and philosophy major, for research in Kenya; and Joel

Wilson, majoring in psychology and Spanish, for a project on Chile and the United States.

During the 1998-99 academic year, three Ph.D. candidates will receive Dissertation Year Fellowships to undertake research and writing of dissertations with an international dimension. The recipients are government students David Altman and Ana Tereza Lemos-Nelson and theology student Margaret Pfeil.

One faculty member who is a Fellow of the Kellogg Institute, romance language professor Maria Rosa Olivera-Williams, will receive a Faculty Residential Fellowship award. She will be on Sabbatical during the 1998-99 academic year (funded for one year by the Kellogg Institute), completing research and writing of a book manuscript titled "Transformations of Feminine Subjectivity in the Second Half of the Twentieth Century." The Faculty Residential Fellowship Program, begun in 1996-97, enables Kellogg Fellows to undertake projects that are consistent with the Institute's priorities and that contribute to the development of faculty resources on the international studies at Notre Dame.

Further information about the Kellogg Institute fellowship and research support is available from the Institute's Academic Coordinator Gabriela Mossi, room 207 Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

■ SECURITY BEAT

Mon., April 20

5:43 a.m. A University employee was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of an illness.

Tues., April 21

1:31 p.m. An O'Neill Hall resident reported the theft of several compact discs from his unlocked room.

3:04 p.m. A Siegfried Hall resident reported the theft of his bike from a bike rack at Siegfried. His bike was not locked at the time of the theft.

4:30 p.m. Security apprehended two juveniles who were shoplifting at the Hammes Bookstore.

9:15 p.m. A Morrissey Hall resident was transported by Security to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.

Wed., April 22

3:28 a.m. Security cited a South Bend resident for driving with a suspended drivers license.

4:07 p.m. A University employee reported the theft of computer equipment from Galvin Life Sciences.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

James Earl Ray dies in jail

NASHVILLE

James Earl Ray, the petty criminal who confessed to assassinating Martin Luther King Jr., then recanted and spent decades seeking a trial, died yesterday morning. He was 70. Ray, who was serving a 99-year prison sentence for the April 4, 1968, slaying, died of kidney failure and complications from liver disease, said his brother, Jerry Ray. He had been hospitalized repeatedly since late 1996. By pleading guilty in March 1969, Ray avoided the possibility of a conviction at trial and a death sentence. He then argued for years that he was coerced into making the plea. His attempt to get a trial drew an unlikely coalition that included his family as well as King's family and other civil rights leaders who believe King was the victim of a murder conspiracy, not a lone man.



76 die in Tutsi-Hutu fighting

BUJUMBURA, Burundi

The latest fighting in Burundi between Hutu rebels and the Tutsi-led army killed at least 76 people, including 29 civilians, officials said yesterday. Most of the civilians were women and children, said Stanislas Ntahobari, governor of rural Bujumbura, the area outside the capital where the fighting occurred Wednesday. The army killed at least 47 rebels, Ntahobari said. The figures were confirmed by military spokesman Lt. Col. Isaie Nibizi, who blamed the rebels for the deaths of civilians in the central African nation. "These rebel terrorists benefit from the complicity of the population, the same population which later suffers," Nibizi said without elaborating. The governor said some civilians offer sanctuary to rebels. Nibizi did not say whether the army suffered casualties in the fighting, which lasted hours.

55-year-old has quadruplets

SAN DIEGO

A 55-year-old woman who got pregnant through in vitro fertilization has given birth to quadruplets. The three girls and one boy were delivered Saturday by Caesarean section at Mary Birch Hospital for Women. The infants were in intensive care today, one in critical condition. News of the births was first reported by KFMB-TV and confirmed to The Associated Press after a reporter visited the hospital. The source, who is familiar with the woman's situation, spoke on condition of anonymity. The woman, who is not married, delivered the babies at 27 weeks. Their birth weights were not immediately known. The woman is from San Diego but went to San Francisco for the in vitro fertilization procedure.

INDONESIA

Angry students want Suharto out

Thousands gather to protest state of economy, politics

ASSOCIATED PRESS

JAKARTA

Defying Indonesia's ban on street protests, thousands of students marched onto a traffic-clogged road in the capital today to shout for an end to President Suharto's three-decade reign.

At least seven other cities were the scene of student demonstrations for political and economic reform in Indonesia, weathering its worst financial crisis in decades.

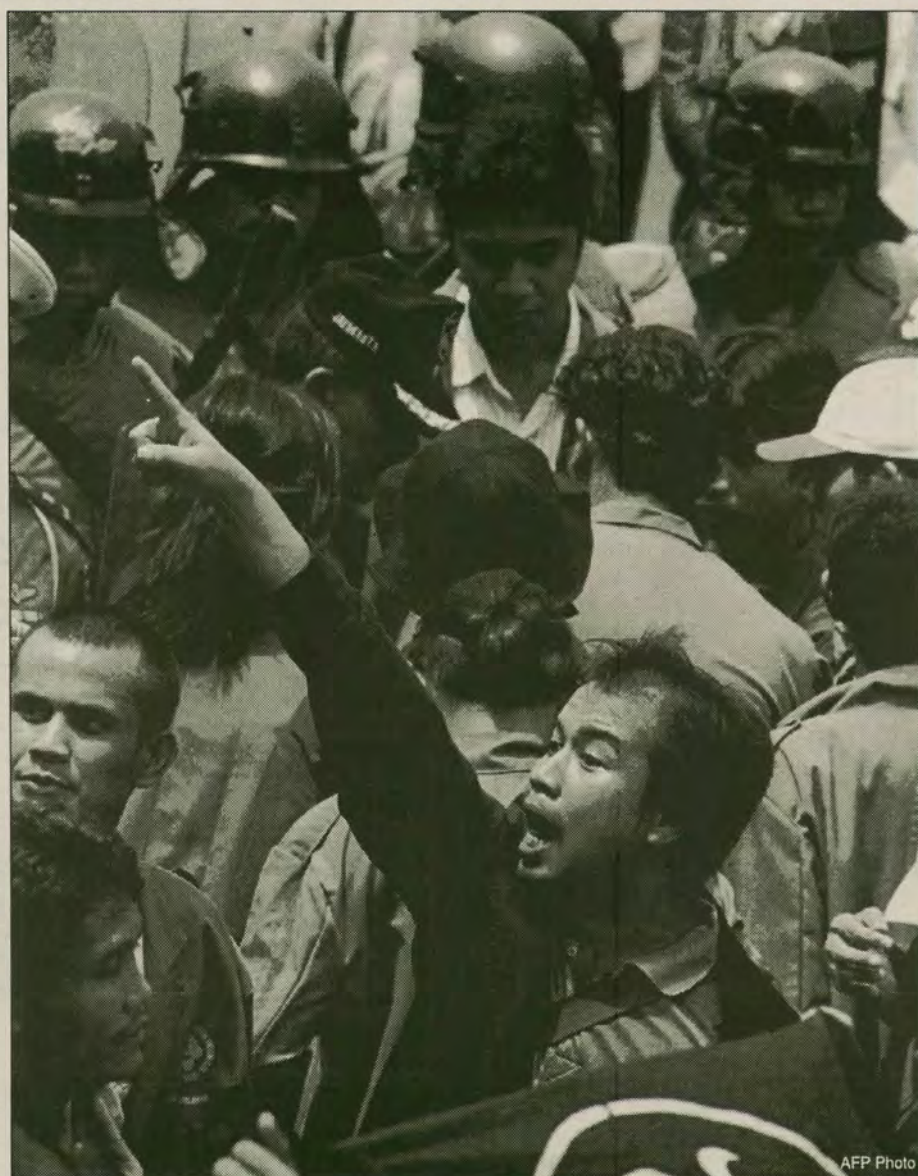
In Bali, police faced down stone-throwing students with tear gas and sticks. Police and witnesses said several officers and at least 12 students were injured in the clash at Udayana University in Denpasar, the capital of the international tourist haven. There were no arrests.

"Bring down Suharto!" the students in Jakarta chanted, beckoning drivers and bus passengers to join them. It was the largest street demonstration since students launched near-daily protests for political and economic reform earlier this year, as Indonesia's economic crisis built.

The protesters sat in the road outside Indonesian Christian University, while hundreds of police with sticks and shields lined up nearby. The demonstrators eventually retreated behind the campus fence, ending the tense confrontation.

Student protesters are becoming more daring in their campaign to oust Suharto, whose standing has been damaged by the worst economic slump since he took power. Most student rallies have been peaceful, although police and protesters have clashed on occasion. Public sympathy for the students is widespread, but their protests have attracted few people off-campus, and Suharto remains in firm control of the military and political establishments.

Thousands of students also marched today in Bandung, Yogyakarta, Bandarlampung and other cities. Police



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A student from Christian University of Indonesia (UKI) demonstrates against the government under the watch of riot police during a rally by over 1,000 students outside their campus in Jakarta yesterday. UKI students joined other university students across the country in demanding economic and political reforms.

scuffled briefly with students on another campus in the capital.

Students are trying to get other Indonesians involved in the public protests, demanding that the government lower prices of basic commodities. However, bus passengers only smiled when the Jakarta protesters yelled anti-Suharto slogans outside their windows.

"That's why we went into the street, to raise people's awareness about the need for reform," said Peysar Barabu, a law student.

On Monday, 2,000 people stoned shops and houses in the coastal town of Bantaeng, about 900 miles east of Jakarta, in a protest over soaring prices of essential goods, police said today.

POLAND

Jews retrace journey to gas chambers

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Led by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, 7,000 Jews from around the world retraced the two-mile journey from the former Nazi death camp, Auschwitz, to the gas chambers at Birkenau.

The "March of the Living" has for 10 years honored the flourishing of Jewish identity over the Nazi attempt to annihilate it through the murders of 6 million Jews. This year, the march has renewed significance, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of Israel's founding.

Netanyahu, the first Israeli leader to participate in the march, told more

than 6,000 Jewish youths and 1,000 Holocaust survivors that Israel's creation has ensured the survival of Jews.

"This is the lesson of the Holocaust, this and only this: That the existence of the Jewish people is tied to Jewish sovereignty and a Jewish army that rests on the strength of Jewish faith," Netanyahu said.

The march began beneath the gate to the infamous Nazi death camp, inscribed with the cynical slogan, "Arbeit Macht Frei" — Work Will Make You

Free. It ended at the barren landscape of Birkenau, where the Nazis erected their crematoria at the edge of rows of wooden barracks.

Polish Prime Minister

sands non-Jewish Poles who died at Auschwitz, and the great risk many Poles took to save their Jewish compatriots.

"Few people know that it was not only difficult, but also very dangerous to help Jews in Poland," Buzek said. "There was an immediate death penalty for saving even one Jew."

"The Nazis applied collective responsibility in such cases, and they would kill the whole family, often the neighbors. Only Poles had to pay such a high price for helping Jews."

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BENJAMIN NETANYAHU



Jerzy Buzek, who marched alongside Netanyahu, recalled the tens of thou-

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student admissions, makes two yearly recruiting trips across international waters, one to Latin America and the other to Asia.

The first efforts towards recruiting international students began when Father John O'Hara was President of the University in the 1940s. O'Hara used to travel to Latin America in the summers looking for prospective students, University President Father Edward Malloy explained.

O'Hara's small beginnings have evolved into Grissom's current recruiting efforts.

"In my trip to Asia last year, I hit 15 airports in 11 days," Grissom said.

Grissom predominately travels to four types of schools on his yearly trips: American schools, Department of Defense Dependents schools, private international schools and local schools. He relies heavily on a guide book published by the College Board, as well as local alumni in the areas he visits.

"I look through the guide and pick the high schools that I want to visit, and then I contact the Alumni Club in that area and get a point person," Grissom said. "The alumni are great; they are a tremendous support network for us," he added.

Although special efforts are made to recruit international students, Grissom explained that no special priorities are given to international student applicants. In fact, many international students are unable to attend college in the United States due to financial obstacles. Undergraduate international students are ineligible to receive U.S. financial aid.

"They [international students] have a running interference with the Immigration and Naturalization Service because of money. If they have the resources, their certificate of finances can be signed off by a bank ... but sometimes it isn't that easy," Grissom said.

In addition to meeting financial requirements, international students must satisfy two additional immigration regulations: the international student must be admitted using the same admission standards of all other students and the student must show proficiency in the English language.

Any international student who does not speak English as a native language must take the TOEFL test, the Test of English as a Foreign Language. The test is based on a scale of 677, and prospective Notre Dame students must score at least 550 points, Grissom explained.

"Most Notre Dame students score above 600," he said.

The TOEFL test is the only special component of the international application process, according to Grissom. Students from abroad must complete the ACT or SAT, write entrance essays, receive recommendations and fulfill all other University requirements.

More than 250 international students apply for admission each year. This year 85 students were accepted, it has not yet been determined how many are going to enroll.

Grissom stressed the fact that international students are put in a separate group, and do not compete with American students for admission.

Once admitted, an international student begins the transition and adjustment to life at Notre Dame, as well as life in the United States. Part of this adjustment is the inevitable culture shock that exists, Fitzgibbons explained.

"Culture shock really depends on what country the student is coming from. The greater the difference in culture, and the fewer students from the same country, the greater the culture shock," she believes.

Sebastian Montufur, a senior finance major from Ecuador and current president of the International Student Organization, believes that previous exposure to American values and beliefs helps to ease the transition process.

Montufur attended a private American school taught by teachers from the United States, and he started learning English as a young child.

"I don't think that I really experienced any form of culture shock," he said. "I believe the difference is going to an American school, and exposure to an American way of thinking."

On the other hand, Kitty Puzon, a junior finance major from the Philippines, encountered many things about life in the United States that she was not expecting.

"I felt like I had to explain myself a lot," she said. "One time I said rubber shoes, instead

of sneakers, and everyone laughed at me. There are so many small differences, but I often forget that I have to stop and explain myself."

One of the first adjustments for international students is living with an American roommate. Many international students do not get along with their first-year roommates for a variety of reasons, including cultural, social or personality differences. Because international students sometimes do not understand American values and beliefs, they may feel excluded from their peers, and the result is a propensity to congregate with other people from their country.

"Roommates are much more difficult for international students, because they have to put up with a lot," said Fitzgibbons, explaining the phenomenon. "Many international students come in with the idea that they are a guest, and that American students should be their host. Yet most American students are clueless to this fact."

"When I came here freshman year, I didn't get along very well with my roommate. I was used to my own space, and it was

hard to adjust to a roommate," said Wei Yusuf, a junior from Malaysia and president of the Muslim Student Association.

Puzon held the opposite opinion. She welcomed the adjustment and believes that diversity is a very important part of her life at Notre Dame.

"I had a really good experience with my roommate freshman year, and it really helped the adjustment process by living with someone from here," she said.

In addition to the transition of living with American students, basic cultural differences also may provide a challenge for international students.

Guillaume Zounlome, a graduate student from Benin, Africa who is working on his Ph.D. in government, found a completely different kind of food when he arrived in the United States in 1989.

"The food is completely different here," he said. "I don't really know if there is anything here that is similar to what we have in Africa."

Puzon struggled to adjust to the rigorous academic life of Notre Dame students. "The hardest part about coming to

the United States was that I had no idea what to expect. I really didn't have the same classes in high school, and I really struggled at the beginning. People that come here know what to expect, but I had to stop and ask a lot of questions of my professors," she said.

Ingrid Louw, a junior government and peace studies major from South Africa, found size to be one of the most significant differences between the United States and her homeland.

"Here, everything is so big. Here, the choices that I have are unbelievable. It takes me over half an hour to pick out a brand of cereal," she said.

But, despite all the challenges and adjustments that international students face, the majority of them are happy with their college choice.

"Steve Grissom came down to recruit me, and when he did, I felt like, 'oh, wow, they're giving me all of this attention,'" Puzon recalled. "When I am here, people look you in the eye when they pass you on the quad. I was looking for a small, and friendly, competitive environment. I believe that I have found that here," she added.

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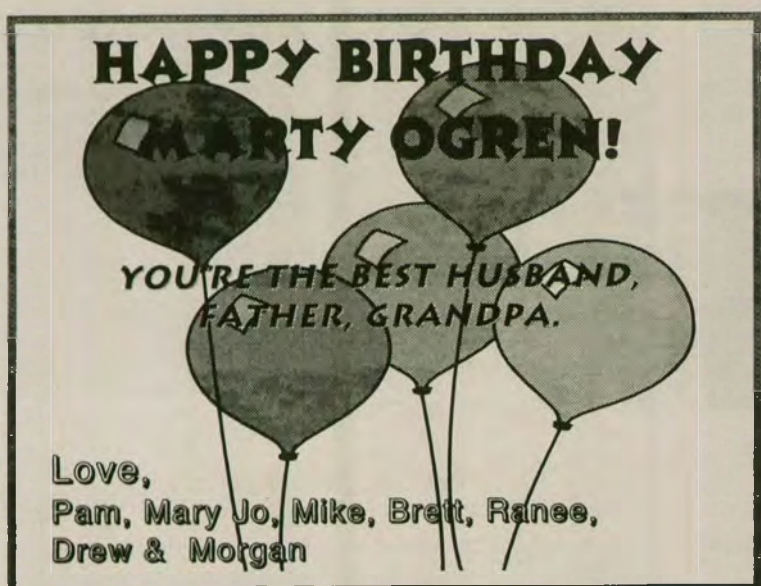
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access

Saint Mary's art majors present pageant of life

By SARA COX
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News Writers

Last week, a group of Saint Mary's senior art majors presented their comprehensive exhibitions in the Moreau Art Galleries.

The exhibit will be displayed April 14 through April 17, and will include work by seniors Jessica Lentych, Karen Mendlik, Kim Michalik, Courtney Mollan, Poogie Sherer and Lisa Svelmoe.

In "Dealing with an aspect of disguise," Lentych made a variety of abstract masks. The masks dealt with human body image and religion. She wanted people to question what their own defensive mechanisms are, along with her own.

Mendlik's work was inspired by Native American writings and was made with "large mix media pieces that have to do with nature," including clay

and feathers. One feature of the piece is quotes and text which Mendlik used from the inspirational writings.

"Metamorphic Consciousness," by Kim Michalik, is a self-portrait describing changes throughout the past 10 years. The changes, dealing with philosophy, religion, body image and relationships, were expressed on fibers made of fabric, papers and books.

When describing her work, Courtney Mollan explained that she hoped "to provoke thought with necessarily providing a direction for that thought."

Looking to "inspire people to examine their own values and ideas," Mollan based her symbolic work on a personal philosophy, "as well as others that she relates to."

Sherer's project is a composite self-portrait created from mixed media sculptures made of clay and fiber materials.

Her display described "roles dealing with being a daughter, sister, artist, lover and self-relation to self."

Sherer believes that one's identity is composed of many different roles which are taken on at different times.

Svelmoe's "Sunday Morning" was a response to the poet Wallace Stevens. Combining painting and ceramics, Svelmoe did an acrylic on canvas comprised of three different images.

"[Stevens] is a poet I admire because his poetry explores the relationship between reality and imagination," she stated. "Painting does the same thing for me."

These art features gather work from all senior studio art classes at Saint Mary's and are held once a semester, allowing art department faculty to assess student progress. The portfolios have been displayed through the entire week.

Exiled Chinese dissident speaks to press

The Associated Press

NEW YORK

Nine years after Wang Dan helped lead an ocean of young people through Tiananmen Square to implore China to expand democracy, he spoke out today with a more lonely, ambivalent voice.

"My feelings right now are mixed," Wang said at a news conference.

"On the one hand I am naturally delighted to breathe free again, especially since I can now live and study in a free country like America," he said. "But on the other hand, I feel disturbed at having been forced to leave my own country, to live separately from my family, relatives, and friends, and all of my compatriots, without knowing when, if ever, I will be allowed to see them again."

His actions as a charismatic 20-year-old college student made Wang one of China's most-wanted fugitives. Now 29, Wang was released Sunday after nearly six and one half years in Chinese prisons and put on a plane to the United States.

He said today that he had been unwilling to leave China, but during his first release, from 1993 to 1995, close government scrutiny prevented him from doing anything. So this time he chose medical parole, effectively exiling him.

Despite the medical parole, Wang appeared healthy and fit, showing no visible effects of his imprisonment.

He said getting an education would be a higher priority than political activism. He

said he would like to complete the education that was interrupted by the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown.

The questions surrounding his freedom are much the same as in November, when longtime dissident Wei Jingsheng was released to his own life of exile: What role will he play? And, perhaps most crucially, what does his freedom mean to U.S.-China relations?

"There are no random events with the Chinese government," said Bill Ward, a business administration professor at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania who studies modern China. He met Wang in Beijing during the 1989 protests before the military crackdown in which hundreds — and perhaps thousands — died.

"I think the Chinese have consistently looked at us and said, 'We'd like to continue to expand a relationship with you and we'll do good things to help you, but we're also going to show you we're still in charge here,'" Ward said. "It's really the yin and the yang going on here."

Wang Dan's release came two months before President Clinton is scheduled to visit Beijing. Chinese President Jiang Zemin visited the United States late last year, and relations between the two economic powers — always a tight-wire act involving economics and human rights — appear relatively smooth.

That angers some advocacy groups who perceive Wang's release as a publicity move.

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could tell the story of their experiences, according to Signer. Wolin began to experiment with various elements to enhance the story, including adding text from the survivor's testimony to the photograph.

At 8:45 a.m. on Monday, three scholars will address the relationship between Gentiles and Jews in East and Central Europe.

Following that presentation, three historians will respond and try to assess the question of the role of the Protestant and Catholic Churches before, during and after the Holocaust.

On Monday afternoon, two Catholic and two Jewish theologians will discuss contemporary Jewish-Christian relationships in Germany.

Although Signer is excited about every session of the conference, he noted that that one will be especially interesting.

"Each [of the theologians] in their own way has spent their adult lives working to improve Jewish-Christian relations in Germany. We never hear about the day to day work of people who are trying to educate and teach," he said. This will be the first time these four have spoken in the United States about the tragedy.

Later that afternoon, three scholars will explore literary aspects of the Holocaust, including poetic and literary approaches by Israeli and American authors. Marcia Landy, who will discuss Hollywood and the Holocaust, was at Notre Dame last month as part of the Holocaust film symposium.

On Monday evening, sculptor George Segal will speak on art

and the Holocaust. Segal is the premier sculptor of Holocaust memorials in America and Germany, according to Signer.

Four speakers will discuss post-Holocaust education in Monday morning's session. David Blumenthal, who will take part in this talk, helped plan the U.S. Holocaust Museum, and has worked on director Steven Spielberg's Holocaust project. He currently runs an "innovative program of Holocaust education" at Emory University, according to Signer.

Following that session, the conference will spend two sessions exploring the connections between social science, genetics and racism. Anthropologist Jonathan Marks, who will speak during one of those sessions, spent last semester at Notre Dame as a Holocaust scholar-in-residence.

The next session deals with

children who survived the Holocaust. Lawrence Langer, who compiled visual testimonies from hidden children, will speak on his work.

Another participant is Benjamin Wilkomirski, author of "Fragments: Memories of a Wartime Child." The author is a survivor who spent the first five years of his life in a concentration camp. Wilkomirski grew up without any knowledge of his personal history, including his parents and his birth date. Since then, he has become an established author.

"He is a very big name now in terms of his book and writing. He's going to talk about what it's like to grow up as a

child into an adult without a birthday. He has no history at all," said Betty Signer, coordinator for the Holocaust Project.

The final session of the conference, which begins at 8:15 Tuesday night, features Father Remi Hoeckman, Secretary of the Holy See's Committee for Religious Relations with the Jews. Hoeckman was a primary editor of the recent Vatican document on the Catholic Church's role in the Holocaust.

All sessions of the conference will be in the Center for Continuing Education with the exception of Jeffrey Wolin's presentation in the Snite Museum.

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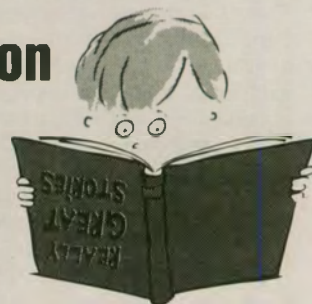
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Observer is Anti-Catholic

Why? That is my question. Why do I have to pay for this? I'm not talking about tuition increases or the Flex 14 plan or even the outrageous book prices at the bookstore. I'm referring to this paper. Why is it that I was never given an option to pay for this trash? And yes, it is trash, because it goes straight from my hands into the can.

This is a Catholic university, supposedly one of the most prestigious in the nation. It is not just guided by the Catholic tradition, but a full-fledged Catholic university.

The Observer may be an 'independent newspaper,' but does that mean that it can repeatedly show disrespect for the Catholic ideals that are the foundation to this institution? Why does the administration promote this paper by including it as a part of the tuition and fees? Why don't they promote something useful and something true to the

basic ideals of Notre Dame? How about football tickets? I suppose that the argument is that people are willing to buy football tickets even after they pay tuition, but that they aren't willing to buy The Observer. Can't argue with that one.

Everybody wants his or her rights on this campus. Where are my rights? At least my request is rational. I'm not asking for a change to the non-discrimination clause. I'm not asking for a repeal of the nearly six-percent tuition increase. And even if they don't include it as a part of the price of this place, I will be more than willing to shell over the \$100 for football tickets when fall rolls around. All I want is my six bucks that gets wasted on this paper. I have a right to those six measly dollars.

You have your freedom of speech and freedom of the press, so you can say or print whatever you want. Abiding by that, I'm sure that this letter will quickly be dismissed and replaced by a GLND/SMC sympathizer, or maybe it will be preempted by our wonderful alumni friend, Mr. McMahon. But

where's my freedom to not have to listen to or read that drivel?

I'm sure that by now some of you are wondering why I even bother to page through this newspaper. I used to frequent The Onion's web page, and I used to watch the national news for information about the president's sex scandals, but I've discovered that I don't need to. There's enough idiocy in our own homegrown newsteam at The Observer to give me all the laughs that I can handle for the months that I spend here.

But am I ever going to remember anything that I read in this paper after I leave this Catholic university? Nope. Would I be much better off spending my six bucks on a night at the movies or splitting a pizza with friends, even if it means that I have to eat off of Styrofoam plates, abide by parietals and restrain myself from having premarital sex? Yep. There's no doubt

about it. I remember hearing speeches about the "Notre Dame Experience" nearly two years ago. Does the administration actually think that The Observer is an essential part of that experience? Come on! Forget Saint Mary's. The Observer is the great Notre Dame parasite. It grabs hold of our pocket-books once we enter as green freshman and never lets go. It spreads its black ink (or color for those special gay and lesbian pages, of course) all over our fingertips. It tries to work its way up into our minds to change what this University is all about. This is a Catholic place. There is absolutely no reason why I should be forced to pay for trash that consistently tries to deny that fact. Give me my six bucks.

John Buchmann

Sophomore
Siegfried Hall
April 22, 1998



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Students, Faculty More Prejudiced than Administration?

I just wonder how in tune your readers are to what the University is saying about them. I am referring specifically to the students and faculty at Notre Dame.

The following quote is from the April 10 issue of the National Catholic Reporter (NCR). In an article entitled "ND priest resigns over policy on gays," University spokesman Dennis Moore acknowledged that Notre Dame is "not free of prejudice," but he said he thinks "there is probably more of it among students and faculty than among the administration." He told NCR, "Gays and lesbians are thoroughly integrated into our community," noting that sexual orientation is not a factor in hiring, granting tenure or promoting faculty and staff.

Does anyone believe that? If it were true, there wouldn't be a problem now, would there? For those of you who don't know, Dennis Moore is the Director of Public Relations for Notre Dame. He makes statements such as this on a regular basis to the press. In fact, in the same article, he continues: "There is 'no magic solution' to the almost decade-long effort by the GLND/SMC organization to gain University recognition. Many at the University had philosophical and theological objections to such a move." He continued, "The major stumbling block is that people want to reduce the recognition issue to a question of civil rights." However, he added, "the Church does not view all sexual orientations as morally equal."

Excuse me, but isn't this the crux of the matter? Now Moore diminishes the civil rights aspect of the issue and misstates the facts. Even the so-called "Spirit of Inclusion" correctly points out the current teaching of the Catholic Church — that same-sex orientation is not sinful. With all of the rallies, the signatures, the teach-in, the Faculty Senate vote, and the positive letters and editorials in The Observer, I find it impossible for Moore to conclude that the administration is less homophobic than the students and faculty here. His statements are beyond absurd.

Are you going to let him say these things about you in public, as official pronouncements of your University (with the blessings of the powers that be)? I certainly hope not.

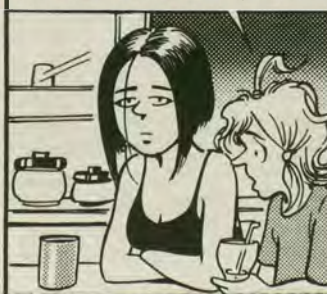
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

YOU KNOW WHAT I HATED ABOUT THE OSCARS? THAT JERKY SPEECH THE DIRECTOR OF "TITANIC" MADE, THAT WHOLE KING-OF-THE-WORLD THING...



"TITANIC" DOESN'T JUST BELONG TO HIM! IT BELONGS TO ME - AND ANYONE ELSE WHO'S EVER EXPERIENCED A FORBIDDEN LOVE THAT COULD NEVER BE!



YOU'VE EXPERIENCED A FORBIDDEN LOVE THAT COULD NEVER BE?

OF COURSE!



DO I KNOW HIM?

IT'S LEO! HAVEN'T YOU BEEN LISTENING AT ALL?



'There are more old drunkards than old physicians.'

— Rabelais

■ THE DOOLEY FILES

A New Story Every Hour

Lynn, a student, volunteers five hours each week at the Chapin Street Clinic. Her duty is to meet, informally, with people hopeful for the future of their medical care. They range from the down-on-their-luck to the derelict: they who have no family, and they who are crowded out for want of living space for all the siblings; they who can hold only part-time jobs, and they, the recent victims of downsizing; they, the chronic, the disabled and the seemingly healthy.

It is what Robert Cole described as the Call of Stories — that fascination with human experience, fueling the profession of medicine and the like, which compels each new day of investigation into the lives of strangers. In welcoming new patients into the clinic, Lynn can indicate a new avenue of hope for people who can see none for themselves. She holds the first impression for those seeking to start over.

"Intakes are unique, like nothing I've learned in school. I need empathy and open ears, but I also need to call on intuition. Every case is different. That is, everyone's story is unique."

Deborah sits in the clinic waiting room every Monday and Friday after the AA meetings adjourn, waiting for someone to read her blood pressure.

One recent day, while being attended to, she looks dead at the man with the stethoscope and gushes: "I could say so many wonderful things about you volunteers. Everyone at the clinic has always been so good to me!"

She is a volunteer herself now, helping to organize AA meetings at other sites. To her, it seems fitting to homage the volunteers before her by becoming one herself. There is no place for idleness in her plan of repayment.

As Deborah says, "It sort of completes the circle."

Michelle spends time at a local hospital, rotating through the wards in an effort to better understand the interaction of the variety of medical disciplines. She finds her complimentary white coat and name tag empowering.

"When I volunteer, no one really cares that I'm a student. I'm pulled into the operation of whatever ward I'm in, and am often expected to physically help with patients or equipment. I can handle equipment and manipulate patients, behave as though I belong there. The words 'pre-medical student' are forgotten in the shuffle."

Or — in the greatest dignity — they are never brought up at all.

Nick has derived fond memories from outreach to the community, especially to elderly folks who are essentially home-bound. With time he has overcome his feelings of intimidation by the elderly and given way to sharing of stories and emotions. He recalls the midst of one visit when an elderly friend began to cry for memory of her son:

"I felt incredibly helpless. All I could do was reach out to give her a hug and listen. She later apologized for crying like that, but I assured her I didn't mind. Actually, I learned a lot from that occasion. I learned the value of listening."

Ultimately, it became friendship between the young and the old, and a home-visit for service became a house call for personal enjoyment. This is a powerful Christian idiom: The roles of servant and friend are interchangeable and, in fact, one and the same.

Janet is a physician with no qualms about sacrificing office pay for the chance to volunteer at Chapin Street. And while her peers are refusing, for

disdain of the paltry reimbursements, to accept Medicaid, she maintains in her own office a policy of blindness to such assistance programs.

"As corny as it sounds, medicine is about helping people. It's not our place to be choosy about who we will help, about who is worthy of our time and professional attention."

This doctor is one of 75 who are personally resolved to provide for uninsured patients at the clinic. She and the others beg the notion: Perhaps there is more breadth to the volunteer culture than just youngsters seeking resume fodder and retirees entertaining a hobby.

"Everyone should be willing to give their time," she says.

Ed McCoul

Viola does not consider herself a volunteer; she thinks she is merely a patient at the Chapin Street Clinic. Still, she

responded in person to a call last week from the clinic, where a bewildered staff, operating without their bilingual receptionist, was trying to sort out the needs of a monolingual Hispanic man. Without her ad hoc service as interpreter, his immediate medical needs might have persisted with devastating effect on his health. Speaking a few words in Spanish made all the difference.

"Of course I didn't have to come, but we're all like a community. You know, the people down here are my neighbors."

It is hardly standard practice to harangue patients for help with business matters. Yet, the sense of community noted by Viola shows that a volunteer title is no more expected or desired for such service than would be a paycheck.

Kathy is a volunteering busy-body. For her, each day of the week is passed at a different site, doling out her time in exchange for the intangible gratitude of those who stand to benefit.

Chapin Street is her favorite. "The people are just great. They're so much fun, so interesting. There's a new story practically every hour. And people just seem to realize how good it is to be here," she said.

Ted arrives at a local emergency room shortly before midnight every Monday. For him, there are four hours of calming the concerns and mending the frayed nerves of the suddenly infirm. After two months of this, some insomniac woman finally asks the question perhaps held silently by every other patient: "Isn't it a waste of your time to be here?"

As a patient advocate, Ted has attended to the mundane concerns of thirst and climate control among the triaged patients, along with the stealthier duty of reassurance. Though it is late and they are strangers, he knows more about them than they of him. By mere observation — of the attitudes, of the charts, of the eavesdropped remarks — he has begun to understand both the person and the illness encoded within these emergency cases. And he has only one response for that skeptical patient:

"I've never been one to pass up a good story."

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■ THE MIGHTY OAK

Everything Sucks, Let's Get Drunk

I have nothing to say that is important. Politics should be left to politicians, barbers and waitresses at truck stops. Campus ad hoc committees on whether shrimp cooked in lent should be counted as meat and banned during Lent are inconceivable to me. I like boxers, ROTC and the other subversive organizations. Patty O'Hara doesn't bug me and single-sex dorms make for more daring gender relations and better stories for the campfire. So here is a heterogenous blend of worthless things; a few bits of Notre Dame natural history, a few observations and brief reflections about on-campus life from an epic perspective, related queries and a few bad jokes. Whooooosh is the sound of my journalistic organizational skills flying out the window.

Everybody's always whining about lack of "social space." What exactly goes on in "social space?" Talking? Games of marbles? I haven't noticed a general suppression of talking around campus due to lack

of "social space," nor cramped marble shooters in existing "social space." People don't go to "social space" and make out or something precisely because it's too social. Why do they need it in unlimited quantity?

LaFortune's pretty big. DeBartolo computer lab is open all night and even has couches in the lounge. All the dorms have 24-hour lounges. The quads are open to the general populace 24 hours every day and have lots of bushes. Or you can join the Knights of Columbus and enjoy the benefits of their building, open 24 hours. If all these places to talk don't suffice, go to a bar and play darts, for gosh sakes. They're usually pretty social. Or if you need something more discreet, get a hotel room. Or go to Fat Shirley's, also open 24 hours. That's my seemingly required "social space" agenda if I ever run for student government. Let's not tempt the University to cut down the woods by Saint Joe's lake and build another cinder block building with all the architectural frill of Our Lady's Radiation Lab and a web of sidewalks leading out in every conceivable direction so antisocial people can have another place to pretend to be social.

Hey, here's a good idea! Let's ban drinking on campus! There won't be a mass exodus from the place after sophomore year, no, no. People will just stop drinking and go play marbles at the new social spaces, factories, golf courses, dens of bureaucracy and whatever-the-hell else buildings somebody decided needed to increase 50 fold after 156 years.

Here's my token stupid joke about Bridget's while we're on liquor: What did the freshman say to the aging hare at Bridget's? "Hey silly rabbit, Bridget's is for kids." As hares are not rabbits, this

joke is actually meant to illustrate the sorry lack of science education in our nation's high schools.

Notre Dame shows a strange, otherworldly wisdom in the landscaping of the God Quad which sorely lacks everywhere else. Trees in God Quad are a carefully selected mix of interesting species spaced at sane intervals. Everywhere else there has been recent construction, the newly-planted trees are packed in ridiculous density with all sorts of smaller shrubs and sculptures and benches and sidewalks and

lives.

I like Braveheart a whole lot too, but when we quote its rather straightforward philosophy constantly as if it were original, don't we diminish the value of the movie? Let's be more selective in our rampant quoting of it. Or vary our discourse with quotes from Thomas Paine and Jefferson and other freedom kind of guys who expounded on the subject in a little more detail and shot Englishmen instead of cutting their limbs off (not saying one method of dispatch is better than the other).

There are flying squirrels living on campus. I saw one on a night last fall glide into a large silver maple between Zahm and Cavanaugh. Their scientific name, *Glaucomys volans*, means "flying gray mouse." Another tidbit on flying night things: The large things winging around catching moths in the glow of the Dome recently returned from the tropics are nighthawks, not huge bats. Nighthawks are not hawks, but goatsuckers, which do not suck goats.

I do not understand an aversion to mice practiced as a general rule of living. As vermin go, they are quite attractive, having pretty, sleek coats in lieu of scales or exoskeletons or other non-mammalian coverings. Look at their eyes, like a deer's. Then squeal if you still

must, or break their backs with steel traps, but cry when you see a deer shot, because deer are bigger. Also, eat veal but decry hunting. That's chic. And as to vermin in general, without them, who would clean up the crumbs?

Everybody not from the city who doesn't work in a tall building where you can become a partner is a red-neck, blah, blah, old pick-up trucks, blah, blah, guns blah, blah, not politically-correct, eat possums, no teeth. So what? Good possum stew probably tastes better than McDonald's. Who is smarter, the guy who gets his exercise while he is working in the great outdoors and loves life, or the guy who sits at some bland monitor spitting out numbers all day and then wastes his only free time in the gym trying to save himself from a heart attack. The outdoors guy, in my opinion, because he grows food and gets a suntan on his neck. The other guy gets nearsighted and suffers from frequent headaches.

When you finish lunch, walk to class with your unripe banana thinking about this little gem: Thoreau defined a pearl as "the hard-earned tear of a diseased clam, murdered in its old age."

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roads cut between them.

It strikes me that the forest which has been planted around the Stadium Enterprise in the little pockets in the sea of concrete may



not look good when it grows up starved for water and packed against the soaring sides of a huge brick building. Quality beats quantity in the long run. And on DeBartolo Quad, a ring of mulch around those little maples might prevent the lawn tractors from ripping chunks out of their sides when they try to mow up to their feet. Why can't God advise the landscapers on His neighbors' quads, too?

The large trees which formerly marched down the fringes of South Quad were American Elms (*Ulmus americana*). They succumbed over the last several years to Dutch Elm disease, a fungus spread by a bark beetle which was introduced from Europe in the early part of the century and has been moving west. The small trees which have been planted to replace them are hackberries, another tree of the elm family with a peculiar corky bark. The elms were not felled because Notre Dame suddenly became anti-tree, as some lamenters rushed to point out last fall. They lived long, good lives and gave good shade to thousands of people and then died standing.

Here is my input on the GLND/SMC debate. Everyone in Zahm, contrary to that inanely trite saying, is not "gay." I know a good handful of Zahm graduates who have gone on to marry women and even have kids. Zahm is a good Catholic dorm which teaches self-discipline with your hands and your mind, a place where every man really

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abortion Information Has No Place at Notre Dame's Women's Resource Center

University Must Take Action Against Women's Resource Center

This community owes a debt of gratitude to the staff of Right Reason for exposing a source of immeasurable evil: namely that an officially recognized organization has chosen to provide members of our community with the means to kill our children.

The organization is the Women's Resource Center, their means is providing information regarding Planned Parenthood. Need proof? Simply look at the front cover of Right Reason. Need I point out the dubious moral status of Planned Parenthood to the undoubtedly educated and aware members of our administration?

This is not an issue of the Catholic character of Notre Dame. I do not need to quote the Pope regarding the moral species of abortion itself and those who willingly cooperate in it. Doubtless the members of our administration are more than aware of Church teaching. Moreover, this is not even an issue concerning the broadly Christian character of this University. Rather, at issue is the very fundamental acknowledgment of the dignity of the human person which a community must make in order to exist as a group of persons, some of whom have not yet been born.

Ignorance is no longer an excuse that can be used to defend those in charge. I address this letter to the 'bureaucracy' precisely because I do not know who to beg to end the damage that is being done. Professor O'Hara? Father Malloy? The C.S.C.s? Whoever can act, act. Please do not let the semester end without resolving this issue. Prove to the students that you, the administrative bureaucracy, have the spine to assert that members of this community will not be given the recognition and the space to lead other members of this community to their deaths.

This is not an issue of free speech. I am not advocating that rational debates on the issue of abortion be terminated. I am merely pointing out that proof now exists that our University has endorsed a group that is providing information which directs, in easy steps, how to have an abortion. There is a way to discuss the nature of bombing without giving instructions on how to make a

bomb.

None other than the renowned atheist Ivan Karamozov has put my question to the administration, "imagine that you yourself are building the edifice of human dignity with the object of making people happy in the finale, of giving them peace and rest at last, but for the sake of that you must inevitably and unavoidably torture one tiny creature ... and raise your edifice on the foundation of her unrequited tears — would you agree to be the architect on such conditions?"

I ask you for answers. Tell me, tell the students, tell the whole community very clearly that this

University will not build itself on, nor will it tolerate, nor will it give official recognition to groups who are willing to direct members of our community to their death.

What does our ranking matter? Who cares about the size of our endowment? Moreover, what concern should the famed Generations campaign be, if we cannot prevent cooperation with the abortion establishment on the part of a recognized University organization? One human life is worth more than all the donations of the wealthy families, more than all the material world.

I am asking you, the bureaucracy, to clearly affirm the value of life. Investigate and remove the Women's Resource Center from our campus.

Sean J. Connolly
Sophomore, Zahm Hall
April 22, 1998

Abortion Info Needs to Go, and University Needs Healthier Atmosphere for Pregnant Mothers

On April 20, I entered the Women's Resource Center (WRC) and asked the two women working there if they had information on abortion. The women quickly provided the WRC resource guide and pointed to the section on abortion. This contained the addresses and phone numbers of several clinics in towns such as Niles and South Bend. The women wrote down the information about two of the clinics for me, and when I inquired about the price of abortion they offered to call and ask.

I am not pregnant. I was simply curious what the WRC would do if a woman walked in and asked that question, and the visit satisfied my curiosity.

There is no question that the WRC has lots of information on abortion, and they are very willing to give it out.

There is also no question that the University of Notre Dame should prohibit the distribution of such information on the second floor of LaFortune.

I will grant that the women did not suggest that I obtain an abortion or offer to counsel me in any way. They simply provide information upon request, and in this way they only serve women who have chosen abortion or are considering it as an option. Although they take no explicit stance on abortion, the fact that they referred me to various abortion clinics shows that they implicitly accept abortion as a valid option. It is absurd to justify their actions because of their indifference. I am sure that none of the individuals that work at the WRC would support an organization that systematically kills newborn babies. Furthermore, they would never put the information about such an organization in their resource guide.

No ethical individual could rationalize their actions by saying that they do not promote such a procedure, but simply provide

the information to the mothers that wish to undergo the process. Unfortunately, that process is identical to abortion. Anyone who knows that life begins at conception should see no difference between aborting an unborn child and killing a newborn baby. For this reason, anyone who knows that life begins at conception should also be outraged that the WRC provides information about abortion and refers to specific abortion clinics. It is impossible to separate informing from promoting when such a life-threatening issue is concerned.

The Catholic Church shares the view of so many pro-lifers that life begins at conception. As a Catholic institution, Notre Dame should value and celebrate life. Unfortunately, Notre Dame fails miserably to uphold and protect human life when they allow a campus group to provide information on abortion. I do not know how much the University previously knew about what goes on in the WRC, but I do know that the University now has a religious and moral responsibility to quickly and effectively stop the WRC from referring women for abortion.

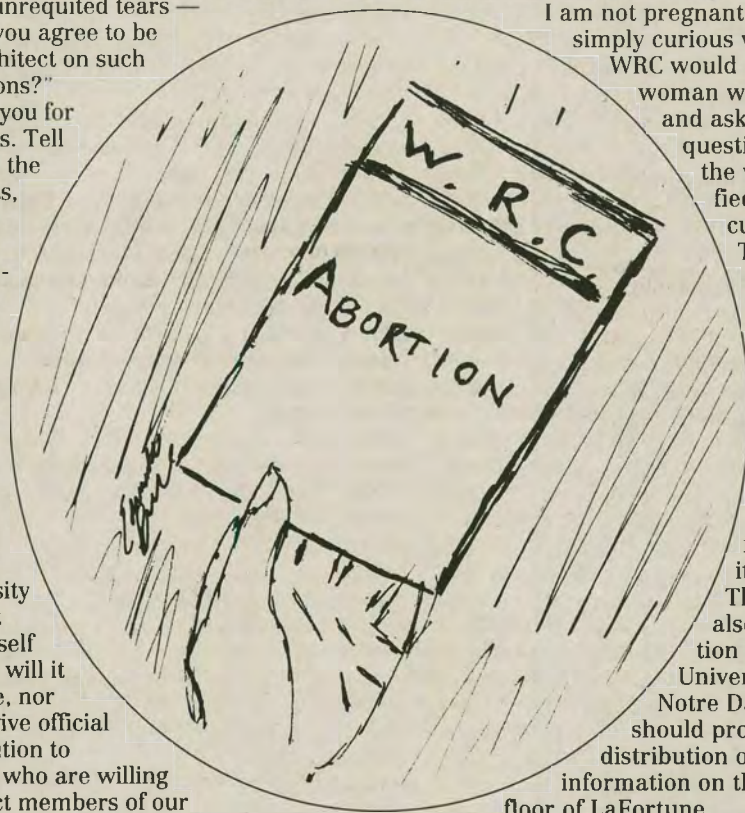
It is simply not enough, however, to stop the WRC. All pro-life individuals also have the responsibility to change the circumstances that make women feel that they must choose abortion. As a woman, I can only imagine how frightening it would be to become pregnant during college.

Furthermore, it must be even more frightening at Notre Dame, where there seem to be no pregnant women. Look around and it will not be hard to see that a woman at Notre Dame would want to be anything but pregnant.

When faced with pregnancy, it is understandable that a woman could choose to be more practical than moral. It is therefore our responsibility to make choosing life the more practical option. If we want to protect the health of unborn children, we should make Notre Dame a loving and caring environment for all pregnant women. If we want to morally claim that abortion is wrong, we must actively accept all women who choose not to have one.

I write this letter urging all administrators, staff and students at Notre Dame to truly consider the life and health of unborn children and their mothers. We should not only stop the outrageous actions of the WRC, but we should also work hard to make Notre Dame a place where pregnant women feel loved and cared for. We have no right to call ourselves pro-life if we do not do so.

Christine Gabany
Junior, Pangborn Hall
April 22, 1998



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Homosexual Issue Becoming Overbearing

I'm writing this letter to thank the students of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's who participated in the National Day of Silence. The students who participated distributed cards which read, "The Day of Silence is to draw attention to those who have been silenced by hatred, oppression, and prejudice. Think about the voices you are not hearing. What can you do to end the silence?" Let me repeat that one more time. "Think about the voices you are not hearing."

Did the organizers stop to think for a minute that the student body of Notre Dame is hearing these voices of protest? For example, today's Observer (April 8) carried one article, two editorials, and two advertisements regarding homosexual "education." In fact, I'd bet that The

Observer has carried at least one article, advertisement, and/or editorial regarding homosexuality everyday for the last month. More often than not, the newspaper has daily carried four or five of these.

In addition to the many articles, there has been three rallies held at the Fieldhouse Mall in the last month alone! With that much publicity, I guarantee you that the students are well aware of the "homosexual situation" on campus.

But just in case you haven't read enough about it in The Observer, or seen enough at the Fieldhouse Mall, on April 6 the Jaques Maritain Center offered us a lecture entitled "The Law and Homosexual Marriage in Hawaii." And on April 24 and 25 there will be a retreat "for lesbian,

gay and bisexual undergraduates" sponsored by Campus Ministry.

Finally, I'd like to address the resignation of Fr. Garrick and his claims of discrimination. Most of the campus realizes that the Notre Dame administration is following the teachings of the Bible and the messages of the Vatican. Yes, I realize that the Vatican never said a homosexual cannot say mass at the Basilica. But Garrick was excluded because of the length of his homilies. If that's not true, and the Basilica staff excluded him because he was gay, then we have a real problem: several Priests and a Bishop are lying in a printed newspaper. Now there is a controversy for you.

I also realize that this letter will start a flurry of responses accusing

me of disliking homosexual people or campaigning against homosexual rights. Actually, I really don't care if the guy sitting next to me in class likes men, women, or both. I would suspect that most of the students don't care either, judging from the attendance at the "homosexual rights" rallies. I am just writing to let you know that your media campaign is backfiring. We have heard all the complaints and we have discussed them at dinner. They're just so unrelenting that we're beginning not to care.

Brenton Ross
Sophomore, Zahm Hall
April 8, 1998

The most normal

Exploring life

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
Assistant Managing Editor

They sleep in class and gag at the dining hall; they laugh at episodes of South Park and make rude jokes about their professors. They go to dances and parties; if they are old enough, they go to bars. They may blush when they talk about that one woman who made their breath quicken a bit, and they may hit the wall in frustration when their world starts to fall apart. They are all caught up in Notre Dame life, and they are all searching for themselves.

They are perfectly normal.

But to the seven men who currently reside in Old College, being normal is seen as something of an achievement. Living in a house with as much rumor attached to it as there is history, these students engage in a daily struggle against misconception and myth. And sometimes they even win.

"It is hard to know sometimes that people see you as the middle step between themselves and God," said Philip Donner, a sophomore Old Collegian. "They have this different view of you, almost like they expect you to be better than they are."

To most of the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's undergraduate community, Old College is something of an anomaly. Students know it exists, they know it has something to do with priests and prayer, but beyond these superficial truths there is little concrete knowledge about Old College.

"I think the strangest thing to me was finding out that they were normal," said junior Andy Wendelborn of his first visit to Old College. "They weren't nerdy monks who pray all the time. They were a lot like me."

"I can't tell you how many people come up to me after they find out that I live in Old College and say, 'Oh! You are going to be a priest! That is so great!'" he continued with a laugh. "What they don't get is that we are in the process of figuring out what we want to do with ourselves just as much as they are. We don't have the answers yet. Not anywhere close."

Old College is billed as a formation program by the Holy Cross community in St. Joseph County; this means that young men spend their time in residence actively living life in religious community before their candidate year

at a Holy Cross seminary.

"The goal of Old College is to help young men discern between the priesthood and another vocation," said Father Robert Moss, rector of Old College. "But we also want them to experience college life; that's why Old College offers more of a relaxed living environment."

Balancing Act

When faced with the primary purpose of Old College, it is difficult to understand how such an undertaking could be considered "relaxed." Old Collegians are required to attend early-morning and late-night prayer sessions, as well as dinners called "community nights" twice a week. This, combined with daily masses, gives Old Collegians more on their schedules than the typical Domer. Add on the normal extra-curricular activities like sports and choir, and it seems like these guys shouldn't have time to sleep, much less pray.

"It is definitely hard to balance everything," remarked Old College junior Caly Nguyen. "But Old College challenges you to question your priorities. That is something that everyone struggles with. Maybe we are all just a little closer to figuring it out."

Learning about the priesthood is something of a full-time job for these young men. While other students try to figure out whether they want to become English professors or electrical engineers, Old Collegians are struggling with a potential life-time choice.

"Some people see seminary programs as an easy job, as something you do if you can't do anything else," Donner said. "But Old College is strictly with who they take and why. You have to have a pretty strong commitment before they even consider you."

"I think one of the things they look for is a sense of balance," he continued, explaining that there is a danger of misplaced values both inside and out of the Church. The last thing you want is someone who will never leave Old College. A good candidate has to feel comfortable outside in the real world."

Girls, Girls, Girls

Dealing with real-world situations is something that these men are forced to deal with in their house, as the biggest

decision of their young lives looms closer and closer each day: the decision to become a priest. While Notre Dame students struggle with declarations of majors and class schedules, the Old College resident tries to figure out if he wants to wear a wedding band or a Roman collar.

"There is this perception of Old College guys," said Nate Wills, an Old College junior. "Almost whenever you tell someone that you live in Old College, they're like, 'Oh my gosh! You can't talk to girls!'"

Girls. Something the Old Collegian should not be concerned with. Something the seminary prospect should dare not think about. After all, these men have enlisted themselves into the Holy Cross formation program because they really want to become priests, priests who make formal vows of celibacy to protect themselves against the desire for the female flesh. They do not want to have anything to do with girls.

But Wills believes that this theory is a myth and also one of the most common misconceptions about the purpose of the Old College program.

"The program is set up to be very human and understanding about a college student's interest and needs," he said. "A guy who is 18 or 19 years old is not ready to make a commitment to anything, whether it be human sexuality or the priesthood. Old College understands this and is there to help sort out these decisions."

Contrary to popular belief, Old Collegians are allowed to date. But serious relationships are discouraged because of the possible implications and the primary purpose of the program: formation and discernment of a life in the clergy.

"Old College is not asking you to make this decision right now," Wills said. "But I think it is important to devote yourself to the question, to ask yourself what really makes you happy."

Hard Choices

But maintaining a balanced social and academic life while fulfilling the duties of Old College is not a guaranteed ticket to the priesthood. The formation program at Old College is just the first step in a process that can take longer than medical school to complete.

"Most people think we've signed on the dotted line, that we are already priests the minute we step into Old College," Donner said. "But the truth is, this is only the first step in a long process. And a lot decide that [the priesthood] is not for them."

During their junior year at Old College, the program participants decide whether or not they want to petition to spend their senior year at Moreau seminary. And even after three years of Old College life, moving on proves to be a difficult decision.

"Not all Old Collegians want to go on to the seminary, or are ready to go on," Moss said. "We are here to help them make that decision."

Nguyen will not be joining his fellow housemates next year at Moreau Seminary; after three years of juggling a challenging major, his father's serious illness and the expectations of Old College, Nguyen has finally decided that it is time for him to rest.

"I haven't really given myself a definite yes or no to the question of the priesthood," Nguyen said. "Since my father's illness, I've had a real down period [in my faith]."

Old College is not a place for weak convictions, but it is a place that helps young adults figure out what they want. And Nguyen thinks that, if nothing else, Old College has made his life purpose a little clearer.

"I do not regret my time at Old College," he said. "It has helped me become stronger in my faith. But [Old College] is also a time-consuming thing; it forces you to prioritize. My faith is definitely a priority, but I am not sure that the seminary is a priority right now."

They may or may not choose to be priests. But whatever decision these young men make regarding their futures, they are certain to be comfortable with their faith as well as their life goals. Some of them may end up married, a few may search for themselves well beyond Old College and Notre Dame. But they all had a unique experience: They have made a conscious effort to explore a vocation that has called to them in some capacity. They were brave enough to make the sacrifice.

And they are normal enough to admit that it may not be the right choice.



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Seven male Domers reside in the building known as Old College. Old College, often misunderstood, is a perfect environment for Notre Dame male students who are contemplating entering the priesthood, but for the guys who live there, it is simply home.

Pride *at* Notre Dame *Part III*



Students rally in support of homosexual rights in front of the Golden Dome one year ago today.

Stories by Heather Cocks and Matthew Loughran • Interior photography by John Daily

When students support or dislike an administrative actions, they can express their sentiments through numerous avenues, most notably through rallies or speak-outs.

But the administration, an integral part of the Notre Dame community and regulator of its standards and policy, is often seen as one faceless group that holds a uniform, unexplained opinion.

Further, that viewpoint solidifies in the minds of students if administrators choose to remain silent about their decisions, many

of which directly affect campus life.

However, their silence does not mean they have nothing to say. Most elected and appointed officials, when asked, will state the reasons behind their decisions and policy choices. Some are personal, some religious, some practical.

Here, in the last of a three-part series, The Observer hopes to illuminate the administrative side of the homosexual experience at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, for throughout the ranks of Notre Dame's hierarchy are people expected to serve student and faculty needs, while at the same time keeping strict adherence to Catholic doctrine.



Bill Kirk

Bill Kirk's Notre Dame experience spans two decades, each of which provided a different perspective on student issues at the University.

In the 1990s, as an administrator, he saw gay and lesbian issues rise to the forefront and handled requests for student rallies in favor of legal protection for homosexuals facing discrimination — the largest of which took place one year ago today.

But during Kirk's undergraduate and graduate years at Notre Dame in the 1980s, those issues seemed shrouded in silence.

"There was no real mention of homosexuality back then. Terms were bandied about

more freely then, terms that have hateful or harmful meanings," he said. "You'd hear people referred to as 'faggots' without a thought to the weight that carried."

He recalled campus-wide rumors that speculated on the sexuality of someone in one residence hall, or which stereotyped an entire dormitory.

"Students were far less sensitive then," he said. "We heard these urban legends about some students coming out [of the closet], and there were immature comments.

"A lot of people suffered in silence," he said.

In 1991, right around the time Kirk says gay and lesbian issues on campus became preeminent, Notre Dame offered Kirk his current position: assistant vice president for Residence Life, which falls under the Office of Student Affairs.

And through that role, he has witnessed the University's responses to the call for consideration of the rights of homosexual students.

He moved from being a student himself to being part of an administration often accused of intolerance toward gays, a charge he feels is unwarranted.

"The University calls me to administrate in a way

consistent with my faith," Kirk said. "That faith calls me and others to live up to the highest standards, so I know I won't face ethical issues because this place holds the teaching of my faith as its structure."

He defined his interpretation of the Church's stance on homosexuals, a point of view also delineated by Father Edward Malloy in the Spirit of Inclusion statement of August 1997.

"It's my understanding that the [sexual] orientation itself is not sinful, but that an unchaste life is," he said. "It's just as wrong for me to engage in sexual acts outside wedlock as it is for a gay man."

"Marriage does also call for procreativity, an option that doesn't exist for gays," Kirk allowed, "and I imagine it's tough to reconcile that. Church teaching is hard because it's counter-cultural at times and it can be hard to live up to. Fortunately, ours is a faith that helps deal with the times when we struggle to live up to its very high standards."

"But sex acts outside marriage are the issue, not homosexuality itself," he said.

As such, Kirk sees the Spirit of Inclusion as a document that positively reflects Catholic teaching, tran-

scending the civil law whose protection homosexual students seek at Notre Dame.

"There is such emphasis on civil law, and yes, those protections are important, but the Gospel holds us to higher standards and higher values, calling for things civil law can't even attempt to address," he said. "That's what the Spirit of Inclusion does. It appeals to our morals and asks that we live up to these high standards in all facets of life."

"Church teaching is hard because it's counter-cultural at times. It is hard to live up to that, but it frustrates me when people brush aside that collective wisdom," he said. "We all have deeply personal issues we must address, and they can be hard to deal with, but we must do it in a way that adheres to Catholic tradition."

The statement is a positive one, but enforcing it every day at Notre Dame is a difficult task to undertake, according to Kirk. By the nature of his Residence Life duties, his encounters with the concepts outlined in the statement are mostly negatively oriented.

"The University doesn't accept harassment or threats. Spirit of Inclusion is an affirmative statement, but when people come before Residence Life, it's because they failed to live up to the policy," he said. "We deal with people falling short of the document, rather than those who try to positively enforce it every day."

As far as welcoming homosexual students and increasing tolerance in the community, Kirk pointed to efforts by Residence Life to educate rectors and residence assistants about dealing with the sexuality issues of students.

"Student Affairs wanted to present a piece at residence hall staff orientation. It's been done the last couple of years and it's been helpful to those people," he said. "We have a good system here of 27 rectors, joined by a number of assistant rectors and resident assistants. They're there for people to talk to and confide in, and I hope students really do that."

Kirk did not receive any similar training during his days as an assistant rector, and recalled no students who came and directly asked for help in dealing with sexuality or discrimination.

"I think perhaps students came to me with those questions, but they were masking it under other developmental issues. They were probably afraid to be open and honest about it, which is more a product of society's attitudes in general, but now people are more open and understanding, and I hope that means students can go to their hall staff for help," Kirk said.

He acknowledged that the University may have been late in addressing some gay and lesbian issues, such as revision of the non-discrimination clause or the stance on student-run homosexual groups, but said the process is by no means over.

"Student Affairs was so focused on implementing things in the right way, the best way, that the office may have gotten a late start in addressing some things," he said. "But we've got gay and lesbian students involved, and Campus Ministry too, so I think we've handled things in the right way."



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Patricia O'Hara

For many students involved in the recent controversy about the role of gays and lesbians at Notre Dame, the abstract concept of "the administration" takes a physical shape in the person of Professor Patricia O'Hara, vice president of student affairs.

O'Hara responds to resolutions from the Campus Life Council, established the ad hoc committee on gay and lesbian student needs, responded to that committee's recom-

and directs an office which is responsible for just about every aspect of student life.

As such, she has been blamed and blasted by students and faculty alike for many of the problems that exist between gay students and the University.

In establishing the ad hoc committee and implementing many of its suggestions, O'Hara hopes that she has found an answer these problems in accordance with University policy. But she knows that any answer will not come that easily.

"It is still very difficult [for homosexuals at Notre Dame]," she said. "We have made some inroads with initiatives that we have begun in the last two years. But I know that we still have a long way to go in creating a welcoming community here."

With noticeable pride, O'Hara detailed the efforts of her office, the standing committee, Campus Ministry and the Counseling Center toward creating such an environment. These efforts include a gay and lesbian University group, increased hall staff training, creation of a

therapeutic group and religious retreats.

The standing committee, which sponsors lectures about issues pertaining to sexuality and the new NETWORK initiative, includes as members some homosexual students.

"They have been absolutely invaluable," O'Hara said of the student volunteers. "We couldn't do it without them. Their willingness to share has not only been to educate, but their insights have also been pivotal in developing our outreach efforts to gay and lesbian students. Personally I think it has been vital."

She went on to describe the programs instituted by campus ministry, whose director, Father Richard Warner, is also a member of the standing committee.

"They offer confidential group meetings to interested undergraduate gay and lesbian students that it advertises weekly in its 'Considerations' column," she said. "They also sponsored a retreat last spring and plan to offer a similar retreat [this weekend]."

She described a support group called "prism" that the

Counseling Center has been trying to start for gay and lesbian students as well as for students with questions about sexuality.

But O'Hara focused most of her attention on the programs that her office has attempted in the past two years.

"We have tried to do more education and training of hall staff," she said. "To that end we have sponsored professional development sessions for rectors to deal with the psycho-sexual development of college-aged students in general."

She also described all-day workshops with outside consultants for rectors and sessions in resident assistant orientation on how they can assist gay and lesbian students in their sections.

O'Hara was proudest of the recently created NETWORK initiative. This program plans to create a group of trained faculty and staff members who are willing to engage in "welcoming and respectful dialogue about issues relating to sexuality."

Forty members of the Notre Dame community have already undergone the NETWORK training and O'Hara hopes that this group will take off.

"The standing committee hopes to expand NETWORK to include more people next academic year and plans to hold additional training sessions next year for new participants," she said.

"I hope that these efforts taken as a whole will reflect our desire to create a more inclusive environment on campus. There is still a lot more to do, but I hope that we will be able to sustain these initiatives and even to expand them," O'Hara added.

Richard Warner

He knows there is some discrimination at Notre Dame and in the world.

He doesn't accept it, but he knows it exists.

"It's hard to find a society without discrimination," he said. "Does it exist at Notre Dame? Of course. But is it legitimized or authorized? No."

As Counselor to the President, Father Richard Warner is necessarily familiar with the state of gay and lesbian issues at the University; as director of Campus Ministry, he is directly involved in programs he says can combat discrimination and foster a welcoming atmosphere for homosexuals.

"Campus Ministry pastoral support began four years ago, and it's a very good thing for us to do," he said. "We welcome all gay and lesbian or questioning students, we listen and hear what they have to say, and we invite them to bring heterosexual friends into the group as well."

"It's challenging for gay and lesbian undergraduates, in the sense that there are many self esteem issues — feeling

alone, like they're the only [homosexual] on campus," he said. "It's critical to have people realize they need confidence in God's love for them."

Warner prefers to ascribe any discomfort homosexuals might feel at Notre Dame to those personal struggles. Church teachings do not reject homosexuals, according to Warner, so Catholicism and homosexuality are not mutually exclusive.

"The problem lies in this: It's not clear to all homosexual students how they can live out their lives and still be in accordance with Church teaching," he said. "Just as for heterosexual students, Catholicism calls homosexuals to high standards that can be difficult."

"There is no culpability with someone

who's gay or lesbian," Warner continued. "I don't think there should be any problem between a person and their [sexual] orientation."

As such, Warner thinks the four years of college spark a transition into "adult christianity," where all students can better understand and internalize the myriad theological positions on Church teachings.

Campus Ministry's pastoral counseling, coupled with meetings held "under our own auspices" with gays and lesbians and a retreat designed for those students, plays a key role in helping homosexual students understand that the Church does not reject them, Warner said.

"The atmosphere at these student-run retreats is extraordinary," he said. "We help people see and hear words used in the context of welcome and support. I have contact with so many [gays and lesbians here] and I care about them all. I don't want to be someone who's not on their side," he said.

Also fostering a welcoming atmosphere, Warner believes, is Father Malloy's Spirit of Inclusion statement, which calls for an end for all discrimination, including that based on sexuality.

The most prevalent criticism of the statement is its non-legally binding nature, which some homosexual students say makes the document impossible to truly enforce.

"It's true that one cannot enforce anything that is, by nature, a spirit," Warner said. "But the Spirit of Inclusion holds up to all of us an ideal, not of what we are like, but of what we aspire to be — who we must try to be because of a deeper calling in our religions beliefs."

It is a positive step, but Warner knows the University has more yet to take.

"Never will we be the ideal community we want to be. Sometimes the administration is in the lead, but the students have helped Notre Dame move ahead by uncovering other elements of truth."

"Still, it's foolish to think we are where we can be."





Richard McBrien

Father Richard McBrien wrote the book on Catholicism. Literally.

His 1,286-page publication has sold more than 150,000 copies, according to the book's cover. It has undergone one revisions and spawned his 200-level theology class of the same title.

To be sure, he understands and embraces Church teachings; that does not mean he always accepts the way others interpret or apply them.

And when it came to the issue of adding sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause, McBrien openly disagreed with Notre Dame.

In spring 1997, under McBrien's leadership and in solidarity with other campus governing bodies, the Faculty Senate drafted a resolution calling for the inclusion of sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clause, something Notre Dame later decided against.

"The thing that bothers me in this whole controversy is that, if Notre Dame's policy towards gays and lesbians was entirely consistent with the policies adopted by other Catholic universities around the country, then I might say, 'well, I might think it's too restrictive, the gays and lesbians at Notre Dame might think it's too restrictive, but this is in fact the operative policy at other Catholic universities,'" McBrien said.

"However, it is, for all practical purposes, just Notre Dame. It is almost as though we have to be more Catholic than the other Catholic universities, and that is an implied criticism," he stated.

Catholicism views homosexuality as a human condition that nobody chooses for themselves, according to McBrien.

"The Catholic Church does not teach that homo-

sexuals are perverts or evil people," he said. "There is nothing sinful about being a homosexual, just as there is nothing sinful about being a heterosexual. Sin only comes into play as an issue if the homosexual or the heterosexual expresses his or her sexuality outside the bonds of marriage."

As such, the only demand made by the Church specifically on gays and lesbians is a life of celibacy, McBrien said.

He firmly believes homosexuals can and should become priests, should they feel the calling to do so, but he discouraged the notion that clergy members should choose that vocation solely as a way to feel comfortable with celibacy.

"Just like there is nothing wrong with being a homosexual, there is nothing wrong with being a homosexual priest," McBrien said. "A priest, like Father [David] Garrick, can go public and say 'I am a gay priest, although celibate and I want to say this,' not because he has any inner need to say, 'hey, I'm gay' but rather because he made a pastoral decision."

"He thought that by his coming out, as a gay priest,

he could give courage to gay and lesbian students to accept their own situation without self-loathing," he added.

Although he stated that he is not a homosexual himself and that questions about the homosexual experience at Notre Dame would best be posed to those students and faculty who experience it, he does have a solid opinion on the status of gays and lesbians at Notre Dame.

"I think that it's getting worse. When they were denied any continued access to space that they had been using for several years, I think it began to go downhill again," he said. "From when I came in 1980, until that event [the 1993 ejection of GLND/SMC], there was not a lot of talk about gays and lesbians on campus. Maybe I was insulated from it, but it kind of a non-issue. I never heard much said about it."

"That act is what precipitated a whole new wave of controversy about the status of gays and lesbians at Notre Dame," he added. "They had that space for several years and suddenly they were told they couldn't use it any more."

McBrien continued that because of such decisions, he believed that homosexual students and faculty at Notre Dame feel marginalized and treated as though they were, "second-class citizens."

In "Catholicism," McBrien describes three theological approaches to the Church teaching on homosexuality.

The first approach, which he attributes to Saint Thomas Aquinas, is a conservative view that calls homosexual acts sinful in themselves.

The second is a very liberal approach that calls homosexual acts morally neutral and claims that the "morality of the act depends upon the quality of the relationship."

The final approach has been described by Charles Curran as a "theology of compromise." It claims that homosexual acts are essentially imperfect, some more imperfect than others.

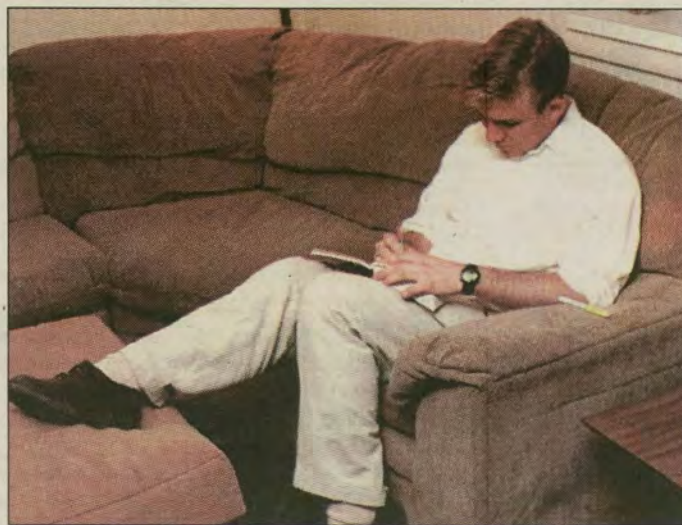
McBrien thinks he most approves of the third position, calling for some consideration of the circumstances involved. He further indicated that he believes that University policies towards gay and lesbian students and faculty have taken a myopic and generalized view of homosexuals.

"If you could probe the mind of Jesus, would he say there would be degrees of morality in homosexual behavior? I believe so," McBrien said. "A homosexual who is engaged in predatory behavior, takes advantage of his position and engages in homosexual activity with young people — students perhaps — that is of a very different order than two homosexual adults who have a loving and stable relationship."

"The tendency of some people is to say that it is all equally perverse, and perverted," he added. "I can't imagine Jesus coming to that position."

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Top: Old Collegians celebrate mass at the Moreau Seminary last night.

Above right: Four Old Collegians take a walk. From left to right: junior Mike Milanowski, freshman James Chisholm, junior Nate Wills and sophomore Philip Donner.

Middle right: Milanowski keeps up on his studies.

Below right: Chisholm (left) and Wills (right) surf the Internet.

Above left: Wills makes the sign of the cross during an Old College mass.

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The highly recruited Jarious Jackson has waited for his chance, and he hopes he can lead his talented classmates to a more successful 1998.

Football

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native stepped into a starting role at the outside linebacker position. Minor has started 35 of 36 games since arriving in the fall of 1995 and will provide tremendous leadership for next year's defense.

Another Class of 1999 member that made his name known early was Autry Denson. Simply too good to keep off the field, Denson started four games as a freshman running back, something unheard of at Notre Dame, where there has always been a long line of talented runners. Denson has his eyes on Irish record books as he needs to average just 90

yards per game next fall to eclipse Allen Pinkett's all-time record of 4,131 yards.

Players such as offensive lineman Mike Rosenthal, defensive back Benny Guilbeaux, punter Hunter Smith, and fullback Jamie Spencer made contributions early in their careers. Others like quarterback Jarious Jackson, defensive end Lamont Bryant, linebackers Bobbie Howard and Jimmy Friday, and wide receiver Bobby Brown have had to wait their turn. But one thing has remained constant through their years at Notre Dame—the chemistry of their class.

"We've had a really tight class. The few players we've lost have been for different reasons so it's not like everyone transferred," Denson said. "We feel like we were a pretty close class when we came in and I think that's what kept us together, that we were close when we came in and that we're still close now."

"Our class has always been a tight-knit group since we came in together," Minor commented. "I think we know each other very well and the character we have in this class will be able to help this team."

This year's 7-6 record, combined with only one player being selected in the NFL draft, displays the weakness of the Class of 1998 and the importance of seniors in the

football program.

"Well that's a good class," head coach Bob Davie said about his group of seniors. "The biggest strength that class has is that it's been able to stay together and there's been some continuity to it."

Davie hopes that this bond will aid in the team's development and improvement next year.

"Because of that, they've been able to develop some leadership, some camaraderie, and they've developed as players," Davie continued. "So compared to last year's class, where over half of it had left, this class has stayed together. The only two defections were Randy Moss and James Jackson, who never came to campus."

Their first three years at Notre Dame have not gone according to plan. The head coach changed, they watched several classmates' careers come to ends due to injuries, and they suffered through one of the worst losing streaks in Notre Dame's history.

"Whenever you have a season like we did last year, it's really disappointing and we know that we're a much better team than that," Denson said. "I think we had the talent last year, but we didn't go out and show it. I think what we learned from that was that you can't take anything for granted."

"We've gone through some tough times with win-loss record and coaching changes but we've handled it very well," Minor said. "We've stayed together and stayed focused and we know what our goals have been and still are."

This class also has had to contend with being tagged the No. 1 recruiting class in the nation compared to Notre Dame's class of 1993 that sent five players in the first round of the NFL draft.

"Coming in and being the No. 1 recruiting class was not something that we chose. It was something publications gave us," Minor said. "We just had to come in as freshmen and make the transition and learn. We all had our rough times being away from home, but it goes back to us being a close knit group."

Tomorrow the Class of 1999 will walk into Notre Dame stadium for the Blue-Gold game, knowing what they have done and what they hope to accomplish. As it turns out, it's a very simple objective.

"Now we're seniors and now we know things haven't gone the way we've wanted," Minor said.

"You think you'll come to Notre Dame and win the National Championship," he continued. "Our goal is to go out this year and play good football and hope to win as many games as possible."

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■ SAINT MARY'S TENNIS

Belles look to begin conference play with confidence

BY VICTORIA BUTCKO
Sports Writer

Overcome with frustration. This is the only phrase that can describe exactly how the Saint Mary's Tennis team is feeling. The Belles could not pull out of their slump to defeat Albion College, losing 1-8 in their game yesterday.

This match was key for the team as they head toward conference play next weekend at Hope College. The Belles were hoping to end their season with a win to go into the conference on a positive note. Despite the loss, this could still be possible.

"I am a little concerned that this last match will get the girls' spirits down and wear on their minds going into conference," said head coach Robin Hyrcko.

Although Hyrcko will not be able to continue with the team through this last week of practices and conference play, she has high hopes for her team.

"It's really hard leaving them at this point in the season because they're like my children," said Hyrcko. "This week during captain's practices, I want the girls to focus on fundamentals, consistency and confidence. If they do these things, I know they will do well."

Hyrcko continued on to say that although the team has not been winning the last few matches, they have been improving. The team's inexperience has played a major factor in every match, but Hyrcko is confident that everything will eventually fall into place for the team.

The Belles inexperience, which led to extreme frustration for some team members during the match, was something that Albion used to their advantage. Albion managed to find every inch of the court and take every ounce of momentum.

The Belles fought as hard as they could. Determination and killer instinct were ingrained in their minds and evident in their facial expression, but frustration was also apparent.

Junior co-captain Betsy Gemmer was overcome by frustration during periods of both her doubles and singles matches. Gemmer and fellow co-captain, sophomore Katie Vales, played a grueling match at No. 1 doubles. It was literally a volley war at the net; unfortunately, Albion seemed to dictate that war at key points during the match. The score ended up in favor of Albion, 1-6, 2-6. This is only the second loss for the No. 1 doubles team all season.

Gemmer's frustration from the doubles loss carried over into her singles play. She played tough but did not appear to be with her normal game or mindset. She fell short in the end, with a score of 6-4, 6-7, (3-7).

A bright spot, despite the frustrating day, was a win at No. 1 singles by Vales. Vales was clearly out for revenge after her loss at No. 1 doubles. If Albion was going to take this match from her, it was not going to be like taking candy from a baby. With this determination, Vales pulled through with outstanding play, winning 6-4, 6-3.

Vales had encouraging thoughts in relation to the upcoming conference play.

"It's a little nerve-wracking knowing that Robin won't be

with us," said Vales, "but I think our team will do well. Although we have been losing, we really have been progressing as a team. We just have to

approach next weekend confident and aggressive. We're going to work hard at practice this week and just do the best we can."

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■ MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame looks to cap season with winning streak

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Sports Writer

Although only two games remain in the Notre Dame lacrosse season, the Irish are

looking to turn their season around, ending their three-game slide with a two game winning streak.

The Irish travel to Harvard (8-3) this Saturday, looking to take

down the No. 2 team in the Ivy League. The Crimson, on the other hand, are looking to make a return to the championships.

For an Irish squad that is used to working to secure a berth in

the post-season at this time of the season, they are adjusting to their new role as a spoiler.

"We have a chance to ruin everyone's season now," senior co-captain Todd Rassas said. "Now we do it [upseat] to them."

To do that, the Irish will have to play a strong game on offense, controlling their possessions on the attack. For an Irish team that has been struggling to do all season, Harvard will stand to be a true test of how well Notre Dame's possessions at midfield have improved.

"Harvard's got a really good offensive control team. Their offense is the key to their team," said junior Chris Dusseau, whose 20 goals of the season are second-best on the team.

The Crimson offense will be led by senior Mike Ferrucci on attack.

"[He] is their best player, and can whip off some strong shots," Rassas, an All-American defenseman, said. "They have a strong offense, and the game will

be our defense versus their offense."

Seeing more playing time in recent games are a number of underclassmen, who have had positive effects on the Irish's goal production.

Tom Glatzel, in only his second start for the Irish on attack in last weekend's 8-7 slighting by UMass, was able to spark the offense with two goals, his first collegiate goals.

"We're taking things game by game," Glatzel said. "We're trying to redefine our roles, and working on everything."

With only two games left in the season, the Irish are looking to set

a better precedence than ending this season on a losing streak. In preparation for next season, the team will continue to give underclassmen more playing time.

"Some guys are going to get in the game this weekend. We need to set a tone for next season, and that is winning," Rassas said.

But the focus will remain on the season at hand. With two wins, the Irish (4-5), can end the season not only on a winning streak, but also above .500. In addition, wins against No. 17 Harvard and No. 9 Hofstra next weekend at home will mean a great deal for this year's squad.

"We're trying to play well for the seniors," Dusseau said. "But winning against [Harvard and Hofstra] really says something for us, knocking off two really good teams."

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CLUB SPORTS

Gymnastics team captures National title

By SAMUEL BIRDSOING
Sports Writer

On April 4, the Notre Dame Club Gymnastics team competed in the National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs' National Championship held at the University of Buffalo.

The Notre Dame men's team walked away from the meet with a national championship.

Notre Dame competed against 15 other schools, of which the toughest competitors were the University of Texas, Purdue, Miami of Ohio, University of Minnesota and Miami Dade Community College. The competition lasted from 7:30 a.m. to midnight.

There were two preliminaries consisting of six events: floor, pommels, high bar, rings, vault and parallel bars. The top 10 gymnasts with the highest averaged scores of all six events proceeded to the

finals.

Three Irish gymnasts placed in the individual all-around: senior Bryce Emo placing fourth, freshman Mickey McGarry placing sixth and freshman Jason Miller placing eighth.

Another key contributor to the victory was junior Tim FitzSimons with his outstanding performance in the preliminaries.

"Everyone nailed their last three events," senior Tom Purekal, gymnastics club co-president, said. "Mickey had his best meet of the season; he nailed all of his events. Jason Miller threw tricks he hasn't thrown all year."

The entire team's effort helped the Irish to clench first place by a hard fought margin of less than two points.

The women's gymnastics team also gave a noteworthy showing, even though three of

the top female gymnasts could not make the meet.

Freshman Ryann Cox placed eighth in the individual all-around, and senior Molly Russell, the other co-president of the gymnastics club, placed sixteenth in the indy all-around out of a field of 75 female competitors.

"The championship was the close of a very successful season for our team," Russell said. "We came in second at every midwest meet and first at our home meet (the Clover Classic)."

But the road to the women's successful season and the men's national championship was not easy.

First, over the course of the season, several of the top gymnasts — Cox, Miller and Jill Kula — suffered injuries.

Second, the University failed to provide practice space for the gymnastics team; the team had to arrange for their own transportation 15 minutes off-campus to Gymnastics Michiana.

Despite some setbacks, the Notre Dame Gymnastics Club managed to bring home the only National Championship trophy of the year for Notre Dame. The trophy rests in the sports office in Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center.

With a few final thoughts on the season, Miller said, "The aura of the gym will not be the same without Bryce, but I look forward to a new class with lots of talent and we're determined to defend our National Championship."

In the words of co-president Purekal, "We had an awesome season this year."

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We hope to continue to play as well as we have been."

The one-two combination of junior Jen Hall and freshman Michelle Dasso have led the team all year. Hall is currently ranked 22nd in the country, while Dasso is 16th. Hall has been playing No. 1 singles since the middle of her freshman year and that experience will be crucial in the pressured atmosphere of the tournament. She has played big matches all three years in college and as a nationally-ranked junior and has proven to thrive in those situations.

Meanwhile, Dasso does not have the experience that Hall does. But regardless, she has played well all year, showing that she can play with the best players in the nation. Dasso brings a 37-6 record into the tournament, as well as a 22-2 dual match record.

Depth in singles is a main reason why the team has been successful, as well. No. 3 singles player Marisa Velasco and No. 4 singles player Tiffany Gates make up the middle of the lineup, while Kelly Zalinski and Kim Guy play fifth and sixth singles. All four have had solid seasons and will have a major impact on the outcome of their team this weekend.

The Irish's biggest challenge this weekend will most likely come from second-seeded

Miami. The 20th ranked Hurricanes will be playing in nearby Key Biscayne at the site of the Lipton pro tournament, which will give them a home court advantage. In last year's final, Notre Dame beat Miami 4-0 to capture the title. Miami has combined a mixture of youth and experience to finish the year with an 11-5 record. Freshman Lioudmila Skavronskaia plays first singles for the Hurricanes. A native of Moscow, Russia, she recently took over the number one position from senior Elisabeth Habeler. Habeler is an experienced player who won the Austrian National Championships in 1996 and 1997. Senior captain Victoria Hunt and freshman Katia Bogomolova have enjoyed impressive seasons as well, at third and fourth singles.

Other contenders for the title include Seton Hall, Boston College and Syracuse. The Irish beat BC and Syracuse earlier in the season, by 9-0 and 8-1 margins respectively. The Irish begin play Friday when they play the winner of Thursday's match between St. John's and Georgetown.

"This year the tournament could be a war," Louderback said. "Miami is very solid as is Boston College and Seton Hall. Miami has brought in some talented newcomers to join an already good team from last year, so they will definitely be improved. We'll have to play very well in order to defend our title."

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■ TRACK AND FIELD

Final opportunity for tune-up

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

This weekend poses the final opportunity for members of the track and field team to perfect their performances before the Big East meet, perfecting everything from quick starts out of the blocks to consistent pacing to strong kicks down the home stretch.

Nine members of the Fighting Irish go head-to-head with world-class athletes in the prestigious Drake Relays today and tomorrow in Des Moines, Iowa, while the remainder of the team will head to the Purdue Relays in Lafayette, Ind., tomorrow.

At Drake, Notre Dame is putting on the line a talented crew of athletes who are mostly underclassmen. Sophomore Jennifer Engelhardt is aiming to qualify for the NCAA championships in the high jump, as are sophomore JoAnna Deeter in the 3,000 meters and senior Berit Junker in the 400 meter hurdles; sophomores Alison Klemmer and Nicole LaSelle are running the 5,000 meters; seniors Errol Williams and Kevin Reher are running the 110 meter high hurdles, and the 4 x 100 meter relay team includes Williams, Reher, and sophomores Marshaun West and Chris Cochran.

"For Nicole, we need to get a really good time in before the Big East. Jennifer Engelhardt, we'd like to see have a shot at qualifying for the NCAAs, and the same for Berit Junker and JoAnna Deeter," said head coach Joe Piane. "We'd like the 4 x 100 to make it to the finals, and we'd like to see Errol have a shot at winning it."

"I guess my goal is just to go out there and rise up to the occasion," said Engelhardt, who is 1/4 inch away from provisionally

qualifying for the NCAAs. "There are going to be a lot of elite athletes there. You have to work yourself up to that level mentally. I hope the competition will push me over the edge to that NCAA-qualifying jump."

"The times have already come down," said Williams, an indoor all-American who already qualified for the NCAA championships in June. "I just want to get used to running with this level of competition."

The Drake Relays, like last weekend's Mt. Sac Relays, are one of the premier track events in the United States. Professional, collegiate and high school runners all compete in the meet, mostly in separate divisions, but some professionals and collegians compete against one another. This year, runners like U.S. 1,500 meter champion Paul McMullen and distance runner and world-record holder Mary Slaney are among the elite athletes participating. In previous years, Olympic gold medalists Carl Lewis and Michael Johnson have been among those putting on a show for the crowd with their speed.

Last year, Piane was named to the Drake Relays Hall of Fame after coaching Notre Dame teams which have competed there over the past two decades.

The Irish, who are heading to Purdue include Big East champion pole vaulter Mike Brown, shot put and discus thrower Matt Thompson, 1,500 meter runner Erin Luby and 800 meter runner Patti Rice. A number of other athletes will attempt to fine-tune their performances in a final meet before heading to Villanova, Pennsylvania next weekend for the Big East championship.

"This weekend is going to determine who goes to the Big East and who doesn't," said field events coach Scott Windsor.

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finals," Bayliss said with certainty.

If the prediction is accurate and assuming Miami defeats Providence, this will be the third straight year the Hurricanes and Irish continue the rivalry.

"It'll be intense," sophomore Ryan Sachire said. "We've played them the last couple of years, and there is a rivalry."

There's only two really good teams in the Big East, and that's Notre Dame and Miami. Both of us expect to get the finals."

The Hurricanes, ranked 52nd, will be protecting their title from last year's championship, where they defeated Notre Dame, 4-1.

Although the Irish defeated Miami in an indoor game in

February, 4-2, the Hurricanes are capable of blowing players to pieces outdoors.

"The fact that we beat them inside doesn't mean all that much," Bayliss said. "Miami is a totally different team outside."

On the hot, outdoor courts in Florida, Miami may have enough heat to blast the Irish.

Hurricane freshman Rudy Rake was even flaming indoors in February, when he beat standout Sachire at the No. 1 spot, 7-5, 6-4.

"I can't wait to play him again," said Sachire, the No. 20 player in the nation. "It'll be a great opportunity to get some revenge. I'll just need to be more patient. Last time, I forced the issue too much."

Before the Irish can make a point against Miami, today they need to combat Georgetown, who defeated Boston College 4-

0 yesterday.

If the match goes according to plan, Notre Dame will face either West Virginia or Rutgers in the semi-finals. West Virginia, seeded fourth, poses the most serious threat between the two.

The Mountaineers finished fifth in last year's tournament. They also boast a strong doubles team at No. 1 that could put a dent in the Irish.

But if anyone threatens a serious bang-up job, it will take place in the finals on Sunday, just like the Irish have so confidently predicted.

"I'd say there are only two really good teams in the Big East — that's Notre Dame and Miami," Sachire said. "Both of us expect to get to the finals. Whoever wins is going to deserve it because both teams are going to fight to the end."

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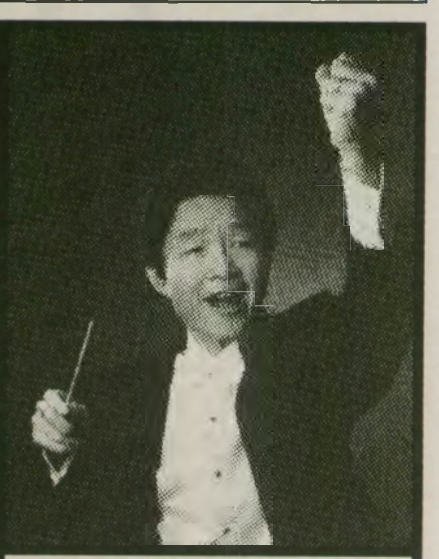
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BASEBALL

Notre Dame secures another win with come-back

By ALLISON KRILLA
Associate Sports Editor

After falling behind 4-0 in the first third of last night's game against Toledo, the Notre Dame baseball team needed relief.
Head coach Paul Mainieri looked no further than the bullpen where freshman Mike Carlin answered the call.
Carlin pitched six and two-

thirds shutout innings, doubling his total innings pitched for the season, to earn his first career win, a 15-4 Irish victory.
"[Carlin] gave us a real shot in the arm by that performance," Mainieri said. "We knew going in that we were pretty thin in the bullpen, especially when we got off to a rough start in the first inning, and Mike came in ... He got a

great opportunity tonight, and he took advantage of it."
"As a relief pitcher I have to be ready to come in whenever," Carlin said. "Gotta come to the park everyday and be ready to come in at any time."
Although starter Mike Naumann lasted only one-third of an inning, the offense responded in resounding fashion with 15 runs on 22 hits, led by Dan Leatherman's five-hit

performance. The senior first baseman's five-for-five effort ties the Notre Dame single-game record for most hits, and extends his hitting streak to eight games.
"That's the way it's been all season for us, different guys have stepped up in different situations," said Leatherman. "It was my turn [yesterday]."
The come-from-behind victory was Notre Dame's 13th this year, and the team's seventh straight win when losing after the first inning.

"I don't know how many games have been comeback wins, but it sure seems like a lot," Mainieri said with a chuckle. "I wish there was something we could do about getting off to a better start more often because these guys are certainly making their coach old before his time."

Toledo scored all four runs in the top of the first, roughing up Naumann with five of its eight hits.

But the Irish (33-10) clawed their way back with two runs in the third, and regained the lead with three fourth-inning tallies.

Leatherman began the rally, lofting a double to right-centerfield, stealing third and scoring on Mike Knecht's sacrifice bunt. Allen Greene fol-

lowed with a single to left, and Todd Frye scored the tying run when the Rockets botched a run-down to put Greene on third. An error by the shortstop on a J.J. Brock grounder, plated Greene with the go-ahead run.
Keeping the pressure on Toledo, the Irish exploded for 10 runs in the final four innings.

Three consecutive doubles by Jeff Wagner, Brant Ust and Alec Porzel highlighted the three-run fifth. In the sixth, Ust and Porzel blasted back-to-back two-out homers, their team leading 13th and fifth, respectively.

A four-run eighth closed out the scoring for Notre Dame, as Leatherman, Greene and Ben Cooke drove in runs.

"Everybody takes their turn rising up for the team," Mainieri said. "There have been a number of nights when Alec Porzel has stepped up with a big hit, or Danny Leatherman or Todd Frye. Not only the stars, so to speak, make a team."

Having won 23 of its last 24 games, Notre Dame takes one day to rest before heading east to face Big East rival Seton Hall in a three-game series at Owen T. Carroll Field tomorrow and Sunday.



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■ BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXVII

And then there were eight

SFR3 squeaks by So Solid

By JOE CAVATO
Associate Sports Editor

Last night's Sweet Sixteen action certainly did not disappoint the hordes of fans that went out to support their favorite team as all the games went down to the wire.

SFR3 and So Solid fought till after midnight until Dan Frigo finally ended the battle with a free throw for the 27-25 win.

"It was a hard fought game and good basketball," Aiden McCann of SFR3 said. "We were lucky to come out on top, we missed a lot of free throws and did not take advantage of our opportunities near the end."

The two squads battled back and forth but SFR3 managed to sneak out in front 11-8 at the half. But behind Nick Wills and A.J. Schiavone, So Solid scored the first four points of the second half.

The teams battled like a pair of heavyweight fighters trading punches. So Solid took the lead on several occasions, but SFR3 managed to come up with a big play.

"They got five guys that can ball pretty good," Frigo said. "You could tell that they just wanted to win."

Somehow SFR3's Chris Dotson got a no-look, over the head lay-up to fall that tied the game at 22. SFR3 did not look back from there as they took the lead and Frigo connected on his second of eight free throws to put his team into the Elite Eight and a contest with Mickey's.

Frigo and Wills battled in the paint all night long as both players contributed ten points for the team's effort.

"Nick started to score some near the end," McCann said. "But at the end of the game our strategy was to get the ball to Frigo and hope he'd score or get fouled and luckily he made the free throw when I turned around and didn't watch."

"I was excited he didn't score 20 on me," Frigo said about his match-up with Wills. "He's a good player and that's why he was on the basketball team."

When asked about his two-for-eight performance at the charity stripe Frigo told it like it was.

"It sucked I'm just glad I made the last one," he said.

Their opponent in the next round will be second seeded Mickey's who held off a late Show Me the Money surge to advance with a 21-17 win.

Behind the sharp shooting of Alex Gese and the defense and rebounding of John Teasdale, Mickey's jumped out to a 11-5 lead at the half.

Show Me the Money chipped away at the lead and got as close as 18-15, but Mickey's was simply too tough as Gese won the game with a free throw.

"They were just hitting all their shots, it seemed like," Gese said about Show Me the Money's comeback. "We were in their shorts but they were hitting tough shots and we just wanted to concentrate on 'd.' We never too worried though."

Down the stretch Mickey's

went to their big man Teasdale who was a force to be reckoned with.

"They played real well," Gese said. "They didn't really have anybody that could match up with him so we knew we'd get the foul or a lay-up."

On the other half of the bracket third seeded Malicious Prosecution and No. 11 seed In Memory of McConn advanced into the Elite Eight.

Behind strong post play from Jeremy Cole and Mark Klaassen, Malicious Prosecution got out an 11-5 lead at the break over Soldiers.

Deke Cooper lead a Soldiers' comeback as they battled from a 20-17 deficit to 20-19, but they could not tie it up, although several Malicious Prosecution missed free throws.

Malicious Prosecution finally got a shot to fall as they came away with a 21-19 victory.

In yet another Bookstore game In Memory of McConn upset six-seeded Bolivian Yaks and left fans walking away shaking their



The Observer/Kevin Dalum
Aiden McCann (white shirt) of SFR3 drives the lane against So Solid in last night's Sweet Sixteen action. SFR3 came out on top of a marathon game, 27-25.

heads at how good the contest was.

The contest was tight throughout as the neither team could make a move and half-time ended with an 11-10 lead for In Memory of McConn.

Matt Vankoski did most of the scoring for Bolivian Yaks as his team enjoyed a 20-19 lead after things were knotted at 18.

In Memory of McConn managed to come back behind Tim Monahan who was a terror all night long.

Monahan gave his team a lead and B.J. Kloska drilled a long range jumper for the 23-21 win.

Bookstore will only continue to get better as those left will take to the courts tonight to decide the final four.

Fans crowd Stepan to see Primetime advance

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Amidst a sea of fans, at times piled five-deep around a single game, the Stepan courts, host to the 27th annual Bookstore Basketball tournament, allowed only the most elite eight teams to advance to today's quarterfinals.

Once again, No. 1 Primetime ran the court well and continued to look dominant, as they knocked off Absolut Irish, 21-15.

"It was a very physical game," said Kyle Hughes of Primetime. "The refs let us play out there and we like to play aggressive style basketball."

Steve Craig had five first-half points and pulled down a couple offensive boards despite an injured ankle.

"Steve did a great job on the boards for us," Hughes said. "His ankle isn't too bad and it really isn't affecting his game."

Primetime took an 11-6 lead into the second half and put the game away with some clutch free throw shooting down the stretch. Hughes knocked down two huge shots from the charity stripe and Craig added another to close the game. Hughes and Craig both finished with eight points apiece.

Primetime will face Eric Chappell and No. 9 No Limit, who knocked out Derrick Manner's squad, Wax, 23-21. Manner's loss, coupled with the elimination of Nick Wills' team So Solid, leaves the remaining field without any varsity basketball players.

"They [No Limit] are a very physical team," said Hughes. "We're excited to play them, but at the same time we realize it's going to be a very physical game."

Off Shore Drilling played their way into the round of eight with a 24-22 win over the twelve seed, Burn N' Shoot. Late in the game, Sean Perkins got the ball in the hands of the twin towers, Mike Rosenthal and Tim Ridder. Ridder finished with a

game high eight points, but it was Perkins who was the hero.

Perkins drained a free throw to give Off Shore a 22-21 lead and followed it up with a game-winning free throw two possessions later.

"I didn't hear anything; I just blocked it all out," said Perkins, whose key free throws were his only two points of the game.

"We hit some critical shots at critical times," said Ridder. "Rosenthal and I complement each other and we were able to work the inside-outside game."

Off Shore will take on No. 13 Your Mom, who upset Bobby Brown, Bobbie Howard, Jabari Holloway and the rest of fourth seeded Still Muddy, 21-18.

"We got off to a good start and jumped out to an 11-6 lead at half," said Paul Moore. "Both teams got into foul trouble, but we hit and they didn't."

But it was Tom Deitrich who was the real difference for Your Mom. Deitrich played solid defense on Bobby Brown and added 10 points. Cas Schneller also came up big for the Alumni sophomores.

"We like being the underdog and we're used to getting no respect," said Moore.

Moore's team will try to earn some respect when they face Off Shore tomorrow.

"No one matches up well against Off Shore," said Moore. "We're just going to try to push the ball up the court and stick to our game plan."

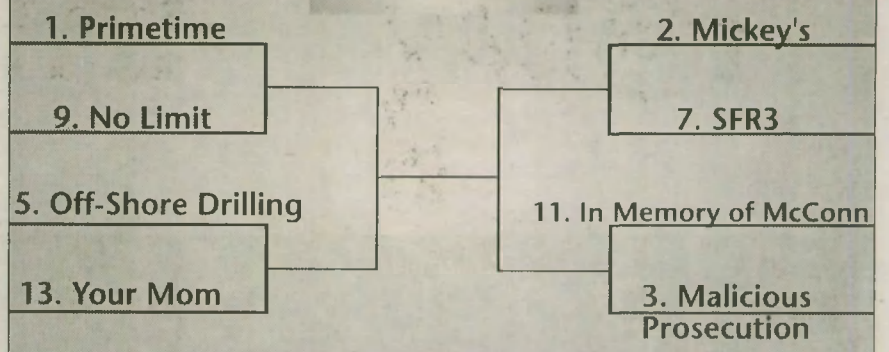
The action continues this afternoon at 4 p.m. on the Bookstore courts, as the remaining eight teams will look to play



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Jay Johnson (left) and his team Soldiers fell to No. 3 Malicious Prosecution yesterday. Malicious will take on No. 11 In Memory of McConn who upset Bolivian Yaks later today.

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The Elite Eight



MEN ABOUT CAMPUS

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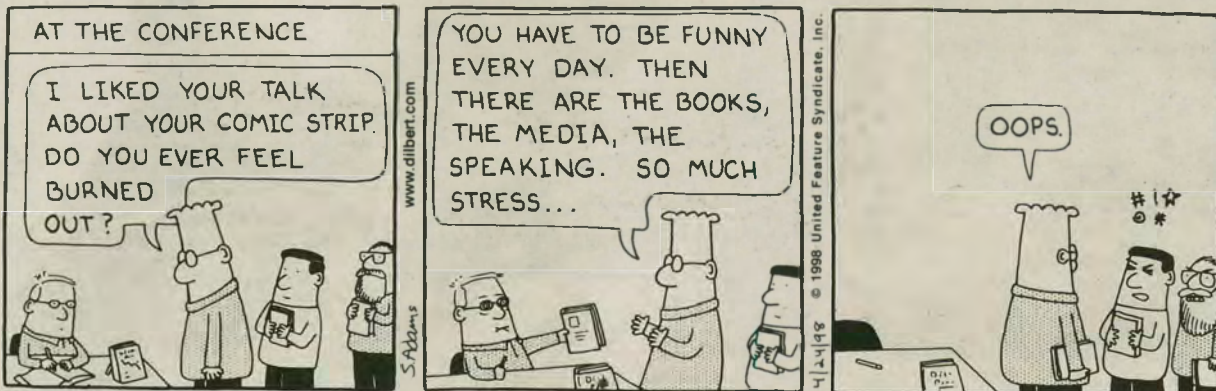
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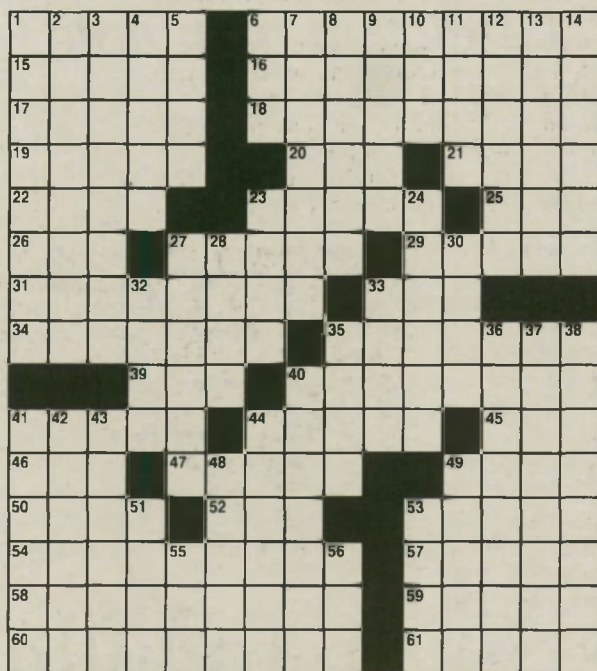
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YOUR HOROSCOPE

Aries (March 21-April 19) This could be a day of surprises. Not to worry. Some of it's going to be fun, if you can keep your temper. There's no reason to get upset, actually. You're way ahead of the opposition. You're smarter, more experienced and better looking. You'll win any competition easily.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Get those checks and letters in the mail. Might as well send off for that new outfit you've been wanting, too. You should throw something that's a little bit of a reward into the mix. Otherwise, the whole day could be complete drudgery.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) You could have a magnificent insight early this morning. In fact, it looks like it might happen in a dream. At any rate, this could spur you to furious activity. There's a sense of urgency, but that's OK. It helps you think faster. Push yourself to greater heights.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Conditions are unsettled. You might be moving from one location to another. You have plenty of friends who'd like to help, so let them. Meanwhile, protect yourself emotionally. Tempers will be short. Don't add to the confusion by getting into a snit.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Brainstorm a new idea with your partner this morning. Together, you can come up with something neither of you would have thought of on your own. This happens regularly between you, and that's one reason you put up with each other.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you can solve a problem at work, you could get a bonus or, if you're self-employed, make more money. Somehow technology and money are linked in a favorable way. It won't be easy, however. You may have to hire an expert. It's money well spent.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're

good at many things, but keeping track of your spending can be a real hassle sometimes. You'd rather buy whatever you want and let the chips fall where they may. That's not a good idea, especially right now. Pay off old bills first.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) You're good at wheeling and dealing. The hard part is the payback. You need to do something for another person to get him or her to do what you want. Well, the sooner you get it over with, the sooner you'll be on to something else.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Someone you care about is in a bind. You may be able to help. Something you've been studying recently applies in just this situation. You may surprise the other person and even yourself with how much you know. You're smarter than you think you are.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Travel may put a dent in your financial reserves. This looks like travel associated with work, in which case you could deduct it or be reimbursed for it. Have you thought about studying a foreign language? This would be a good day to start. It'll improve your relationship with a foreign friend.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Keep paper and pencil next to your bed. You could come up with an absolutely brilliant idea during the night. It's the solution to a problem you've been struggling with for some time. If you didn't write it down already, take a moment now to see if you can remember what it was.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) If you're short on cash, don't worry. You can learn how to make more, or stretch your resources. Necessity is the mother of invention, remember? All you have to do is learn, and you do know how to do that. Contact someone who knows what you need to find out, and make a date.

■ OF INTEREST

"Quantum Mechanics in Your Face," a lecture by **Sidney Coleman**, Donner Professor of Science at Harvard University, will be held today at 4 p.m. in Room 140 DeBartolo Hall. The talk is an insightful review of the paradoxes of quantum mechanics, such as Schrodinger's cat and Bell's theorem. Refreshments will be served prior to the lecture at 3:00 p.m. in Room 284 Nieuwland Science Hall. All are invited to attend.

A voice recital by senior Laura Portune, soprano, will take place today at 4 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. Works by Lully, Campra, Sismarets, Wolf, Schubert, Debussy, Tosti, and ND faculty composer Ethan Haimo. Graduate student Sheree Wesenberg will accompany on piano; junior Carol Konrad will assist on clarinet. The recital is free and open to the public. Please call 1-6201 for more information.

A cello recital by graduate student Simone Uranovsky will take place this evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Works by Zoltan Kodaly, Ludwig van Beethoven, Joseph Haydn and Manuel de Falla. Marcelo Amaral and ND grad student Todd Becker will accompany on piano. The recital is free and open to the public. Please call 1-6201 for more information.

A voice recital by graduate student Stephanie Mann, soprano, will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. Works by Vivaldi, Mozart, Schubert, Verdi and Poulenc. Graduate student Joshua Foster will accompany on piano and harpsichord. The recital is free and open to the public. Please call 1-6201 for more information.

A piano recital by graduate student Ann DuHamel presents a piano recital will be held on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. Works by Beethoven, Brahms, Diemer, Barber and Shostakovich. She will be assisted by tenor Joshua Vioncent and a string quartet consisting of Julie Maura, Angela Tonozzi, Caroline Tonozzi and Simone Uranovsky. The recital is free and open to the public. Please call 1-6201 for more information.

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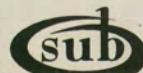
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Last chance for glory



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Autry Denson hopes to lead the Irish back from a disappointing 7-6 record last season.

Top class hopes to finish career on high note

By JOE CAVATO
Associate Sports Editor

On Feb. 1, 1995, Lou Holtz inked one of his most heralded crop of blue chippers in his 11-year career under the Dome.

"I never stood up here and had a more impressive list coming in," Holtz said on signing day. "I just hope they're as good as their reputations and we can coach them as well as

we recruited them."

Three years, a new coach and no top-10 finishes later, the Class of 1999 heads into their final Blue-Gold game in preparation for one last chance to bring their team back to Notre Dame's standards.

"We're approaching it like it's any other spring," tailback Autry Denson said. "I guess because it's spring, it hasn't really hit us that this is our last one.

We're focused. I think if anything, we're going to try to enjoy it, knowing it's our last one."

"This being our senior year, we have to step up into more of a leadership role that we take on besides playing the game of football," linebacker Kory Minor said. "That is the biggest change from going in this year to last year."

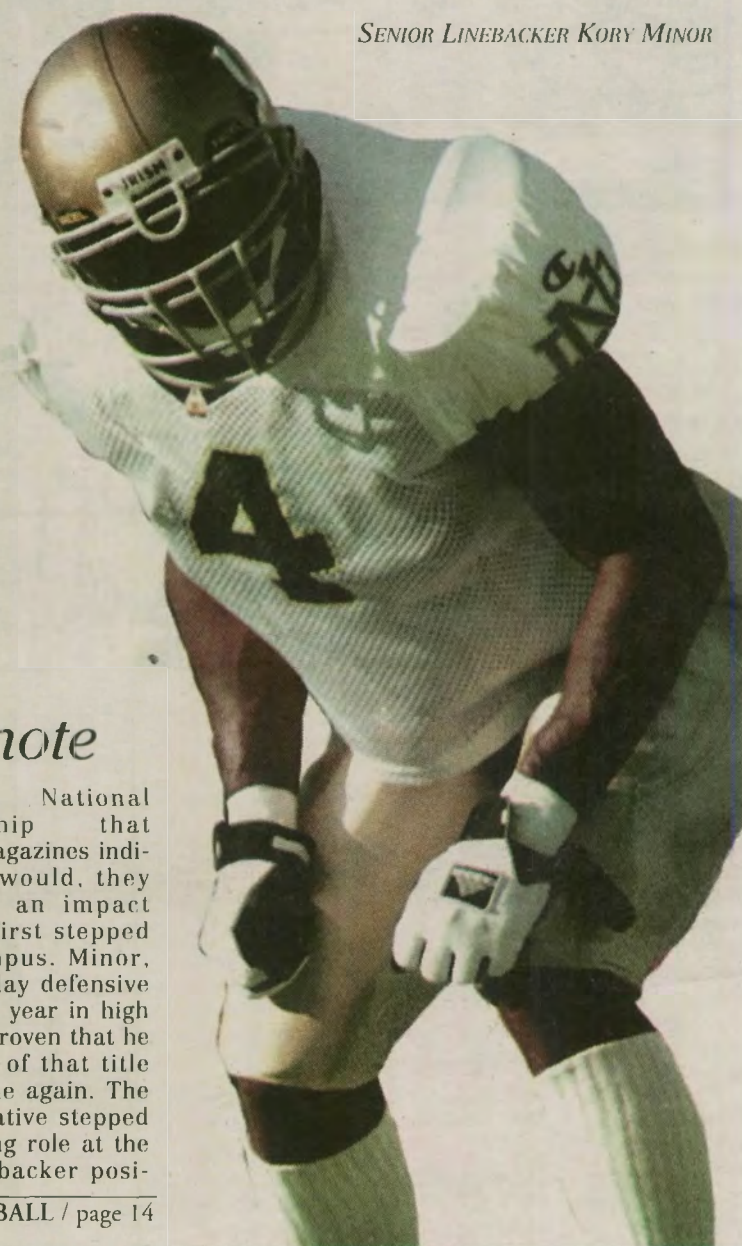
Although the Class of 1999 has not yet delivered

the National Championship that recruiting magazines indicated they would, they have made an impact since they first stepped foot on campus. Minor, the USA Today defensive player of the year in high school, has proven that he was worthy of that title time and time again. The California native stepped into a starting role at the outside linebacker posi-

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SENIOR LINEBACKER KORY MINOR



■ TENNIS

Notre Dame heads South to fulfill expectations

Men look to reclaim the Big East title from Hurricanes

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

One problem with coaching a solid 16-6 team ranked within the top 15 is trying to sound modest.

As top-seeded Notre Dame rides into the Friday through Sunday Big East championship, men's tennis coach Bob Bayliss is confident about where the Irish squad will wind up.

"I honestly expect that we will go to the finals," Bayliss said. "I'm not trying to sound arrogant, but based on the scores and the weaker conference, I don't think we'll be tested until the finals."

And Bayliss is just as sure who the Irish will come head-to-head against on Sunday as they attempt to reclaim their 1996 title as champions.

"Miami will be the team we're going to face in the



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Ryan Sachire and Tiffany Gates have contributed to the Irish's momentum as Notre Dame heads to the championships.

Top seeded Irish women head confidently to Big East

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

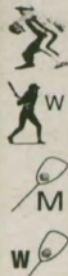
Even though Notre Dame only joined the Big East conference two years ago, the women's tennis team has proven that they are the team to beat.

The 18th-ranked Irish have won the last two championships and are favored for a third, evidenced by their number one seed in this weekend's Big East championships. They finished the regular season with a 16-8 record and have improved as the season has progressed. They finished the year by winning four of their last five matches, including their biggest win of the season over 10th ranked Wake Forest.

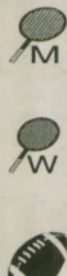
Coach Jay Louderback has been elated with his team's performance as of late. "Our team is definitely playing their best tennis of the season which is great.

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